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QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS 1991 ORDER OF AUSTRALIA FOR ELIZABETH TURNER

Dr Elizabeth Turner, AO, MD, FRACP, LL.D(Hon), a foundation member, tutor and student at Hawthorn U3A, received the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours for "service to paediatrics and especially as a physician". Congratulations, Elizabeth, from us all.

Elizabeth Turner first graduated from Melbourne University in 1940 and began her medical career as Junior Medical Officer at the Alfred Hospital in 1941. The following year she took up the same position at the Royal Children's Hospital and was appointed Senior Resident Medical Officer there in 1943, and was Medical Superintendent from 1944-46. In 1946 she was appointed Paediatrics surgeon at the Queen Victoria Hospital and a few years later became Paediatrics Physician, a position she held until 1965. She also found time for:

- . Medical Officer to the Queen Elizabeth Mothers and Babies Hospital from 1945-81;
- . Clinical Teacher and Lecturer in Paediatrics at Melbourne University Medical School, 1950-79;
- . President of Victorian Medical Women's Society, 1954-55;
- . President of Paediatrics Society of Victoria, 1968-69;
- . and co-wrote more than 35 articles for medical publications.

Elizabeth says she believes the health of children depends to a large degree on the first three years of life and their relationship with their mother during that period is extremely important.

But she also developed an interest in Geriatrics and from 1980-82 she studied this subject at Melbourne University. This interest led her to join U3A and offer courses in that area. Her lectures on "The Myths and Facts of Ageing" became very popular with our members, and only stopped when she went to live at Kilsyth in mid-1989. Here she helped to form the Walmsley Friendship Village U3A and has lectured in New Life Sciences, Basic Anatomy and Physiology and Geriatrics. The new campus is doing very well and already has 85 members.

BOOK LAUNCH - GEORGE CHARLES

George Charles, a foundation member at Hawthorn, has tutored over the years in Economics. On July 9th his recent book "Elementary Economics" was launched at a gathering in Dallas Brooks Hall, to which four people from Hawthorn were invited.

The book was highly recommended by several speakers, and we congratulate George on his success. He very generously attributed some ideas to members of his classes, when making his address on this occasion.

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION & TRAINING

In February 1991 Hawthorn U3A was invited to put in a Submission to this body. Ours referred more particularly to concerns under the sub-heading "Inquiry into Adult and Continuing Education". Three members of our Executive Council were involved in preparing the Submission, with which we included a copy of "The First Four Years".

I was then invited to attend the hearing held in the Commonwealth Offices in Flinders Street, Melbourne, on May 20th. Jack McDonell from U3A Network appeared at the same time.

We found the Senators very receptive to the ideas we put forward, and we felt that, at least, we had developed some appreciation of what this rapidly growing Organization was all about. Jack McDonell stressed our need for recognition from Governments, something which you may remember was referred to by Betty Marginson at our first Forum for 1991 at Hawthorn. For my part I pointed out ways in which U3A Hawthorn was somewhat different from other U3A's in respect of our close association with the Hawthorn Community Education Project, co-ordinated by Judith Elsworth, with resultant value for both.

The Chairman particularly picked up my remark with regard to the value of U3A's contribution to community growth and cohesion. He pointed out that the Senate was concerned with trying to improve the quality of life in suburban areas.

The Hansard print-out of proceedings was forwarded to us and is filed at Hawthorn if anyone should be interested in seeing it.

Margaret Drake

YOU, YOUR DOCTOR AND THE LAW

We were privileged to have the author, Mrs Loane Skene, as our guest speaker at the winter forum. The title of her book served as the topic for the talk. Mrs Skene is Principal Law Reform Commissioner and well qualified to advise us on our rights and responsibilities concerning the medical profession. She also serves on the ethics committee at Fairfield Hospital.

The doctor/patient relationship has undergone a significant change during the last few years. Several factors can be judged responsible for this. Information in the media, public participation in social issues and the Freedom of Information Act have had a bearing on a patient's confidence to question their treatment. A doctor's legal obligation to explain all possible risks to their patients is not clearly defined. This creates a large "grey area" where a physician or surgeon can deem it inadvisable to acquaint them of side-effects and other adverse factors. The legal aspects of decisions in emergency situations and the repercussions of the Medical Treatment Act were raised by the audience. The effectiveness of the Health Services Commissioner (Medical Ombudsman) was also discussed as were the establishment of a Medical Data Bank, over-servicing and its costs and the ethics of new and experimental techniques. The with-holding of information from the patient, being deemed as malpractice, was another issue voiced. The role of Support Groups (Self Help) was mentioned.

