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Hi Everyone,

It is time to put my thoughts together for the final newsletter of 2010. Remember that we will have our Christmas meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December at the Havelock North Community Centre- see the details below.



We have recently returned from a wonderful holiday on the Sunshine Coast with brilliant warm weather. No wonder Australia considers itself to be the lucky country for there was a buoyant mood about the economy. They don't seem unhappy to mine the vast mineral wealth for China's growing economy. It was also interesting to visit Noosa's U3A and see their programs. I have a short article on this later.



### The Hard Yakka

Politics in Aussie are on a knife edge but appear workable. Arriving back home to wrangling of the Hobbit movie was depressing and reinforces to me that we expect the government to play an increasing part in our lives. Private enterprise and a maturity to solve problems without rushing to the government have taken a back step. One side or the other demand that the government takes action to promote their views. Small but very vociferous action groups, often quite violently, think that their views are paramount and they should take action to subvert the wishes of a large but silent majority. They show lack of respect for visiting dignitaries as the protests against Hilary Clinton last week and previously a Chinese ambassador



proved. Challenge these protestors' views and you receive abuse. One classic case was the Waihopai attack by three "activists" who caused over \$2 million of damage to a radar complex which they said was anti war. Evidence – none has been published but the complex was probably keeping us safe from terrorism. Apparently to create such damage to government property is acceptable. Amazing!



Terrorism is one of our worst fears for it can strike without warning. This week there have been bombs aboard planes again which were intercepted due to intelligence observations. Richard Reid tried to blow a plane out of the sky with a shoe bomb. It was only sweaty feet that caused the fuse to fizzle out and he was overpowered before he could light it again. I was reading about his court appearance this week in the USA. He received 120 years without parole, plus three more life sentences to be served consecutively and a US\$2 million fine. That should stuff up his dreams of immortality and/or re-incarnation. This same week I reviewed the 9 years (6 years before parole) for a NZ woman who badly injured a pilot of a NZ plane with a frenzies knife attack. Luckily all onboard survived. Also George Baker, who already in gaol for murder, carried out two further serious attacks and was given preventative detention. This means that he can't be eligible for parole for 16 years. Bet these guys are pleased that they don't live in the USA.



Talking about violence, what about Guy Fawkes? No we don't celebrate him but his capture. He and his friends were hung drawn and quartered, which is apparently quite painful, for you are alive when they do it. Now as a young boy in Lancashire I revelled in these 5<sup>th</sup> November evenings. It was dark by 4pm, usually very cold and November fogs were notorious but there was nothing better to see the skies lit up with fireworks and blazing bonfires. Then there was the roasting of



chestnuts and spuds in the glowing embers before trailing home exhausted to bed for a happy night's sleep – magical evenings.

But this is one festival which I believe hasn't translated well to NZ. It is far too light at night and the hazards of fireworks on dry paddocks. Much better to have the evening translated to Matariki, the start of the Maori New Year in winter when the Pleiades (seven sisters) rise. I would definitely support this- where are the protesters please, I will join.

There are some protests I support. Yes the whales need a fair deal but I wouldn't sacrifice my boat in the Southern Ocean, risking my crew and then hope



that the NZ Government will bail me out. Also I wonder why some whales hurl themselves with gay abandon onto our shores in mass suicide stranding?. Don't they know that we are on their side? And students in France too, whose violent protests with others to stop the retirement age being lifted to 62. The government can't afford the pensions or they will raise taxes. If the age isn't raised and taxes have to be lifted to afford this luxury then who is going to be penalised – the students of course when they get jobs and have to pay large tax increases to keep their elders happy. Isn't this a paradox?



Time to tidy this up with a comment that Breakfast TV has gone downhill without Paul Henry and one could only wish that he had kept his toilet humour under control as he trampled on racial sensitivities. Yes we are titillated by being "a little bit naughty", but going too far earns the risk of a tide of political correctness which will restrict us to a media blandness and a fear of never hurting anyone's feelings. I do feel that we need to laugh at ourselves and others as a comedian once said—"in the nicest possible way". One politician appreciated this and nicely silenced the sniggers. The former South Korean foreign minister would introduce himself as "Lee Bum Suk" and said to the press conferences "please laugh now gentlemen and then I will answer questions". This quickly wiped the grins of the assembly and they were able to get down to business.

Hope to see you at our Christmas meeting.

