



BALLARAT
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

the BULLETIN

OCTOBER 2015

All U3A members and friends are warmly invited to
U3A NEWS & VIEWS

Wednesday, October 28, 2 pm.
Ballarat North Senior Citizens' Centre
Corner of Walker and Armstrong Streets.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Music by the Choir

Come and hear the latest U3A news

Meet Ballarat City Councillors

*Celebrate the opening of the Ballarat North Community Centre
and see the plans for the future*

*See displays of work from the Painting Class, Woodwork Class
and Jewellery Class*

Afternoon Tea

Following the AGM, you can renew your membership

ALL WELCOME

All U3A Members and friends are warmly invited to 'News & Views' on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 2 pm. Get the latest U3A news, enjoy one of the music groups, hear an interesting guest speaker and have afternoon tea and a chat.



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MEETING DATES

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

monthly on the **3rd Wednesday**
at 9.30am from February to
November.

NEWS and VIEWS monthly on
the **4th Wednesday** commencing
at 2.00 pm.

Check Bulletin for venue.

DIARY DATES 2015

Wed Oct 28	News & Views 2.00 pm, Ballarat North Senior Citizens' Centre ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Office open 1 – 2 pm
Wed Oct 21	Committee Meeting - Ballarat North 9:30 am
Wed Oct 21	Bulletin Contributions due to Phill Grant grantphillip@hotmail.com
Fri Oct 30	U3A Ballarat Discovery Day, 1.00 am to 2.00 pm, GPlace.
Wed Nov 4	New members morning tea & tour, Bingo Room, North Ballarat 10:30 - 11:30 am. Office open at North 10:30 am – 12 noon
Wed Dec 2	New members morning tea & tour, Bingo Room, North Ballarat, 10:30 - 11:30 am. Office open at North, 10:30 am – 12 noon

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Phill Grant (grantphillip@hotmail.com)

'Letter to the Editor'

All U3A Ballarat members will thoroughly endorse our President's report in the August Bulletin referring to the many groups who contribute to our organisation's success.

We would like to thank another group – those largely unseen people who make it possible for co-members to attend classes by providing transport to those who, for various reasons, cannot travel independently.

To these helpers, our sincere thanks.

B. P. W

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Spring (finally) is just around the corner; fourth term will be starting in early October. This is our time for annual renewal, a new timetable, new webpage, payment options, simple enrolment and looking to the future of our U3A Ballarat. We will hold our 28th AGM at Ballarat North this year. So in this president's report I am going to ask you to evaluate what you get out of U3A – and importantly what you can give to ensure a stable future for U3A Ballarat.

U3A Ballarat Committee

You will re-elect a relatively stable team of about 15 to the 2015/2016 Committee. But we've grown by nearly 100 over the past year and the Committee is very aware that we need to share the responsibility and satisfaction of doing more than attending classes and enjoying the stimulating interactions and activities. The strength of our leadership team is mirrored in our outstanding tutors and reps who are the real 'heart and soul' of our positive learning community. But we need your help.

The Committee and Tutors/Reps cannot do everything needed to ensure the smooth running of our rapidly growing organization. So to paraphrase John Kennedy, 'Ask not what U3A can do for you – but what you can do in the day-to-day running of our nearly 750-strong learning community'. It's easy – just volunteer to help in 2016 by getting into the:

1. catering team at U3A functions (News and Views, concerts at BN, morning teas for new members) or
2. working bee team – cleaning up the venues after the summer break or
3. tidying-up team - classrooms and tea room areas during the year or
4. bulletin-folding and posting team each month or
5. setting up the chairs and audio visual machines in the function room for monthly News and Views or
6. membership and enrolments team at the AGM, Discovery Day, etc. or
7. new webpage and communication team or
8. finance / grants and accommodation teams or

9. gardening team – getting your hands dirty - just west of GPlace Room 2 or
10. looking after the U3A office and welcoming new members

I can promise that getting involved in even a small way will pay dividends of personal satisfaction at a job well done, meeting new people and relieving the pressure on our committed Committee, Tutors and Reps.

The Importance of this year's AGM

We are embarking on what may be the most exciting 3 or 4 months in our 28-year history. We need YOU to talk with, lobby, and raise the profile of our organization with the City of Ballarat councilors, by attending the AGM (Wednesday 28 October) at Ballarat North Community Centre – our future home in the north at 702 Walker Street. We are fulfilling many important roles in our rapidly growing city – let your councillor know by letter, email, word of mouth AND your presence at the AGM. We filled the hall at the Celtic Choir concert in June – let's show that we really need the City's help in funding the proposed renovations at Ballarat North in the 2015/2016 budget. The City of Ballarat needs to know our story, evaluate our sincerity, and embrace our U3A future plans at for the next ten years as our membership tops 1250 by 2025!

