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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Words! I love them, don't you?

The history of words, their ever-varying meanings and nuances, and perhaps best of all, the sounds of them are intriguing. (Remember learning about onomatopoeia at school?)

Thanks to two interest areas of my life at present, I have been relishing the majesty of words contained in what are arguably the two best books of English prose, The Works of Shakespeare and the Holy Bible. Reading aloud the wrathful condemnations of the prophet, Amos, upon the people of Israel makes for a thrilling and sometimes terrifying experience. A dramatic and gentle contrast came when reading A Midsummer's Night Dream, with as much sweetness of sound and ideas, and dexterity of thought and phrase, as anyone could wish for.

Yes, words are wonderful.

Do you have a favourite word?

I do - the word varies from time to time, but for quite a while now I can't find a better all round word thanSERENDIPITY.

And a jolly good word it is in this storm filled winter too!

Go well,

Lorna Laxon, President.

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

Monday August 13th, 9:45 a.m. at the New Masonic Hall, Baxter Street

Meeting commences at 10:00 a.m.

DUTY GROUP- Jazz Listening Group

CONVENOR: - Val Couling - Phone: 425-5766

(The hall will be open from 9:15 a.m. to allow the Duty Group to prepare the room and attend to morning tea. Please also cleanup and re-instate the room after the meeting)

Meeting programme:-

- 9:15 Duty Group set up
- 9:45 Assemble
- 10:00 General Business
Mini Speaker - Graham Woodside "The Centre, Warkworth"
- 10:40 Morning tea
- 11:00 Guest Speaker - John Kendrick "Reflections on Conservation"

GUEST SPEAKER:

John Kendrick is an enthusiast at the cutting edge of conservation.

The recordings for the morning 'bird calls' on National Radio are his most visible achievement.

John has spent a life-time searching for and chronicling rare plant species in New Zealand. He was involved with the excavation party that described the massive 126 A.D. eruption that became Lake Taupo and had major environmental effects world-wide.

John will speak on some of the many fascinating aspects of a very full life.

An opportunity not to be missed!

MINI SPEAKER:

Graham Woodside is going to bring us a progress report on "The Centre" in Warkworth. The Centre has been through a long gestation, but is now reaching the stage where it's birth pangs are imminent.

EDITOR'S DESK:

If we have your email address, you should have received in July the first edition of Warkworth U3A GRAPEVINE.

Grapevine is being published as an on-demand, free, quick and easy way for you to contact other U3A members.

Here are some ways you can use Grapevine:

Perhaps you may like to make up a group to attend a concert, play or sports event in the city, or fill up spare seats in your car. Perhaps you have a litter of kittens that needs a good home, or you know of a member needs help...the list goes on.

If you have any ideas for Grapevine, or if you do not wish to receive it in your email inbox, please contact me.

To initiate a message, please send details by email (preferably as a 'Word' attachment) to me at editor@u3a.co.nz or to Pip Perrins at pip.perrins@xtra.co.nz

Please ensure that your message is of interest or help to others.

Alan Spicer, Editor

GROUP NEWS**Jazz Listening**

Nine to thirteen members have attended recent meetings, which have included sharing our favourite CDs, and a DVD on the career of pianist Oscar Peterson.

In June, we had our listening skills tested while learning about the importance of the lyric, and some of the techniques vocalists use to make a song their own. Because of the storm in July, a last minute change of venue meant another DVD, but we all enjoyed the music of Duke Ellington in the Broadway production of "Sophisticated Ladies"- the large cast included some polished jazz vocals and superb tap dancing to the accompaniment of the onstage big band.

With future presentations on New Zealand Jazz, Bach's "Magnificat"- Classical vs Jazz, and The History of Jazz, we have plenty on the horizon.

Submitted by: Val Couling

Book Group's Recent Favourites:

Here are some top choices of the group since we recently started rating books on a scale of 1 – 10

Let Me Sing You Gentle Songs	Linda Olssen
Dancing With Strangers	Inga Glendinnen
Q & A	Vikas Swarup
A Short History of Everything	Bill Bryson
The Boy in Striped Pyjamas	John Boyne
Te Paea	Micheal King
The Kite Runner	Khalid Hasseini
Introducing Russell (Bertrand)	Dave Robinson & Judy Groves
Iran Awakening	Shirin Ebadi
White Feathers	Deborah Challinor
Hanna's Daughters	Marianne Fredrikson
Genghis Khan	John Man
Dingle	Graham Dingle
Old Filth	Jane Gardam
Six Yards of Silk	Mallika Krishnamurthy
Without Reservations	Alice Steinbach
The History Boys	Alan Bennett (Play)
Death & the Penguin	Audrey Kurkov
The City of Falling Angels	John Berendt
The Mapmaker's Wife	Robert Whitaker
Homeland	Clare Francis
The Seduction of Mrs Pendlebury	Margaret Forster
Gilead	Marilynne Robinson
Working with Bacchus	Colin Fraser
Ursula Under	Ingrid Hill

Submitted by: Loraine Edwards and group members.