Best Wishes for Christmas and the holiday period,  
Norris Kenwright –President

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# U3A Christmas Meeting



## Tuesday 7th December

**Havelock North Community Centre 10-30 am**

Brunch Refreshments will be again provided by "PURE" Catering

Christmas cake and mince pies

The bar will be open

Havelock North U3A financial members will only pay **\$5** and *Others* **\$8**

**Come along, socialize, meet your friends, and listen to the entertainment.**

**Pay at the door BUT:-It is essential you phone the Secretary 877-6221  
or President 877-8412 to confirm your attendance for catering**

**Entertainment**

We have the very talented "**Ah-men singers**" to  
Entertain you



### Noosa U3A

While we were on the Sunshine Coast we visited Noosa U3A. Actually we were walking down a street in Tewantin when Rita drew my attention to this two story building labeled Noosa U3A. Intrigued we went in to be met by the secretary who was happy to show us around. It was very impressive, and had specialized rooms



for Computing, Arts and crafts, games, a small lecture area, committee rooms and several other general rooms with audio and media equipment. The structure of the U3A there is quite different. The building was special built and sponsored by a bank. Fees were A\$30 for a single person per annum or A\$10 per term and participants in courses paid \$2 per session in whatever course they attended. There was a paid secretary who worked from 9 am to 1-30pm each weekday and managed the accounts and membership. There were about 50 courses offered to a membership of approximately 800. Certainly this was quite different from the model we work under and I believe that there was a greater emphasis on courses to expand the mind rather than social occasions. These are some of the courses offered:- French,

German Japanese, Indonesian, Science, computing, Nutrition, geology, Genealogy, Yoga, Scottish Country dance, Mah Jong etc.-It was very interesting.

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### Dale Jackson

It was extremely sad to receive a letter from Dale saying that this will be her last year as Secretary of our U3A for she does not wish to seek re-election at the next AGM in February.

Dale has been a stalwart of the U3A for many years and secretary for the last four. I do not believe that we would have such a well organized, vibrant and expanding U3A without her dedication and expertise. Dale has up-dated our systems so we can easily access details of not only the whole membership but also over 50 courses through a computer data base.

This has been an outstanding work of dedication over weeks, days and hours. In the two years of my Presidency I have been indebted to Dale for her help and support.

Thank you Dale, you have left a legacy which the organisation can be proud of and a new secretary will find the systems so much easier to use.

Please continue with your good work as a Convenor of groups at our U3A.

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### Courses and interest Groups for 2011

Time has come to consider course choices for 2011 and I have been contacting convenors about any changes to courses in 2011. Unless we can find tutors we will not be offering the Tai Chi or Yoga courses. I have received many responses for which I thank you all and have added these to the end of this newsletter.

Our convenors do an excellent job but please remember that a convenor does not necessarily organise group meetings but acts as a spokesperson or someone whom the committee can approach if necessary. A group can meet and everyone can take part in the organisation which happens in some instances when groups circulate in members homes.

During the year we have had a very successful course started by Graeme Davidson on **Philosophical Studies** and his wife Zena will be starting a new course on **Theological Issues in 2011**.

I have updated the total number of **courses for 2011** and added some **suggestions for new ones**. These are listed on **page 4** of this newsletter. Also if you have an interest of your own and would like a group to convene then add it to this list and contact us.

**On page 5 is the form to renew your membership and to indicate the courses you wish to attend in 2011. Yes you can list the suggested courses.**

**Please hand this in at the [December Christmas meeting](#) or post it prior to or after the meeting, to the Secretary with your \$10 annual subscription. (Address at the top)**

I realise that we have your details from this year but it is far easier for us to process the form if you do complete the form in full. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