The virtual demise of the "Family Doctor" in sole practice and his replacement by medical clinics manned by several practitioners makes it necessary for us to retain a record of our medical history in our own hands. This is quite feasible and a caring doctor should be happy to scrutinize it and endorse it if requested.

Mrs Skene gave sound advice on our responsibility to attend a consultation armed with a comprehensive description of symptoms and any pain. Relative family history could be useful information to the practitioner. He in turn may be questioned as to possible diagnosis, treatment and the cost of these services. After discussion on prognosis and risk, the final decision on treatment should belong to a well-informed patient. Taking notes or being accompanied by a relative or friend makes it easier to reach a considered decision after due reflection.

Doctors generally seem to have accepted that the availability of medical records under the F.O.I. Act has not been abused by patients so far and they appear to be comfortable with the Status Quo.

Mrs Skene advocated very strongly against litigation unless in exceptional circumstances. An earnest belief that communication between doctor and patient is improving steadily, points to a further situation where, hopefully, the patient is competent to participate in the discussions and decisions regarding his or her medical welfare.

Dorothy Bishop

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

A very active Organization has been established by Kim Bright, who has been appointed as its Special Projects Manager.

Walks are organized for which participants seek sponsors. The money thus raised goes to help the Society finance the scheme. It is obviously a very worthy cause with many people afflicted with this dreadful disease.

The first walk through Melbourne's beautiful parks and gardens was held on Sunday, May 19th, and was a great success. Large numbers took part. The next one, the Spring Melbourne Walk, will take place on November 24th. Information will be available at U3A if you would like to enjoy the day and help the people concerned. Details will be sent to us as soon as complete.

HOUSE RENOVATIONS

Over the next few months the Rotarty Club of Hawthorn will be running weekend working bees to paint the outside of 24 Wakefield Street (cost of paint will be provided by the Further Education Regaional Council).

This should not cause any disruption to classes but I trust that everyone will understand if any minor inconvenience occurs.

Thanking you in advance.

Judith Elsworth

TUTORS

On Friday, 16th August, the Executive Committee held an informal drinks party for the tutors; about 35 people attended.

The party provided the opportunity for tutors to exchange views amongst themselves and to meet and discuss matters of interest with the Committee.

Judging by the volume of noise (perhaps stimulated by the consumption of alcohol) everyone enjoyed this opportunity to exchange views and to socialise.

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE IN CAMBRIDGE

We have had advice of the Second International Symposium

"CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE"

to be held on 13-18th September, 1992 at King's College, Cambridge.

Material relating to this Symposium is available at Hawthorn, including Registration Forms, if you should feel moved to attend.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Committee of the Social Activities Group has planned the following relaxing activity for next month (a far cry from the film luncheon in June) but they are endeavouring to give you as much variety as possible. Please let them know of any activities you would like to see included.

* OUTING TO "HIGH VALLEY", SASSAFRAS

A Spring outing has been arranged for a maximum of 45 members and friends to see this 100 years old prize winning garden, and have lunch in the Tea Rooms there.

Bus transport for the outing has been arranged.

DATE: Saturday, 19th October, 1991

COST: \$21.00 per person (This includes but transport and
lunch of quiche/salad and dessert)

DEPARTURE TIME & PLACE: 10.30 a.m. from McKenzie's bus depot,
53 Barkers Road, Kew (Parking available in Tramways car park
next door; or Stop 51 or 52 on Mont Albert line tram).

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 4.00 p.m.

R.S.V.P. If you are interested in going to High Valley, please leave your name and money with the office no later than Friday, 4th October

PLEASE As a deposit has to be lodged with High Valley, an early response
NOTE: would be appreciated from members and friends wishing to participate.

Also, if the weather has been wet around the date of our visit, waterproof footwear is desirable.

