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August Newsletter 2021

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Meetings

Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 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 and near Chartwell Mall). Following the guest speaker's presentation, we have morning tea/coffee and a chance to chat.

Next speaker Dr Richard Hoskins

“For the times they are a changing (in Public Health)”

Richard will briefly outline the normal work of a Public Health Service in Aotearoa, then talk specifically about COVID-19 work from early 2020 to now, making some predictions about the next few years.

He is a Public Health Medicine Specialist working for Waikato District Health Board. NZ born, too long ago, he trained in medicine at the University of Auckland, subsequently specialising in public health medicine. He has worked for various DHBs, their predecessors, and the Ministry of Health. Initially most involved in analytic work he has progressed through planning and funding and for the last 17 years has been a Medical Officer of Health in various public health units. His current work interests include smokefree, alcohol and communicable disease control, with a particular interest in outbreak control and measles elimination.

Morning tea helpers Coffee Companions

Meet and greet Gardening 1 & 2

Greeters, please stand at the internal doors by the name tag's table to talk to people as they go into the main hall.

**Please use the main front entrance
on the northern side closest to Comries Road
for access to the foyer.**

President's message

Kia ora, and greetings to you all.

What an inspiring presentation last month from Priya Kurian. She covered a huge topic with ease and ably responded to some very pertinent questions.

At the July meeting the foyer was trialled as our main access to the hall.

This worked well and will now be used for entry to meetings with tables set up for the treasurer, interest group information and membership.

Last weekend I joined a large group from the community to plant approximately 2,500 trees at the Fairfield Project. What a wonderful effort by people from a wide range of ages and cultures.

Our September speaker Professor Bruce Clarkson will be speaking on "Restoring indigenous nature in urban environments".

We are planning some more trips in the Spring, current thoughts are for another history trip, and another garden trip. Any other suggestions would be welcome.

Stay safe and warm.

Alison Fagan

Groups

New groups

Shakespeare for Everyone

This interest group recently met for the first time (not counting the initial organising meeting convened by Graham). We really enjoyed meeting one another and sharing stories about why Shakespeare interested us. One person, many years ago, had to keep her copy of Shakespeare locked up so that neighbourhood children wouldn't steal its thin pages, which were handy for rolling up cigarettes!

Some of us have a wide knowledge of Shakespeare's plays while others just have a little knowledge from school. All levels of knowledge and interest are welcome in our group. The next meeting will be on Thursday 2nd September at 10 am. If anyone is interested, please call Alison at 027 346 3691.

Antiques and Collectables Group

Prue Green hosted our July meeting and kept us fascinated with her obvious love of miniatures, so wonderfully displayed in a multi-shelf cabinet. Prue told us that she has always loved real miniatures – not just small things. Miniatures must work ie teapots must have lids, cups and saucers must be separate and boxes must be able to be opened. Prue was fortunate to inherit her mother's collection which, added to her own, spans 75 years! Nearly every piece holds a memory – Portugal, Italy, Cornwall, Africa, her Cornish theatre group or the person who gave it to her. Prue told us about Willard Wigan – a master of miniature. He is the child of West Indian migrants to Britain who lived in the East End of London. Being bullied at school he would wag and spend time in the back yard with ants – his only friends. His amazing ability to create works of art on pinheads or in the eyes of needles developed from making houses for the ants. His website: <https://www.willardwiganmbe.com/> may be of interest to others. This super yacht is on sale for £160,000.00.



We enjoyed sharing Prue's enthusiasm and inspecting the contents of her cabinet.

Raeburne Bourke

Dining Club

I have booked lunch at The Hamilton Gardens Cafe at 12.30, Friday 20th August, Hungerford Crescent, Gate 1.

Please contact me at 0211359695, or gayle45@gmail.com by 17th August. You may like to wander around our world acclaimed gardens before or after lunch.

Gayle

Natural Environment Group

While driving along Cobham Drive have you wondered what the roads are doing at the intersection Wairere Drive?

After parking at the Hamilton Gardens, the group set off south on the walkway alongside roads which will eventually form the on and off ramps to Cobham and Wairere Drives. This gave us a good view of the progress being made in the bridge construction. We progressed to Hammond Park on the Waikato River but left the transversing of the boardwalk for a summer outing when the cool damp would be more greatly appreciated. Join the group for a repeat of this walk later, see the progress of the new roads and enjoy the boardwalk in Hammond Park.

Mary Collins

Online Learning Blog

In June, these posts were made to our online learning blog

<https://u3ahamilton.org.nz/online-learning/>:

- Olympics 2020
- Page Turners Book Club
- July 2021 Meeting: Professor Priya Kurian
- Australian Writers Book group: Tim Winton

Suggestions for new postings are always welcome.

Beverley Bell

Convenors Up-date

Greetings to you all. There are a couple of matters to draw to your attention.

1. Call for photos: It is of interest to members to see photos of groups in action. We would like photos for both the data-show before the meeting and for the newsletter. If you have any suitable shots, please feel free to send them on.

Data-show: Carol Carr carolevelyn49@icloud

Newsletter: Anne Devlin annedevlin20132@gmail.com

Please ensure those in the photo are happy about it being used.

2. Thanks: Just a quick thanks to those of you who are now in the habit of letting me know if members leave or join your group. It's helpful.

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