## U3A COURSES and GROUP LEADERS for 2011

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Art 1	Heather van Oostveen	876-0266	Thursdays at 10 am
Art Interest Group	Linda Ryan	877-6651	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursdays @9-30am
Aspects of Spirituality	Peggy van Asch	877-5294	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursdays @ 2pm
Basic Video Editing	Roy Campbell	836-7197	To be advised
Books (Tuesday)	Di Taylor	875-0307	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday @ 9-30am
Books (Wednesday)	Margaret Bain	877-2454	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday @ 9-30am
Card Making 1	Dale Jackson	877-6221	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday@ 9-30am
Card making 2	Dale Jackson	877-6221	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 9-30am
Cinema Visits	Sue Davies	876-5745	Tuesday 10am as advertised
Classical Music Videos	Wendy Wilks	877 6611	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday @ 1-30 pm
Computer Studies	Norris Kenwright	877-8412	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays at 2pm
Contemporary N.Z. Art	Barbara Holland	877-5926	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ 1-30pm
Cooking with Yeast	Jackie Crespin	877-8372	To be arranged
Discussion	Joyce Paton	877-6822	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday @ 9-30 am
Egyptology	Rev.Cherie Baker	877-6725	Saturday 2pm every 2 months
Historic Houses & Gardens	Marnie Mackesy	877-2078	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 9-30am
Gardening	Dale Jackson	877-6221	to be arranged
Genealogy	Dale Jackson	877-6221	weekly for 6 weeks Tuesday 10am
Geography	John Fitzgerald	877-6603	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday @ 10am
Gourmet	Kath McIver	878-6629	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 2pm
History of NZ		877-6221	To be advised
Italy	Patsy Burns	870-0614	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday@9-30am
Jazz	Barbara Holland	877-5926	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 1-30pm
Light on Music	Lynda & Ray Osborne	877-9430	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 1-30 pm
Looking at Art (6)	Debe Clark	877-8892	Contact the convenor
Lunch group 1	Joyce Paton	877-6822	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday @ 12-30pm
Lunch group 2	Judy Scott	877-8363	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday @ 12-30pm
Lunch group 3	Joan Sye	876-9380	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday @ 1-00pm
Lunch group 4	Betty Boyle	876-5438	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday @ 12-30pm
Lunch Group 5	Glenys Fitzpatrick	877-4232	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday@ 12-30pm
Mah Jong	Faye Culham	877-1244	Every Tuesday @ 1pm
Media Views	Joyce Browning	873-7992	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays @ 2pm
Medieval History	Margaret Jardine	874-6663	last Friday of month @2pm
Memories of the Past	Chris Hough	873-4486	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday at 2pm
Music Appreciation	Jim Woodward	877-4882	Every other Friday @ 2pm
Pétanque	Joyce Browning	873-7992	Every Tuesday @ 9 am
Philosophical Studies	Graeme Davidson	8776749	Wednesday 10-11 am
Photography Interest	Contact Secretary	877-6221	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday@ 10am
Rambling	Pat Lloyd	877-2977	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday @ 9-30 am
Remarkable People	Margaret Clarke	877-3355	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 2pm
Rummikub	Glenys Fitzpatrick	877-4232	Every Friday @ 1pm
Scrabble	Joan Sye	876-9380	Fridays 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2pm
Shakespeare Studies	Rosalind McKenzie	877-5623	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 2pm
Spanish	Jim Woodward	877-4882	Every Friday @ 9-30am
Theological Issues (New)	Zena Davidson	877-6749	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursdays 10-30am
Travel	Rosemary Duff	877-0257	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 10 am
Writing for your Grandchildren	Susan Fitzgerald	877-6603	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday @ 10.30 am

### Suggestions for courses:

Pottery;

Needlework;

Jazz (2<sup>nd</sup> Group)

Bread making;

Collecting;

Nutrition;

Patchwork;

Hobbies;

Cooking with Yeast;

Coffin making;

Mosaics &amp; glasswork;

Convenors: Please check for errors and then Contact Norris Kenwright 877-8412 or Dale 877-6221 if necessary.



**ENROLLMENT FORM FOR 2011**

**Please hand in or return this completed form to the Secretary, Havelock North U3A,  
P.O. Box 8745 Havelock North.**

Name :( Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms./) (please print).....

Address.....

Phone number: .....

Email; .....

**Annual Subscription..... \$ 10 - 00**

**Each family member please complete a form for the courses may be different**

*Note:- Some groups and courses have small annual payments to offset Hall hire etc.  
This fee is payable when you first attend the first meeting of the group.  
Examples are Computing \$15 and Mah Jong \$25*

**Please make Cheques payable to - "U3A Havelock North Inc."**

Would you like a receipt?

Please put a tick in this box and *enclose*  
A Self addressed stamped envelope.

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**U3A Courses I would like to attend in 2011**

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Courses I wish to attend** .....  
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**Signature** .....