SOCIAL ISSUES

The conveners of the Social Issues Group are very delighted to advise that they have arranged for the Aboriginal Folk Singer, Archie Roach, and his wife, Ruby, to give an informal talk on his life and music on Wednesday, 16th October at 2.00 p.m. at the Recreation Centre.

In the past 12 months Archie Roach has established himself as an evocative singer/songwriter and a captivating performer and his album "Charcoal Lane", a collection of dazzling lyrical images, was released to wide acclaim. He has received two ARIA music awards for best indigenous album and best new talent.

All members are very welcome and should you be interested in attending, please feel free to just come along to the Recreation Centre and join in the fun.

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 2 19th August - 2nd December, 1991

This group is a continuing course from 1990; starting with Greek Art and Architecture then Early Christian and Byzantine Art.
Mondays, 1.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

ART - PRACTICAL Tutor: Lorrie Conder

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. Course FULL

AUSTRALIAN HISTORY Convener: Alf Floyd

This course covers the following:

1. Reasons for Transportation; some case histories;
2. First Fleet;
3. The infamous Second Fleet;
4. Governor Macquarie and explorers;
5. To 1850 - Victorian Constitution;
6. Women in early Australia.

Fridays, 12 noon. Recreation Centre

TO ALL MEMBERS CURRENTLY ATTENDING COURSES

If you wish to hold your place in 1992 in the course/courses you are now attending, new enrolment forms must be filled in and given to the office staff by November 30, 1991.

BIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY & THE PURPOSE OF LIFE Convener: Trevor Moffat
The class will read through a set book and discuss its relevance to human relationships. The overall objective, of course, is to take an holistic overview of life, considering aspects of our Biologic, Psychologic and "Spiritual" development, and their interaction with each other.
Mondays, 12.30 p.m., Recreation Centre. Course FULL

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP : CONTEMPORARY WRITERS AND SOCIETY

Convener: Pamela Rogers
This course should appeal to both men and women who enjoy reading and are interested in lively and thought provoking discussion on subjects such as the relationship between the writer and society, concerns of modern men and women as they are explored in contemporary writing, and aspects of writing style as a means of communicating ideas and emotion. As well as contemporary novels, short stories, poetry and some classical literature will be introduced. A book list will be provided.
Tuesdays, 9.30 a.m., Wakefield Street.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - INTRODUCTION TO THE ENGLISH NOVEL

Convener: Pamela Rogers
Pam has taken an excerpt from Jane Austen's Northanger Abbey as her theme for this course which coincides with her views on novels, etc.
"Although our productions have afforded more extensive and unaffected pleasure than those of any other literary corporation in the world, no species of composition has been so much decried "And what are you reading, Miss ---?" "Oh! it is only a novel!" replies the young lady It is only some work in which the greatest powers of the mind are displayed, in which the most thorough knowledge of human nature, the happiest delineation of its varieties, the liveliest effusions of wit and humour, are conveyed to the world in the best-chosen language."
The course comprises eight sessions, and material covered will range from S. Richardson's Pamela to the novels of Virginia Woolf.

COMPUTERS - AN INTRODUCTION Convener: Vic Kennedy

This is a simple, 6-session course, designed for people who have had no contact with computers, but who would like to get some understanding of what these machines are, how they work and what they are used for. The course will emphasise 'hands-on' experience; participants will get a chance, in each session, to actually use a computer. No expertise in maths will be required, and the course will make only passing reference to maths (though we will be looking at 'number systems' and what numbers mean in the system we use in everyday life). Ample notes will be provided.
Tuesdays, 10.30 a.m., 89 Power St., Hawthorn. Course FULL

CHESS FOR PLEASURE Convener: Egon Donath

This course will commence if up to 20 members are interested, whether beginners or more advanced. "You don't need to be a Bobby Fisher" says Egon. Fridays, 11.45 a.m., Room 223, Swinburne

CONTRACT BRIDGE Convener: Bill Zimmerman

An introduction to this fascinating game. It is necessary for there to be at least twelve students to make the course viable. Bill advises that he has duplicate boards, and a duplicate game could be organised for those with some experience, if at least 12 people are interested.

Mondays, 2.00 p.m., Recreation Centre.

THE CRUSADES - A MEDIEVAL INTERCONTINENTAL CONFLICT

Convener: Andrew Ehrenhretz

A colloquium type of course with instructive role of the tutor and active contributions of the participants.