Blake Gordon, President

INTERNATIONAL U3A - NEWSLETTER

U3A SIGNPOST can be found online at:
<http://worldu3a.us6.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=4591b7dedb80e8dc4ca93c1af&id=df90a16210&e=a1f77c0935>

Special Membership Note (for returning members)

.... Please do not fill in New Member form - you will have your own form individually printed. All you have to do is check the details and pay your membership!



Membership Enrolments for 2016

Membership enrolment will follow the same process as for 2015:

1. Membership Renewal Forms will be **individually printed** from the database and contain all the member details completed last year. Thus it will be unnecessary to complete a new membership form. All you will need to do is check your details and pay your money!
2. Membership may be paid by cash, cheque/postal note or direct credit. We are introducing direct credit facilities this year to assist members with their payments. Bank details and identification reference will be on your Membership Renewal Form.
3. You will be able to collect your Membership Renewal Form, together with a Class Information Booklet, (and pay your membership if you wish), at the following times:
 - i At the AGM on October 28 (payment after the AGM) at Ballarat North Community Centre
 - ii Discover U3A Day on Friday 30 October at GPlace from 11.00 am – 2.00 pm
 - iii News and Views - November 25, 1.00 - 2.00 at GPlace
 - iv January 28, 2015 - U3A Enrolment Day at GPlace
4. Note that there will be NO facilities for Membership Renewal payments at the Christmas Lunch.

5. Alternately, members can collect their renewal forms and post their membership fees to the Membership Secretary, PO Box 2058, Bakery Hill 3354
6. Please do not fill in a New Member form, but use the one printed especially for you!
7. Class Information books will be emailed to the Bulletin email list, and if you would like a hard copy you may collect one with your membership renewal form.
8. Thank you for your co-operation
9. NOTE - membership should be paid by the time you start your first class in 2016 as you will need your receipt number to book into a class!

Nina Netherway, Membership Secretary
'phone 53344836
Email ninan06@bigpond.com

WATCH THIS SPACE...



Our **NEW WEBSITE** is nearly ready to be launched. We will have sample pages showing on

screens at the AGM on the 28 October.

Some of the new additions to look for will be:

- an interactive course page where you can look at what courses you would like on the abbreviated timetable then follow a link to you a description of the course.
- a members only section where you can access the full bulletin and full timetable amongst other things.
- And there's more.....!??

Mary Malone, Web Manager

October's Diversion

Last month's question about "Kölsch" and "Alt" beers could have been solved with access to the internet, or from memories of beer tasting in Köln (Cologne) and Düsseldorf. The link, well, the most obvious one geographically speaking, is the Rhein (Rhine River). Köln's "Kölsch" beer and Düsseldorf's slightly darker "Alt" beer are a part of the friendly rivalry between the two cities – one wouldn't drink a Kölsch in Düsseldorf nor an Alt in Köln.

Many thanks and congratulations to the first person with the answer; John Garner (who knew the answer from first-hand experience?)

Rather than provide a competition diversion this month it is timely to look at the publication of the Bulletin.

It is now just over twelve months since I took over the editing of the Bulletin and would welcome comments and suggestions. The format used previously by Nina and Zelda has been retained, because the format they established is a good one. One change to the format was to print the 'hard copies' of the Bulletin on A3 paper, folded then to A4 size. That change was made to make it safer for the team folding the Bulletin for posting (the staples are now out of the way of the folders' fingers).

In the course of editing contributions to the Bulletin, spelling, grammar and layout are sometimes altered by me, in order to provide consistency in the appearance of our newsletter. With regard to changes to spelling, grammar and layout, I have tried to follow the recommendations of the latest *Australian Government Style Manual*. Where possible it is good to be able to include photographs, though occasionally space restrictions influence what can be included.

Most of the work is done electronically. That made it possible to continue the task while away from Ballarat. However, on a recent trip I had my old computer, with old software. Consequently I was grateful to Nina for converting the 'old software document' to the 'new software document' suitable for sending to the printer – many thanks to Nina for that.

When I start compiling each new Bulletin from the contributions emailed to me, I always write

a short reply to the contributor, just to let them know that the contribution has been received. Anyone who has emailed a contribution but not received a reply (usually in the week of the contributions deadline), please contact me (just in case I have missed an email).