**Please Note** There is a policy on course acceptance and priority to being on a course. You must be a financial member of U3A. New members in all courses are welcome. When joining a course, members from a previous year have priority; then other members can join. Financial members of the Havelock North U3A take precedence over members from other U3A's.

*All forms are available on our website [www.u3ahavelocknorth.com](http://www.u3ahavelocknorth.com)*

## Topical items in the news

New research suggests that walking at least six miles per week may protect brain size and in turn, preserve memory in old age, according to a study published in the October 13, 2010, online issue of *Neurology*®, the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology--- **New !!! I knew this.**



When it comes to intelligence, the whole can indeed be greater than the sum of its parts. A new study co-authored by MIT, Carnegie Mellon University, and Union College researchers documents the existence of collective intelligence among groups of people who cooperate well, showing that such intelligence extends beyond the cognitive abilities of the groups' individual members, and that the tendency to cooperate effectively is linked to the number of women in a group. Teams containing more women demonstrated greater social sensitivity and in turn greater collective intelligence compared to teams containing fewer women. ---**All women knew this.**



A new study led by a University of California, Berkeley, researcher could give women a little extra motivation to visit their dentist more regularly. The study suggests that women who get dental care reduce their risk of heart attacks, stroke and other cardiovascular problems by at least one-third.- **Mum always said clean your teeth.**

## Web sites

### Travel

This is fantastic for Armchair Travellers. When you click on this link, click on any of the cities in the list on the LEFT hand side of your screen and take a **video** tour

<http://www.jcdurand.ca/Monde/Tour.html>

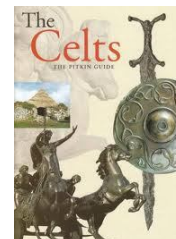


### Celtic Europe

I was so impressed with what was provided on this site that I really wanted to share it with you. You'll find navigation is easy: just follow the jump links under the table of contents, or scroll down the page.

You'll learn about their past, their language, and their mythology. You can also learn about the Welsh Days of the Week and what you should or shouldn't do on them.

<http://www.watson.org/~leigh/celts.html>



### Last Laughs

A man is stopped by the police at midnight and asked where he's going.

"I'm on the way to listen to a lecture about the effects of alcohol and drug abuse on the human body.."

The policeman asks very impressed, "Really? And who's going to give a lecture at this time of night?"

The man replies "My wife".



A recent joint study conducted by the Department of Health and the Department of Motor Vehicles indicates that 23% of traffic accidents are alcohol related.

This means that the remaining 77% are caused by idiots who just drink coffee, carbonated drinks, juices, yogurts, and stuff like that.

Therefore, beware of those who do not drink alcohol. They cause three times as many accidents.



I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older. Then, it dawned on me, they were **cramming** for their finals.



**Employment application blanks always ask who is to be notified in case of an emergency. I think you should write "A Good Doctor"**

### Finally

After the Christmas meeting the following meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 10-30am at the Havelock North Community Centre. There will be a newsletter to remind you about this and to put forward nominations for the new committee. If there is someone who is interested in the position of Secretary then please contact Dale who will be invaluable to give help and support.

Cheers; Norris Kenwright: Editor

## News from our Groups

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Recently I asked conveners for reports of their group activities are their responses---Thank You all.

I hope to continue the **Shakespeare Studies** group next year, same details as this year. Brief synopsis below. Thanks and regards, Rosalind McKenzie

We read a Shakespeare play for 'homework' every month and discuss it at the meeting. We include well-known and lesser-known plays, and may look at some sonnets later on.

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Instead of the "**Cooking for One**" I would like to suggest for next year I could do something along the following lines, if it is of interest.

"**Cooking with Yeast**", A two session course on the (suggested) third and fourth Wednesday of April or May afternoon - 2pm - 4pm approx

At the first session I would demonstrate making dough, and bake at least two different loaves of bread.

Also talk about what happens at the next session.

Second Session, the participants would bring their own batch of dough and make a variety of rolls, pizza, Panini, buns etc.

Course limited to 6 participants. Cost \$10 for the two sessions. I will supply most of the ingredients required.

If there is the interest I could do a repeat of it for new participants in a later month. – Jackie Crespin

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**Travel** will be on third Thursday @ **10.30am** again and I am willing to continue as convenor...

