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Greetings Everyone,

A Happy New Year to you all for 2012. I hope that you are having a good holiday and are catching up with Family and friends; walking talking, barbequing and enjoying the warm weather. This is not your usual HB summer of dry heat for the grass of our reserve is like spring growth and the council have to mow regularly. The Havelock hills look surprisingly green which is a pleasant sight. Just hoping the winds will abate a little.



Joan Sye has arrived back after an extended holiday in Europe, then is off to the Coromandel and on to Auckland and home in February; a seasoned and happy traveller. Some of our family are in the UK and in December the children managed to make snowmen on my sister's lawn. However the weather has turned mild over there and they visited the Eden Project in Cornwall



and the ammonite limestone pavements at Lyme Regis (<http://www.lymeregismuseum.co.uk/discovery-and-learning/discovery/fossils-as-you-see-them-on-the-beach>) which made me very

envious.

Nearer home tragedy is always with us with the Rena disaster and the recent hot air disaster at Clareville near Masterton which claimed 11 lives. This gentlest of sports made a deep impact on me as an aviation enthusiast and we regularly have the Hawkes Bay Wine Country balloon floating overhead in a morning. I took the accompanying photo just two days prior to the disaster as it passed overhead.



As we look forward to the start of group activities this year we have our AGM and quarterly meeting on 16th February (More details below) with a good speaker and the usual excellent refreshments. The present committee have been an excellent group to work with and several are hoping to be nominated to continue the work they have been doing into 2012. I have even had a volunteer for newsletter editor after my stint over the last 5 years which is good news. Unfortunately my term as Presidency ends in February after the designated time in our constitution is completed and we will be looking for a new nomination. The committee's tasks are well distributed and with a new President not doing the newsletter that will make the position easier. There is a form included in the newsletter for nominations to the committee and these must be in to the Secretary Trish Loye seven days before the meeting. I hope that you will support the U3A with your nominations.



Trish Loye tells me that there are still a considerable number who have not paid their \$10 subs for this year or nominated their groups. We would be grateful if you could do this as soon as possible. I will add the revised list of groups for 2012. Note that Maori, Croquet (at the Hastings Club), Geology, a new Writing for your Grandchildren, and the History of Science and Technology have been added. Also, there are lists of the groups operated by the Hastings U3A. There are some excellent groups you can join here and talking to their President, Richard Jennings, we believe that the Hawkes Bay U3A's can be constructive



in producing joint courses. I have a meeting with him shortly to discuss this. Read the details on these lists on who to contact.

I note that the Hastings District council has very quietly returned some of one hour parking spaces back to 2 hours on Te Mata Road near the Community Centre. Mainly I believe because of our pressure and others concerned by the underhand earlier change. Let us see if we can have some improved designated parking for the Community Centre by lobbying councillors-especially at election time.



So best wishes for 2012 and I hope that you enjoy your chosen groups. Remember to support the convenors by communicating with them if you are unable to attend. Take care travelling, for although 2011 had the lowest road toll for many years, 2012 has not started well with the usual accidents caused by alcohol, speed and falling asleep at the wheel.

Be aware and take care.

Norris Kenwright



Meeting Thursday 16th February and AGM
Havelock North Community Centre 10-15 am

After the success of the Christmas meeting: Brunch Refreshments
 Will be again provided by "PURE" Catering at **\$10**

Come along, socialise, meet your friends, **vote for your new Committee** and listen to our speaker;- **Pay at the door BUT:-**

It is essential you phone or email the Secretary 878-5920 or President 877-8412 to confirm your attendance for catering

SPEAKER -- Gerry Townsend

Gerry was head of product development at Watties Food until he recently retired and has been retained as a consultant



WHAT IS A Billion?

This is too true to be funny.

The next time you hear a politician use the word 'billion' in a casual manner, think about whether you want the 'politicians' spending YOUR tax money.

A billion is a difficult number to comprehend, but one advertising agency did a good job of putting that figure into some perspective in one of its releases.

- 1 A billion seconds ago it was 1959.
- 2 A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive.
- 3. A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the Stone Age.
- 4 A billion days ago no-one walked on the earth on two feet.
- 5 A billion dollars ago was only 5 days ago at the rate our government is spending it from the taxes they raise from you and me.



