

U3A HAWTHORN NEWS

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NOT ONLY:

U3A HAWTHORN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

directed by Christopher Martin
presents

A SPRING CONCERT

Haydn—Symphony No. 85 'La Reine'
Vivaldi—Double Violin Concerto
(soloists: Chris Martin and Juliette Zeelander)
Music by Stravinsky and Vaughan Williams

Thursday 19 October at 10.30 a.m.

**East Kew Uniting Church
Normanby Road (near High Street)
Tram routes 24 and 48**

**There is a donation of \$3 to cover music copyright expenses and
tea/coffee, etc. after the concert**

Please book with the office to help with arrangements for seating and light refreshments

BUT ALSO:

U3A HAWTHORN CHOIR

will be singing at
the Patronal Festival of
St Timothy's Anglican Church
Lillian Street, Bulleen
on
Sunday 1 October at 2.30 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2000/2001

Note increases in bold type

2001 membership of U3A Hawthorn	\$30 single \$50 couple/two at same address
2001 U3A member from another campus studying at Hawthorn	\$10 (to cover administration)
2000 new membership from 1 September to 31 December	\$10 per person

SATURDAY SERIES OF LECTURES

These lectures are held on the last Saturday of each month until November. Details of the three lectures for September, October and November are on the accompanying sheet.

All will be held in the TAFE lecture theatre TD 121, which can accommodate 100 people. Members may bring only one visitor each with them.

To try to reduce the incidence of members booking and then not turning up on the day, bookings will be accepted only during the month of the lecture, i.e. the October lecture can be booked only in October, not before.

There will be no possibility of turning up without a booking (including the name of any guest) and as usual it will be a case of first up, best dressed, **SO PLEASE GET YOUR BOOKING IN EARLY** in the month and record it in your diary.

ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE!

DATES FOR 2000/2001

2 October	Beginning of enrolments for EXISTING students in 2000 courses which are continuing in 2001. The membership fee for 2001 must be paid before enrolment is accepted.
1 December	Opening date for NEW enrolments in ongoing courses and new 2001 courses (as set out in curriculum published in December 2000). Membership fee for 2001 must be included with class enrolment form.
Last week Nov. / first week Dec.	This is the concluding period for 2000 classes.
6 December	End-of-year celebration and concert, Hawthorn Town Hall, 2 p.m.
8 December	Office closes for 2000, but enrolments/cheques for 2001 membership will be processed.
8 January to 2 February 2001	Summer School (Full details will appear in our December 2000 <i>Newsletter</i>)
8 January	Office open part-time, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
31 January	Office open full-time, from 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Week from 19 Feb.	Classes commence for 2000.

Accommodation & Clusters Options (ACO) Project – Volunteers Needed

The U3A Network has received State government funding for two projects:

- 1 Forming clusters of U3As
- 2 Surveying the accommodation needs of U3As statewide.

There will be two paid positions to run the project, but volunteers are needed for a variety of office jobs from now until next March. You may attend as often as you choose.

Most of the work would be done in the city at the CAE building, but some could be done at home. A list of jobs and details of the whole project are in the U3A Hawthorn office. If you are interested in helping, please register at our office (9818 7371).

END - OF - YEAR PARTY

Wednesday, 6 December, at 2 p.m.

Hawthorn Town Hall

ENTERTAINMENT

by

U3A HAWTHORN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA and U3A HAWTHORN 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 now at the office to assist with our catering arrangements.

Offers to help are also sought.

FROM THE SECRETARY

Yes, our President, Jean Giese, has left me holding the baby again while she is going walkabout way out west!

We have been wonderfully entertained during the quarter in this, the first year of the twenty-first century. In June the innovative 'Celebration of Shakespeare' production, organised by Michael Clark, at the Oxley Road Uniting Church attracted very strong support, and in July an appreciative audience listened to our Choir presenting a 'Miscellany of Musical Delights' at the Hawthorn Town Hall, featuring a number of solo performers. This was followed in August by the Winter Concert from our justly admired Chamber Orchestra playing (quite splendidly) pieces by Telemann, Handel, Haydn, Mozart and Purcell. How lucky we are to witness the fruits of such dedication at so little cost!

