



# U3A HAWTHORN NEWS

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## SEASON'S GREETINGS

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE  
SEPTEMBER 1992 CONFERENCE  
WIDENING YOUR HORIZONS:  
LIVING FOR TODAY, SHARING FOR TOMORROW

This conference was held at Flinders University, Adelaide from September 28 - October 1, 1992 being jointly organised by The University of the Third Age - South Australia (Adelaide Branch) Inc. and The U3A Network - Victoria Inc.

Our representative Dr. Alex Gale's report reads in part:

"The speakers were good and their subjects varied, and there was a good input on Wednesday and Thursday from our own U3A members. It is of interest to hear how other campuses function and the problems they encounter. There was a great deal of sharing and comparing. I was left with the feeling of belonging to an active, vital body which was rapidly spreading through the individual states and had come to stay."

As Dr. Gale left for a trip overseas immediately after the conference, a detailed report will not be available until early next year.

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### **IMPORTANT**

**YOUR 1993 SUBSCRIPTION IS NOW DUE**

**\$20, SINGLE**

**\$30, DOUBLE**

IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF YOU COULD ADVISE US  
IF YOU DO NOT INTEND TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

## THANK YOU, JEAN

After six years of leading the S.E. Asian Current Affairs course Jean Aikenhead is retiring to enjoy a well-earned rest & to be "a student again". Jean's class has been very popular and I'm sure her former students join us in expressing our appreciation for her efforts over the years and wishing her happy learning in the future.

## BRIDGE

Our thanks to Bill Zimmerman who is retiring this year. Bill was an original and has had a successful 8 years as a U3A tutor - we will miss him and wish him well in his retirement. This has been a most successful course and we would love to hear from a volunteer to replace Bill and continue the good work.

## ITALIAN CONVERSATION

Anamaria Galbiati is at present overseas and as soon as she returns we will advise the members who are on the waiting list for this course.

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

The following letter was received from Margaret Black:

I would like to say thank you for all my friends in Social Issues and Current Affairs who have enabled me to keep attending classes this year and for the happy friendships.

Special thanks for Jean Jackson, Ruth Gaensler, Norma Anderson, Helen Malter, Albino Papagno and Jean Aikenhead.

Thanks also to Judy Elsworth for help with equipment.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

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## **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

For your information, the office at Wakefield Street will be closed from  
Friday, 18th December, 1992 -  
Tuesday, 2nd February, 1993.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

FILM CLUB (With Variations): Convener: Beryl Adamson

Of the social activities organised since June 1991, the film outings/ luncheons have been the most popular. Accordingly, the Social Activities Committee proposes to focus on films in 1993, but intersperse these with some theatre and other outings, depending on members' interests.

For a Film Club to be viable, a minimum enrolment is needed of 25 U3A members. There is no upper limit. While members will be free to choose which films they attend, at most cinemas group booking reductions cannot be obtained for fewer than 20 people. Friends of members will continue to be welcome, but the "core group" of 25+ needs to be U3A members.

An introductory meeting of enrolled members will be held on Monday, 8th February, 1993, 10.30 a.m. at 24 Wakefield Street, Hawthorn. At this meeting we will discuss members' interests, how often they want to go to a film, what days are most suitable, and preferred other activities.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

If members will not be present at the meeting on 8th February, would they please register on their Enrolment Forms their preferences for which day of the week, frequency of outings, etc.

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

### PIANIST REQUIRED

We have a resident Choir Master and would like to have a choir for him to master but first we need an accompanist.

If you can help, please contact the office.

### WOODWORK TEACHER NEEDED

We have a venue equipped and waiting that will take 15 students.

Any offers will be most welcome.

### SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE

Wanted - for U3A member - secretarial assistance for creative writer with temporarily immobilised upper limbs. The writer lives in Hawthorn and she envisages she will be out of action for a couple of months.

If you can help, please contact Julia Ward on 819 5771.