At the moment the Bulletin is being edited in Düsseldorf, as I have a short-term position there. Fortunately that is possible because everything is done electronically.

Finally, comments and suggestions, even just to tell me where mistakes have been made, are most welcome.

Comments to Phill Grant

grantphillip@hotmail.com

(sorry, no fabulous inducements are offered – just the glory of providing a comment)

ODDS and SODS from the COMMITTEE and others

* Nina would be really pleased if renewing members used the form specially printed for them, because she designed it to make it easier for renewing members.

* There will be no 'News and Views' in September due to work being done to the roof at GPlace

* The AGM will be held on October 28 at Ballarat North

* The Committee members, especially Blake, Nina, Mary and Denise, are looking forward to meeting all Tutors and Reps, oh, and visitors too, at the U3A Ballarat **Discovery Day** at GPlace on Friday 30 October, 11.00 am to 2.00 pm

* Did you know, that the 'News & Views', (normally) held every fourth Wednesday of the month, is open to all U3A Ballarat members?

* Did you know that 'News & Views' always has interesting guest speakers, frequently has musical entertainment, and provides a chat-time over a cuppa and cakes?

* Did you know that the new U3A Ballarat website is just about to be launched?

VICTORIAN SENIORS' FESTIVAL

'It's your time'.

Across Victoria during the month of October, various social, cultural and sporting activities are provided for Seniors to enjoy – almost all are FREE.

Free public transport is available for all Senior Card holders for the period 4 to 11 October. This includes metropolitan and town bus travel. V/Line coach and rail services are offered free on Tuesday 6, Wednesday 7, Thursday 8, Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October.

U3A Classes in Ballarat Library 5 - 9 October – see separate chart

Seniors' Week is being launched at the Ballarat Library in Doveton Street by Greg Champion from the Coodabeens at 2 pm on Tuesday 13 October, with an afternoon of songs, stories and laughs. Entry is free and includes afternoon tea.

A free concert at the Mechanics Institute in Sturt Street on Friday 16 October at 2 pm will feature Honey B and The Stingers. Bookings are essential on 5320 5586.

Jazz'n Shiraz at Jackson's and Co, corner Lydiard and Mair Streets, is a free event on Sunday 18 October from 12 to 4, featuring wine tastings from local wineries, live jazz and the option to purchase lunch. Bookings; 5338 8101.

Sovereign Hill is offering a special program for seniors with a Pioneer Pass (free on application at the entrance desk) on Tuesday 6, Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 October. Each day has a schedule of activities from 10.30 am. This includes Mr. and Mrs. Crosby's School of Etiquette and Politeness, Golden Treasures Tours of the Gold Museum, a Garden Tour of Sovereign Hill's gardens, resident historian Jan giving an insightful talk on artist S.T. Gill, and other presentations.

VICTORIAN SENIORS' FESTIVAL

For more information, pick up a copy of the complete Ballarat Seniors' Festival events calendar at any of the Ballarat libraries, the Town Hall, the Phoenix Building or visit www.ballarat.vic.gov.au and www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au.



Visitors to the Science Class
(full report, page 13)



Beautiful Work from Silver Jewellery

CLASS COORDINATOR'S NOTES

At this time of year the committee is very busy preparing for 2016. We have a variety of new classes to offer in the New Year. Below is a brief description of each.

****Please note that we are NOT taking names at this stage. There will be opportunities to sign up for these classes later on.****



JUST TO TEMPT YOU **Possible classes for 2016**

CLOGGING - Val Delvin-Kerr

Introduction to 'Clogging'/Country Tap (not Dutch clogging). 'To Clog' simply means 'to keep time'. Clogging is a social activity suitable for all ages and physical conditions; good music and lots of fun being paramount. No partners are needed. Participants can enjoy a gentle low impact or a more energetic style of dance - it is up to the individual. In addition to the physical benefits, brain stimulation is an added bonus. The music crosses a number of genres.

**Clogging is like laughter,
contagious
and needs to be spread around**

DRAWING

Barbara Preston is offering a six-week drawing class in 1st semester. Places will be limited.

HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SHORT COURSE) – Alice Mills

Repeated from 2014. This course starts with a look at what language is, then considers the development from Old English through to Middle English (e.g. Chaucer) and Modern English. Topics will include slang and spelling rules, word origins and changes in the meaning of words, accents and rude words.

INTRODUCTION TO JUNG – Alice Mills

This full year course will offer an introduction to Jung's ideas on the human psyche and the stories we take as truth about the world and ourselves. Does Jung offer the healthiest antidote to the 21st century?