A pre-requisite: Prior to the first session, every participant should read any general (popular) book on the Crusades, she or he may find in a locally accessible public library.

Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Recreation Centre

Course FULL

CURRENT AFFAIRS - AUSTRALIA & THE WORLD Convener: Wolfe Flack

Ours is a discussion group which deals with any current affair whether information is from the press, radio or television or even raised by members. Sessions commence by the convener reading items from the press which are considered to be of particular interest to the group.

Discussion takes place with the readings after which members of the group are free to raise any item they may consider of interest.

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

CURRENT AFFAIRS - SOUTH-EAST ASIA &

PACIFIC COUNTRIES Convener: Jean Aikenhead

A discussion group in which all are expected to participate. Each session will start with current affairs, concentrating in our own area. In 1991 we will also discuss important topics - e.g. comparative religions; sustainable development - rather than detailed background studies of individual countries. There was consensus in the 1990 class for this suggestion.

Tuesdays, 10.30 a.m., Balwyn Library.

Course FULL

DRAMA FOR FUN Convener: Rion Jennings

A light-hearted approach to drama with play readings, poetry and performances of short plays at the centre.

Thursdays, 9.30 a.m., Wakefield Street.

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, Tresise Centre, Cnr. Bowler & Munro Sts. Course FULL

The ECONOMICS of CURRENT AFFAIRS Convener: George Charles

A course convened at the request of those who attended the New Economics course. It takes the form of discussions of topics taken from the print and electronic media.

Wednesdays, 10.30 a.m., Kew Library, Cotham Road, Kew.

The ECONOMICS of a RECESSION 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.

Thursdays, 10 a.m., Wakefield Street, commencing 5th September.

EXPLORING POETRY Convener: Vicki Walker

This course explores poets and poetry. 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, 2 p.m., Kew Library, Cotham Road, Kew

GARDENS OF EUROPE & NORTH AMERICA Convener: Maurice Stratton

A series of 20 talks, illustrated by approx. 150 colour slides, lasting 90-105 minutes, divided into 4 groups -

- (1) Ancient Greece, the Roman influence in Europe, the Moorish influence in Spain, Historic old towns of Germany, a portrait of USA;
- (2) The Swiss and French Alps, a journey down the Rhinè, the Canadian Rockies, Scenic Great Britain and the Fjordland, Norway, Salzburg and the Salzkammergut, Austria,
- (3) Cathedrals, castles, chateaux, galleries and museums of Europe;
- (4) Historical & famous gardens of Europe and the U.K. & those in Victoria.

Wednesdays, 2.p.m., Balwyn Library

Course FULL

ITALIAN UNIFICATION IN THE 19TH CENTURY Convener: Charles D'Aprano

This course will cover Italy's colonial expansion, the first World War, the Rise of Fascism and World War II, and will probably be about 15 lectures.

Tuesdays, 11 a.m., Kew Library, Cotham Road, Kew.

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., Wakefield Street.

Course FULL

LANGUAGES

French (Beginners) Convener: Walter Butler

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

Course FULL

French (2nd Year) Convener: Adele Chambers

This course is for students who have already done one year with U3A, or equivalent. It includes some grammar, writing exercises & conversation

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

Course FULL

French Conversation Convener: Anna Ghiurekian

Reading of contemporary French texts from literature or magazines - explanation of vocabulary and points of grammar.

Mondays, 10.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

German (Continuing) Convener: Ken Bandman

This course is attempting to encourage the student to face (linguistically) various situations. Members should be willing to prepare written homework for correction and class discussion.

Thursdays, 11.15 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

Italian (Beginners) Convener: Maurice Berah

Mondays, 10 a.m., Recreation Centre

Course FULL

Italian (Continuing) Convener: Maurice Berah

Mondays, 11.30 a.m., Recreation Centre

Japanese (Beginners & 1st Year) Convener: Joyce Berdy

Beginning to read and write Japanese and an introduction to grammar.

Mondays, Beginners, 10.00 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

2nd Year, 11.00 a.m.