## CURRENT COURSES

Although a class may be full, people do have to withdraw for various reasons, so a waiting list is kept for each course.

PLEASE NOTE: ANY MEMBER WHO IS ABSENT FROM A CLASS FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE WEEKS WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE OFFICE, OR YOUR TUTOR, WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE WITHDRAWN.

ART APPRECIATION Convener: Sue Van Dorssen

HISTORY OF EUROPEAN ART

Group 1 22nd February - 28th June, 1993

Group 2 16th August - 29th November, 1993

Continuing study of the major arts of Western Civilization starting with the later Renaissance and Mannerist arts through to the Baroque styles of the 17th Century.

Mondays, 1.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

ART HISTORY Convener: Martin Merchant

The reason and need for art expression in the changing generations of mankind will be developed, together with an appreciation of the styles, methods and materials used.

Tuesdays, 11.15 a.m., fortnightly, 24 Wakefield Street

ART - PRACTICAL Tutor: Lorna Noble

The group will cover the mediums of oils, watercolour, pastels, etc. You may do your own thing, or follow topics suggested. Help will be given on request with regard to techniques, colour combinations, and imaginative approaches you may wish to use.

Thursdays, 1.00 p.m., Hawthorn Artists' Society, Cnr. Glenferrie & Manningtree Roads, Hawthorn, commencing 18th February, 1993

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - CONTEMPORARY WRITERS AND SOCIETY

Convener: Pamela Rogers

This course includes thought provoking discussion on subjects such as the relationship between the writer and society, and concerns of modern men and women as they are explored in contemporary writing.

Short stories, poetry and some classical literature will be introduced.

Tuesdays, 9.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street, comm. 23rd February, 1993

A BOUQUET OF HERBS Convener: Ernestine Lobb

An exploration of the uses of culinary, fragrant and medicinal herbs.

5 week course. 29th January - 26th February, 1993

Fridays, 10 a.m., 4A Dalny Street, Malvern

CALLIGRAPHY - An Introduction Convener: Reg O'Loughlan

Covers the teaching of at least one alphabet using a broad edge pen or calligraphy fountain pen ('Osmiroid' brand is recommended). Also a description and demonstration of the many inks, paints and tools available today. Pupils will need a pad of unruled bank paper, a 'Speedball' C2 nib, pen holder, and a bottle of non-waterproof ink. These will be available from tutor at first lesson, fountain pens excepted.

Fridays, 2 p.m., Recreation Centre, 8 sessions, 26/2/1993 - 16/3/1993

CHESS FOR PLEASURE Convener: Egon Donath

"You don't need to be a Bobby Fisher" to enjoy playing chess.

Fridays, 11 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street, commencing 12th February, 1993

COMPUTERS - AN INTRODUCTION Convener: Vic Kennedy

Simple beginners 'hands-on' course of 6 sessions - no maths necessary - ample notes will be provided.

Courses for 1993. 1. 23rd February - 30th March

11. 25th May - 29th June

111. 5th October - 16th November.

Tuesdays, 10.30 a.m., 89 Power St., Hawthorn.

CREATIVE WRITING & LITERATURE Convener: Rae Alexander

Students usually write on a specific topic each week and work is compared with texts from well known poets and writers. Styles of writing are explored and an appreciation of language developed.

Fridays, 12.15 p.m., Kew Library, commencing 5th March, 1993

CURRENT AFFAIRS - AUSTRALIA & THE WORLD Convener: Wolfe Flack

Ours is a discussion group which deals with Current Affairs, whether Australian or international; items are taken from the Media or raised by members. Sessions commence by the convener reading selected items from press cuttings. Members are then free to raise other items which are of especial interest. On occasions, visiting lecturers are invited to give their views on subjects which may have been particularly controversial. Members of the group are encouraged to take the chair, so gaining experience in another aspect of discussion.

