

HIBISCUS COAST U3A



University of the Third Age

The HBC U3A offers members a number of established groups providing stress-free entertaining study of diverse topics chosen by the members. Established groups meet regularly to discuss History (current topics Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, Normans), World Today (current history, geography, current events), Cinematique (reviewing provocative, non-mainstream films) and BookLovers (current literature). New groups forming will discuss Humour, Music Appreciation, Geology. Members and non-members are invited to sit in on any of these sessions and will always find a warm welcome.

**You are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting Held At
The Red Beach Methodist Church Hall (10 .a.m.- noon) on
MONDAY 21st APRIL
Speaker : Marigold Runnerstrum Topic : World Travel**

**Reminder : Subscriptions for 1997 are due now. \$40.00 per couple or \$25.00 single
These can be paid at the Monday 21st April Meeting .**

CURRENT ACTIVE GROUPS



HISTORY MADE EASY

Our group of enthusiasts have been delving into the past to try to picture life in Britain during the Roman occupation.

We have looked at everyday life enjoyed (or not as the case may be) by the Celts; reasons for the arrival of the Romans; making of roads and bridges; buildings and architecture; the structure of the Roman army and changes made throughout the occupation; medicines, food and clothing; the Roman calendar; climatic conditions; discoveries and working of existing minerals; advances into Scotland; battles fought; and reasons for departure.

We then took a plunge into the Dark Ages, and at present are involved in sorting out the spread of Anglo-Saxons and their constant fights and squabbles with each other to establish control.

Our group meets on the **1ST AND 3RD TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH AT 10 A.M.- NOON** at members houses on a rotating basis, and new members are always welcome. Each member chooses what he or she wants to research and produces the results at the meetings. We are working on the formation of a booklet covering our first year's endeavors which will be of assistance for new members and show the rest of us just how much we have learned.

Jim Blann	424-2028	Eleanor Markwick	427-8009
Norma Buckland	424-0330	Joan Percival	424-8356
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(Convenor)	424-0730	Lorna Speary	426-8020
Bob Doorman	426-3332	Shirley Webber	426-8365



World Today Study Group

Our group started last year, first under the title "Travel" and then "Geographics". It has been difficult to find a short title to sum up our range of study so we have now settled on 'The World Today'. We meet every **1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 10 A.M. TO NOON**. We have loosely agreed that we will continue our study of China (in more depth) on the 3rd Thursdays, while on the 1st Thursdays we will investigate other parts of the world - by popular choice.

Having chosen a country we look at different aspects of its Geography, History, Culture, Politics, Trade, Flora and Fauna and anything else relevant. It may be a place you have been to or have always wanted to go to, you might have family there now or ancestors that came from there. Or it may just be a country that raises your curiosity. It will often be possible to have a video.

Last year, meeting only once a month, we tackled Canada, touched on Zimbabwe and started on China which is, of course huge in every sense of the word. First up this year will be India followed by Italy. Anyone interested please feel welcome to contact me and I will let you know where the next meeting is so that you can come along and meet us, and see what we are doing.

Pat Varney, 34 Hobbs Rd. Whangaparaoa - Ph: 424-2316. (Convener)

Pat Hawkins	426-6398	Anne Spencer	426-9561
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CINEMATIQUE

We are a very relaxed group and really enjoy each other's comments. At Christmas, we all went to see the film Restoration, and later dined in style in Takapuna. This we plan to do more frequently.

The group is currently in discussion with the Manager of the Hoyt's Cinemas, with suggestions to make available more quality films in the weekly programs, and hopefully have our own mini-festivals at Whangaparaoa.

The Cinematique group invites all interested to sit in on any of the **TWICE MONTHLY MEETINGS on the 2ND AND 4TH MONDAYS OF THE MONTH** at 71 Maygrove Drive, Orewa. Phone: 426-6615.

Some of the films critiqued in 1996 included the following:

Sense and Sensibility	Portrait of a Lady	Romeo and Juliet
Carrington	Jude	Dead Men
In the Name of the Father	Beautiful Thing	Dead Man Walking
Land and Freedom	Shine	The Ghost and the Darkness
Persuasion	Fargo	Michael Collins
Babe	Antonia's Line	The Mirror has two Faces
Burnt By The Sun (Russian)	Month by the Lake	Shanghai Triad
Smoke	Secrets and Lies	Cosi
Il Postino		
Fly Away Home		
Restoration	Richard III	Evita

Also, at one meeting we were privileged to have Moira Walker, who starred in a major movie with Gary Cooper, enlighten the group with insights into the making of the film. Currently, The English Patient and the The Spitfire Grill will be reviewed at the next session (14 April).

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BOOKLOVERS

We meet every **SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10.A.M.-NOON** at members' homes. Our contributions have provided some very lively, humour and enlightening discussions.

The annual programme has a set of four books chosen for the year which are read by all members. At the end of three months the book for that particular quarter is discussed. Each member offers their opinion of other books they may have read also.

We have a membership of eight and look forward to new members coming along to our next meeting . held at Nonie Coates' ome at the Peninsula Club.

I am sure you will enjoy the experience in our quest to extend our literary fields. Even if you just want to listen please come. You will be most welcome.

Betty Templeton . Phone: 424-489. (Convenor.)

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PROPOSED GROUPS TO BE INTRODUCED



1. HUMOUR .

At first glance this may seem superficial, but I believe it encompasses a very wide range of investigation.

From the Court Jester/Fool employed to amuse the court and particularly to lift spirits in times of strife, through Circus clowns and Music Hall comics, right up to modern day Political Satire, humour has been used not only for enjoyment, but also as a tool to influence public opinion.

There is literature from Chaucer and Shakespeare through to John Clarke and Murray Ball. There are plays, films and magazines (for instance "Punch") heaps of television, and the cartoons in our daily newspapers - so research should be painless.

Contact Pat Varney - Phone 424-2316.



2 . MUSIC APPRECIATION .

Add to your understanding of the world of classical music. Listening to, and knowledgeable commentary on selections, composers, conductors and artists will significantly enhance your enjoyment of this art form.



3. GEOLOGY.

We are searching for a Convenor for this group. Topics will include nature walks, rock study, local topographical features.