MEDITATION – Julie Brusashi (Term 1)

Meditation suitable for beginners and experienced meditators using simple techniques. Based on Yoga and Buddhist techniques. I have been doing meditation for thirty-one years and have travelled to India eleven times to study meditation and Yoga. Also studied here with Buddhist and Yoga teachers. Exploring simple meditation techniques. Main focus is on practise with short discussion. Please arrive at least five minutes early to start on time.

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC – Peter Weste (Semester 1)

A Lifetime's Musical Journey

Over the last eighty years or so, I have spent many happy hours listening to music. I am not a musician, but I play a mean CD. My tastes in music range from the best in Opera, Classical Music, Jazz and Popular Music. I have attended many concerts featuring all of the above in America, Europe as well as in Australia. Now, I have a comprehensive CD collection in all of the above genres and I would love to share it with you.

MYTHS AND MYTH MAKING – Alice Mills

This full year course will explore ancient myths. After a foray into Mesopotamian myth, it will focus on Greek myth especially as told through Homer and classical Greek tragedies. Why are these ancient myths still so powerful? How should you behave if you wished to survive meeting a god? What are the best ways of not attracting divine attention?

PRESERVE YOUR MEMORIES **Irene Warfe** (was scrapbooking)

This class is aimed at those who wish to 'do something' with the photos they've collected over the years - family photographs and

records and holiday experiences. It encourages you to use your own photos and memorabilia and arrange them in a visually pleasing format for family and friends to enjoy. The class also encourages creativity to develop your own presentation style. Skills to be gained include selecting appropriate materials to preserve with your photos, design, colour matching and journaling (telling the story of the photographs and/or experience).

ROMAN HISTORY – Anne McKee

This will include a very brief pre-Imperial History without which it is difficult to understand Imperial Rome. The focus will be the Civil War between Julius Caesar and Pompey, and then the Emperors up until the end of the Imperial period. This Roman History is mainly social and much comes from translations of the Roman authors. There is no textbook required.

SUBLIME – SHORT COURSE

Kate Simons (8 – 10 weeks, Semester 2)

This is an introduction to the concept of the sublime, presented from four different perspectives. We will discuss why the sublime is so little understood and speculate on the reasons why:

1. From the medieval religious tradition, looking at a selection of the mystical religious writings of early Anglo-Saxon poets.
2. This Western religious tradition will be offset by the Oriental Sufi love poetry of Jalaluddin Rumi.
3. Then work with pre-Raphaelite art, Romantic poetry and the paintings of William Turner.
4. The last perspective is the Gothic Sublime and its associated terror and horror.

The unit is designed to counter what may be perceived as a contemporary predisposition to focus on the dark and negative side of humanity. While the sublime can well manifest as horrifying, I aim to provide insight and understanding into this response and instead emphasize the sublime's aspects of awe and wonder.

FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

Paul Webster

We will look at the significant developments in the military, political and social issues that shaped this period of Rome.

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS : Legacy of Gracchi and Sulla, Civil War between Marius and Sulla, the significance of the military and political career of Pompey. Consulship of Pompey and Crassus and significance of Cicero. The first Triumvirate of Pompey Caesar and Crassus. The role of the Optimates (liberals) and the Populares (labour) and urban violence. The political competition between Pompey and Caesar resulting in the civil war 49 BC to 45 BC.

WAR AND EXPANSION: Pompey's extraordinary commands, the Eastern settlement, Caesar's military activities in Gaul, Germany and Britain.

THE FALL OF THE REPUBLIC: The impact of Caesar's rule and assassination. The rivalry between Octavian and Mark Antony, and the role of Cleopatra VII and the battle of Actium.

THE STUARTS – CONTINUING ON FROM WAR AND ROSES – Jack Engwerda

Beginning with family origins back in the middle of the 12th century, of course Robert the Bruce, then to the birth of the 'Stuart Dynasty', beginning with Robert 2nd and ending with Charles Edward Stuart, better known as Bonnie Prince Charles. The period covers 1300 – 1770. Come along, enjoy and most importantly; participate.

WINE APPRECIATION will run in 1st semester and **WINE PRODUCTION** will be introduced in 2nd semester.

INTRODUCTION TO YOGA FOR ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS. Mondays 11.30 am to 12.30. This will run for Term 1 & 2 only with a view to transferring to 9.30 am class from Term 3.

