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# U3A HAWTHORN NEWS

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## A CELEBRATION OF SHAKESPEARE

IN WORDS & MUSIC

SPEAKERS: SAUL BASTOMSKY, REG GROUSE, BEVERLEY MENZIES, JACCI SIMPSON

MADRIGAL GROUP OF U3A CHOIR

[ LEADERS: JUDITH CHIPMAN & RUTH MUIR ]

ADVANCED RECORDER GROUP

[ LEADER: LINNELL BARELLI ]

SHAKESPEARE SCENES, SPEECHES, POETRY & SONGS

*Devised and Presented by Michael Clark*

35 PERFORMERS IN AN ENTERTAINMENT FROM THE WORKS OF  
THE WORLD'S GREATEST WRITER

THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2000 AT 2 p.m.

UNITING CHURCH, OXLEY ROAD, HAWTHORN

ADMISSION/DONATION \$3.00

*Please book with the office to help us with our arrangements.*

## SATURDAY SERIES OF LECTURES

These lectures are held on the last Saturday of each month until November. Details of the three lectures for June, July and August 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 July lecture can be booked only in July, 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!

## COMPUTER COURSES

There seems always to be a great demand for computer courses. We set out the information available at the moment for those who are keen to learn this increasingly important skill. (At U3A Hawthorn we do not unfortunately have the space or the finance to house computers.)

### INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTING—Hawthorn Community Education Project

HCEP is planning a computer course (using PCs, not Macintosh) for older people, using facilities at Swinburne University when the room is free of normal student activity. The course, to commence soon, will run from 8.30 or 9 a.m. until 10.30 a.m. on Fridays until the end of the year. There is a limit of 15 people and the course content will be at introductory level. There is a student fee of \$40.

If you are interested, write to HCEP at 24 Wakefield Street giving your contact details and a brief note of any computer knowledge you have, whether you have use of a computer at home and whether you are mainly interested in basic word processing, e-mail or Internet.

### COUNCIL ON THE AGEING—Senior Access To Information Networks

The SATIN project has been developed by COTA to provide an opportunity for older people to learn Internet skills from their peers. It is designed to encourage and assist older people (over 50) to access the Internet and e-mail at public access sites, e.g. public libraries. Basic tuition (in two or three 60- or 90-minute sessions, with up to 10 hours of Internet use) is FREE. Tuition is on a one-to-one basis given by trained seniors, and no previous experience of computers or the Internet is required. Basic tuition is given on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, with Internet use only on Wednesdays, all between 10 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Please note that tuition is by appointment only.

If you are interested, contact Council on the Ageing, Internet Access Centre, Level 4, Block Arcade, 98 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne. Telephone 9654 4443 (STD freecall 1800 136 381)

### MACINTOSH COMPUTERS

One of our members, Brian Ferguson, belongs to AUSOM (Apple Users Society of Melbourne). If you are interested in receiving instruction on Macintosh computers, you can ring Brian (9813 3881) for more information.

### OTHER COURSES

- The Hawthorn Community House (9819 2629) and Kew Neighbourhood House (9853 3126) run computer courses.
- Caulfield U3A and Nunawading U3A also run courses.

## ITALIAN TEXTBOOK NEEDED

Does anyone out there have a copy or copies of *Italiano Vivo* by Giorgio Milesi that they are no longer using? This text, now out of print, is still being used in some of our Italian classes. If you would like to sell your copy, please leave your telephone number at the office for Cecily Singleton.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

April saw 140 of our members gathering for our 15th Annual General Meeting. When the business was concluded, we enjoyed an entertaining address by Sir Rupert Hamer on the Arts in Victoria, followed by socialising over a sandwich lunch.

Another small amendment was made to the Rules of our Association in order to meet the requirements of the Australian Taxation Office. A copy of our amended 'Aims and Rules' will be available from the office to any interested member from June. A certificate of Honorary Life Membership was presented to Lois Astley in recognition of her long and meritorious service over 15 years as receptionist, office manager and committee member. The financial statements and annual report were accepted by members as being a true record of our activities. Gordon McIntyre was again appointed Auditor and thanked for his service.

The retiring members of the Committee of Management were thanked and the following were elected for 2000:

**Office bearers:**

President	Jean Giese
Secretary	Derek Readman
Treasurer	Philip Stanley

**Committee:**

Rae Alexander	Ruth Muir
Sue Course	David Neilson
Hans van Dorssen	Pamela Rogers
Prue Ferguson	John Salvaris
Geoff Guilfoyle	Ron Taft
Beverley McIntyre	Helen Williams

Judith Elsworth of the Hawthorn Community Education Project is an ex-officio member of the Committee. Other members who fulfil key roles in our organisation, but who do not wish to serve on the Committee, are:

Joan Donlon	Course Co-ordinator, including venue hire
Jill FitzGibbon	Membership Secretary
Margaret Borden	Office Manager

All have agreed to continue in 2000.

