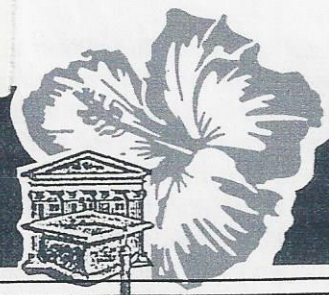


# HIBISCUS COAST U3A



## *NEXT GENERAL MEETING*

Monday June 15th at Presbyterian Church Hall 10.00am  
32 Waioara Road - Next Stanmore Bay School

Parking will be available at the rear of the Church

⇒ ⇒ **BOB TIZARD** ⇐ ⇐

### *The Lighter Side of Politics*

Bob studied at Auckland University and after service in World War 2 majored in History for his M.A. He then entered politics with Walter Nash as Prime Minister and his keen brain and wit served him well during his long political career. Bob is a member of the Remuera U3A and he now gives members an opportunity to hear about familiar names and events in a lively and humorous style.

*Please make an effort to give Bob a full gathering for a very entertaining morning*

## **Message from the President Last Meeting**

Our first meeting in the new venue was an outstanding success, with very few noise distractions to spoil the humorous address by Merv Smith on the lighter side of International train travel. There was a large gathering of members and visitors who listened with interest to Merv who still has the same infectious outlook on the world and his radio experience makes him an excellent after dinner speaker.

### **Annual Meeting**

President Jeune Mingins thanked the members for their support during her year in office and made presentations to the Conveners of the various groups.

Officers for the year 1998-99 are.. President Spencer Tuck Vice-President Pat Varney  
Treasurer Nonie coates Secretary Lois Tuck

The new President in making a presentation to Juene and Ray thanked them for the work they have done for the Hibiscus Coast U3A since its inception, and wished them well in their wanderings in their mobile home.

### **Membership**

The new membership secretary Judith Cliffe had a busy time keeping track of all the members and visitors at the meeting. She is endeavouring to bring our membership list up to date as we have had several new members and enquires from interested people who have recieved a book-mark from the local libraries

Our mailing list for our newsletter is now over 115 names and to assist Lex Liddell who has had the big job of addressing all the newsletters a data base on the computer will now print all the labels on self adhesive material. We have also created a data base for name tags so this will help Judith to keep up with this important process.

### **Group Meetings**

All the groups are now well established and we may have to set a ceiling on the numbers as it is becoming difficult to ask our members to supply morning tea and seating for over 15 people. We are reaching a stage where we are looking for volunteers who may be able to lead new groups.

#### **FRIENDSHIP**

Make an effort to speak to  
New Members Today

TEA DUTY  
"WORLD TODAY"





## MUSIC

The Music Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Fridays. Plans for the rest of the year include a musical Video visit to Vienna, the music of Brahms, the Nairobi Trio, American Music, the Big Band Era and a Video visit to the City of Prague followed by the works of Smetana who visited the City. If you are interested to join us - *Phone Pat Hawkins 4266398 Evenings.*

## CINEMATIQUE

**MOVIES:** Historic Comedy light and serious all are viewed and reviewed later in the comfort of a members home or as it was last month at a local restaurant, following our group viewing of "Wings of a Dove." We have discussed "The White Balloon" (a film festival choice) "6 Degrees of Separation" "Ulysses Gold" "As good as it Gets" - and of course "Titanic" Very interesting conversations and differing views of the language in movies and TV was up for comments. Join us and participate - *Phone Jeune Mingins 4266615 or Chris 4263332.*

## HUMOUR

The Humour Group is leaping from strength to strength - in numbers at least, if not in wisdom! In fact we are almost getting to the point where we will have to sit on the floor to all squash in to meetings. With much exchanging of jokes and composing of rhymes, the next project is to assemble some into book form. There has been a lot of publicity recently about the health benefits of a good laugh. To quote Bob Hope, who is 95, on his longevity - "Everyone tells you it's diet and exercise. But laughter is it Laughter is therapy. an instant vacation." Our meetings are still only once a month ( 2nd Wednesday) and the next is June 10th. *Phone Pat Varney 4242316.*

## BOOKLOVERS

Meets every second Thursday. Next meeting is on 28th May, at the home of Erna Moss, 33 Duncansby Road, Stanmore Bay. The set books for the group are - The House Guest, Angela's Ashes, The Wheel of Life, The Story of Suzanne Aubert, In The Blood, God of Small Things.