Mary Maloney – Class Coordinator:
email moomoo@southernphone.com.au or
telephone 5330 1334

CLASS NOTES

The next Bulletin deadline;
Wednesday June 17
to Phill Grant, PO Box 2058,
Bakery Hill, 3354 or
grantphillip@hotmail.com

ART GROUP

Seniors Week Celebration at the Alexander Croquet Club.

Come and enjoy a cuppa and watch the painters as they work on their many and varied works. See some finished art and view our joint endeavour 'MOSAIC 2015', the first time on public viewing!

At the Croquet Club, watch a demonstration of this ancient game of croquet, or maybe try it!

Where; Alexander Croquet Club, Gillies Street
When; from 10 am on Thursday 8 October '15
Enquiries; Barbara 53356488

The Art Group meets each Thursday, from 10 am to 12 noon, at the Alexandra Croquet Club.

Barbara Preston, Class Tutor

AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

The Australian History Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 1.30 – 3.30 pm at GPlace.

Nina Netherway and Zelda Martin

BALLARAT HISTORY

On 14 October the class will meet at 10.30 am at Room 1 GPlace; Ian Dickson, (a class member), who is both an agriculturalist and an artist, will be our speaker. Then on 28 October please meet at the Specialist School Farm in Norman Street at 10.00 am, where we will have coffee (cost is \$6 for coffee and scone), see the 'Archie' paintings, which some of the students have done, and enjoy a tour of the farm. Let us hope the weather is kind to us that morning.

If you have any queries or apologies please contact Margaret Eedle on 5339 4465 or email margaret@eedle.com

Margaret Eedle, Class Rep.

BOOK GROUPS

First Thursday Book Group

We have been meeting at the Mechanics Institute all this year. We are indeed privileged to have such comfortable accommodation.

There are ten of us in our group and so we have no vacancies.

On Thursday 5 November, Book Group 2, as well as our group, will be meeting at the Ballarat Yacht Club at 12.30 pm for lunch together, and also to discuss the different books we have read. I am really looking forward to it.

We have our list in to the library for next year's reading and hope that the books we have chosen will be the ones we receive!

Ellen Ryan

Val Newman. Class Rep. 53388389.

Book Group 2

Room 1, GPlace, 1st Thursday of the month.
Vivienne Martinich, Class Rep,

BUSHWALKERS

Walks for October

October 8; Scotsburn, led by Warwick Sellens. The walk itself is 9 km in bush. The first half kilometre is through open scrub with no definable track. (We will have no trouble though.) The rest is single lane 'mountain bike' trail and forestry vehicle access tracks. B.L, Code B, Car Pool \$5

October 22; Lerderderg Gorge (Part 2) led by Ray Fenton. B.L, Code B, Car Pool \$8

For walk details and photos from past walks please go to our Blog at:
<http://bushwalkersu3aballarat.blogspot.com.au>

KEY. A – easy, B – undulating,
C – hilly, longer, D – strenuous. BL – bring lunch.
NOTE. Meeting place is GPlace at 9.20 am to leave at 9.30 am

*Laraine Gunning, Class Rep. and
Lynne Fenton*

CANASTA

We are back twice each month till the end of this year. Next year canasta will be held on the third Friday of the month, 2 pm – 4 pm. We still meet in room 2 at Golden Point. I am looking forward to a larger group next year, perhaps you may like to join us?

First and third Friday afternoons of each month at GPlace Room 2.

Val Newman, class rep., 53388389.

The CELTIC BAND

Corrie Olsen, Tutor, and Ros Cole, class rep.

CHORISTERS

This winter seems to many to have been particularly cold and so many of our members are away, either on holidays, too cold to get out, having adjustments to their bodies or getting the flu. Fortunately there are still a few stalwarts. Those of us left are practising some new and some old tunes.

We will be there for your entertainment at the Annual Meeting on 28 October. Let's hope there will be a good attendance.

The school holidays are upon us again so we are in recess for two weeks from Friday 18.

Liz Bailey, class rep.

CLASSIC CINEMA

The class has chosen 'Great Actors' for our 2016 theme.

September 29. Niki Caro's *Whale Rider* (NZ, 2003, 101 mins) shows how traditional beliefs can still provide a positive foundation for Maori communities today.

October 13. The ancient lives and tales of Aborigines in Australia's north features in Rolf de Heer's visually splendid film, *Ten Canoes* (2006, 92 mins).

Voting opens on October 13 for our favourite film from the 2015 programme - and ends after the November 10 session. Marion also needs to know if class members wish to

continue in 2016, so please contact her by 'phone if you won't be at the remaining screenings. (No general vacancies are expected until mid 2016, and no waiting list is kept for this group.)