Rosemary Duff

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### **Pétanque**

The group will continue to meet weekly on Tuesdays at 9am at St Columba's Church in Te Mata Rd. Cost NIL The Number of Participants 8

Joyce Browning

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### **Genealogy**

This will be a 6 weekly course- Dale Jackson

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**MEDIEVAL HISTORY** will continue as this year

We have covered Early @ High Medieval and about to begin Late Medieval.

Margaret Jardine

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The only change for **Media Views** 2011 is that Joyce Browning, 873 7992, will take over as convenor. As we meet in member's homes, it is necessary to restrict numbers to twelve. We enjoy discussing local, national and international news of the day, and do our best to put the world to rights. Regards Maire Thompson

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### **CINEMA GROUP**

We meet every second Tuesday of the month at Cinema Gold Havelock North at 10am for a cuppa and a scone

The film starts at 10.30am. This year we had 23 members. We have had a variety of Films.

Sue Davies Convenor

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The **Gourmet Group** has had a very interesting year visiting and learning about various successful Hawkes Bay businesses e.g. Te Mata Mushroom Farm, Woodburn Venison and Tarrasa Saffron interspersed with these excursions are visits to our homes where we have looked at various countries recipes. We have also had a caterer come and share her information with us. We have had an exciting year and now it is time for a new leader with fresh ideas to take us through 2011 and beyond. Cath

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Introduction to **Philosophical Issues** course will continue into the first term of 2011. It may continue longer, but definitely for the first term.

My wife Zena and I would also like to offer another course for 2011. We would like to suggest once a fortnight, Thursday starting 10:30am. The topic:

**Theological issues.** This impartial detached course will look at the authenticity and authority of religious experiences, scripture, doctrine and religious leaders. We will also examine the challenges Christianity faces in well-educated, secular and multicultural Western societies.

Does our concept of God evolve to mirror society's values? Why were some writings included in the Bible and others left out? How much of the Bible is metaphor to illustrate divine intervention and doctrinal beliefs?

Jesus – how human and how divine? Is there such a thing as an authentic religious experience, or are those who have them deluded? How can we rely on the authority of religious leaders when, over the centuries, they have done so many flip-flops or else held ridiculous or harmful views? Is there any need to believe in God, Christian ethics, life after death, the effectiveness of prayer or the Trinitarian Christian God, when there are other good alternative religious and secular beliefs and values? Graeme Davidson

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**JAZZ** This will continue as this year 1-30 to 3-30 every Month on the 3rd Monday. If numbers increase there may be second group formed with a time and day to be agreed. Jazz musician Neil Totty is our Tutor. We have listened to a huge variety of jazz styles from his vast collection of C.D's and also Neil plays piano for us to explain how jazz is made. It is an enthusiastic group which shall end the year with a Private Concert from a selected Quartet.

*There is a possibility of starting a second Group on a day to suit in 2011.* Barbara Holland

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## CONTEMPORARY N Z ART

1.30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month but this must be flexible to accommodate exhibitions. Roy Dunningham is our Tutor. We visit exhibitions and Roy shares his vast knowledge and enthusiasm with us. In 2011 visits will have to be sporadic as two major venues will be out of action. Barbara Holland

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The **Tuesday Book group** is staying exactly the same, we can take some more members. **Art History** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday is also staying just the same, we have no more spaces at present. Thanks Di Taylor

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## LIGHT-ON-MUSIC Group

The group meets on the fourth Tuesday, February to November, with 14 members enrolled, and the average attendance over the year is 10, being about the maximum number that can be accommodated with ease. We have shown a number of light musicals, including High Society, Oklahoma, Hello Dolly, and Can Can etc. as well as an Andre Rieu concert and a touch of Gilbert and Sullivan during the year, all of which have been enjoyed by those attending. Fourth Tuesday of each month February to November at 1.30pm. The Group has been active for 6 years now and there is an ample selection of light musicals available for another year. Lynda and Ray Osborne

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## Geography group

The enthusiastic group have studied countries as diverse as Denmark and Bangladesh, Madagascar and Bolivia. Some countries are in the 'must visit' category and unfortunately some are in the 'don't bother' category! All members made presentations and we've learnt so much about the world we live in. The Geography group will be offered for 2011 on the first Thursday of each month at 10 am. Meeting in members' homes. Max. in the group is 15. John Fitzgerald- convenor

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## Writing for your Grandchildren

Everyone who has attended has been inspired by the other members' stories which have prompted their own childhood memories. We know the world is changing so rapidly that our grandchildren can't even imagine what our lives were like all those years ago. Not one of us is a writer, but we are determined not to leave it too late to pass on these precious times. The Writing for grandchildren group will be offered for 2011 on the 4th Monday of each month at 9.30 am. Meeting in members' homes. Max. in the group is 9. Susan Fitzgerald- convenor

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**Scrabble and lunch group 3** will continue as last year.

