

From the Chair

Free Membership of U3ABOI? At a recent Committee Meeting a proposal was passed to offer free membership to all those over 90 who have been a member of U3A BoI for 5 years or more. If you meet these criteria and wish to benefit from this offer, please contact our Membership Secretary at membership.u3a.boi@gmail.com

Well, we said we'd do it again, and we did! Our second U3ABOI "Can Do" Ceilidh was great fun and a tribute to all those who helped organize it, and all who came. Thank you to Moira, Keith, Nicky, Neville, Eric, Meta, the Ukulele group singers (and anyone I've missed) for making it such a fun event. If you missed it, look out for the next one!

It's almost time to take a break. While most activities continue through December, some will be winding down, and there is no General Meeting this month. There will be no Newsletter next month, with most of us taking a break in January, but with new groups starting in February, and the next General Meeting scheduled for Monday 17th February, we're looking forward to a successful 2020 in U3ABOI.

To get you in the festive mood the quiz this month is a Prize Quiz! The first 5 correct entries received will go into a draw at the February GM for a bottle of wine or voucher. You'll have a second chance as the February Newsletter will also have a prize quiz with the same rules, so make sure you read the Newsletters! Entries to me at drewbarlownz@gmail.com

It only remains for me to wish you all a happy and peaceful summer season, and I look forward to seeing you all next year in February, if not before. The next Newsletter will be at the beginning of February.

Drew Barlow



Our Chair with our instructor Nicky Hawkins in the gap between dancers at the *Can Do Ceilidh*

Group Convenor

It is good to see a steady stream of new members joining. The new members have got stuck in quickly, many joining several groups straight away. There are some interesting ideas for new groups, still in their infancy, but hopefully they will come to fruition in the New Year. If anyone else has any ideas for groups, there are plenty of people to talk to about setting them up. We can then find a facilitator and a venue.

We have had many new groups start up over the last few months and all seem to be going well. The subjects are varied and interesting. Something for everyone.

Groups starting February 2020

The “Food” Group is in addition to the Cuisine Group which continues. Cuisine was bursting at the seams, so a new Food group will be commenced to accommodate the growing number of members.

Food group will be looking at all aspects of food, such as methods, cheese making, food processes, health aspects of foods, environmental issues, the plant based revolution, organic versus not, etc.

Cuisine will be continuing to explore the world via its Cuisine, looking at the culture and history, politics and economics of that country and how it impacted and impacts on the food.

There are still a few spaces in Food and possibly Cuisine. Contact Mary Johnson for Cuisine and myself for Food and we can explain the programmes in more detail.

Climate Change and Effects on Life since the Beginnings of the Earth

This is now full. If you wish to go on the waiting list please contact Uli Novak.

Book Groups

Do you love books? Are you often looking for people to discuss literature with? Lots of people love to read, but it can be hard to find someone to discuss the book you're reading — especially if you love an uncommon genre. If you're having a hard time finding people to talk with about your reading material, you might want to consider joining one of the two U3A book groups running at present. It is a great opportunity to meet new people and make new friends with common interests.

What happens in the book groups?

The groups meet once a month in member's homes, and the group sets the genre or the subject. You will find this in the schedule, but the facilitators will be able to explain how their group works.

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Group Convenor *Susie Barlow*

Answers to U3A BOI Quiz No. 2

1. What was Elvis Presley's middle name? **Aaron**
2. When was the first Channel Tunnel begun? **1880. (The entrance could be fired on from Dover Fort, and it included a means of rapid flooding in case of invasion). I have a copy of the 1976 survey plan!**
3. What are the Roman numerals for 400? **CD**
4. What words are the 'PARALYMPICS' shortened from? **Parallel Olympics**
5. If 87 birds and cats have 252 legs between them, how many cats are there? **39**
6. Which is the lightest metal? **Lithium**
7. What does Eldrick Woods do for a living? **Plays golf – he is Tiger Woods**
8. How long did the 100 year's war last? **115 years**
9. Which Nobel prize-winning writer shot himself in 1961? **Ernest Hemingway**
10. Give the previous name of the country now called Malawi. **Nyasaland (Asked before last week's quiz!)**

In 1802, Albert Mathieu-Favier, a French mining engineer, put forward a proposal to tunnel under the English Channel, with illumination from oil lamps, horse-drawn coaches, and an artificial island positioned mid-Channel for *changing horses!* In 1880, a century before the modern project got underway in 1988, work started on experimental tunnels at the base of Abbot's Cliff near Folkestone.

U3ABOI Quiz #3 - A Prize Quiz !

In this day and age it's more difficult to set questions that can't be answered by a click of the Google button, so try and test yourself first without that help. Mark the ones you looked up with an * (with the exception of #11). Two points each for unaided answers and #11; one point each for Google assisted answers.

Answers to drewbarlownz@gmail.com First 5 correct (or best) entries in the prize draw at the February General Meeting. Have fun.

U3A BOI Quiz No. 3

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| 1. Which planet has a moon called 'Larissa'? | 8. In which country is 'Aida' set? |
| 2. Which four British cities have underground railways? | 9. What is the largest native land animal in Antarctica? |
| 3. What did Christopher Cockerell invent? | 10. What do the initials AED stand for? (Hint. previous Newsletter article!) |
| 4. To whom is the Lawrence trophy awarded annually? | 11. What is, specifically, NOT an objective of U3A BoI? |
| 5. Who was born Marion Morrison? | 12. 2,4 =>36 ; 3,7 =>100 ; 4,5 => 81 ; 1,6 => ?? |
| 6. What is myosotis better known as? | |
| 7. Which is the only animal that is born with horns? | |

Calendar

2020

Please note the new start time and format for the General Meetings, being trialled at the February meeting.

Monday 17 February

General Meeting, Kerikeri Sports Complex 10.00 a.m.

Notices from the Chair

Short presentation on the U3A BOI website

Coffee/tea

Main Speaker: Claire Gordon, Photographer

Monday 20 April

General Meeting, Kerikeri Sports Complex, 10.00 a.m.

Short Presentation: TBA

Speaker: TBA

Monday 15 June:

General Meeting, Kerikeri Sports Complex, 10.00 a.m



The Can Do Ceilidh

Shakespeare



Although this group is based around Shakespeare's plays, we have also been looking at Shakespeare's life and times. A series by Michaels Wood, *In the Footsteps of Shakespeare*, gave us what is known and what is supposed about this rather enigmatic man who survived a Catholic background when there was a bitter divide between Protestant and Catholic. His plays were popular and his company gained Royal approval with James I becoming the King's Men. He made enough money to buy a large property in his home town, Stratford on Avon. He rose socially and became a gentleman when his father was granted a coat of arms in 1596.

We're examining the history of the period, by looking at documentaries about the conflicts during Elizabeth's reign, the plots to place the Catholic Mary Queen of Scots on the throne, the Spanish Armada, the great explorers of the time. Shakespeare introduced many new words into literature many of them coming from the new world.

One month we spend an hour looking at the history then an hour looking at a series of lectures by Professor Peter Saccio about the plays. The following month we look at the play he has discussed the previous month. We have great discussions e.g. Why are the plays relevant today? How are they adapted for screen? Can we imagine ourselves in his time?

At the top is a picture of Shakespeare's tomb in Holy Trinity Church where his wife and children are also buried.
Pam Jenkins

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