*Marion Dick, class rep.,
5332 4831, or mobile: 0429 691 470*

COMMUNITY GARDENING

Our next gardening session is Thursday 1 October from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. We will concentrate on planting spring and summer crops and tending the existing crops.

*Anne Ottrey, mobile: 0422 963 985,
Phone: 5336 2482
Email: ottrey@ncable.net.au*

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS

Mary Chappell, Class Rep., 5330 1633

CURRENT AFFAIRS

The Current Affairs Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays, 10.45 am – 12.15 pm in Room 2 at GPlace.

Ros McArthur, Tutor

The CYCLE TOURING GROUP

While wintry weather has kept bicycles in the garage, some members have cycled in Canada and Europe. Despite dire predictions, Spring is on the way and cycle trips have been planned; the overnight jaunt in the Grampians remains one of the trips in planning.

Phill Grant

DANCERCISE

This enthusiastic group meets on Wednesdays at the Ballarat North Senior Citizens' Hall. We have welcomed some new members recently and, despite the cold weather, have had good attendances during the winter. Come and join us in Seniors' Week. We are perfecting a dance to *Hey, Big Spender* which requires the brain to be in sync with the feet more than most!

Jacqueline Cleverley, Class Rep.

THE DINING OUT GROUP

We are trying another new venue this month – Billy's Bistro at the Mercure, Main Road, Ballarat (opposite Sovereign Hill). Please let me know by Thursday, 15 October if you will be coming so I can give our numbers to the venue on the Friday.

Now, advance notice. For those of you who joined our group this year, in December we have our lunch on the 2nd Sunday so as not to be too close to Christmas. You may like to pop the date in your diary now so it won't come as a shock in December.

Ann Reynolds, Class Rep; 5309 1718
annreynolds@hemsleypark.com.au

'Stop Press' Today at the dine-out at Smythesdale the five ladies who have singularly run this group since 2001 were all there. So a photo was taken of them. The names of us all are Val Newman, Ann Reynolds (who is running this group at the present,) Helen Cairns, Dorothy Graham and Marg. Luhrs. We had an attendance of nineteen today which made for lots of chin wagging! Not to mention the excellent food.

Val Newman

ESSAYS AND IDEAS

The Essays and Ideas Group meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, from 10.45 am - 12.15 pm.

Venue: GPlace, Room 2

On **Monday 12 October:** from *better than fiction; Huaxi Watermill* by Arnold Zable, page 27. and from *The Norton Book of Personal Essays; The Lost Childhood* by Graham Greene, page 180

On **Monday 26 October:** from *better than fiction; Shooting Pompeii* by DBC Pierre page 39, and from *The Norton Book of Personal Essays; The Stranger* by Emily Hahn, page 186.

Margret Currie; 04 1929 0232 or 5333 2970

FILM MUSICALS

During Term 3 we featured some excellent British films including *Oliver*, *Oh What a*

Lovely War, *A Hard Day's Night*, and live performances from Royal Albert Hall of *Phantom of The Opera* and the musical version of *Billy Elliot*.

In Term 4 we are going to feature Class Favourites, with films suggested by members of the class. All the films selected are excellent films also.

We meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Fridays of the school terms at 1.00 pm. If you wish to join us contact Bob Whitten.

Bob Whitten, Class Rep., 5341 8189
email ibobdown@hotmail.com

JOURNEY WITH MY MUSIC

This class meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at GPlace, Room 2.

With school holidays we only have one session in September – Monday 14 at 14.30. We will be in France, mainly in Paris. Then, after the school break we have four more sessions to close the series. October 12 with a surprise session, October 26 takes us through Europe, November 9 sees us in the Far East and we are back home in OZ for our final session on November 23. Then we can unpack and start our Xmas shopping.

I am waiting on confirmation re dates and location for a 17 session series titled *The Shakespearean Canon Mystery*. More about that later.

Ralph Hislop, Tutor, 0457 238 852
and email ralph90next@gmail.com

LANGUAGES

BEGINNERS FRENCH

Jules

FRENCH C

Jan Leishman, Class Rep, 5332 7708
janalan307@gmail.com

FRENCH E

Our tutor left us this month for his annual European walking holiday, so we need to continue our lessons both at home and with the guidance of Heather Tallis, who has gladly offered to help the French beginners class and us during Jean-Jacques' absence.

While we are nearing the end of another year, our class will be honing their conversational skills and hoping that we will impress our tutor on his return. The majority of our class will be returning in 2016 as we all enjoy learning about French language and culture with a wonderful tutor plus the excellent camaraderie.