And there is more to come! First is a performance by our Choir with solo singers at St Timothy's Anglican Church, Lillian Street, Bulleen, at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday 1 October. This is followed on 19 October by a Spring Concert by our Chamber Orchestra at 10.30 a.m. at the East Kew Uniting Church, Normanby Road. Then at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday 6 December we will have our end-of-year concert and social gathering at the Hawthorn Town Hall. So get out your diary now and enter these as dates not to be missed. And please don't forget to register at the office for 19 October and 6 December concerts, to help us in getting the catering arrangements right.

The Saturday Series of talks have been finalised to the end of the year (see separate sheet).

The arrangements for the 2001 Summer School are in train and will be announced in the December *Newsletter*. It would be very helpful to hear as soon as possible from anyone interested in offering a Summer School class or in assisting in the running of classes (Derek Readman 9818 7371, or home 9853 6463).

As always we continue to seek tutors to give short and ongoing courses for next year; offers and suggestions to Derek, please. It would help to find someone to oversee a Current Affairs class and we would like to institute classes in Anthropology and Bridge, but of course the list does not stop there. If you have a subject of interest but are unsure about its

acceptability, then let us know the details and we will float the proposal in the next *Newsletter*.

It is announced with regret that our chess tutor, Egon Donath, died on 11 August and earlier in the year we lost one of our Life Members and a very long-serving tutor, Ven Houston.

It is entirely coincidental that I must announce increased membership fees in this *Newsletter* just as I did at this time last year, but, after reviewing the Treasurer's financial report for the year and his projections for the next year, the Committee of Management has approved new fees for 2001. The increases will affect most of the membership. They are due in large measure to higher costs for hire of venues and on consumables, all attracting GST. Provision also needs to be made to cover the possible loss of the \$1500 ACFE grant we have been receiving for the last few years and also the upgrading of the office computer/printer. The new fees are:

Single membership	\$30 (up from \$25)
Two at same address, ea.	\$25 (up from \$22.50)
From another campus	\$10 (no change)
Part year from 1 Sept.	\$10 (no change)

We shall continue to defray the cost of refreshments, etc. at functions and also to subsidise copyright costs for the orchestra, choir and recorder players by seeking small donations (usually \$3-4) from members and any guests attending these functions.

Included with this *Newsletter* is the Curriculum Supplement, giving details of new courses still to commence this year. In addition, there is a list of all those ongoing courses that will continue in 2001. This will enable those who are already members of a class to re-enrol for 2001 as from 2 October 2000 (on payment of the membership fee for 2001, of course). The full Curriculum will be published with the December *News* and new (not continuing) enrolments for all 2001 classes listed will open on 1 December. For anyone joining U3A Hawthorn from 1 September, the fee for the remainder of 2000 is only \$10.

Derek Readman, Secretary

H.E.A.R. SERVICE HEARING TESTS

Hawthorn Community Education Project have again arranged a day for free (and not commercially oriented) preliminary hearing tests at Wakefield Street, which was booked out before this item came to press! However, another visit by the expert from H.E.A.R. could be arranged if there is enough interest from our members [*I cannot imagine there would NOT be—Ed.*]. If you are interested, please ring HCEP on 9819 5771 so that they can have an idea of the numbers and then arrange another day.

FRENCH TEXTBOOKS NEEDED

Does anyone out there have a copy or copies of *Year 11 Exercises in French* or *Year 12 Exercises in French* by A. Horrigan and M. Rogers that they are no longer using? These texts, now out of print, are still being used in some of our French classes. If you would like to sell your copy/ies (hopefully marked only in pencil!), please leave your telephone number at the office for Margaret Sedlacek.

TUTORS NEEDED — WISER DRIVER COURSE

This popular course for older drivers, which has been run by the Hawthorn Community Education Project for several years, requires some new tutors. The tutor acts as a discussion leader to cover issues of road safety and ageing.

Tutors should be fit and active drivers of mature years, aware of the issues and concerns of later life, and have some experience in leading discussions.

HCEP will run a 4-hour training course for prospective tutors to familiarise them with the course material. The rate of pay for conducting sessions is \$30 per hour.

