



U3A HAWTHORN NEWS

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We are delighted to announce **TWO WONDERFUL CONCERTS:**

WINTER MORNING CONCERT

presented by

U 3 A CHOIR

Director: Judith Chipman
and

RECORDER GROUPS

Director: Linnell Barelli
with

PIANO DUETS by Judith Chipman and Ruth Muir
(including Spanish and Hungarian dances by Moskowski and Brahms)

Tuesday 30 June at 10.30 a.m.
Chandelier Room, Hawthorn Town Hall

The concert will be followed by a light sandwich lunch, for which there will be a charge of \$3 per head (to be collected on the day). If you would like to stay after the concert, please advise the office so that we can cater accurately.

SPRING MORNING CONCERT

U3A HAWTHORN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Director: George Logie-Smith

The programme will include:

Organ concerto, Handel (soloist Margaret Paul)

**Concerto for strings and two horns, Telemann
(soloists Barbara Livett and John Woodhouse)**

A symphony by Haydn

Thursday 3 September at 11 a.m.

UNITING CHURCH

Oxley Road (cnr Hepburn St), Hawthorn

POSSIBLE NEW COURSES

We are seeking expressions of interest in the following proposed courses. Please let the office know if you would like to attend any of these.

Esperanto Language

A ten-week course, this will provide all the necessary grammar, vocabulary and speaking skills for everyday conversation and access to original literature.

Spoken Word

Improving your skills in relaxation, articulation and voice projection, plus the ability to express emotion and conviction. This should equip you to deal with any level of debate or presentation you choose. You will have the chance to hone your skills with regular, in-class discussions on matters of current issues—political, social, ethical and whatever else may be suggested.

Human Values

This course is based on the teachings of the great Indian teacher, Sri Satya Sai Baba, on truth, love, peace, non-violence and right action, as well as the teachings of others such as Buddha, Jesus, etc. There would also be discussion of those who lived by example, e.g. Albert Schweitzer, Gandhi, Fred Foyle, etc. The Satya Sai Baba group is not a religion, nor does it push any particular religion or philosophy; the emphasis is on human nature and behaviour, and their impact on all creatures and the planet.

MODELS WANTED

Beth Matthews is looking for people to model for her art drawing class, usually only for one session. Sitters may be clothed, although body tights or unclothed would also be acceptable. You can contact Beth on 9885 4692.

TENORS, ANYONE?

Are there any tenors out there? Our popular choir is under-supplied with tenors at present, and Judith Chipman would love to hear from a tenor or two to maintain the vocal balance. A warm welcome from a great group of people is assured. Please let the office know if you can help.

SUMMER SCHOOL 1999

The next Summer School is planned to run from Monday 11 January to Friday 5 February. Offers to give talks and to help with assistance will be most gratefully accepted on 9818 7371 now.

MILLENIUM FEVER

We are inviting your ideas on how we, as a campus, could celebrate the end of 1999—with something special to see the old millenium out and the new one in. Perhaps an end-of-year dinner? Please submit all ideas (and offers of help) to the office for consideration by the committee of management.

BALLET TOURS

The Australian Ballet is offering exclusive, behind-the-scenes tours lasting one hour, morning or afternoon. Each tour includes an orientation talk, a glimpse of the dancers in the rehearsal studios, visits to the production and wardrobe departments, and a ballet showbag. Groups are limited to 25 and booking is essential; the cost per person is \$5. Morning tea or lunch can also be arranged in the 'Dancers' Deli' or at 'Aunty Sue's' located next door to the Ballet Centre. Please advise the office if you are interested.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Annual General Meeting in April was well attended and members enjoyed an entertaining address by the Hon. Barry Jones, MP. His will be a difficult act to follow—any suggestions for 1999?