Christmas Stamps

A little old lady was in front of me recently at the post office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards.

She said to the clerk, "May I have 50 Christmas stamps?"

The Clerk says, "What denomination would you like?"

The little old lady said, "Well! Has it come to this? Give me 22 Catholic, 12 Presbyterian, 10 Anglican and 6 Baptist."



Here is the latest lists of groups I have for 2012. Please contact me to correct any errors

Havelock North U3A Groups and Convenors for 2012

Art 1	Helen Caley	877-7035	Thursdays at 10 am
Art Interest Group	Linda Ryan	877-6651	2 nd Thursdays @9-30am
Studies of the Inner self	Peggy van Asch	877-5294	1st Thursdays @ 2pm
Basic Video Editing	Roy Campbell	836-7197	To be advised
Books (Tuesday)	Di Taylor	875-0307	1 st Tuesday @ 9-30am
Books (Wednesday)	Margaret Bain	877-2454	2 nd Wednesday @ 9-30am
Card Making	Dale Jackson	877-6221	day to be arranged
Cinema Visits	Trish Loye	878-5920	2 nd Tuesday 10am
Classical Music Videos	Wendy Wilks	877 6611	1 st Tuesday @ 1-30 pm
Computer Studies	Norris Kenwright	877-8412	4 th Mondays at 2pm
Contemporary N.Z. Art	Barbara Holland	877-5926	3 rd Wednesday @ 1-30pm
Intro to Croquet	Dale Jackson	877-6221	
Discussion	Joyce Paton	877-6822	3 rd Tuesday @ 9-30 am
Egyptology	Rev. Cherie Baker	877-6725	Saturday 2pm every 2 months
Historic Houses & Gardens	Marnie Mackesy	877-2078	3 rd Monday @ 9-30am
Gardening	convenor needed		Monthly at the õGreen Doorõ
Genealogy	Dale Jackson	877-6221	weekly for 6 weeks Friday or Monday
Geography	John Fitzgerald	877-6603	1 st Thursday @ 10am
History of Science and Technology	R & M McKenzie	877 5623	Last Friday of the month 2pm
Italian Studies	Patsy Burns	870-0614	Every2 nd Wednesday@9-30am
Jazz	Barbara Holland	877-5926	3 rd Monday @ 1-30pm
Looking at Art Wed1	Dianne Taylor	875-0307	Every three weeks
Looking at Art Thurs1	Elizabeth Murray	873- 8467	Every three weeks
Looking at Art Thurs2	Caroline Moorhead	877- 8893	Every three weeks
Looking at Art Fri 1	Jill Wilson	877- 6525	Every three weeks
Looking at Art Fri 2	Louise Ross	877-6559	Every three weeks
Lunch group 1	Joyce Paton	877-6822	2 nd Wednesday @ 12-30pm
Lunch group 2			Times to be announced later
Lunch group 3	Joan Sye	876-9380	1 st Wednesday @ 1-00pm
Lunch group 4	Betty Boyle	876-5438	1 st Friday @ 12-30pm
Lunch Group 5	Glenys Fitzpatrick	877-4232	2 nd Thursday@ 12-00 noon
Mah Jong	Faye Culham	877-1244	Every Tuesday @ 1pm
Media Views	Joyce Browning	873-7992	1 st & 3 rd Mondays @ 2pm
Memories of the Past	Chris Hough	873-4486	1 st 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	Sheila Bowden	877-5765	2 nd Friday 1.30 to 3-30pm
Rambling	Pat Lloyd	877-2977	2 nd Saturday @ 9-30 am
Remarkable People	Margaret Clarke	877-3355	3 rd Thursday @ 2pm
Rummikub	Glenys Fitzpatrick	877-4232	Every Thursday @ 1.30pm
Scrabble	Joan Sye	876-9380	Fridays 1 st & 3 rd 2pm
Spanish	Jim Woodward	877-4882	Every Friday @ 9-30am
Theological Issues	Graeme Davidson	877-6749	2 nd Thursdays 10-30am
Travel	Rosemary Duff	877-0257	3 rd Thursday @ 10 am
Writing for your Grandchildren (Part 1)	Susan Fitzgerald	877-6603	4 th Monday @ 10.30 am
Writing for your Grandchildren (Part 2)	Pat Frykberg	877-8463	4th Monday of Month 9-30 am
Geology of the Earth; Rocks and Minerals		877-8412	N.Kenwright (times later)
Maori Studies	Pat Frykberg	877-8463	for times check with Pat

