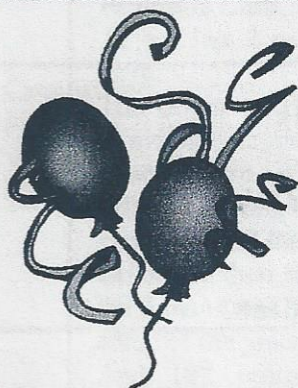


HIBISCUS COAST U3A



NEWSLETTER - ANNIVERSARY EDITION

Next meeting will be at 9.50a.m. on Monday October 17th at:
 Stanmore Bay Presbyterian Church Hall, 32 Waiora Rd.
 Main Speaker: Philip Aish - 'Foreign Escapades'
 Club Speaker:- Norma Buckland



10th Anniversary

10 years ago this month our current President Judith Cliffe contacted Takapuna U3A for help and, with their backing, started the process that was the birth of Hibiscus Coast U3A. She was joined by Nonie Coates, Ray Marino, Pat Hawkins (who has since moved on), and a handful of other enthusiasts, who all proved to be excellent midwives and it has been a spectacular success. The time has come to celebrate!

The date Thursday 24th November - The place Orewa Rotary House, Silverdale
 Start time 6 p.m. - Cost \$20 per member - \$27.50 per non-member

The dinner will be a sit-down two-course meal. Welcome drinks will be served from 6pm. There will be entertainment throughout the evening provided by a number of different study groups. The event is scheduled to finish around 10.15pm. The Clubhouse is more or less opposite 'Kings Plant Barn' - parking is plentiful - the safest approach is to go past the venue to turn the roundabout and come back on the correct side of the road.

Accommodation is limited to 120 people - priority will be given to members. Convenors have been issued with some tickets for each group and you should ask them first. If you do not belong to a group, or the initial group allocation has been used up then please contact: - Norma Roberts ph 4262682. Tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis, with the 'member priority status' being lifted after 31st Oct.

NEWS FROM THE STUDY GROUPS

This is the last Newsletter for the year - your next one will not arrive till late January 2006, when it should contain all the plans for the year ahead. Deadline for copy will be approximately 23rd Jan.

Ancient History This lively group meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month and cover a wide range of historical subjects. Contact person is Ron James at 4268860

Anthropology Plus The group meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at 10am - now at The Peninsula Club.

At our last 2 meetings the subjects discussed were: -

The origin of Hindus, from their Aryan and Dravidian beginnings, their religion and the caste system, it's development, far reaching effects and long history.

Pre-Roman Celts, the effect of Romans in Britain on their lives and later the integration of the Saxons and Picts, early kings of Britain and some of the practices of the time.

And 18th century life, the discrepancy in lifestyle between various classes, the structure of society and the influence of the church over the people, particularly the poor.

Contact John Arthur ph 4243489

Antiques & Collectables. The September meeting was devoted to "clocks and watches" As can be imagined we had a wide range of 'ticktocks' to view. Two clocks in particular should be mentioned - we had a granddaughter clock which stood about a metre high. The other was a gravity clock which did not require winding. The movement was raised on two pillars and gradually made its way down to the base. Once at the base the movement would have to be raised up to keep the clock going.

Our next meeting will be held on 3rd Oct, when we will be studying bottles (not the contents!) Contact Ted Campbell ph 4244927.

Books The Book group conduct their meetings at the comfortable and well lit, brand new Whangaparaoa Library - on the 2nd Thursday in the month. Ring Judith Cliffe 4268804 for more information.

Cinematique If you would like to join us, Give us a call - Ray Marino or Jeune Mingins at 426 6615.

Discussion We have arranged for 2 guest speakers for our next two meetings.

A teacher who gives teen mothers a chance to pick up their education from where they left off. She has had a very high success rate.

The second speaker is the community constable, who will give us an update on how things are with the Orewa young people.

