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Entries for your diary:

END - OF - YEAR PARTY

Wednesday, 11 December, at 2.00 p.m.
Hawthorn Town Hall

ENTERTAINMENT

by

**Varied and delightful combinations of
VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMERS**
drawn from our Orchestra and Choir

followed by drinks and afternoon tea

Donation of \$3 at the door to help defray costs and contribute towards music copyright and performing rights fees.

Please book at the office to assist with our catering arrangements.

U3A CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Guest Conductor: Phillip Carrington

The next concert will be on **Thursday 21 November** at 10.30 a.m.
at
HAWTHORN TOWN HALL

The programme includes works by Schubert, Rossini and Mozart

Donation \$3

Please book with the office so that we can cater for light refreshments

ALTERATIONS TO PARKING NEAR THE OFFICE

There have been alterations to the parking arrangements in the public car parks near 24 Wakefield Street. Fees are now payable in the parking areas behind both sides of Glenferrie Road.

You can obtain free parking for up to 45 minutes (if, for example, you are paying a short visit to our office) by pressing the appropriate button on the ticket machine.

For stays beyond that time, you will receive 45 minutes free, and then pay 20¢ for each 12 minutes over the free period. For example, a stay of 2 hours will cost you \$1.40—actually, that amount will give you 2 hours 9 minutes of parking.

SATURDAY SERIES OF LECTURES

These lectures are continuing throughout 2002 on the last Saturday of each month up to November. Details of the three lectures for September, October and November are on the accompanying sheet. Overall demand permitting, members may each bring one visitor with them.

Bookings will be accepted only for the month of the lecture, i.e. the October lecture can be booked only in October, not before. PLEASE GET YOUR BOOKING IN EARLY in the month and keep your own record of it.

BE ALERT IN THE CAR PARKS

Recently a woman was walking with groceries to her car in the Liddiard Street car park about 3 p.m. when a man leaped from a late-model silver Ford, pushed her and grabbed her purse, then got into his car and sped off, gaining \$120 and her credit cards.

Police said the thief was in his early 20s with short, dark, curly hair, thin build, olive complexion and a goatee beard. He wore a white windcheater with a hood, light-coloured cargo pants and track shoes. Part of the car's registration was DLP.

Please keep your eyes open when you are shopping or walking peacefully around Hawthorn—our life is not to safe and peaceful as it used to be, alas!

U3A ONLINE RESOURCES

We have received news from U3A Online Resources Ltd that they have formed a partnership with The Third Age Trust, the national body of U3A in the UK, which represents some 112,000 U3A members there. Several courses are offered on the internet (last listed in our *Newsletter* for June 2001) and you can obtain further details about these courses on <http://www.u3aonline.edna.edu.au/> or for details about directories, calendar of events, news items, etc. on <http://www.u3aonline.org.au>

A VERY, VERY NOXIOUS WEED

Commonly known as Mothvine or Cruelvine, *Araujia hortorum*, from South America. It is a tough perennial vine with pretty white or pale pink flowers, which develop into large pear-shaped fruits (looking rather like a choko) that contain many easily spread seeds (up to 1000!). It is spreading rapidly through Melbourne parklands and gardens, and very quickly smothers native vegetation.

To control it, cut off all fruit with secateurs prior to seed set. Dig out smaller plants (it is very deep-rooted) or cut near ground level (if a larger plant) and paint the stumps with neat Roundup. Do not put any part of the removed plants into the green waste bin or the compost bin, but secure in plastic for the general garbage disposal.

For further information, contact Anne Hoey, 9818 7199.



HOUSE SITTER AVAILABLE

One of our members, a mature lady, is available for house sitting (all areas). She has just completed a nine-month stint at one house and is available for some time in the future until she settles in a home of her own.

She assures us she is clean and tidy and loves all pets (in fact, she prefers to have them). Please ring Meg Clements on 9836 9674.

FROM THE SECRETARY

It's that time of the year when our President takes some well-earned leave and the Secretary steps into her shoes by way of this contribution to the Newsletter. For some time you have seen Derek Readman's name at the foot of the Secretary's column, but now you have to get used to a new name.

By far the most exciting news since the last *Newsletter* was the announcement of the honour conferred on Jean Giese in the Queen's Birthday List. We are delighted that the tremendous service Jean has given, and continues to give, to U3A Hawthorn has been recognised in this way. President Jean Giese OAM—a fitting tribute to Jean's leadership.