Japanese (Intermediate I & II) Convener: Geoff Matenson

Intermediate I Text Book: Alfonso Nihongo Vol. III

Course will be based on Alfonso Nihongo Vol. III with additional material supplied as required. Familiarity with Kana is essential in order to understand the textbook. Kanji (Sino-Japanese) characters will be introduced at least as prescribed in the text.

Mondays, 12.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street. Comm. 25th February, 1991

Intermediate II Text Book: Alfonso Nihongo Vols. III & IV

Course will be based on Alfonso Nihongo Vols III & IV with additional material supplied as required. Familiarity with Kana and some Kanji required as for Intermediate I.

Mondays, 2.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

Note: In both classes easy conversation based on set situations and circumstances will be practised. Class members should be willing to prepare written and conversational homework class discussion.

Latin (Continuing) Convener: Helen Gordon

Wednesdays, 11.00 a.m., 24 Wakefield St.

MUSIC - AS ONE LIKES IT Convener: Ven Houston

This course is a general (not progressive) study.

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

Tuesday, 12 noon, Hawthorn Community House.

Course FULL

NEW PHYSICS & PHILOSOPHY Convener: Fred Rosedale

In Search of Meaning

This course shows how each of us can work creatively in our own lives to help bring new meaning and order to the universe we share.

Tuesdays, 2.30 p.m., Recreation Centre.

Course FULL

NUTRITION & HEALTH Convener: Greta Burman

We are continuously subjected to enticing food advertisements and articles on miracle diets. The course is designed to help us distinguish between fact and fiction, also plan and enjoy a healthy diet. Topics include nutrients; how does the body make use of food materials; production of energy and maintenance of body tissues; importance of minerals and vitamins; effect of deficiency and excess; cooking and food processing; reducing diets; misconceptions.

Tuesdays, 10.00 a.m., Wakefield Street.

PSYCHOLOGY/SOCIOLOGY Convener: Alex Gale

In this course a book is studied whose content covers social, philosophical and psychological issues. The aim of the group is to increase awareness and discuss how old and new concepts affect our behaviour and well being.

Wednesdays, 12.30 p.m., Recreation Centre. Course FULL

SCIENCE DISCUSSION GROUP Conveners: Joan Drake & 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, etc. Such issues are of great importance to the survival of the planet earth and we need to understand them in order to assess the decisions being taken, on our behalf, by our politicians.

To provide a more stimulating group, we invite the active participation of all in discussion, choice of topics, etc.

Fortnightly, Tuesdays, 2 p.m., Wakefield Street, commencing 16th July.

SOCIAL ISSUES

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

An on-going course with guest speakers covering a range of subjects and followed by discussion and question time.

The range of subjects covered are: drug and child abuse; adoption; migrant assimilation; health; welfare; and other social issues affecting our community. We are a self-help group and the co-operation of all members is needed for our success. Members are also invited to talk about their life experiences or other subjects of their choice.

Wednesdays, 2 p.m., Recreation Centre.

Course FULL

A SLOW WALK THROUGH THE EUROPEAN EXHIBITION

AT THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA Convener: Susan Altmann

Six fortnightly visits to the National Gallery of Victoria on Tuesdays, 2.30 p.m., commencing 17th September, as follows:

- 17.09.91 English and European Porcelain
Guest Speaker: Vol. Guide NGV, Margo Sutton
- 01.10.91 Early Renaissance and Altar Pieces
- 15.10.91 18th and 19th Century Glass
Guest Speaker: Vol. Guide NGV, Carolyn Berger
- 29.10.91 Dutch Artists
- 12.11.91 18th Century English, French & Italian artists.
- 26.11.91 Impressionists and Post Impressionists

THOUGHTS AND IDEAS

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

Fridays, 10.00 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

Course FULL

TRAVEL Convener: Betty Burstin

An informal group discussing all aspects on independent/unusual travel. Group participation is welcomed. Occasional guest speakers will be invited to talk on their experiences.

Course FULL

Last Tuesday of each month, 5.00 p.m., Wakefield Street.

YARRA RIVER GROUP Convener: Dymphna Coleman

This group will meet monthly for practical study and exploration of the Yarra River and its environs - through discussions, short local walks and occasional full-day walking tours and river trips. You will discover the history of the Yarra River and learn about the relationships between the River, its Valley and the City of Melbourne from the point of view of environment, recreation and conservation.