The group continues to have lively and stimulating discussions on our many and varied reading "adventures" WE would like some more members and we are well on the way to forming a happy and relaxed group who enjoy our meetings. *Phone Judith Cliffe 4268804 for details*

## WORLD TODAY

The recent meeting of our group has proved the depth of talent we have amongst our many members with several contributing outstanding 15 min papers on a wide range of subjects. These have led to lively discussions and I am sure that the founders of U3A would be pleased with the results. Our programme on America is proving to be thought provoking and has stimulated our interests in searching out further information. Our programme on the "Rise and Fall of the Arab Empire" left us with a desire to learn more about this fascinating subject so we are all going on June the 4th to the Art Gallery to see the Orientalism Exhibition. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 10.00a.m. - *Phone Spencer Tuck 4245665*

## PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy group re-convened on April 22nd at the home of Kees deLeeuw. We are continuing to study the philosophical background of contemporary social developments. As a framework this year we have an article by Digby Anderson on "The Moral Poverty of Contemporary Social Analysis." Last week we discussed what was a successful economy and whether it offered any protection against crime, family collapse and disorder. We try to keep our focus on philosophy and not wander into questions of politics, religion, history of psychology although, of course philosophy has to deal with the world as it is, we need to have our facts right. We meet fortnightly, next meeting June 3rd at 10.15am *Phone Kees deLeeuw 4240756*

## HISTORY

Delving into what history calls the "Dark Ages" where we were told at school, since nothing was written down nothing was known of the people, their loves, who they fought, where they died and why. Research has shown that these statements are untrue, in fact written records have been discovered. Modern translations of those original records, has enabled us to cover the period 410AD - 950AD discovering an amazing amount of fact fiction, supposition as to what actually occurred. The bravery and self-sacrifice of the early Christians in attempting to convert the pagan invaders of Britain to Christianity has been garnered from their writings of what, to us seems barbaric, but to them was normal way of life. The study of William the Conqueror and his successors is our next task. Our Second book is twice the size of our first book of last year's findings. Come and join us in our journey through the Middle Ages.

*Phone Nonie Coates 4240730 for details*

1998-99 TIMETABLE

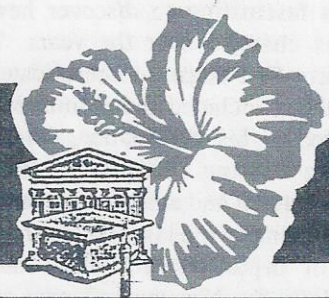
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| <b>Week 3</b> am |             | History |        | World Today | Music  |
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| <b>Week 4</b> am | Cinematique |         |        |             |        |
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Booklovers - meet fortnightly *Phone Judith Cliffe 4268804*

Philosophy - meet monthly *Phone Kees DeLeeuw 4240756*



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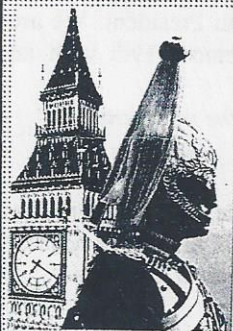


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## **JIM BLANN**

**31 years with the London Police**

Jim joined the British Metropolitan Police in West London at the age of 19. He served in the CID, Drug Squad, Flying Squad, and Serious Crime Squad. Retired with the rank of Detective Chief Inspector/Acting Superintendent.

With the Police in NZ under review this is an opportunity to see how the Police Force operates in one of the Worlds largest Cities

## ***Message from the President***

### **Last Meeting**

Those members present at our last meeting were treated to an outstanding talk on the development of the Wine Industry in NZ. Alan an obvious expert on all facets of the industry told how the first Grape growing and Wine industry started in the Northern areas of NZ and gradually moved South but now many vineyards are returning to the Bay of Islands and particularly close-by in Matakana and Warkworth. The wide range of soils in NZ allow this country to make wines that are becoming in great demand in England and America. Nonie Coates from the History Group brought to life in a vivid account of The Battle of Hastings in 1066 just one of the topics studied by the History members.

### **Group Meetings**

All our Groups are meeting regularly and well supported by members and as President I have found it most rewarding to visit the various groups and it is exciting to see the depth of knowledge amongst people of the Third Age. On the reverse side you will find the full Group reports and it is pleasing that Memory Training is now meeting with Olga Kent acting as convener. The Summer Jazz Group, is planning for the summer if this is your interest see details on reverse.

### **Final Meeting for the Year**

Please make a note of the Christmas Morning Tea as there will no further newsletters this year. This is a great opportunity to meet members from other groups and spent a pleasant 2 hours catching up on all the activities of the Hibiscus Coast U3A.



