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From The Chair

Well we finally made it! Two months late, due entirely to Covid 19, on 31 August 2020 we successfully completed our first ever AGM by email, including the election of your new Committee for 2020-21. It was an outstanding success with 114 members voting out of 208 eligible to participate. Thanks to our past Committee for putting together such a simple and smooth voting system to finally settle our AGM.



Unfortunately, we finished up with only 6 nominations for our new Committee although our Constitution requires 9 members. The new Committee members, roles and contact details are listed later in the Newsletter and we plan to introduce the Committee to members at our next General Meeting. We do need 2 or 3 additional members for our Committee and we would appreciate any new volunteers offering to join us.

Now that we are back to Covid Level 1, all our groups can finally get back to their normal monthly meetings in October. Our new Group Convener, Uli, has exciting news about new groups starting this month and suggestions for new groups in her report. In response to members' requests, we have attached our Calendar and Group Schedules to this Newsletter. The schedules published on our U3A website will be updated in due course and will remain available for members' reference.

Our next **General Meeting will be held at 10:00 am on Monday 19 October**, in the recent format of opening remarks, morning tea and a presentation by a guest speaker. We are pleased to advise that our guest speaker will be **Dr Catherine Peters, Senior Biodiversity Manager for DOC Bay of Islands**, who will speak about the Marine Life of the BOI. We will provide more details later, but mark this General Meeting on your Calendar **now** – it should be interesting, particularly with the ongoing debate about swimming with dolphins in the Bay!

We are also now able to confirm that we will be meeting at the Cornerstone for this and future GMs. The Cornerstone has excellent seating, acoustics, lighting, audiovisual and kitchen facilities which will be far superior to the Sports Club. There is a small risk of cancellation if our meeting clashes with a funeral but Cornerstone staff advise that the risk of a funeral on a Monday is very low.

Finally, a reminder that annual membership subscriptions, set at \$20 by the AGM, are now due. New permanent name cards (without the year) for members who have paid will be issued at the General Meeting. Not paid – no card! So come along to the GM and collect your new card, or pay on the spot.

Dennis O'Brien

General Meeting

Monday 19 October 10 a.m.

Speaker Dr Catherine Peters

AT CORNERSTONE

The Detective story group have some recommendations for you...

One reader was side tracked by the Tour de France and so read a **Martin Walker/ Inspector Bruno** novel – ‘**Fatal Pursuit**’ and enjoyed it all the more for seeing ‘La France Profonde’ via the cyclists! And in the spirit of Detective stories, he also watched a 1958 French farce on TV – about 3 Secret Service Agents – think Inspector Clouseau and the Pink Panther.

Another was a little distracted so went back to some old favourites (as we all do) and read some **MC Beaton (Agatha Raisin) Stella Rimington and Ian Rankin**. She realised WHY they were favourites – she felt ‘engaged’ with the story and solving the crime along with the hero, rather than being presented with the answer.

We heard about a novel by **Barbara Nadal** – “**Belshazzar's Daughter**” (**Inspector Ikmen #1**) set in Istanbul and a thriller set in Queensland by Jane Harper who does write about Australia really well – “**The Lost Man**’. Also “**The Dry**’ is to be recommended.

C. read a debut book by a NZ author – **JP Pomare**, titled “**Call me Evie**”. This is written by “Evie” and tells her story and who / why / where she is. A. read ‘**Orphan train**’ by **Christine Baker Kline**. Set between 1854 and 1929. This deals with an actual train in America that took orphaned and abandoned children out ‘West’ to find them new homes and families, stopping at every railway station along the way.

S. went out of her comfort zone and read a mystery novel by **Robert Harris** – “**The Second Sleep**”. This is about a Priest and is set in Britain in the Dark Ages (or is it?)

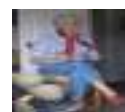
Louise Penny is popular. In this series featuring Inspector Armand Gamache (there are 13) you get to know the other characters who appear in almost every Gamache book “**How The Light Gets In,**’ **‘The Long way Home**’ and “**All The Devils Are Here**” were enjoyed. The last was read so fast (to see what happened) the reader had “literary indigestion”. She intends to read it again s l o w l y.

H. felt the latest Patricia Cornwell isn’t up to the usual standard, and L, another Louise Penny fan, tried an Elisabeth Stroud but found too many disconnected storylines.

Our theme for next month is: Figuring out the clues and spotting the red herrings Looking for those mysteries where the reader can feel involved in the hunt



*Heather
Wheeler*



Convenor’s Report

We have currently over 35 groups operating. As you can see from the Group Schedule, about half of the groups are currently open for more members.

We are starting up a new group, called **Ancient Astronomy**. This is a DVD based group looking at 24 half hour presentations, dealing with a range of topics of ancient astronomy. These include: Astronomy involved in the layout of Stonehenge and the Pyramids of Egypt, Western and Chinese constellations, Ancient Time Keeping and Navigation etc

U3A Drawing and painting group.

