



# [Havelock North Inc.]

## Newsletter January 2009

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### President's Message

I mentioned during an earlier coffee morning I was exploring the possibilities for the setting up of a Spiritual Exploration Interest Group. Such a group is not intended in any way to be religiously oriented or tied to any particular faith based philosophy rather it is for those interested in discussing and exploring any and many dimensions of human spirituality as members may chose to raise. While a limited interest has been expressed I am still seeking someone who would be prepared to lead such a group. Further developments will be advised as they come to hand.

As you will have been aware your committee seeks to alter section 6.1 (1) of our constitution which defines the size of our committee and currently states:

The committee: "Shall consist of at least five and not more than seven (excluding those who are co-opted) including the principal officers (Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer)."

The committee, at an earlier meeting, carried a resolution to invite alteration of this rule: 6.1 (1) to read:

The committee: "Shall consist of at least five and not more than nine (excluding those who are co-opted) including the principal officers (Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer)."

The purpose of the rule change sought is self evident and provides for a greater sharing and ease in our management.

There is also an amendment to sections 5.1(i) where the word "audited" is to be change to "examined" and to 5.1 (iv) where "auditor" is to be changed to "examiner". This is in line with new requirements for small societies.

I would like to take this opportunity, as your President and also on your behalf, to thank all those Tutors and group Convenors who have given of their valuable time and trouble to lead our studies over the past year and also to thank in anticipation those of you who will be doing so for the ensuing year. While our A.G.M., which usually heralds the beginning of our New Year's activities, will be later than usual, a number of our 2009 Study Groups have already started and the others will not be far behind.

Many of you will be aware I will not be offering myself at the A.G.M. for the office of President and before retiring I would like to thank my Committee for their work and input, not only to our meetings but also to help in the running of so many of our activities. I will be saying more in my annual report at the A.G.M,

In the meantime my best wishes to you all for a happy, interesting and fulfilling 2009 and I hope to see you all at our A.G.M. next month.

**Bill Williams** (President)

# Annual General Meeting

*Tuesday 24th February at 10.00 am*

**At the Havelock North Club, Campbell Street, H. N.**

**There will be a \$2 charge towards the Club hire and morning Tea & Coffee**

**Please bring the correct change**

**(Note; - To assist with the catering we have been asked to provide attendance numbers in advance. It is important that you contact the Secretary Dale Jackson beforehand to indicate your intention to attend. Leave a message on her answer phone if she is not at Home or ring another Committee Member)**

**We would be very grateful for your support in this matter. Telephone numbers are at the top of this page.)**

*There are two parking areas at the Club. As you come up the drive way there is a lower parking area on the left just before the upper parking area.*

**Meeting Speaker:** Norris Kenwright on "Eyes in the Sky" A view of your home and Village by Satellites and other cameras.



## **Election of the Committee for 2009**

Accompanying this newsletter is a form for nominations for **the 2009 Committee.**

**Nominations are called for the positions of** President, Secretary, Treasurer and four committee members. Nominations must be in the hand of the Secretary **seven days before the meeting.** If there are insufficient nominations then further nominations can be called from the floor of the meeting. **Only Financial Members of the H.N. U3A may nominate financial members to the Committee. Only financial members who are present may vote at the meeting.** Please be early to register.

## **Our President has moved**

Bill and Viv Williams have now travelled across Havelock North and have a new address. Villa 34, Peak View Place, Mary Doyle Trust, 3 **Karanema Drive**, Havelock North.

Bill's telephone number has changed to 873-8462 and the email address is now [bilwil@waspnet.co.nz](mailto:bilwil@waspnet.co.nz)

## **Marie Clare**      **5.5.1943 -- 23.11.2008**

The U3A Art Group was shocked and saddened by the sudden death of their tutor, Marie Clare in November. Marie was one of U3A's longest serving tutors, taking a group of very keen and happy art students from the early days. She was so successful at teaching and sharing her ideas that the art group quickly filled up and any spaces were very much sought after. One or two original members are still there.

Marie was a talented artist who exhibited in Norsewear Exhibitions, Greenmeadows Rotary Exhibitions, and many others. She was especially proud to take part in a Mothers and Daughters Exhibition with her late daughter, Lisa. She tutored in schools and taught many youngsters and hopeful artists in her own studio. Marie also tutored Evening Classes in Napier, and took workshops for Keirunga Artists where she was a member for many years.

Her work displayed her intense love of colour. She found beauty in everything and was able to transfer these feelings to canvas using her incredible artistry.

As a tutor she was never critical, always encouraging, and always inspiring. The Art group became more like an extended family ....she became a friend, melding us together with her keen sense of humour and warm inclusiveness. As one member said..."there would be lots of laughter in heaven the day she arrived"

Marie will be sadly missed. We feel privileged to have known her.

Our thoughts are with her loving family at this time.

**The President, Secretary and many Members of U3A attended her Funeral service.**

**Judy Siers has offered** to take two new courses for 2009

- **Writing a Biography of your Family History.**
- **Looking at Architecture.**
- **Listening to Jazz group.** With **Barbara Holland as Convener**, This group will be held monthly with Tutor Neal Totty, in Napier. A guided tour illustrated with many examples from all periods of Jazz. **Jazz** is the foundation on which all popular music has been built. All you need is tolerance & ears. For further information please phone Neal at 835-3231.
- **“Spiritual Exploration”** group. Bill Williams is **still trying to** find a suitable Tutor.
- **New Contemporary Art course** co-ordinated by Betty Baker
- **Telling Our Own Stories –** We all have stories to tell, we tell them every day.