Thursdays, 10 a.m., Uniting Church, 8 Power St, West Hawthorn

Commencing 25th February, 1993

DRAMA FOR FUN Convener: Rion Jennings

A light-hearted approach to drama with readings of verse and prose and performances of short plays at the centre.

Thursdays, 9.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield St, commencing 4th March, 1993

DRESSMAKING Convener: Patricia Morris

This is an opportunity for ladies with sewing skills to enjoy a pleasant few hours with others who have the same interests under the guidance of an experienced teacher/supervisor.

Wednesdays, 1.30 - 3 p.m., Tresise Centre, Cnr. Bowler & Munro Sts.  
Commencing 17th February, 1993.

ELEMENTARY ECONOMICS Convener: George Charles

A discussion and look at the hidden pictures within the Economy. It is free of figures and in plain language that all can follow and understand

Wednesdays, 10.30 a.m, Kew Library, commencing 3rd March, 1993

GARDENS, SCENERY AND HISTORY OF EUROPE Convener: Maurice Stratton

A series of sixteen talks, the subjects of which will include the Moorish Influence in Spain, a visit to Berlin, a tour of the French and Swiss Alps, several tours of France and scenic Britain, great gardens of Europe and a visit to world famous rose gardens, a journey through the romantic towns of Germany and a wander around Vienna - all accompanied by 150-180 slides and researched annotations backing up personal visits.

Wednesdays, 2 p.m, Balwyn Library, commencing 24th March -

14th July, 1993

GEOLOGY Convener: Michael Plier-Malone

This will be an eight week course introducing beginners to the science of Geology and will, if necessary, cover more advanced aspects, such as groundwater, structural geology, mapping and petrology. It is expected that the course will be informal, with maybe some excursions later on.

Thursdays, 9.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street, commencing 25th March, 1993

HISTORICAL WOMEN IN BYZANTINE & MOSLEM SOCIETIES

Convener: Andrew Ehrenkreutz

A collective enquiry into the sources containing information about Byzantine and Moslem women whose lives made an impact on the history of their respective societies. Participants will study and present informal essays dealing with the "Heroines" of their choice. Working knowledge of French and/or German may prove helpful but is not essential.

Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Recreation Centre, commencing 16th March, 1993

A HISTORY OF EASTERN EUROPE IN THE XXC Convener: Dr. Z. Derwinski

This course will cover 6 main topics over a period of 18 sessions.

1. The period of revolution and the approaching European War (1904-1914)
2. The First World War and the establishing of the new states in Eastern Europe (1914-1918)
3. Democracy and dictatorship in Eastern Europe in the 20s and 30s.
4. Nazi Germany and Eastern Europe.
5. Between Hitler's Germany and Stalin's Soviets.  
Eastern Europe during the Second World War.
6. From Stalin to Gorbachev.

The Soviet influence in Eastern Europe after 1945.

Fridays, 3.00 p.m., Kew Library, commencing 19th February, 1993

HISTORY - Italian Immigrants in Victoria 1850-1900

Convener: Charles D'Aprano

The course is for eight sessions and covers:-

Who came and why; The ships that brought them here; The gold-fields; Settlement in Daylesford, Yandoit, Castlemaine & Bendigo; North-Eastern Victoria; Walhalla and Gippsland; Western Victoria; Melbourne  
Fridays, 10.30 a.m., Kew Library, comm. 5th March - 30th April, 1993

HISTORY OF THE U.S.A. Convener: Alf Floyd

INDEPENDENCE & BEYOND

This course covers the following:

How Britain lost the American Colonies

Expansion of U.S. Territory

e.g. Louisiana Purchase, Mexico, California & Oregon.

Slavery Issue:

Ante-Bellum; Civil War; Reconstruction.

