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November Newsletter 2020

Meetings

Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18 at 10 am (meet and greet at 9.45 am) at the Church Hall of Chartwell Co-operating Church located on the corner of Comries Road and Belmont Avenue (opposite Chartwell Mall).

Following a special end of year programme, we have morning tea/coffee and a chance to chat.

Meet and greet Philosphy and Mah Jong

Morning tea helpers Noeline Alcorn and friends

2021

Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, Febuary 17. Our speaker will be Mark Houlahan. The title being: *Nothing better than the real thing: the 6 million dollar Shakespear & other archive tales.*

President's report

Tēnā koutou. How wonderful to see so many members at the October meeting, everyone seemed to enjoy catching up as well as listening to such an interesting speaker. Dan Zirker explained the rationale behind the American electoral process as well as some of the idiosyncrasies that have evolved. We are grateful to him for allowing us to share his power point and to Beverley Bell for uploading appropriate articles to our online learning site.

The long delayed trip to Maungatautari finally took place on 28th October. Twenty members split into two groups for guided tours of the mountain and wetland. It was wonderful seeing tuatara in their natural environment. We are very grateful to Noeline Alcorn for all her work in organising the trip and to Anne Devlin for liaising with the trust.



Our November meeting will have a somewhat different format to usual; as we celebrate being together after what has been a challenging year for many. There will not be a guest speaker but there will be a varied programme of music, education and fun.

Come along and be entertained and educated! There will also be a special morning tea!

Please remember to sign in using the Covid app or sign in sheets.

All the very best for the holiday season,

Alison Fagan. President U3A Hamilton.

Groups

Interest group news

We now have 28 groups for you to choose from. We just need a couple more people and we'll have 2 more groups: Memoirs and Photography

If you are interested, please get in touch. Let me know if you have any other ideas.

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New groups

Self-Publishing Group

A new group has been formed for people who are interested in self-publishing. The first meeting will be in the Boardroom at the Celebrating Age Centre, Victoria Street on Monday 9 November from 1.30 to 3pm. Further meetings have been planned for the same time and place on 23 Nov and 7 Dec. Cost per person is \$3 to pay for the venue. The aim of the group is to inform and support people who wish to publish their own work – short stories, memoirs, family history etc: We will explore topics such as formatting your writing, finding a publisher, choosing a type and style of book or publication, getting ready for printing and proofreading. If you are interested and haven't already given me your name please contact Janet Hanfling

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Online learning Blog

Three new postings have been added to the Online learning Blog on our webpage, <https://u3ahamilton.org.nz/online-learning/>:

[The Irish Writers' Group](#)

[Waikato Expressway Hamilton Section](#)

[The USA Presidential Election 2020: Democracy in a Populist Era Professor Dan Zirker, University of Waikato](#), our October speaker.

Committee news

Volunteers are needed for putting out and returning chairs at our meetings. Please see Gorham at 9.15 or soon after if you are able to help with this

Outings

We look forward to suggestions for outings for 2021. Please share your ideas and we will see if we can make it happen.

Season's greeting to you from the U3A committee. We look forward to 2021 with many gatherings where we see old friends and make new ones.