NOTE:- Hastings U3A also has a wide variety of group activities which are available to our members I have published these groups on the following pages. If you wish to join one of these groups please make contact first of all with Richard Jennings (President) 878-5917 or John Bailey (V. President) 870-2261 to receive the necessary form.

U3A HASTINGS Description of Courses/Groups offered in 2012

Art History 1: Led by Christine Gould (8780068), the course covers late renaissance art in Europe. Group meets 10-12am on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Unfortunately the group has no vacancies.

Art History 2: Led by Christine Gould (8780068), the course covers renaissance art in Europe, including Leonardo, Michelangelo, and Raphael. Group meets 10-12am on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. One or two places available.

Astronomy: Led by Gary Sparks, who has delighted us at Coffee Mornings. Gary will open up the night sky to show things we may only have dreamed of! This will be a combined U3A Hawkes Bay initiative and we are seeking expressions of interest.

Book Discussion: Meeting on the afternoon of the 4th Wednesday of every month, in the Hastings Library, the group discusses a wide range of books of interest. Facilitated by Karin Riley (877 4163).

Classical Music: Based on video recordings, the group, convened by Margaret Pack (877 3477) listens to the music of a variety of composers, learning about different styles and how music progressed. Meets monthly, first Tuesday afternoon.

Food and Drink: A new course that will involve everything to do with food and drink, including history and geography of foodstuffs, dishes, wines, etc., exchange of recipes (with samples!), ideas, tastings, visits, and expert talks. Monthly meetings on 4th Tuesday afternoon, convened by Richard Jennings (878 5917).

Genealogy: Doreen Pennell (870 9413) has agreed to repeat an introductory course in how to get started in tracing your genealogy. Will meet fortnightly for 8-10 weeks.

German: For people who would like to study another language, this course, led by Molly Sadler (870 9399) is not for people already proficient in German, though some prior knowledge of the language is essential. The group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons; beste Wunsche.

Graphology (Handwriting Analysis): John Bailey (870 9412) will lead this course which involves the study of handwriting with the aim of revealing the character and personality of the writer, including his or her strengths and weaknesses. Meets on 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings.

Greenfingers: This new course will be convened by Ruth Evans (878 2088) and will be limited to seven members. Meeting on the first Tuesday morning each month, the group will share gardening tips, exchange ideas (and plants), visit gardens, and listen to talks on how the experts do things.

History of Sports and Games: Another new course: members will research the history of sports and games from Rugby to Tiddly-winks, presenting their findings at the group meeting on the 2nd Tuesday morning each month. Convened by Richard Jennings (878 5917).

Historical Walking Group: June Garden (877 6437), a relative newcomer to Hawkes Bay, will convene a group that will meet on the 4th Thursday afternoon of each month (weather permitting), to walk to places of historical interest.

Inventions and Discoveries: This new course will look at the lives of inventors and discoverers and the circumstances behind what they did. Members will do their own research and present to the group meeting on the 4th Thursday each month. The convener will be Mary Pattullo (877 5065).

Investment: We envisage that this new course, which will be run by USA Hawkes Bay, will receive information and advice from Investment Brokers. The group will meet in Hastings Library, probably once a month. We are seeking expressions of interest. *

Italian: Led by Gina Adams (876 6324) and Christine Gould (878 0068) members learn Italian language and culture. Group meets 1st and 3rd Friday mornings, Ciao!

Literature: The group, under the leadership of Lorraine Dolanski (877 2261), will continue to study modern drama on 2nd and 4th Monday mornings. Members contribute fully to the meetings, which can be quite hilarious at times!

Life and Times of...: The group will study important historical events during the lifetime of significant people. Members take turns to research and present information. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday mornings, convened by Jean Kirby (844 9588).