Fridays, 12 noon. Recreation Centre, commencing 19th February, 1993

(ongoing excluding school holidays)

JUNG AT HEART Convener: Felix Carrady

An examination and discussion of Jung's thinking and life -  
text "Memories, Dreams & Reflections"

Mondays, 12.30 p.m., Recreation Centre, comm. 1st March, 1993

LANGUAGES

FRENCH (Beginners) Convener: Walter Butler

For those with little or no knowledge of French

Tuesdays, 1.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield St., comm. 16th February, 1993

FRENCH (Year 2) Convener: Mary Parker

On-going course for those who completed last year's beginners' French

Tuesdays, 1.30 p.m., venue to be advised, comm. 23rd February, 1993

LANGUAGES (Continued)

FRENCH (Advanced) Convener: Adele Chambers

This course includes some grammar, writing exercises & conversation  
Fridays, 1.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street, comm. 19th February, 1993

FRENCH WITHOUT FRONTIERS Convener: Anna Ghiurekian

This course is for advanced students and covers reading and discussion  
of "Le Nouveau Sans Frontieres, No.2", 1989 or 1991 edition.

Mondays, 10.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street, comm. 2nd March, 1993

FRENCH AT LEISURE FOR PLEASURE Convener: Nazli Wilhelm

Conversation - Correct pronunciations.

Contemporary texts from magazines as well as some work from  
classical literature - explaining French locutions and idioms.

Wednesdays, 11 a.m., 3 Albany Rd, Nth Balwyn, comm. 24 February, 1993

GERMAN (Continuing) Convener: Ken Bandman

Up to date conversation, discussions, grammar. Members should be  
willing to prepare written homework for correction & class discussion.

Thursdays, 11.15 - 12.45, 24 Wakefield Street, comm. 4th March, 1993.

FIRST-TIME ITALIAN Convener: Nan Inglis

This course is designed to introduce students to Italian.

The textbook used will be "Italiano Vivo" by Giorgio Milesi, which is  
used in the continuing Italian classes at Hawthorn U3A. The tutor will  
provide extra material to show that learning a language can be fun.

Tuesdays, 11.15 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street, commencing 2nd March, 1993

ITALIAN (Beginners) Convener: Maurice Berah

For students with no previous learning or very limited, willing to face  
a new start.

Thursdays, 1 p.m., Recreation Centre, commencing 4th March, 1993

ITALIAN (Continuing) Convener: Maurice Berah

For students with 1-2 years' work

An interview with Tutor may be necessary to assess level.

Thursdays, 2.15 p.m., Recreation Centre, comm. 4th March, 1993

JAPANESE (Beginners) Convener: Joyce Berdy

Learning to read, write and speak simple Japanese to survive in  
Japan. Students will learn Hiragana, Katakana & simple Kanji and to  
relate Japanese to everyday situations.

Mondays, 9.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street, commencing 1st March, 1993

JAPANESE (Intermediate I & II) Convener: Geoff Matenson

Intending class members should have completed at least U3A Japanese  
Beginners class (or equivalent) before undertaking Japanese II. They  
should have some fluency in reading and writing Hiragana and be  
prepared to learn and use Kanji as appearing in lessons.

Other material for class use will be supplied as required.

Easy conversation will be practised in class.

Mondays, 1.30 - 3 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street, comm. 1st March, 1993

LANGUAGES (Continued)

LATIN (Continuing) Convener: Helen Gordon

Reading - Aeneid Book 2.

Wednesdays, 11.00 a.m, 24 Wakefield Street, comm. 3rd March, 1993

SPANISH II Convener: Janine Clauss

A continuing course based on "El Espanol Practico" by J.P. Fitzgibbon & J. Poldan and cassettes of the same. Students should come equipped with this book, paper and pen.

Fridays, 12 noon, 24 Wakefield Street, commencing 5th March, 1993

READ BOOKS IN ALL LANGUAGES! Tutor: Charles Russell

Seven languages are now available. Hopefully, more to come.

Read the Bible in Hebrew, in Greek (Septuaginta) and in Latin (Vulgata).

These three can be mastered within a year (about one hour reading a day).

The Oxford English dictionary contains over 12,000 Latin and (would you know it?) even more Greek words and you already know about half of them!