NZ Art Appreciation Group:

The Art Appreciation Group has been a great success with many suggestions for exhibitions coming from its members. This resulted in some very interesting meetings at galleries, exhibitions, home-hosted discussions and displays.

In March, we visited the Tamahunga Gardens where 7 Mahurangi artists and 11 guest artists exhibited their work. The exhibits were scattered among the gardens providing a beautiful setting to display some first class work.

April - Sue Stevenson hosted a session on N.Z. Glass, which included pieces by Dermott Kelly, Gary Nash and Peter Raos. It was a most enjoyable morning.

May - Sylvia and Ken Diprose organized a visit to North Art Gallery in Northcote to view the American Quilt Exhibition. There were over thirty quilts on display. It was well worth the trip.

June - Judith Larson arranged a visit to the Hope Gibbons and Pat Turney Galleries. Both artists gave a talk on their style of art. We then went back to Judith's for discussion. A stimulating morning

July - a very entertaining morning at Anthea McKergow's to talk about Jewellery as Art.

Submitted by: Deb Green

Group News submissions for future newsletters:

October Newsletter: Philosophy Group, Play Reading Group, Water colour Painting. Please email to: editor@u3a.co.nz before 21st September.

DAIRY NOTES:

Next General meeting: Monday 8th October

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U3A WARKWORTH STUDY GROUP MEETINGS 1970

STUDY GROUP	Convenor	Phone	Time	August		September	
				Date		Date	
Ancient History	Jim McKinlay	422-9063	9:30 a.m.	3rd	"Pompeii" (Vivienne) 14 Kitty Fraser Lane, Omaha	7th	Polynesian Settlement - 2 38 Kawau View Rd, Snells Beach
Book Talk	Judith Larsen	425-0571	10:00 a.m.	7th	83 Matakana Rd, Matakana	4th	988 Matakana Rd, Matakana
Current Affairs	Elaine Ellison-Smith	425-9138	2:00 p.m.	16th	6 Amanda Lane, Snells Beach	20th	14 Coquette St, Warkworth
Film Appreciation	Beulah Heaven	425-6545	Varies	27th	Contact Beulah for details	24th	Contact Beulah for details
Food For Thought	Anthea McKergow	422-6219	1:30 p.m.	22nd	"Foods that are harmful" 38 Kawau View Rd, Snells Beach	26th	"The Kitchen Garden" 54 Ashton Rd, Whangateau
Jazz Listening	Val Couling	425-5766	2:00 p.m.	20th	New Zealand Jazz - bring a CD 4 Melwood Drive, Warkworth	17th	"Magnificat" Classical vs Jazz 25 Gordon Craig Place, Algies Bay
Mediaeval History	Chris Hoogerwerf	425-5022	9:30 a.m.	17th	"Mediaeval Women" 9 Hexham St, Warkworth	21st	Topic TBA 1/10 Pound St, Warkworth
Music Appreciation	Pip Perrins	425-0383	1:30 p.m.	2nd	Bring something soothing 199 Omaha Flats Rd, Omaha	6th	TBA 8 Westpark Glen, Warkworth
NZ Art Appreciation	Deb Green	422-7785	10:00 a.m.	1st	"Art Books" by Helen Parsons of Parson's Books 1 Hibiscus Place, Snells Beach	12th	David Coole's Gallery - Orewa Art Centre Note date change
Philosophy	Prof. Ray Bradley	422-9222	10:00 a.m.	8th	Heron's Flight Vineyard	12th	Heron's Flight Vineyard
Play Reading	Rita Rowsell & Mike Glover	425-6078 425-9897	9:30 a.m.	14th	"The Winslow Bay" 25 Gordon Craig Place, Algies Bay	11th	"The Winslow Boy" Continued 38 Kawau View Rd, Snells Beach
Poetry Reading	Colleen Kangwai	425-4333	1:30 p.m.	15th	Dannie Abse 609 Woodcocks Rd, Warkworth	19th	Robbie Burns 14 Kasper St, Warkworth
Watercolour Painting	Yvonne Elliott	422-6653	10:00 a.m.	4th 20th	6 Cotterell St, Leigh Totora Park Hall, off Melwood Drive, Warkworth		Venue & dates TBA
Writing Stories of Your Life	Joan Romano	425-5517	1:30 p.m.	13th	35 Alnwick St, Warkworth	10th	35 Alnwick St, Warkworth