The group members will be very active and enthusiastic participants.

Group 1. Wednesdays) Meeting place and details of walk will

Group 2. Thursdays) be advised after each session.

WHAT'S YOUR VERDICT? Convener: Harold Ogden

The tutor will give the students the facts of actual (or moot) cases with which he has been concerned and the students will discuss these cases with the tutor and each other and bring in their verdict on each case.

Two sessions, fourteen days apart, will be devoted to each case.

Tuesdays, fortnightly, 2.00 p.m., Wakefield Street.

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.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH HISTORY: Convener: Mary Moorhead
Ecumenism, a Twentieth Century phenomenon

This course will examine Australian Church History with particular emphasis on the relationships between the Christian churches as expressed in the twentieth century.

COMPARATIVE RELIGION: Convener: Charles Russell

These ten hour long discussion sessions will cover:

The birth of mythos; Egyptian, Mesopotamian, Greek, Roman, German mythology; Judaeo Christian mythology; and the puzzle of mythology and the "definitive solution" as the Old Masters did it.

BIBLE READING IN LATIN: Convener: Charles Russell

A series of ten two hour relaxing reading sessions which will give you a new view of old Bible stories: Moses, in the Latin rendering of St. Jerome introduces the primeval navigator, Noe, who probed the fury of the Diluvium & survived with his family and domestic menagerie; the success story of Auram who discovered the celestial dominions and founded an eternal empire. (By the way, you'll learn a lot of Latin in the bargain!)

COMMUNICATION MODES Convener: A. Margaret McIlardy

This eight week course is designed to address the issues of differing modes of communication.

A Transactional Analysis model will be used.

(Transactional Analysis in its simple form is easily grasped and quickly enables one to analyse one's transactions with others).

Questions which can be addressed would be --

Why do I fail to send clear messages to others?

Why do I feel "hurt" so often?

Why do I always feel that I must please people?

How much am I aware of behavioural cues in others?

ESPERANTO THE INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE Convener: Ruth Tumman

Beginners' class in the international language, Esperanto, which covers complete grammar, conversation, letter-writing and dictation.

The textbook to be used is "Teach Yourself Esperanto". The class is designed to eventually proceed to a self-teaching/conversation group.

EVOLUTION Convener: Frances McCallum

The course will comprise a discussion of the various theories which have been advanced to explain the amazing diversity of living things, culminating in Darwin's Theory of the Origin of Species by Natural Selection.

It will summarise the evidence on which this theory is based and will discuss the forces which Darwin believed influenced the evolutionary process. Also to be discussed will be some of the modifications to Darwin's theory which have been developed in recent years.

Four classes beginning late November.

FRENCH - AT LEISURE FOR PLEASURE Convener: Nazli Wilhelm

A ten-week course which will make conversational French easy!

Concentrating on reading and understanding modern French texts with an emphasis on French turn of phrases and explaining idioms.

Number of students limited so enrol early.

LEARN TO READ JAPANESE 'CHARACTERS' Convener: Charles Russell

(and learn Chinese by the way)

Long before Bliss invented his famous symbols, the Chinese created a writing system which can be read in any language.

Trust the Japanese - who had no writing system of their own - to accept the Chinese challenge. Why could not we?

Ten reading and writing sessions of two hours duration - no talk.

OIL PAINTING Convener: Charles Russell

Learn the "old masters" glazing technique; practice on "still life" and later on a "portrait", using few colours, one or two brushes and wooden panels - just as the old masters did. Ten two-hour sessions of hard work.

Number of students limited, so enrol early.

A RATIONALIST APPROACH

The Rationalists Society has offered a series of lectures on topics such as Truth & Reality, the Real Foundations of Morality, Theism versus Atheism, Ethics and associated items. The lectures would be based in pure logic and would cover sociological and other relevant aspects of these themes.

If enough members are interested, a course will be organised for 1992.

Please send in an enrolment form indicating your interest.

PUBLIC SPEAKING Convener: Felix Carrady

Improve your confidence and public speaking skills by joining this ten-week course. It will cover basic public speaking skills including impromptu speaking, prepared talks, voice projection and eye contact. Each student will be expected to prepare and deliver short talks of up to five minutes duration.

If there is enough interest, the course will begin in October.