We have 17 members in our lunch group and we have explored a good variety of eating establishments over the year. In general the food quality and presentation has made our lunch a success we had one abject failure and will not repeat that experience! We seem to average 14 diners each month and enjoy good food and good company.

## Scrabble.

There are 8 Scrabblers in the group all with a love of words and their meanings. Our vocabulary is expanding and our skills improving and we have fun in play! – Joan Sye

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**Friday Lunch Get together** will continue as this year, the first Friday of the month at 12.30. p.m. Some of the suggested courses look interesting. Betty Boyle.

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**The Ramble group** will continue as last year (2nd Sat of each month starting Feb-ending with the Nov Ramble). Here is a brief summary of this years rambles. Our Ramble group is a happy band of faithfuls - usually 10-13 people turning up. We have been very fortunate weather wise during the year - and have enjoyed mostly the more favoured pathways taken from previous years - the Rotary pathways are a hit - being flat suits our

little group - most of whom now find steep hills a bit much. When I first joined this group 13 years ago - we regularly walked some of the Te Mata Peak walkways - I do not think many of us would want to tackle those now - thanks to the joys of ageing! However - we are a happy band, enjoy the company and the fresh air - and some of us enjoy a coffee together afterwards. Pat Lloyd.

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### **Mah-Jong**

This will continue as per this year. Meetings: - H.N. Bridge Club *every* Tuesday afternoon 1pm -3pm  
Extra fee of \$25.00 to cover Hall hire. Faye Culham

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**Rummikub and Luncheon Group 5** will continue as before in 2011.

Cheers Glenys

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### **Remarkable People**

Each meeting three group members talk about a remarkable person of their choice from any era or background. In 2010 topics have ranged from Hildegard of Bingham to Ray Avery and from Margaret Moth to Stonewall Jackson. The definition of 'remarkable' is yours to make.

We also watched some of Brian Butler's splendid library of biographical DVDs.

Meetings held in members' homes same time 3rd Thursday at 2.00pm. Cheers Margaret Clarke

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**Art Group 1** has had an enjoyable year with Shirley Unwin kindly tutoring and advising every third Thursday and sometimes a little more often. Members have been working in a variety of media, Acrylics, Water-colours, Charcoals and Pencil-sketching , with varying amounts of success, but always with a great deal of enjoyment. We work both indoors and outdoors and are very grateful to those who allow us to meet in their homes. We will be meeting on the same day and time as last year . held each Thursday, 10a.m. – 12 noon.

Convenor- Heather Van Oostveen Tutor – Shirley Unwin

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### **Computing**

This has been a popular group throughout 2011 and from a membership of 80 we have had over 50 attending each session. I would like to thank Tony Briggs for his technical expertise and tutorials, Margaret Buckley, Sylvia Franklin, Bill Williams, Bill Allen and all those who have contributed to the course. The topics covered and problems solved have been vast from cameras, Word Documents, PowerPoint shows, downloading songs, Videos and recently calendars for 2011. Thanks to all those who have helped in the kitchens for afternoon tea and for the help in setting out the room and tidying up afterwards. It has been an excellent year.

Norris Kenwright.

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### **Art Interest Group**

Athalie Dreadon

Today we had our final meeting for the year. The decision was made, by the group, to continue next year. We have run it without a tutor this year and have been delighted with the response from some members of the group to prepare a session. We have also had invited speakers to share their knowledge with us. Next year Linda Ryan will be the new convenor. Her address, phone number and email are as follows : 59 Kopanga Road, Havelock North. 877-6651. [toptreeman@xtra.co.nz](mailto:toptreeman@xtra.co.nz) .

We shall be meeting at the same time and on the 2nd Thursday of each month, as we did this year.

### **Looking at Art- Friday 1**

This is a large group of 12 which meets in members homes and will meet next year at the same time if 9-0 on a Friday morning. This year we have been studying symbolism, fauves, cubism, German expressionism, and others. Our group learns much from our shared activity under the excellent guidance of our capable tutor, Hugh McKay. –Jill Wilson