Your application and curriculum vitae should be sent to the Driver Education Coordinator, HCEP Inc., 24 Wakefield Street, Hawthorn, 3122.

Research Week at Swinburne University

'Better Living through Research' is the theme for Swinburne University's Research Week, 11-15 September. You are invited to talks and demonstrations on the fascinating research being done at Swinburne—such diverse subjects as virtual reality and an innovation that prevents tons of rubbish being washed into the Bay.

There will be a 'Tour, Talk and Tea' at 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday 13 September at the Hawthorn Campus. For more information and to book your place, please call Helen Beaumont (9214 5223).

SENIORS ABROAD

One of our members, Judy Lundy, has passed on the following interesting information:

'My husband and I have hosted Americans through this scheme for the last few years. In June of this year we were hosted by Americans as part of this programme. We visited host couples in Denver, Chicago and Tampa, Florida; we also visited a couple whom we had hosted, at their home in Nashville, Tennessee.

'We found it a tremendous experience. Everyone was genuinely pleased to show off their particular territory to us. The accommodation was wonderful, with private facilities in each home. It made travelling extensively in America a hassle-free holiday.

'The director of this programme does a good job of matching couples' interests, so that communication is established quickly and easily—we now have another six American friends! This is international cooperation at its very best.'

The founder and director of this programme is:

Evelyn Zivetz, 12533 Pacato Circle North, San Diego, California 92128, USA.

THE REWARDS OF BEING A U3A TUTOR

Derek Readman

The U3A Network reproduced in its May bulletin the following extract from a short article by one of our tutors, Professor Jack Gregory, in *Rostrum*, the journal of the History Institute, Victoria. I thought it worth passing on for its insight into the benefits of U3A membership

From a Retired Teacher:

[Professor Gregory describes his progress through secondary and academic teaching appointments and then goes on to say ...]

But now in retirement I have returned to teaching with as great a degree of satisfaction as ever I had. Over the past few years I have given a number of short history courses at several branches of the University of the Third Age (U3A). The main justification for writing this scrappy memoir is to commend this organisation to the readers of Rostrum and to urge any in or near retirement to consider, if not now then at some future time, participation in it. Lecturers are not paid, but the rewards nevertheless are considerable. Relaxed teaching to committed students of my own age has reminded me of my years at Melbourne High without any of the stress of tight timetables, corrections, examinations. I have been reminded too (not that I had ever quite forgotten) how fulfilling the teaching experience can be.

From a Retired Non-teacher:

[Morris Williams, another of our enthusiastic tutors, who talks on Art Appreciation, has retired from librarianship and would like to add a few words from a different angle]

I wholeheartedly endorse Professor Gregory's comments on the satisfaction to be found in participation in the U3A movement. I do not regard myself as a teacher in the usual sense, since the sessions I conduct are as much stimulating learning experiences for me as I hope they are for those in my classes. Rather, I consider that I am a very fortunate person in being able to share the intense pleasures of a lifelong passion (art) with a group of enthusiastic, receptive students who have also become my personal friends. I thank U3A for making this luxury possible. I sometimes reflect on what my retirement years might have been without involvement in this wondrous movement—perhaps my lawns and nature strip would have been in better shape, but not my psyche.

I think there is a message here also for those of us who are not tutoring. Relaxed learning at a time when the faculties are starting to weep brings inestimable benefits, feeding our intellect with new friendships and allowing us to explore new horizons and engage stored interests that were put on hold during busy lives. Of course we already know this from our membership of U3A, but we must not keep the good news to ourselves. The question is, how to get this message across to persuade the unenlightened, or those dithering on the brink, to join us? Think about a mini-membership drive by way of a GST-free Christmas gift? There must be someone you know in our age group who is sitting at home with time to kill.

If there are any of our tutors who would like to contribute some thoughts on the joys of tutoring to an enthusiastic audience, we [the Secretary and the Editor] would be delighted to hear from you.