Our internal discussions have covered: -

Great discoveries of Science

G.S.T. as a tax system

Old wives tales

"An interesting character who had an influence on my life"

A scary experience

We enjoy our meetings and have about 18 or 20 each time. Contact Barry Dale ph 426 0919

Famous & Infamous The group meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 9.30am. Last month we had a very interesting meeting learning of various Architects from around the world. This month we are researching Church Leaders of which I am sure there will be a lot of varied reports.

If you require any information about our group please contact Maureen at 428 2151

Food for Thought In September we studied the Evolution of Kitchens, Cooking and Equipment through the Ages - a fascinating topic. Did you know that since the Middle Ages the English system of weights and measures has been based on a single grain of wheat? From C16th to C19th the standard pound was equivalent to 7,000 grains of wheat - the avoirdupois pound. For a short time in the 1800s the standard changed to the Troy pound (weighing 5,760 grains of wheat) This wasn't popular and in 1878 was replaced by the Imperial Standard Pound, which was again 7,000 grains!

Meetings are held on 1st Wednesday of the month, our topic for 5th Oct is Wartime Food. Convenor Pam Lewis ph 09 4413295

NEWS FROM THE STUDY GROUPS

French Conversation Group meets every 2nd and 4th Friday afternoon at 1 pm to chat in French, learn a little grammar, sing a few French songs, learn a little of French culture and have lots of laughs at our own expense. New members welcome. Contact Teri Taylor on 4285623

Geology Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Tuesdays when the group roam far and wide. Convenor is Barry Sawyer ph 426 8187.

(Editor - I think they have roamed so far they have disappeared - I still don't seem to be getting any news!)

History We meet in the Craft Room of the Peninsula Club at 10am on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. At present we are exploring all aspects of 18th Century Europe. Exploring is the operative word, both in world travel and scientific progress. Members research any aspect of the period that interests them and we have a lot of laughter in the process - as you will see with our presentation at the 10th Anniversary dinner. Convenor Barbara Thatcher ph 4248281

(Editor: If you think you read this item before, don't worry - you did! I'm not sure if I lost the new one, or didn't get one - but I'm sure this still fits)

Humour. Our group are very busy composing table mats for your amusement at the Anniversary party, and also trying to get our bumper book together - compiled of much of our original work over the last 8 or so years. Next meeting at 10am Wed. 12th October Convenor John Walker ph.427 8007

Anarchy is better than no government

Music (Combined) Listening & Appreciation

The group is now meeting on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 1.30pm at the home of Kath Robinson, where we are entertained with a variety of music provided by various members of the group. Any enquiries please contact Kath Robinson 424 8596.

Music in Depth Held 1.30pm 4th Tuesday of each month at 27 Roberts Rd. Enquiries ph Kath Robinson 4248596

Play Reading Everyone present enjoys the often amusing and thought provoking sessions. Meetings on the 3rd and 5th Tuesdays at the Peninsula Club. Contact Pam Ellender 4267015.

Travel Our September meeting proved to be one of the highlights of the year to us. Members were asked to consider their choice of a country, city, town or place to which they would wish to return. All members contributed and it is interesting to note that there were no duplications in their choices. One member, after having told us of her wish to return to Italy, remarked that of all the places she had visited, a walk along Stanmore Bay beach was still her highlight.

At our next meeting we hope to have a member tell us of his adventures in Europe.

The group meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 1.30pm

Any enquiries please Ted Campbell 424 4927.

World Today Meetings are held 1st Thursday in the month. Convenor Ray Christensen Ph 427 4403

Writing for Grandchildren A Meet 1st Tuesday each month. Convenor Anne Hannah 4240529.

Writing for Grandchildren B. This group may soon wind down and needs to re-form with new members (and especially someone who is willing to take over as convenor) present Convenor is Doreen Mastemaker Ph. 4247412.

Comment from Editor

As we roll on towards the end of the year various convenors are hoping that someone else will take their turn. It is not an arduous task and really only involves keeping a list of your group members, letting them know where/when meetings will be held and encouraging them to choose/research appealing subjects.

It is fun and very satisfying to watch the rapport of a group develop before your eyes, so if you get the opportunity - give it a go!