Read the tales of Andersen in German or in French. German and French are really hidden English - you know thousands of German and French words already - very short time to learn!

Read the folk-tales of Java, Malaysia, Kalimantan in Indo-Malaysian - a very easy language to learn - less than a year!

Read folk-tales in Japanese. Learn to read and write Chinese-Japanese characters. When you are learning to read Japanese, you are learning to read Chinese as well - two of the most important languages of the near future - 2-3 years to learn - very rewarding!

When I say "read", I mean "read and understand" - of course.

Thursdays, 3.15 p.m., Kew Library, commencing 25th February, 1993

MAH-JONG FOR BEGINNERS: Convener: Lois Thomas

A fascinating Chinese game popular in many countries. The basic method played by most Chinese is the game followed by this group.

Bring your own mah-jong set if possible.

Fridays, 1.45 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street, commencing 3rd March, 1993

MUSIC - AS ONE LIKES IT Convener: Ven Houston

This course is a general (non progressive) study.

New students welcome at any time providing the quota is not full.

Tuesdays, three courses, 12 noon, 1.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m.,

Hawthorn Community House, commencing 23rd February, 1993

NATIONAL GALLERY GUIDED TOURS

The National Gallery of Victoria is providing a volunteer guide to take up to 20 U3A Hawthorn members on a tour of the exquisite decorative arts, paintings and sculptures. A wonderful opportunity to expand your knowledge, enjoyment and understanding of our cultural heritage.

Numbers strictly limited, so enrol early and be sure. Eight sessions.

Thursdays, 11 a.m. - 12 noon, commencing 4th March, 1993.

NEW SCIENCE & PHILOSOPHY Conveners: Barbara Hadkinson, Geoffrey  
Guilfoyle & Fred Rosedale

This course will explore the many faces of chaos - discovering an emerging science of wholeness.

Tuesdays, 2.30 p.m., Recreation Centre, commencing 2nd March, 1993

OIL PAINTING Convener: Charles Russell

You will be working on board or canvas with oils in still life, portrait and landscape, experimenting in style from 'traditional' to 'modern' - and we all learn from each other. TERRIFIC!!!

A model is required for portraiture, please apply to 24 Wakefield Street. telephone 818 3466, Tuesday or Thursday mornings.

Tuesdays, 2 p.m., Hawthorn Artists Studio, Cnr. Glenferrie & Manningtree  
Commencing 16th February, 1993 Roads, Hawthorn

OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES Convener: Charles Russell

Very few people know OF the OLD TESTAMENT, let alone KNOW IT.

We are going to learn to read the Book in its original HEBREW, and also in the two most famous translations: the GREEK "HEBDOMEKONTA" and the LATIN "VULGATA". You will learn the three languages at home (with my help, of course) and we shall discuss our findings in "class".

Wednesdays, 2 p.m., Kew Library, commencing 17th February, 1993

EXPLORING POETRY Convener: Vicki Walker

This course explores poets and poetry throughout the ages and occasionally a play that is relevant. It is a relaxed class in which enjoyment of poetry is enhanced by sharing with others. For the first meeting, please bring a poem that, for whatever reason, appeals to you.

Thursdays, 1.30 p.m., Kew Library, commencing 4th March, 1993

PSYCHOLOGY & PHILOSOPHY Convener: Alex Gale

A book is chosen with a philosophical/psychological component for us to question the meaning of our existence, and how our upbringing and culture determines attitudes and behaviour.

Wednesdays, 12.30 p.m., Recreation Centre, commencing 3rd March, 1993

SCIENCE DISCUSSION GROUP Convener: Frances McCallum

It is proposed to form a group appealing to people, with and without a scientific background, who are interested in the urgent scientific issues of our time. This could include genetic engineering; the IVF programme; environmental issues, including survival of the planet. Discussion will be on the scientific viewpoint of contemporary issues rather than on technological matters.