Traditionally our membership lists are updated each year in May, following the Annual General Meeting. This year there was a marked drop in the number of members not renewing, and a slight increase in the number of new members enrolling at the beginning of the year, resulting in a membership of 982—as against 916 last year. Many of the members not renewing this year have indicated that they see it as a temporary withdrawal due to personal commitments (each year there is a steady trickle of old members back to the fold); others have moved or have withdrawn for health reasons; and for others our curriculum has not suited their needs.

The curriculum for the Second Semester accompanies this *Newsletter*. All the full-year classes are continuing and there are 14 new short courses to choose from. If you are already in an on-going class there is no need to re-enrol for the Second Semester, but you must re-enrol at the end of the year for courses in 2001.

What a lovely morning of music we had on 18 May when our Chamber Orchestra under its new Director, Christopher Martin, presented a delightful programme and included a talented 15-year-old violinist as soloist. I am sure the music world will hear more of Abigail Rakhlin in the future. Many in our audience of 150 were heard remarking on just how splendid our orchestra is.

The next special occasion we look forward to is something new this year—A Celebration of Shakespeare on 29 June (see notice on front page). It should be a special afternoon and I urge members to come and enjoy this presentation by our tutors and students. Please book with the office so we can be sure there is a cup of tea/coffee for everyone to conclude the afternoon with a pleasant chat.

Then on 18 July the Choir will present their annual concert—always a happy and enjoyable occasion. See the separate notice on p. 4 for details.

*Jean Giese, President*

*USA HAWTHORN CHOIR*

presents

*A MISCELLANY OF MUSICAL DELIGHTS*

*Singers in various groupings from solo to full choir*

**Tuesday 18 July at 10.30 a.m.**

**Chandelier Room, HAWTHORN TOWN HALL**

**There is a donation of \$2 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

**HCEP project: VOICES 2000**

The Life Writing Correspondence course run by HCEP urgently needs short essays or written comments from 10- to 12-year-olds (grandchildren, friends, etc.) about their schooldays—friends, attitude to school, classroom, teachers, travelling to and fro, uniform, favourite subject, etc. The material will be edited and presented in primary schools at the end of year 2000. Answers can be as brief or as long, as serious or as funny, as the children like. Please ring Julia Ward, HCEP, 9819 5771, or leave a message at the desk for her to contact you. Responses are needed by mid-August 2000.

**We know what they mean, but it's not what they said ...**  
(an occasional series)

The following are a few gems selected from the Internet global joke service. They purport to be genuine extracts from church bulletin boards or announcements:

- This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptised at both ends.
- Thursday at 5 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become Little Mothers will please meet the Minister in his study.
- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Jackson to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- This evening at 7 p.m. there will be a Hymn Sing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

**SEPTEMBER 2000 NEWSLETTER**

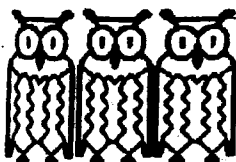
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All copy to the Editor by

**WEDNESDAY 23 August please**

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You are invited to attend our

## 2000 SATURDAY SERIES OF LECTURES

**24 June THE AMERICAN STRUGGLE FOR A REPUBLIC: 1764–1814 and beyond**

**Dr Donna Merwick, Visiting Fellow, Australian National University, Canberra**

Dr Merwick analyses the many obstacles that Americans found in being a republic. These were psychological and political: they involved war, violence, near-defeat and, above all, uncertainty and doubt. Settling into 'being a republic' was delayed until well into the nineteenth century.

**29 July JEBEL KHALID: a Hellenistic settlement in North Syria**

**Mrs Heather Jackson, MA (working in the Department of Classics and Archaeology, University of Melbourne, and on digs at Jebel Khalid)**

The site of Jebel Khalid is a twin-peaked limestone outcrop on the west bank of the Euphrates in North Syria. It was probably placed there as a garrison town by Seleucus I when he gained control of Syria after the death of Alexander the Great. It has a Great Circuit wall of some 4-5 km, with 27 towers and a massive gateway. On the Akropolis a very large building has been excavated, thought to be the Governor's Palace. About 1 km away on a hill slope facing south is the housing area, currently being excavated by an Australian team from Melbourne and Canberra. The lecture will cover the material evidence from the houses, which gives us a picture of a Greek society living in some prosperity on the Jebel between 300 and 75 BC.

**26 August THE BATTLE OF VALPARAISO 1814**

**Professor Greg Denning, Emeritus Professor of History, University of Melbourne**

In the war of 1814 between the United States of America and Britain, the US Navy had some spectacular victories in the Atlantic, but not in the Pacific. Lieut. David Polter took the *USS Essex* and wreaked havoc on British whalers, but he was caught in Valparaiso by *HMS Cherub*. This is the story of the terrible battle there; Professor Denning tries to describe what John Keegan has called 'the face of battle'.

### 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 July's talk will be taken only in July.

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.) 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.