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END - OF - YEAR PARTY

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

ENTERTAINMENT

by

U3A HAWTHORN CHOIR

and members of

U3A HAWTHORN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

and

OUR RECORDER GROUPS

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.

NAME BADGES

PLEASE remember to wear your name badge when attending a U3A function of any kind, or if you are helping in the office. This is both

- (A) GOOD MANNERS (not surprisingly, it is hard to remember everyone's name, when we have over 1000 members) and
- (B) GOOD SENSE (because of the medical/contact details on the back).

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2003

These are unchanged from 2002

Membership of U3A Hawthorn

\$30 single

\$50 couple/two at same address

Member from another campus studying at Hawthorn \$10 (to cover administration)

DATES FOR 2002/2003

2 December	Opening date for NEW enrolments in ongoing courses and new 2003 courses (as set out in the accompanying curriculum). Membership fee for 2003 must be included with class enrolment form/s.
Last week November	This is the concluding period for 2002 classes.
11 December	End-of-year celebration and concert, Hawthorn Town Hall, 2 p.m.
13 December	Office closes for 2002, but postal enrolments/cheques for 2003 membership will be processed (please note: to P O Box 2210, Hawthorn).
6–31 January 2003	Summer School: see accompanying programme.
6 January	Office open PART-TIME, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
3 February	Office open full-time, from 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. (Wednesdays to 1 p.m. only)
Week from 17 Feb.	Classes commence for 2003.

TRANSPORT TO U3A HAWTHORN CLASSES

- Since the recent review of parking rules in the Swinburne/Hawthorn area by the Boroondara Council, parking problems have not gone away completely for those attending classes by car.
- Near 24 Wakefield Street, there is a battle to find spaces. Please remember that the parking behind our house is reserved for OFFICE STAFF, TUTORS and THOSE ON DUTY ONLY.
- There are two spaces for disabled drivers opposite the office in Frederick Street.
- There is a commercial parking station opposite 24 Wakefield Street, where the charge is \$3.30 all day, which could be economical for two or more members sharing the cost.
- **IMPORTANT:** Boroondara Council has told us that there are **NO PARKING FEES PAYABLE** in the car parks behind the Glenferrie Road shops from **1 December 2002 to 28 February 2003**, although the 2-HOUR LIMIT still stands.
- At some other venues, there is sometimes a limited amount of off-street parking space available, which should not be treated as first in, best dressed—e.g., the Uniting Church in Oxley Road, the Henry Street Community house, etc. Spare a thought or two for those attending—tutors, disabled students, or those who are carrying equipment to the class—who need to park close to the venue. If you are fit and hale, and able to walk from street parking, please do so.
- A less stressful option is public transport: for 24 Wakefield St classes, try Glenferrie Station or the No. 69 tram along Glenferrie Road, even with a park-further-away-and-ride arrangement.
- Walking to class warms the feet nicely on cold mornings, and does the body a power of good, thus improving the working of the grey cells.

OUR 2003 SUMMER SCHOOL

You will see separately with this *Newsletter* the details of our Summer School, which has again been put together by Derek Readman. The series of lectures runs for four weeks during our recess from regular classes, with such a wide range of subjects that all our diverse tastes will surely be catered for.

The enrolment procedures are set out in the attached leaflet, and it would be appreciated if our members could please follow the guidelines.

However, the warning is—**BE QUICK** in enrolling, because many of the classes fill very fast. Please also keep your own record of the sessions you have booked.

The good news about **NO PARKING FEES IN THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS** (see article above) will be welcomed by all. To quote the Bard, 'For this relief much thanks' (*Hamlet*, I, i). However, the 2-hour limit will still apply, so please be careful!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

One of the most important developments this year—for U3A Hawthorn—is that Swinburne University has not yet finalised its plans for demolishing 24 Wakefield Street, so it looks as if we will be safe in our headquarters and two classrooms for 2003.

In October we were shocked and saddened by the sudden deaths of two of our long-term tutors. Joan Bazeley, who joined us in 1995, made an important contribution to our curriculum through her weekly courses in Classical Studies and Latin. Much admired and respected by her students, her keen interest in and enthusiasm for her subjects made her an inspiring tutor.

Maurice Berah joined U3A in 1985 and commenced two weekly Italian classes in February 1987. He was still conducting a weekly class in Italian and also offering short courses in such subjects as 'Treasures of the Mediterranean' right up to his death.