Those elected to serve on our Committee of Management for the next twelve months are:

Rae Alexander	Ruth Muir
Ian Bransgrove	Derek Readman
Hans van Dorssen	Pamela Rogers
Prue Ferguson	John Salvaris
Jean Giese	Philip Stanley
Geoff Guilfoyle	Ron Taft
Nan Inglis	Helen Williams
Beverley McIntyre	

Those who did not stand for election again after many years of service were Lois Astley, Lola Stewart, Laurel Hollow and Ralph Mottram. We thank them sincerely for their special contributions.

At the first meeting of the Committee, the following office bearers were appointed:

Chairman	Jean Giese
Secretary	Derek Readman
Treasurer	Philip Stanley

Other key positions held by non-committee members were confirmed:

Course Co-ordinator	Joan Donlon
Office Manager	Margaret Borden
Membership Secretary	Jill Fitzgibbon

In addition, Judith Elsworth from the Hawthorn Community Education Project attends our committee meetings as an experienced adviser.

Some matters that the new committee will be considering are:

- the Inquiry into Planning for Positive Ageing
- our accommodation
- how the recent amendments to the Associations Incorporation Act will affect us
- reviewing the end of the millennium.

Members who were not at the AGM may obtain copies of the Annual Report and financial statements from the office.

With the year 2000 coming up, we are looking for 'millennium' material. Derek Readman and Ron Taft are seeking offers now for a series of talks and/or courses during 1999 with this focus. We expect most existing courses to continue, but we are always open to suggestions for new courses. In particular we are looking to summarise the events of the second millennium and to forecast the shape of things to come, e.g. religion past and present and where is it headed? Man's inhumanity to man and what of the future? Technological advances and what can we expect to be commonplace in the third millennium? etc., etc. Two such courses are already on the stocks (one history, one science) and ideas for further courses and tutors for them would be welcome.

Last year we mentioned that we might have to set a limit on our membership. So far we find that, with the usual annual ebb and flow of membership, we are managing to keep within the limit of 1000. We have entered 1998 with 919 paid-up members.

Congratulations to our popular Saturday Series lecturer, Dr Nick Eckstein, who has received a Harvard study grant and is taking his family to Florence for twelve months.

One of our members, Margaret Reid, is the voluntary organiser of entertainment afternoons for the residents of Broadmead Hostel in Wattle Road. Drawing on the talent of our U3A, she has four programmes in the pipeline to be given by our choir, the recorder group, a wind ensemble from the orchestra, and a play reading from the Drama for Fun class. It is great that we can share in this way.

With this *Newsletter* comes a updated reprint of the 1998 curriculum (the next will not appear until December 1998, so keep this one for reference). You will note that there are some new ongoing courses as well as nine new short courses in the second semester.

Jean Giese
Chairman

PLAYING WITH SHARES

We are seeking expressions of interest from members wishing to meet with others to test their skills/judgement/expertise in picking stocks and shares. This would NOT be an investment activity to buy and sell shares, but only an academic exercise for the fun of it. Please advise the office if you would like to join in.

MATURE VOLUNTARY INTERVIEWERS

Some of our members may be interested in helping, in the long term, to lessen unemployment in our area.

Jobs East is a government-funded, not-for-profit organisation responsible for employment development across Boroondara, Knox, Manningham, Maroondah, Whitehorse and the Shire of Yarra Ranges.

They are currently running a 'Business Retention and Expansion Program' which will provide local government and the region with information about the barriers to small business growth. The survey will provide the basis for a practical strategy to assist small business in the region.

In order to speak to businesses they need to recruit a range of volunteer interviewers and are particularly interested in people who have had life and business experience. If you are interested, please ring Anita Buczkowsky at Jobs East on 9873 8377.

LITERARY COMPETITION

Another U3A group, Moncrieff U3A North Gold Coast, is holding their third literary competition, with prizes of \$75, \$50 and \$25 in each of three sections:

Short story, U3A members only (up to 1000 words)

Short story, open (up to 1000 words)

Poetry, open (up to 50 lines, rhyming verse)

There is an entry fee of \$5 per section, and the closing date is 5 p.m., Friday 31 July. Copies of the entry form may be obtained from our office.