## **Christmas Morning Tea**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th 10.00 a.m.**  
**CENTRE STAGE THEATRE - OREWA**



**Join your Fellow U3A Members for our End-of-Year Festive Season Gathering**

**Automation is a technological process that does all the work while you just sit there. When you were younger, this was called 'Mother'**



## HISTORY

It is fascinating to discover how little the human race has changed over the years. When William the Conqueror first began to consolidate his new kingdom, his methods included the elimination of those that did not agree to his domination. The gory details make gruesome reading. This is so similar to what has happened again and again in our present world. Have we learnt nothing in the last 1000 years?

Some in depth research from our members lately, particularly the Norman influence in Scotland, Ireland and Wales, has been enlightening and has presented us with many interesting discussions. The conflict between William's grandchildren, Stephen and Matilda (Maud) is looming and the Crusades are not far away. If these events are of interest to you, why not join us on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. You will be most welcome. Phone Nonie Coates - 4240730 for the venue.

## HUMOUR

We have been looking for some of the earliest recorded indications that people were aware of the funny side of life. Cave men? Romans? Greeks? Bible? Also, concocting some very interesting word-games and progressing our "book". We are becoming a very comfortable and relaxed group.

Phone Pat Varney - 4242316 for the venue

## BOOKLOVERS

The Book group continues well, with our fortnightly meetings. Unfortunately numbers have been down recently with members on holiday and other commitments clashing. We have had a great variety of books this year, from our set book list and from our own choice of reading. This group has thoroughly enjoyed our morning discussions and each book leads on to many other and stimulating conversations. We would gladly welcome more members, our choice of books is as wide and varied as we can make it. The meetings for next year may be held monthly rather than fortnightly to enable us to obtain and read our set books more easily.

Phone Judith Cliffe Phone 4268804

## CINEMATIQUE

As Juene and Ray are on a leisurely tour of New Zealand in their campervan Contact can be made with Chris Doorman 4263332 for future outings.

## WORLD TODAY

22 members and friends travelled to Auckland to spend a very interesting 2 hours at the Observatory on the slopes of One Tree Hill. The Stardome Planetarium has been upgraded to a world class facility it was a most interesting visit. The first part of the programme is a look at the comets and asteroids etc flying around in space and the facts, figures and distances are very hard to comprehend. After our visit to outer space we were then shown the Night Sky as it appears over Auckland. We were shown the well known clusters of stars as well as how to find North or South from the stars and we are all looking at the night sky with greater interest. America is still one of the main topics of our meetings and as we had just looked at the American political system we were more able to understand the procedure for the impeachment of an American President. We are having our final meeting on November 19th with an American style lunch.

Phone Spencer Tuck - 4245665 for the next venue.

## MUSIC

The final two meetings of the year will be a review of Bizet Carmen, and a programme of Christmas Music. Phone Pat Hawkins 4266398 Before 9am for venue

## THE SUMMER JAZZ GROUP

This group starts in October, meetings to be held on Sunday Evenings.

Phone Joe Williamson 4268355 for more details

## MEMORY TRAINING

'We try to remember'?? to meet every 2 weeks on Mondays at 3pm. We are studying the brain and how it works and the ways to improve it, overcome individual problems with forgetfulness. We stimulate the "Grey Matter" by trying to solve lateral puzzles.

Phone Olka Kent 4247860 Next meeting October 26th

## PHILOSOPHY

Our preoccupation this year has been the moral quality of society. Often it is a current event that sparks off discussion. E.g. the Hero parade, or the Rau Williams case. The question put to us by the Hikoi of Hope is: Does religion have anything specific to contribute to politics, something that cannot be achieved by reason alone? We now meet on the last Wednesday of the month.

Phone Kees deLeeuw 4240756

## Peter Laslett's Principles

Peter Laslett was the founder of U3A in England. The following are three of the 19 principles that he enunciated as the basis for U3A work in the United Kingdom.

- (1) Joining the U3A shall be a question of personal choice. No qualification shall be required and no judgement made by the U3A between applicants.
- (2) Everyone joining U3A shall pay for its upkeep and for instruction received. These payments shall be the sustaining revenue of the institution. No support from the funds of local or central government shall be sought
- (3) No salary, fee or Financial reward shall be paid to any member of the U3A for teaching other members, counselling them or helping them in any way..



## YOUR HEALTH

Research has shown that people are biologically wired for one nap a day, typically mid-afternoon. Studies indicated that people not only feel better after napping, but are better able to concentrate and make complex decisions. Therefore a 20 minute nap is more successful than a mid-afternoon coffee break.