Third Age learning organisations in different parts of the world do not often have the chance to share experiences face to face. However, on the day we are mailing this *News*, our four Japanese-language classes are entertaining a group of mature-age students from Japan, members of a parallel organisation known in that country as 'Silver College'—a very appropriate title for a group involved in life-long learning.

At the July meeting of the Committee, Treasurer Brian Adams received unanimous support for his recommendation that membership fees for 2003 remain unchanged from this year. One always likes to receive good news and I hope that in due time you will show your appreciation by paying your 2003 fees promptly. Don't forget to enrol in your chosen courses as soon as possible after you receive the 2003 Curriculum. For existing students, 2003 class enrolment is possible from 1 October, on payment of the 2003 subscription. Some courses fill rapidly and you cannot assume that, just because you were in the same course this year, you will gain entry next year without bothering to re-enrol.

Much has happened since the last edition.

As has been our custom, the Committee held a luncheon in July to thank our body of administrative helpers, principally those who staff the office desk to answer your many inquiries in person or by telephone, and 33 of

our helpers were able to attend. In September we will be hosting a similar function for our tutors, and we hope to see a large gathering on that day. So many of you give that bit extra, that means so much and without which we would not be the strong and vital organisation that we are.

A very well-received concert was given by our Choir at the Hawthorn Town Hall in June, and those who attended the concert given by our Orchestra on 8 August provided a capacity audience at East Kew Uniting Church, enjoying a programme of Schubert, Mozart and Beethoven. Ruth Muir's granddaughter, Eleanor Donelan, gave a fine performance as the flute soloist. Our thanks are extended to all performers and, in particular, to our Guest Conductor, Philip Carrington.

Derek Readman has recently returned from visiting his mother in the UK and, in his absence, the Saturday Series has continued under the eye of Arthur Braun. Excellent reports have come in relating to the June and July lectures.

Membership numbers continue to increase, though at this time of the year new admissions slow to a trickle; the number now stands at 1021. There are 82 year-long courses in progress, including a couple which are continuing in the temporary absence of the tutor. Unfortunately we have noted the death of members Eileen Terrill, Mary Stewart and Carmel Conroy, and we have extended condolences to their families.

Those members who travel to lectures by car will need to take careful note of the changes in the parking conditions behind both sides of Glenferrie Road, which are outlined in full on page 1 of this section of the *Newsletter*.

As some of you are only too aware, we encountered some difficulty with Australia Post in the delivery of the June *Newsletter*. Here's hoping for better luck this time.

Peter Anderson, Secretary

POSTMARK – POST MABO

This is an art exhibition about stamps at the Post Master Gallery (321 Exhibition Street) running until 29 September 2002. It looks at the representation of Australia's indigenous peoples and cultures on Australia's stamps, as well as largely unseen works from the National Philatelic Collection. There is a brochure in our office, or you can contact the Gallery on auspost.com.au/stamps or by telephoning 9204 5021.

INTRODUCTION TO HOME-STYLE ASIAN COOKING

Three demonstration-based sessions given by LAY YEAN WOO

This new series (offered through the *Cooking Small, Eating Well* programme) for people cooking for one or two, covers cooking styles; equipment used; creating Asian flavours; familiarity with noodles, vegetables and sauces.

At the end of the series, there is an optional guided tour of shops in Victoria Street, Richmond, and supermarkets.

When: Fridays 18, 25 October and 8 November, 10 a.m. to noon

Where: Camberwell Community Centre, 33 Fairholm Grove, Camberwell

Cost: \$5 per session

For more information and to register, please contact Judy Stanton at the Hawthorn Community Education Centre, 9819 5758, before Friday 4 October. Class size is limited to 15—be quick!

For your interest: MEMBERSHIP OF U3A at February 2002

Australian Capital Territory	2434 members, 1 group
New South Wales	13,121 members, 40 groups
Northern Territory	120 members, 1 group
Queensland	10,284 members, 25 groups
South Australia	1720 members, 8 groups
Tasmania	1734 members, 9 groups
Victoria	13,833 members, 61 groups
Western Australia	1230 members, 7 groups
and New Zealand	5885 members, 43 groups

OUR MEMORY—again

Two old gentlemen were sitting on the back verandah, having a cup of tea, when the host said: 'We went to a terrific restaurant last night—good food, pleasant service, not dear, plenty of parking.'

Guest: 'Sounds marvellous; what's the name of this place?'

Host: 'Ah, um, um ... give me the name of a flower.'

The guest suggested 'daffodil'—no, 'jonquil'—no, 'camellia'—no, 'rose'—

Host: 'Rose, that's it! [calls out] Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

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