POSITION VACANT

WANTED, a horticultural enthusiast to take charge of the indoor plants at 24 Wakefield Street. This job could be done by someone attending classes or doing administrative duties on a regular basis.

REWARD—the salary is nil, but the sincere appreciation of those who use the house will be considerable.

APPLY to Liliana or Judy at the HCEP office, or ring 9819 5771.

SATURDAY SERIES OF LECTURES

The three lectures for June, July and August have been finalised. Details of these are set out in the accompanying separate sheet (a very noticeable yellow!).

The new venue (TAFE building TD, ground floor lecture theatre TD 121) has limited seating capacity, so each member may bring only one visitor. Also, when reserving places, it will very definitely be first-in, best-dressed! It would be unwise to turn up without having a booking, as some folk have done in the past.

PENFRIENDS NETWORK

Cecily Butcher, a member of U3A Orange, NSW, is trying to put together an international network of Pen Friends and Keyboard [computer] Friends. If you are interested, her address is PO Box E17, Orange 2800; telephone (02) 6362 6818; e-mail cecnev@ix.net.au.

U3A CONFERENCES WORLDWIDE

There are plenty of conferences in the offing for those who feel they might need a more serious excuse for travelling than the best one—simple curiosity. In chronological order they are:

Guildford, Surrey, UK 26 July to 1 August 1998

Third International Summer University for Older Adults, with the theme 'Many Cultures—one people towards an understanding of multi-cultural society'.

Schwäbisch Gmünd, Germany 10 to 13 September 1998

Congress of the International Association of U3As

(includes a paper by Victorian Network's Assistant Secretary, Jack McDonnell—'Later life learning in Australia—the "Why" and "How" of U3As')

Sydney, U3A National Conference 5 to 9 October 1998

The theme is 'U3A—achievements and challenges'; one of our committee members, Ron Taft, will be presenting a report. Details and application forms are available in our office. Also, see more about the conference below.

Auckland, New Zealand 15 to 18 February 1999

To celebrate the tenth anniversary of U3A in NZ and also the United Nations' Year of the Older Person.

There is not sufficient space here for all details, but if any of our members are interested, the Network office has further information on the overseas conferences. Their number for telephone and fax is (03) 9652 0640, e-mail u3anet@vicnet.net.au.

U3A CONFERENCE, SYDNEY

One of our members, Helen Malter, is intending to go to the Sydney conference in October, and would be interested to be in touch with any other Hawthorn members who will be attending. The secretary of Sydney U3A advises early application, as the accommodation at Macquarie University is limited.

You can contact Helen on 9817 6219. If you are leaving a message on the answering machine, please speak slowly.

OLDER DRIVERS

- 1 The Transport Accident Commission has been running a new programme aimed at alerting older people to the need to ensure that they are fit to drive. They have published a brochure (available at RACV branches) containing useful information and advice for senior drivers, such as the importance of regular consultation with health professionals, driving within the limits of ability, and understanding the effects of medication on driving ability. This is good advice for people of ALL ages, not just for older drivers. Incidentally, the RACV does not support compulsory re-testing at any age, as there are no screening tests anywhere in the world which can accurately predict a driver's subsequent accident risk. However, the RACV offers a one-hour information session, 'Years Ahead', to interested groups, aimed at improving senior drivers' safety knowledge and encouraging them to monitor their ability to drive. If any members would be like to attend such a session, please register your interest at the office.
- 2 From Judith Elsworth of the Hawthorn Community Education Project:
'I would like to thank all the U3A Hawthorn members who took the time to write or contact me about the TAC advertisements directed to older drivers. Continued promotion of safe driving is essential, but it appears that most correspondents were critical of the tone of the campaign. Many useful comments were forthcoming, and I will bring up the points raised in discussions with the TAC and the local Community Road Safety Council for this region. Thank you once again.'