Fortnightly, Tuesdays, 2 p.m., Wakefield St, commencing 2nd March, 1993

SHAKESPEARE Convener: Reg Grouse

The convener is willing to lead a study of Shakespeare providing there are 8 to 10 people enthusiastic enough to stay the distance - 10 sessions of 2 hours. Time, day and venue to be arranged. Please register interest.

SOCIAL ISSUES Conveners: M. Black, G. Triaca and J. Jackson

This on-going course is run by its members who provide speakers on a wide range of topics. The subjects may be controversial but are always interesting & the talks are generally followed by questions and discussion. Some members of the group have made very interesting contributions and occasionally a meeting is used for discussion only of a pre-selected topic  
Wednesdays, 2 p.m., Recreation Centre, commencing 3rd March, 1993

"SPEAKING" Convener: Felix Carrady

Speaking - to others - communication - voice - gestures - feeling - having fun.

Mondays, 3 p.m., 24 Wakefield St., commencing 22nd February, 1993

TARTARY TO TURKEY Convener: Ernestine Lobb

Treasures, Temples and Tombs.

Fridays, 10 a.m., 4A Dalny St, Malvern, commencing 12th March, 1993

THOUGHTS AND IDEAS Convener: Beryl French

An informal group, led by Beryl French, discussing thoughts and ideas relevant to today's society.

Fridays, 10 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street, commencing 19th February, 1993

TRAVEL Convener: Betty Burstin

We are looking for 1 or 2 individuals who are willing to act as Joint Conveners with Betty Burstin for the 1993 programme. The main requirements are an interest in travel and an ability to help in arranging guest speakers for the monthly meetings. The atmosphere is informal and warmly appreciative of the various people who have told us of their experiences through the years. The group is now in its 4th year of existence so please help us to make it through to the 5th.

Betty's two other helpers have withdrawn from the group for personal reasons and Betty is unwilling carry on completely on her own.

It would be a great pity for this course to cease so anyone interested should contact the office as soon as possible.

YARRA RIVER GROUP Convener: Dympna Coleman

This active and enthusiastic band of members meets monthly for walks in the Yarra River area visiting points of interest.

Group A. Wednesdays - 1st Wednesday of each month, 10 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. including 2 1/2 hour walk and lunch, commencing 3rd March, 1993

YARRA RIVER GROUP (Continued)

Group B. Thursdays - Last Thursday of each month, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

incl. 4 1/2 hours walk, lunch & afternoon tea, comm. 25th March, 1993

Group C. Wednesdays - Four short river walks - Last Wednesday of each month, March to June, starting at 11 a.m., 1 1/2 hour walk, B.Y.O. lunch, commencing 31st March, 1993

## NEW COURSES

YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THESE COURSES WHEN WE RECEIVE ENOUGH ENROLMENTS FOR A CLASS.  
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE ENROL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

FORMAL GRAMMAR Convener: John Hunter

Get it right from the word "go".

You'll be taught paragraph and essay writing . . .

how to appreciate the function of simple words, phrases and sentences - and the construction of sentences, paragraphs and essays

Wednesdays. p.m., time and venue to be advised.

ITALIAN CONVERSATION Convener: Annamaria Galbiati

Reading of contemporary Italian texts from magazines or literature.

Thursdays, p.m., time and venue to be advised.

TRAVEL SLIDES Convener: Steve Altman

This course covers eight sessions. During each session we will watch about 200 slides and each session will focus on a particular country.

We will visit Austria, Germany, France, U.S.A., South Africa and others.

For two sessions, students will be invited to show their slides, if suitable. The emphasis will be on travel.

Fridays, p.m., time and venue to be advised.

### PLEASE NOTE

Enrolment forms are found at the end of the News Notes. It is essential that one form should be completed for each course you wish to take, accurately including telephone number and postcode, and returned to the office at 24 Wakefield Street, Hawthorn, 3122 without delay.