Another of our long-serving tutors is retiring at the end of this year. Win Gould became a member in 1994 and has taught a weekly Spanish class for eight years. We give her our thanks and good wishes.

We welcome several new tutors to our ranks and trust they will enjoy their teaching as much as the students enjoy and appreciate their roles. We have been able to fill the vacancies in the language classes, but are now without a tutor who could offer something in the Classics. Has anyone any suggestions?

Our members look forward each year to the December *News* because it is accompanied by the Summer School programme and the Curriculum for the coming year. As usual, we have a great number of interesting courses on offer and we trust there is something for everyone. We thank all those who make this possible.

For the benefit of new members and also, really for all of us, it needs to be restated from time to time that we are an entirely self-help organisation. This means that everyone involved must be a paying member of U3A Hawthorn—yes, even the tutors pay their dues—and ALL members are responsible for the smooth running of the organisation. We need to be sensitive to the ways in which this can be achieved. An instance would be leaving the classroom ready for the next class, with spare chairs stacked and the room left as it was found. Classes which do not meet at 24 Wakefield Street may require someone (it need not be the tutor) to pick up notices of class additions, withdrawals, apologies, etc. from the tutor's pigeonhole before class, and to assist the tutor generally with organisational matters.

The next opportunity for U3A Hawthorn members to get together is the end-of-year party at the Hawthorn Town Hall on 11 December (see front page). Do please book with the office if you intend coming, so we can plan enough drinks and afternoon tea for everyone.

The Department of Community Services has decided to promote Victoria's U3As on the final day of Senior Citizens' Week in March 2003. The Melbourne Town Hall has been offered to display the musical talents and enthusiasm of our senior citizens in an 'Oz Proms' concert. Our Choir and Orchestra will be playing a prominent part, so please make a note in your 2003 diary now about this gala event. There are some further details later in this Newsletter, and more will be set out in our March 2003 *Newsletter*.

We have come to the end of another happy and fulfilling year in our U3A. Thanks to everyone for their efforts, and the compliments of the season to you all.

Jean Giese
President

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR 2003—OZ PROMS CONCERT

At the end of Seniors' Week 2003, on the afternoon of Saturday 22 March, there will be an OZ PROMS CONCERT in the Melbourne Town Hall, displaying the musical talents and enthusiasms of U3As in Victoria. Our Choir and Orchestra are participating, along with eight other U3A choirs, comprising over 150 singers. The Director will be Douglas Heywood, noted choral and orchestral conductor. There will be massed choral performances accompanied by the organ and our orchestra, some community singing and some individual offerings from U3A groups—including a reprise of Zadok the Priest and the Radetzky March from our Choir and Orchestra. A gala 'fun' event is planned with flags, streamers and, we hope, a huge audience.

There is an entrance charge of \$2; tickets and more details will be available early in 2003.

THE ELEPHANTS WILL SURELY REMEMBER ...

You have probably noticed the bags of corks which accumulate in the hall at 'the House' and, if you were not aware why, these are saved by our members, joined with those collected in Swinburne University, and then passed on to the Friends of the Zoo for profitable recycling to accumulate funds to help the Melbourne Zoo.

We are delighted to announce that the Friends of the Zoo have to date raised over \$57,000 from this project to help towards building the new elephant facility at the Zoo at Royal Park.

Thank you to all our U3A members who have contributed to this worthy cause—what a wonderful reason to keep raising our glasses!

PRIVACY POLICY

There have lately been moves in the community and the legislature to protect personal details of members of various groups. Although this information is necessary to run an organisation effectively, many people are increasingly nervous about the 'Big Brother' aspect when these details are too easily accessed. Although U3A Hawthorn is not yet legally compelled to have an official privacy policy, our newly appointed Privacy Officer, Meg Adams, has prepared a Privacy Policy Statement, which has been agreed to by the Committee of Management. This statement is on display in our office.

OSTEOPOROSIS—CLINICAL TRIAL

The Royal Melbourne Hospital is taking part in a three-year, world-wide study into the effects of osteoporosis in older women and the possible improvements from Zoledronic acid, a non-hormonal medication. If you are in the 65–89-year age group and are interested in helping in this, please ring Ben Metcalf or Elizabeth Hristov, Department of Medicine, on 9347 5978.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK ...

Although there is often a humorous item here, space in this December *Newsletter* is more than usually tight. However, thank you to those who from time to time send in snippets for inclusion, but a few lines are usually the maximum possible—brevity is indeed the soul of wit!

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