For various reasons a number of people in this group are now not attending so we have room for more members. It is a fun group where we do what we like in painting, drawing or any other artistic pursuit and we pool our knowledge. As the facilitator I am happy to help others and pass on what I know with regard to topics such as colour theory, composition etc as well as suggesting ways in which members can achieve their goals. Currently we have been meeting weekly but I am happy to change that if necessary. Most of all

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In addition, I would like to canvass the interest in possible new groups:

Genetics, a PowerPoint based course over about 8 months, dealing with the basics of Genetics and the applications of Genetic Engineering in Medicine, Food Production and Research.

A History of India, a DVD based course with 36 half hour sessions, dealing with the history of India from the first people migrating in, the Indus Valley Civilization, the influx of new religions, the Mughal Empire, the British East India Company, the British Raj, Independence, separation of Pakistan and Bangladesh and the path to a modern India.

Oceanography, a DVD based course with 36 half hour sessions, dealing with everything you may want to know about the oceans, their origin, the spreading of the sea floor, waves, tides, currents, trade winds, coastal erosion, life in all habitats of the ocean, deep water, shallow and coastal. It explores the up and down-welling of water and the connections of the ocean to the global climate, marine pollution and the future of the oceans.

If you have any ideas about new groups or topics you are interested in, please let me know and I will see what I can do.

Should you be interested in any of these possible new groups, please let me know at:

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Ulrike Novak

TheBeginners' French Group

Packhouse Rendez-Vous...

Working on the theory that language is best acquired on the principle of "a little and often", the beginners' French conversation group has been meeting informally at the Packhouse Café on the middle Thursday of the month. This is in addition to the calendared main event.

A great rapport has developed among the members, and the warm collegiality and uncritical mutual support has resulted already in blossoming confidence in conversation and grammar. We also have a laugh, share each other's joys and crises, and enjoy the delicious offerings of the Café. It has been a pleasure to coordinate this group and to experience the thrill of hearing such progress in pronunciation and fluency.

The next page has a sample puzzle for you to try....courtesy of Beginners' French

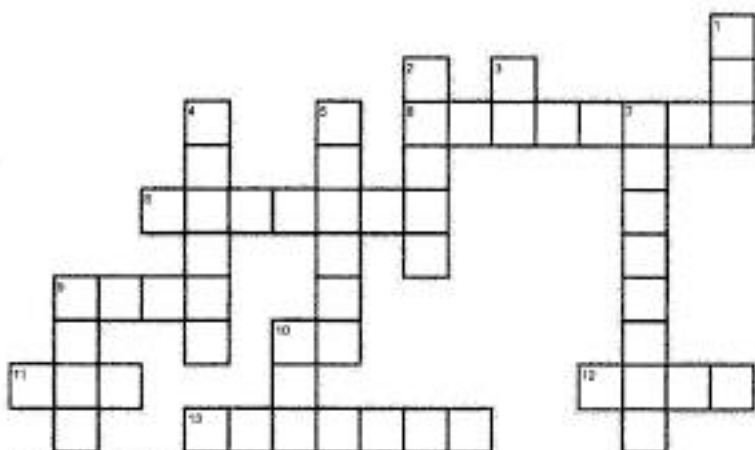


Christine Williams



AU CAFÉ

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EclipseCrossword.com

Word bank

ADDITION AU AUX AVONS CHOISI COMBIEN DE DES DESIREZ JUS POUR
PRIS QUINZE VOUDRAIS VOUS

Across

6. JE DU VIN ROUGE (I WOULD LIKE...)
8. C'EST? (HOW MUCH IS IT?)
9. J'AI UN SANDWICH (I HAD A SANDWICH)
10. UNE TASSE ... THE (A CUP OF TEA)
11. UNE OMELETTE CHAMPIGNONS
12. ET POUR, MADAME? (WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE, MADAM?)
13. VOUS? (WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?)

Down

1.DE FRUITS (FRUIT JUICE)
2. NOUS N'.....PAS DE PAIN (WE HAVE NO BREAD)
3. UN SANDWICH JAMBON
4. IL AUN SANDWICH (HE CHOSE A SANDWICH)
5.EUROS, S.V.P. (15 EUROS PLEASE)
7. L'..... S'IL VOUS PLAÎT (THE BILL PLEASE)
9. UN TABLEDEUX, S.V.P. (TABLE FOR TWO PLEASE)
10.FRITES (SOME CHIPS)

U3A Bay of Islands Inc. Monthly Calendar updated September 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Morning	NZ History	Singing for fun In Covid recess Geogr. Tourism	Sketching, drawing and painting	Classic Studies- The Roman Empire	Antiques and Collectibles
Week1 Afternoon	Current Affairs Monday	French Conversation	Science, Engineering and Technology Ukulele Beginners	Music Appreciation French for Beginners Islamic Age	Art House Film 1
Week 2 Morning	Good Americans		Sketching, drawing and painting	Art Appreciation	
Week 2 Afternoon	Art History 1 Understanding human behaviour	Book Discussion 2 Adventures in Technology	Climate Change Ukulele for Beginners		Just Writing
Week 3 Morning	General Meetings Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct		Sketching, drawing and painting	Camera	Devil's Decade
Week 3 Afternoon	Detective Stories Story of human language	Book Discussion 1	It's Showtime Ukulele for Beginners	Shakespeare Food	Art History 2
Week 4 Morning			Sketching, drawing and painting	Shadow of the Bomb	
Week 4 Afternoon	Victorian World TED Talks		Ukulele for Beginners	Current Affairs Thursday	Art House Films 2 Ancient Archaeology
Last Week Morning			Sketching, drawing and painting		
Last Week Afternoon			Ukulele for Beginners		

