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Newsletter – April 2010

From Our President – Beulah Heaven

Sadness surrounds me when daylight saving finishes - I've developed this real allergy to long nights and short days! And I just can't shift it.

At this time of year many of you will be preparing for cruises and holidays in warmer climes. You'll take a certain amount of envy with you from those of us who are not going away this winter. And Good luck to you all!

But there's no need to pity us. We'll clear up our gardens and let them rest for the winter, and we'll head out to enjoy our U3A activities! We'll contemplate a new group or two. Personally I'm hoping there'll be a rush to join the new Play-acting group. (They don't know it yet but they'll be performing at our December meeting!) Bowls, bridge, walking and talking. There's certainly enough to cheer us through what is really an apology for winter when we see how some counties have been affected this year.

There are also some great speakers lined up for us. What an amazing pool of talent our U3A is! And how fortunate we are that such interesting persons can be cajoled into addressing us. This month Father Shaun O'Connor is our guest. I've spoken to him and his accent alone is worth coming for!

By the way - if you haven't paid your sub, you ought to have by now - it's almost April. New members, please look out for Margaret Power, she's your liason person. And to anyone unable to join us because of health reasons, our thoughts are with you, and don't be afraid to ask for help (or a ride.)

All good wishes
Beulah Heaven (President)

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See you all April 12th at 10 am.

MEMBERSHIP

Most people have paid their Subs, thankyou. For those that haven't yet there is another form in the middle of this newsletter. If you want to resign I would be grateful if you would phone me at 4220585 or email me at suestevenson@xtra.co.nz

GROUP CONVENORS

Please could you send an up to date list of your Members to Chris Hogerwerf clmh@xtra.co.nz or Ph. 422 5022

General Meeting

Monday - 10:00 a.m. 12th April 2010

Totara Park Community Hall, Melwood Drive, Warkworth
(Please consider car pooling – parking is limited)

Duty Group – Art Appreciation

The hall will be open at 9:30 a.m. to allow the Duty Group to prepare the room and attend to morning tea. Please also clean up and reinstate the room after the meeting.

Meeting programme:-

- 9:30 Duty Group set up.
- 10:00 General Businesses
- 10:30 Mini Speaker. - Iris Mee – U3A Network
- 10:40 Liz Cotton – re her Survey
- 10:45 Morning tea
- 11:15 Guest Speaker – Father Shaun O'Connor
whose Address will include South America.

Speaker:

Father Shaun O'Connor, our local Priest has spent 40+ years on the Plateau in Northern Chile and is happy to share some of his experiences.

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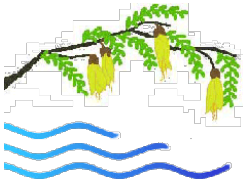
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.UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE – WARKWORTH BRANCH, FEBRUARY MEETING.

A passionate and energetic presentation was given to the members of the Warkworth University of the Third Age, at their February meeting by Graham Crawshaw from Windy Ridge Boy's Farm. His goal is to restore literacy levels to that of the 1950s. In order to achieve this he is putting emphasis on the phonics system of learning and then using the 'look and say' and guess approaches.

Graham feels that reading needs to be more 'girl friendly' and 'boy friendly' by recognizing their unique learning needs. For boys there needs to be a reason to learn this skill and so at the Windy Ridge camp the opportunities are many. For example the toilet area is called the "Decontamination Zone" so each time these words are read and spoken, the vowel sounds are reinforced and at the same time there is an element of fun and understanding to an area which is in daily use.

Graham feels that as children enter school it is very important that their literacy level is clearly established and they keep progressing in an environment where they can flourish. The consequences of being illiterate are many and not only impact on the life of the person but the community.

The ten minute speaker was Heath Denness a speech therapist, who shared her experiences of life in Trinidad and Sierra Leone before spending two years at Njala and seven years at Kenema before living in Freetown. Her ability to have a family and cope with living in 'challenging' conditions gave the U3A an insight into African culture.

Mona Townson.

U3A WARKWORTH STUDY GROUP MEETINGS 2010

STUDY GROUP	Convenor	Phone	Time	Date	April	Date	May
Ancient History	Jim McKinlay	422-9063	9:30 a.m.	9 th	Rise of Civilization in in Mesopotamia 2	7 th	Same subject as April
Book Talk	Hilary Waymouth	422-6683	10:00 a.m.	6 th	209 Sharp Rd, Matakana	4 th	654 Takatu Road RD6 WW.
Current Affairs	Val Strachan	425-9497	2:00 p.m.	15 th	38 Rivendell Place WW	20 th	14 Coquette St. Warkworth
Food For Thought	Anthea McKergow	422-6219	1:30 p.m.	28 th	Cancelled	26 th	8 Pipi Lane Omaha Beach Yeast
Jazz Listening	Val Couling	425-5766	2:00 p.m.	19 th	8 Torea Rd Matakana DVD Piano Blues	17 th	25 Gordon Craig Place Algies T.B.A
Local History	Lorna Laxon	422-3562	10:00 a.m.	27 th	Kaipara Flats Hall Visit to Kaipara Flats District	25 th	Puhoi Village Visit Historical District of Puhoi
History Anno Domini	Chris Hoogerwerf	425-5022	9:30 a.m.	16 th	19 Katene Pl. Snells Beach T.B.A	21 st	38 Kawau View Rd Snells A Short History of Islam
Music Appreciation	Beverley Tipling	425-9936	1:30 p.m.	1 st	14 Coquette St. Warkworth Bach	6 th	32A Rivendell Pl. Warkworth Jean Pierre, Jaques and Johan
Art Appreciation	Iris Mee	425-7934	10:00 a.m.	7 th	1 Hibiscus Ave. Warkworth Calligraphy	5 th	1140 Sandspit Rd. Snells Art Nouveaux
Modern Philosophy	Prof. Ray Bradley	422-9222	10:00 a.m.	14 th	Heron's Flight' 49 Sharp Road Mata.	12 th	Heron's Flight" 49 Sharp Road
Play Reading	Margaret Krey	4226407	9:30 a.m.	13 th	38 Kawau View Rd. Snells McBeth	11 th	T.B.A McBeth
Poetry Reading	Colleen Kangwai	425-4333	1:30 p.m.	21 st	54 Ashton Rd Whangateau Rainer Maria Rilke	19 th	5 Apollo Place Snells Chinese Poetry

Please remember to notify our "Almoner" Chris Hogerwerf of any unwell members or those in need of a little support.

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A warm Welcome to our latest new members:

Gay Roberts
Diane Parton
Marilyn Faulks
Heather Metcalf

Notes from the Editor

We have some very interesting Groups meeting every month, and I am sure it would be great if some who were meeting in places different to the usual homes could take a few photos. Kaipara Flats, Puhoi, even a photo of the group having 'coffee and muffins' at Herons' Flight.

Learning at our "age" can be fun as well as constructive share new experiences with other members through our newsletter.

Our USA web site will be updated soon so you can tell prospective members to check us out with the information there.

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