Defining Our Function

Thank you to U3A Network and folk in Harrow, UK, and Texas, USA, for this definition:

U3A = A health club for your brain

U3A, THE INTERNET AND ALL THAT

- We now have a 'virtual' University of the Third Age [IB-U3A] which provides courses on the Internet for older people isolated in various ways in the community—for those who cannot attend an ordinary U3A because of a disability or of carer responsibilities, or who are geographically located too far from such a group. It is essential to have Internet access at home or at a community facility such as the local library. To become an Associate of IB-U3A, which gives you access to their courses, go to:

<http://u3aonline.edna.edu.au>

and click the link to the **Isolated Bytes** page, where you will find all the necessary details on participation in courses, fees (modest) and joining procedures. There is also another category for **Observers**, who can look at all of the course materials at any time of the day or night, not just when the course is being run.

The Project Coordinator of U3A Online can also be contacted at:

PO Box 308, Jamison Centre, ACT, 2614

Email: info@u3aonline.org.au

- A Norwegian Gallup survey in early 2000 showed a strong increase in Internet use by older people. The fraction of 67+ people with Internet use increased in two years from 9% to 25%. While more people in the 18-24 age group (75%) have Internet access, the older group make nearly as much use of it. [Who said anything about being left behind?]

YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD ...

... to climb Everest

Ramon Blanco, in 1993, at the age of 60;

... to be an athlete

discus thrower Baba Joginder Singh won gold in 1998 India National Athletics Meeting for Veterans, in his 106th year;

... to get married

Harry Stevens, in 1984, aged 103, married Thelma Lucas, a sprightly 84;

... to have a number one hit

Louis Armstrong, in 1968, aged 66, with 'What a Wonderful World';

... to ride the Cresta run *

Prince Constantine of Liechtenstein, in 1998 when he was 86.

* [No, I don't know what it is, either—Ed.]

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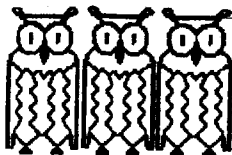
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You are invited to attend our

2000 SATURDAY SERIES OF LECTURES

30 September RELATIONS BETWEEN CHRISTIANS & JEWS FROM EARLY TIMES TO THE PRESENT

Rev. Prof. Robert Anderson, former Professor of Old Testament Studies at Ormond College and Founding President of the Council for Christians and Jews

Earlier this year on the 'Day of Pardon' Pope John Paul II prayed that 'Christians will acknowledge the sins committed by not a few of their number against the people of the Covenant ...'. Other mainstream churches over the past few decades have made similar confessions, sometimes even more forceful, when they too have considered Christian attitudes towards the treatment of Jews over the centuries. Jesus himself was a Jew, as were all his earliest disciples and most of the church's initial members. Professor Anderson will consider what went tragically wrong and why, whereby it is now necessary for the churches to recognise their own measure of complicity, not only for what happened in the distant past, but for what occurred within the lifetime of many of us.

28 October THE ELECTION OF A ROMAN CONSUL

Mr Saul Bastomsky, former Head of Department of Classics and Archaeology, Monash University

Vote buying, the gerrymander, corruption—we see all these in modern politics. But they are not new: the ancient Romans were familiar with them too. Saul examines these practices in the election of consuls in the Rome of the first century BC.

25 November GENERAL SIR JOHN MONASH

Mrs Elizabeth Durre (granddaughter of Sir John)

Relying considerably on Dr Geoffrey Serle's book on the great man and on other people's research, Mrs Durre will talk about the main components of Sir John's life as engineer, soldier and administrator, and will examine why his name has been used increasingly in recent times.

LOCATION FOR ALL LECTURES

Lecture Theatre TD 121, ground floor, TAFE Building TD, Swinburne University of Technology, junction of Wakefield and John Streets. Enter from Wakefield Street or Park Street (see map over)

TIME

2.30–4.00 p.m.

COST

Free to members, who may each bring one friend only.

BOOKINGS

IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A BOOKING to ensure entry to these talks; however, bookings are now accepted only during the month of the talk, e.g. bookings for October's talk will be taken only in October. This can be done on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 9.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. (Wednesday 9.30 to 1 p.m. only) by telephone (9214 8824 or 9818 7371) or personally at the office, 24 Wakefield Street, during the same hours.

There will be no written confirmation of bookings; please therefore keep your own record of your bookings.

BADGES

PLEASE remember to wear your name badge.