Room for More

Ancient Astronomy

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Meetings: 2.00pm Fourth Friday

Good Americans

Contact: Tony Robertson

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Meetings: 10.00am Second Monday

Art History One

Contact: Iris Steensma

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09 407 3002

Meetings: 1.30pm Second Monday

It's Showtime

Contact: Moira Warnock

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09 407 6389

Meetings: 2.00pm Third Wednesday

Art History Two

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Meetings: 1.30pm Third Friday

Music Appreciation

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09 407 3118

Meetings: 1.30pm First Thursday

Art Appreciation

Contact: Judy Barrett

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Meetings: 10.00am Second Thursday

Scottish Country Dancing

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09 407 9748

Meetings: 3.00pm to 5.00pm Sundays **in recess**

Art House Films Two

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0210 2912 262

Meetings: 1.30pm Fourth Friday

Shakespeare

Contact: Pam Jenkins

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09 407 7020

Meetings: 1.00pm Third Thursday

Book Discussion One

Contact: Maggie Murray-Lee

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09 402 7555

Meetings: 1.30pm Third Tuesday

Singing for Fun

Contact: Christine Cronshaw

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Meetings: 10.00am First Tuesday **in recess until Covid safe**

Camera

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Meetings: 9.30am Third Thursday

Sketching, Drawing and Painting

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Meetings: 9.30am Wednesdays

Classic Studies – The Roman Empire

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Meetings: 10am First Thursday

Story of Human Language

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Meetings 2.00pm Third Monday

<p>Devil's Decade Contact: Tony Robertson 1066robertson@gmail.com 09 407 6804 Meetings: 10.00am Third Friday</p>	<p>TED Talks Contact: Diana Sandifer addsarch@xtra.co.nz 09 407 9657 Meetings: 1.30pm Fourth Monday</p>
<p>French Conversation Contact: Catherine Gossage gssg.cd@hotmail.co.uk 09 407 6266 Meetings: 2.00pm First Tuesday</p>	<p>Ukulele for Beginners Contact: Christine Cronshaw annachristinec@gmail.com Phone 09 4076871 Meetings: 1.00pm Every Wednesday</p>
<p>Geographical Tourism Contact: Grant Thomas gjdtb9@yahoo.com 027 2647 901 Meetings: 10.00am First Tuesday</p>	
<p>Waiting List</p>	
<p>Adventures in Technology Contact: Nick and Margaret van der Walt nickvanderwalt@hotmail.com 027 960 4141 Meetings: 2.00pm Second Tuesday</p>	<p>French for Beginners Contact: Christine Williams pukeko_nz1950@yahoo.co.uk 09 9466059 Meetings: 2.00pm First Thursday</p>
<p>Antiques and Collectibles Contact: Alexandra O'Brien Alexandra.o@xtra.co.nz 09 44016422 Meetings: 10.00am First Friday</p>	<p>History and Achievements of the Islamic Golden Age Contact: Diana Sandifer addsarch@xtra.co.nz 09 407 9657 Meetings: 2.00pm First Thursday</p>
<p>Art House Films One Contact: Keith McNaughton keith@mcnaughty.com 0210 2912 262 Meetings: 1.30pm First Friday</p>	<p>Just Writing Contact: Margaret Rasmussen margras@gmail.com 09 402 8949 Meetings: 1.30pm Second Friday</p>
<p>Book Discussion Two Contact: Jean Creighton pjean.creighton@gmail.com 09 407 7011 Meetings: 1.30pm Second Tuesday</p>	<p>New Zealand History Contact: Pam Jenkins pmjenkins@xtra.co.nz 09 407 7020 Meetings: 10.00am First Monday</p>
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Current Affairs Monday Contact: Keith McNaughton keith@mcnaughty.com 0210 2912 262 Meetings: 2.00pm First Monday	Shadow of the Bomb Contact: Tony Robertson 1066robertson@gmail.com 09 407 6804 Meetings: 10.00am Fourth Thursday
Current Affairs Thursday Contact: Clive Blake upnorth@orcon.net.nz 09 401 7334 Meetings: 1.30pm Fourth Thursday	Understanding the Mysteries of Human Behaviour Contact: Mary Johnson Lindsay.mary@xtra.co.nz Phone 09 4025516 Meetings 2.00pm Second Monday
Detective Stories Contact: Heather Wheeler hdlwheeler@gmail.com 09 407 1214 Meetings: 1.30pm Third Monday	Victorian World Contact: Tony Robertson 1066robertson@gmail.com 09 407 6804 Meetings: 2.00pm Fourth Monday
Food Contact: Susie Barlow susiebarlow@email.com 09 407 9748 Meetings: 2.00pm Third Thursday	Possible new groups Oceanography, History of India, Genetics

....and that is all for October.

Your U3A committee.

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