Peter Jones, Class Rep.
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FRENCH

Several students travelled to Noumea to attend classes in French and to live in a French speaking community.

Ken Gittins, Class Rep.

GERMAN

Fortgeschrittene - Advanced Beginners – Anfänger

Both classes have combined for the time-being and are being guided by an additional tutor and a class member who has experienced some time in Germany.

Ken Gittins, Class Rep.

ITALIAN

Italian 2 class; Monday 2.15 pm

John Cheesema, Tutor
Wendy Balharrie, Class Rep., 53312329

LATIN III

Meets Tuesdays, 9.00 – 10.00 am, at Ballarat North Senior Citizens' Club
Gillian Robson, Class Rep.

LATIN 4 at 5

Meets Tuesdays 10.00 – 11.00 am at Ballarat North Senior Citizens' Club
Janice Cook

LITERATURE

Our class will be reading *A Man for all Seasons* by Robert Bolt for the month of October. Our tutor will be Mary Ross.

Robyn McKnight, Class Rep.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

Janice Cook

NORDIC POLE WALKERS

Meets Tuesdays at 10 am.

Mike Maloney, Class Rep. 5330 1334,
<maloney28@southernphone.com.au>
Pat McCarthy, Tutor; 5331 6219

OPERA ON VIDEO

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays, at 2 pm.

Friday 9 and 20 October at 2.00 pm
Jules Massenet, *Werther*, starring Jonas Kaufmann and Sophie Koch.

Barbara Worrall, Tutor
Graham Worrall, Class Rep.

PHILOSOPHY

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 2.00 – 4.00 pm at GPlace

John Poliness, Class Rep.

POETRY

Like countless others, poetry group members were very saddened by Christina's passing. We valued her input and observations, and her beautiful reading will certainly be missed.

The group is now venturing into the twentieth century! Our tutor will be away for a while,

traveling to adventurous places, but after the school holidays we will meet on October 5 to read the early poetry of W.B. Yeats, led by guest tutor Kate. Thank you Kate!

Millicent Reed, Class Rep.

RECORDER ENSEMBLE

Two special events, one planned and one a surprise, have kept us on our toes this term. Geoff's U3A recorder group, from Melbourne, visited us in early August. We played for each other, got to know each other over lunch and played together in the afternoon. I'm sure we learnt from each other and enjoyed being the listeners as well as performers.

The Slow Music Festival provided entertainment in the form of *The Flying Tapirs* and the *Ukulele Collective*. They delivered a delicious cake and a surprise song to June and the Ensemble. They disappeared as quickly as they appeared, leaving a tasty addition to morning tea. See you all in Seniors' Week.

On Friday 27 November the Recorder Ensemble will be holding a concert at Brown Hill Uniting Church, Humffray Street North at 11 am. All U3A members and their friends and family are invited. There will be some Xmas music and Folk Songs plus a selection of other music we have learnt during the year. We would love to see you there.

Meets Fridays, 9.30 am – 12.00 pm, at Brown Hill Uniting Church Hall

Jacqueline Cleverley, Class Rep

RAPT IN SINGING

Robyn Clark. 5339 5271

SCIENCE CLASS

The Science Class meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 1.00 – 3.00 pm.

After several lectures on the origins and dispersal of the Aboriginal people of Australia we looked at the evolution of birds from the Cenozoic to the present day. We also studied the skeleton and adaptations of birds to

changing conditions and food sources. Following this, the class was treated to a lecture by Martin Scuffins on Raptors, birds of prey.

Brenda is away on a well-earned holiday and Ross Priddle gave an interesting informative talk on the origin, chemistry, discovery, uses and different forms of carbon, from charcoal to graphite to diamonds.

The Science class is well attended and it is always a challenge fitting everyone in.

The science class has been privileged to have guest speaker/presenter Martin Scuffins give a raptor presentation on 1 September. Martin brought two of his wild life sanctuary birds that he has trained. The owl and kestrel he brought were perfectly happy to join our class and show off flying from perch to Martin and eating from his hand.

Martin has been fascinated by raptors since he was a young boy. He is a qualified raptor rehabilitator, taking injured birds through to recovery and which he releases back into nature. The owl that Martin brought is blind in one eye but otherwise healthy. It can fly but it is unable to be released. The little kestrel that Martin brought had fallen from its nest. He raised it from a very young bird. It identifies Martin as its 'mother' so it is very tame ...and demanding of attention!