In this course we shall learn and discover how to prepare the story to tell orally. My aim will be to provide an atmosphere for individual learning at your own pace in a non threatening environment.

The sessions will be based on a series of workshops. The workshops will provide for the individual needs and strengths of each participant. Participants can expect to work individually, or with a partner, or in small groups. Later in the course some of you may discover that you enjoy performing to an audience.

Our task will be to discover the many aspects needed to craft a story as well as the skills needed to engage the listener. Throughout the course I shall tell some of my own stories while demonstrating the various teaching points.

Once you discover the craft of storytelling you will be able to tell your stories to your family and friends face to face as well as to record them electronically or in writing. If you are interested in the course please contact me for further details. Jennifer Howard -----Storyteller Ph 878-3405

**Please contact the Secretary if you wish to attend any of these courses.**

## Report from our last meeting.



**Robyn Warren** spoke to us at our last meeting about her family's long association with Hastings. The family originally came from Devon and Warren's

Bakery was established by Robert and Alice Warren in Havelock North in 1891. It is the oldest family owned and operated business in NZ. Now owned by Malcolm and Robyn Warren; the 4<sup>th</sup> generation of the family; along with their son who is already a qualified baker, the business tradition **will continue**.

**Moving from H.Nth** the family opened a new Bakery in Karamu Road- the Blue Gum Bakery- and so the association with Hastings began. Flour came in sacks by horse and cart and the Bakery **had** earthen floors, with the large iron ovens being fired by sawdust. Bread was also delivered by horse and cart but by the 1920's there was the first motorised delivery in the district. Robert's catering business also supplied local tea rooms such as the one over the Bon Marché shop in Heretaunga Street, the Hastings Races and the Kiosk in Cornwall Park. The best customers were always presented with a silver serving dish every Christmas. Robert was often seen about the district with his pet monkey "Jacko" which he obtained from Australia. In WW II a small shop was purchased at 123 Russell Street, Hastings, called the Cake Kitchen. Daughter Pearl and three brothers were now running the business and granddaughter Velma carried on for 21 years.



**Popplewell's** building is where the shop is **now**, and due to its reinforced concrete construction, **it** survived the 1931 earthquake. The building is Spanish Mission Style and an upgrade saw the original ovens and cast iron doors from the Blue Gum Bakery incorporated into the new building which also had its name returned to Warren's Bakery.

Nostalgia plays an important part in the shop and if you pop in you will see all, the old pictures on the wall and people willing to discuss them with you and reminisce about the 117 year old history of the Bakery.

The popular items are still there; - Eccles cakes, date & cheese scones, custard squares and the Louise cakes. The original 1p Meat pies and 2p potato tops are available too (but not at that price!) and still made by the original hand rolled method. This was an interesting and fascinating insight to a very long established Hastings landmark and we thank Robyn for sharing some of her family history.

### More Interesting Websites

For those who like to explore the internet these sites are interesting. If you wish to access these sites from your computer you can type or copy and paste them into Google or your internet browser (be on line). Alternatively hover your cursor over the web address and hold down the ctrl key (bottom left) and left click your mouse at the same time. (Again be online). Remember to save them to your favourites if you like them.

Wonderful pictures of the Earth's surface from NASA

<http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/>

Do you want to listen to your favourite TV theme and even download it to your computer then have a look at this site. Don't click on any of the ads of course- I never do. You use the alphabet to find the TV program.

Make sure your sound is turned up.

<http://www.televisiontunes.com>

Here is one of my favourites

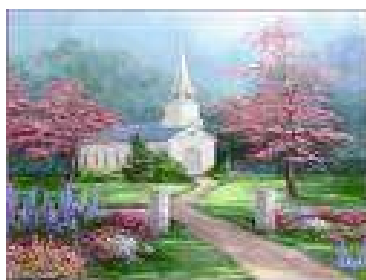
<http://www.televisiontunes.com/Taxi.html>

Do you like Crock-Pot cooking? Here is an amazing site with the most wonderful recipes. Chicken beef, lamb, pork, fish etc. It will keep you going for ages.

<http://www.50plusfriends.com/cookbook/crockpot/index-5b.html>

### Memory

My mind lets go a thousand things,  
Like dates of wars and deaths of kings,  
And yet recalls the very hour--  
'Twas noon by yonder village tower,  
And on the last blue noon in May--  
The wind came briskly up this way,  
Crisping the brook beside the road;  
Then, pausing here, set down its load  
Of pine-scents, and shook listlessly  
Two petals from that wild-rose tree.



### Ageless Quotations

'If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.' -

Mark Twain

Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress... But then I repeat myself.

-Mark Twain

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle. -Winston Churchill

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul. - George Bernard Shaw

A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money. - G. Gordon Liddy

Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner. - James Bovard, Civil Libertarian (1994)

Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries. -Douglas Casey, Classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys. - P. J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian

Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it. - Ronald Reagan (1986)

In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other. - Voltaire (1764)

The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other. - Ronald Reagan

The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings. The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery. - Winston Churchill