New Zealand Characters: Helen Davis (878 3024) will convene a new course that will look at the lives and contributions of people who were important in helping to form New Zealand society and New Zealand as a nation. Members will research characters of their own choice and present to the group meeting, on the third Wednesday afternoon of each month.

Opera on Video: On the second Thursday afternoon each month this group meets to watch DVDs of operas -and sometimes to enjoy 40 winks! Helen Cutler (873 8468) is the convener. Unfortunately, at this stage, the group has no vacancies.

Places on our Planet: Members research countries/places/geographic features of their choice and share with the group their findings on the natural, political, and economic geography of their choice. Mary Pattullo (877 5065) convenes meetings on the afternoons of the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month. There are limited vacancies.

Shakespearian Studies: Taking parts, members read and then discuss Shakespeare's plays and poetry. There are limited vacancies for this group that meets, convened by Caryl Boyle (878 4458), on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, in the afternoon.

Social History: In this course, led by Molly Sadler (870 9399), members research and discuss how people lived at a particular time. Meetings are in the mornings of the first and third Wednesdays each month.

Understanding the Mad Hatter: This course is open only to members who have already completed one or two years in this subject. Meets on 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings led by Lorraine Dolanski (877 2261).

Who said that?: At the meeting on the afternoon of the third Friday each month, members will be given a quiz of quotations, followed by a presentation about one or more of the 'quoters'. Members will take it in turns to lead meetings with the group convened by Richard Jennings (878 5917).

Word Games and Brain Games: The Association for Stopping Senility (ASS) has given full approval to this course, led by Helen Cutler (873 8468), and meeting on the afternoons of 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month. Brains are stimulated by the puzzles and games, while word power is increased.

Writing: Through in-meeting exercises and homework, members stretch themselves in factual and creative writing, using both prose and poetry. At the 2nd and 4th Friday morning meetings, members are encouraged and helped by group interaction under the watchful eye of the referee, Molly Sadler (870 9399).

Writing for your Grandchildren: Four places are available to Hastings members on this USA Hawkes Bay course, convened by Susan Fitzgerald (877 6603), which helps members write and record family history for grandchildren - and others! The group will meet in the mornings of 2nd Wednesday each month.

Chess: This is a new activity. Members will meet in the Hastings Library on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays to enjoy a morning's chess. Convener is John Bailey (870 9412).

Do It Yourself Art and Sketching: Meeting on 1st and 3rd Friday mornings, there are no formal lessons, with members bringing their own materials to paint or draw whatever they like, while enjoying companionship and encouraged by shared experience and skills. The convener is Lorraine Dolanski (877 2261).

Great Movies: During the winter months only, members meet to watch DVDs of movies. Times will be arranged to suit members; convener Bev Thomas (876 3371)

Lunch Group A: The group meets on 3rd Wednesday each month to have lunch at a different restaurant each time; convener Rita Cox (878 4387).

Lunch Group B: The group meets on 4th Tuesday each month to have lunch at a different restaurant each time. This group will not operate in 2012 unless a convener has been found prior to the AGM.

Mahjong: This group meets every Wednesday morning in the Hastings Library to play mahjong. The convener is Teddy Glaus (876 6532).

Relaxation/Meditation: Lorraine Dolanski (877 2261) is offering this new course on the mornings of the 2nd and 4th Fridays.

Singing for Fun: We are re-starting a group for people who like to sing along! You don't have to have a wonderful voice. You don't have to read music. You just have to enjoy singing (as in the shower!) Convener will be Marie Robertson (878 6653). Times to be advised.

Table Games: At Hastings Library on 1st and 3rd Friday mornings, members meet to play table games like Rummikub and Scrabble. Convener Rita Cox (878 4387).

Travel: A very sociable group that meets on 2nd and 4th Thursday mornings to hear accounts of travel to various countries and get travel advice. Conveners are Ian Harding (845 4883) and Margaret Sloane (876 8365).

Watercolours or Coloured Pencil Drawing guided by DVD: Members learn painting techniques from DVDs at their own pace. Meet 1st and 3rd Friday mornings, convened by Molly Sadler (870 9399).

Remember. You must be a financial member of the U3A to attend any group