As well as rehabilitating raptors Martin paints and exhibits his work. His beautiful natural paintings are mostly of the birds he has worked with. His presentation was informative and very much enjoyed by the class.

Brenda Beck, Tutor
Heather Bice, Class Rep.

SILVER JEWELLERY MAKING

Tuesdays at 9.30 am until 12.30 and 1.00 pm until 3.30, in the Men's/Community Shed, GPlace

Steve is off on a well-earned holiday for a week or two. In the meanwhile we are taking the time to gather our thoughts, energies and directions for a renewed

attack on our projects when he returns. There will be some of the class work on show at the AGM on 28 October, so do come and see the beautiful, artistic pieces of work the class have achieved so far this year.

Wendy Chandler, 5331 8904, Class Rep. (am)
Anne King, 5341 8002, Class Rep. (pm)

SIT AND STITCH

The classes are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 9.30 - 3.30 at Ballarat North Campus.

Recently Margaret Fox demonstrated Crazy Patchwork at our class. Margaret brought a collection of many beautiful items she has made including several handbags, evening bags, purses, all of different shapes and sizes, a hat, covered coat hangers and a cloth. For Crazy Patchwork projects you use small scraps of material of all shapes and colours, sew by hand or machine onto calico and embellish with embroidery, laces, buttons and jewellery.

Our next class will be held at the Ballarat Library during Seniors' Week, 8 October 9.30 - 3.30. We will have a display of our craft and our members will be working on their projects.

Margaret Copping, Class Rep., 5334 1191, or 04 0902 1949

STROLLERS AND COFFEE

Walks start at 10 am
on the 1st and 4th Wednesdays

23 September; meet at Eclipse Ford, Albert Street, Sebastopol on side road.

7 October; meet on the corner of Russell and Eyre Streets roundabout. Victoria Park.

14 October; meet at Brown Hill Hotel, car park. Humphrey Street North.

4 November; meet at Cornerstone Café, 206 South Street/Skipton Street corner.

25 November; meet at Ballarat Golf Club, 1800 Sturt Street. Ballarat.

Wendy Chandler
Chris Cullen, Class Rep., 5332 3721

WAR OF THE ROSES AND THE TUDORS

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays
at 10.45 am at GPlace, Room 2

Jack Engwerda, Tutor
Jill Hunter, Class Rep.

WINE APPRECIATION

Our class is sadly soon coming to an end. What fun we've had learning about the complex making of wine, finishing off each class with the tasting of four different wines. Now that's one way to complete lessons. And to think our tutor is an Australian Wine Judge having spent all his working life in the industry. Is there anything Steve doesn't know about wine, we doubt it!

Jill Hunter, Class Rep

WOODWORKING

Our Tutor, Terry, has returned from overseas and we thank Henk for looking after the class in his absence. Terry demonstrated how to sharpen and use a cabinet scraper to create a smooth finish. Warren, after much measuring and checking cut his beautiful box into two pieces to create a bottom and lid. Inserts will be put in the bottom to fit inside the lid. In a testament to the quality of Pauline's work she has made her first commercial transaction. The small spoons and knives she carves are mostly made from Huon Pine.

After the holidays, we look forward to the demonstration day at the Ballarat Library.

Heather Bice, Class Rep. 0419524714
or 53301357 bice2@tpg.com.au

YOGA

For information about the Yoga classes, please contact the Tutor, or for the beginners' class please contact Lori on 53303143,

Joy Whitten, Tutor 53418189.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2015

The Annual General Meeting of U3A Ballarat, will be held in the Hall, Ballarat North Community Centre, 702 Walker Street, Ballarat North at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 28 October, 2015

All U3A members are invited to attend. All current committee positions will be declared vacant at that meeting and nominations are called for Officers and Ordinary Members.

OFFICERS: PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER

ORDINARY MEMBERS*: A minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10

*Note: The Immediate Past President is included as an Ordinary Member of the Committee, making a maximum of 15 members on the Committee. The duties of Ordinary Members vary from year to year, but can include Webpage Manager, Bulletin Editor, Publicity Officer, Class Co-ordinator, Social Convenor, Membership Officer, U3A Network Representative, Catering Co-ordinator, and Equipment Officer. Sub-committees for Finance/Grants, Accommodation/Operations, Membership/Enrolment, Webpage/Community Relations, and Bulletin/Publications report regularly to the U3A Ballarat Committee.

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WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26 to:

The Secretary U3A Ballarat Inc.
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Nominated by (Member)

Signature

I hereby accept the nomination for the above position

Signed (Nominee)

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