CONFERENCE ON THE CELTS

La Trobe University is hosting an interesting conference from 28 September to 2 October. The theme is 'Ireland—Australia, 1798–1998', and the title is 'Home and Away: journeys, migrations, diasporas'. For further details, ring Emma Floyd, History Department, La Trobe University, 9479 2367.

ANTI-CANCER COUNCIL REGISTER

The Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria keeps a register of those families who suffer from an extreme form of bowel cancer, familial polyposis (FAP), a rare inherited condition. The Victorian register has been in operation for 10 years (the first register was established in England 70 years ago). Genetic tests can be performed to ascertain whether members of an at-risk family have inherited the gene. The Anti-Cancer Council can give more information to anyone interested.

A HEARTFELT PLEA

from those growing old

The following, by that prolific author Anon, may be addressed to whatever deity you wish:

Lord, you know better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but you know that I want a few friends.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details: give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and the love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint—some of them are so hard to live with—but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And give me the grace to tell them so. Amen.

ATTENDING CLASSES AT WAKEFIELD STREET

There is a perennial difficulty in finding car parking space near 'the House'. The amount of free parking seems to dwindle each year. The parking behind the Wakefield Street house is restricted to office staff and tutors ON DUTY only; there is one space reserved for disabled drivers, who should arrange IN ADVANCE with HCEP staff if they need to reserve the space.

Thanks to persistent lobbying by some of our members to the Boroondara Council, two parking spaces in Frederick Street at the side of the house have been reserved for disabled drivers.

There is also a commercial parking station opposite 24 Wakefield Street, where the charge (at the moment) is \$3 all day. This could be a very inexpensive option if two or more members share.

However, we urge you to use public transport (Glenferrie Station or the No. 67 tram along Glenferrie Road). Better still if you can, walk to class, thus improving your health as well as exercising your brain.

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All copy to the Editor by

THURSDAY 27 AUGUST please

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You are invited to attend our

1998 SATURDAY SERIES OF LECTURES

27 JUNE **THE MYSTERIES AND ATTRACTIONS OF INDIA**

Ms SUJATA RAMAN, Abercrombie & Kent

The speaker will take you on a journey through the exotic and colourful sub-continent. Travel through India's spectacular architectural heritage from the exquisite Taj Mahal at Agra to the modern capital of Delhi; from the Pink City of Jaipur and the golden sand dunes of the Rajasthan Desert to the ancient temples and backwater canals of southern India.

25 JULY **THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS AND THEIR DATING**

Dr ANNE GARDNER, Lecturer in History at La Trobe University

In view of the recent literature by scholars such as Eisenman, Wise and Barbara Thiering asserting a connection between prominent individuals who feature in the Scrolls and those in early Christianity (either Jesus himself or his brother James), Dr Gardner will examine the various methods used to pinpoint the time of the origin of the Scrolls and the identities of the figures involved. She will introduce archaeological material relating to the place of discovery and its surrounds, as well as the science of palaeontology, carbon dating and the internal evidence of the Scrolls themselves.

29 AUGUST **AMERICAN SLAVES: their dreams of death and dreams of freedom**

Dr DONNA MERWICK, Visiting Fellow, Australian National University, Canberra

This lecture reconstructs the spirit-world of the African-American slaves of the South. Without an understanding of the power of that world, it is argued that we risk losing the meaning (and terror) of slavery in the United States. The slaves' spirit-world is reconstructed from a range of texts, particularly nineteenth-century slave narratives, anthropological material from Africa, and recent African-American literature like Toni Morrison's *Beloved*.

**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)

NOTE: This is NOT the venue used for the 1997 Saturday Series.

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. This can be done on weekdays between 9.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. by telephone (9214 8824 or 9818 7371) or personally at 24 Wakefield Street.

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.