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## 2021 News Letter - Autumn Edition

### President's Report

Apart from the sudden lock down Term 1 has gone smoothly and it is great to see classes in operation again. There has been a lot of enthusiasm around the Lodge. We welcome new member Helen Saxton to the Committee.

There has been much going on in the background this Term, with a new website being introduced and the upcoming introduction of a new membership administration system. At present prospective members can bring up a course they may be interested in and see a comprehensive overview supplied by all facilitators for their class.

All members are in the new system and when it becomes operational all will be encouraged to log in to their details and update anything necessary (currently everyone is 100 years old, so that should be an incentive). Will let members know when this is available.

Also in March Lakes Entrance U3A successfully hosted the 6-monthly Gippsland Regional Meeting. This was held via Zoom and 8 out of the 11 member groups tuned in. With the Region ranging from Phillip Island and Wonthaggi across to Mallacoota this will probably become the normal way of conducting these meetings. All have the same problems – falling membership since Covid and the perpetual problem of accommodation.

**Barbara Decker – President**



**The Committee wishes everyone a safe and happy Easter**

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### **Course Co-ordinator**

With the exception of Singing all the usual Courses are up and running smoothly. The Discussion Group is now meeting at the Lake Tyers Beach Angling Club and they seem quite settled there.

**During Term 2** there will be opportunities to take part in three short presentations.

1. Trevor Pillinger is offering a three-week series of talks on Fire Origin and Cause Investigation. Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April and 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May at 3.15. Having heard Trevor talk at the AGM I can recommend this course.
2. The Lakes Entrance Croquet Club is offering an introduction to croquet on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April (this is at the beginning of the Term) from 1.00. Cost will be \$5 per person and all equipment is supplied. **Only stipulation is closed shoes because croquet balls are quite heavy.**
3. In May the Family History Centre will be offering a 5 week Family History Course from Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May until Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June. 10am – 12 noon. There is a minimum of 5 for this to run and a maximum of 8.

**Details of all these events are on the notice board so get in and put your name down.**

**Barbara Decker - Course Co-ordinator**

## New courses

### **Celtic Plus.**

After 16 years are music session at Nowa Nowa folded and it was decided to take it to U3A as most of us were members. I volunteered to co-ordinate this class and also the Irish Session class. We meet on the second Thursday of the month and due to school holidays we miss our April class, so I'm having the next session on Thursday April 22nd at 3.30pm. The other dates for term 2 are May 13th and June 10th.

We started with 38 tunes, mainly folk tunes from Australia, Ireland and Scotland. For St.Patrick's day we added seven new Irish tunes. The songs are mainly kept in the keys of G and D so that all instruments can join in. For this session tunes are counted in or have an introduction and there is a mixture of instrumental and songs.

**Barbie Roche.**

### **Irish Session.**

From 6pm we follow the Celtic Plus class with an Irish Session Class. This class is aimed at teaching Irish instrumental tunes. This is more of a teaching class for advanced players. There is no counting in, my aim is for the players to learn to listen and join in when they can. The tunes are taught at a slow place and gradually becoming faster. At the moment we're playing individual tunes, they eventually will be played in sets of two or three tunes.

**Barbie Roche.**

## Course Reports

### **Craft**

It is so good to be back to our craft classes after last year's disruption. Classes have been very small this year compared to previous times and we would love to have more members come and join us. We bring our own projects along and while doing them we have a chat and a cuppa

We meet at the lodge on Tuesday from 10.15 to 12.00. Come long. You will be very welcome

**Margo**

### **Canasta**

We are enjoying our Friday afternoon card games with a full class of enthusiastic players.

**Joy**

### **Beginners French**

This year we are concentrating on conversational French. We are learning how to put sentences together, ask questions and reply to them. Using simple verbs we aim to construct meaningful dialogue. We also discuss the customs and habits of the French people as some of our group have visited France and can relate their experiences.

Our group of 15 has varying levels of previous knowledge but we all contribute and feel that we have improved so much from last year when we could only complete exercises by email due to CO-VID restrictions. We are enjoying chatting face to face once more.

**Irene**

### **Shabashi**

The group has gone very well this term and our new members are enjoying the experience of this calming and gentle exercise. I wish everyone a very happy Easter.

**Andrea**

### **Photography:**

The photography group is moving out to continue to use the many features their cameras have beyond the automatic settings. Unlocking and understanding these features is what the class is about. We will continue to look at different topics and sites to explore the value of these features. The class reviews the photographs, which is interesting especially when the class is taking pictures of the same topic at the same time. There can be very interesting differences. Some very good pictures are already turning up this year.

**Bruce**

### **Free dance**

We have been playing some great music to dance to. It really is a good form of exercise and it's also relaxing to loose yourself for an hour as you sink into the music. Thanks to my group

**Andrea**

### **Ukulele**

We started the year in our advanced group with limited numbers but now we are back to our full capacity thanks to the QR code check in, and it is so exciting to be playing with others again. We are averaging 17 players each week, which means we are quite a strong group. Even on the first day back it was clear that many people had kept up their playing during the lockdown. We have culled a few songs from our repertoire and replaced them with more lively ones so that we will be ready for our public performances, should we get some. In fact we are considering one at the moment. The beginner's group numbers have dwindled a bit due to personal or family ill health but those who have maintained the weekly contact are doing a great job and learning chords very quickly. Hopefully soon we will come together as one group. Thank you to those people who help out each week with setting up and packing up.

**Sue Wilson**

### **Singing**

Sadly, singing is still not going a head at this point.

I will let everyone know as soon as we have a starting date.

**Andrea**

### **Scrabble**

Our friendly band of committed Scrabble players have happily re convened this year and continue to meet at the Bowls Club each Tuesday from 10-12, enjoying companionship and a coffee whilst keeping our minds active. New words are continually being added to the Dictionary, which provides us with the challenge to expand our vocabulary each and every time we play.

New players are more than welcome to join us either casually or on a regular basis. Come and play a game with us!

Happy Scrabbling!

**Jude Everett**

### **Line Dancing**

Wonderful to be back and exercising our brains and bodies as we dance the many and varied routines to music. Join our friendly group for a bit of fun. We certainly don't take ourselves too seriously

**Judy**



## **Gardening Group**



**The Summer Garden**



**New garden beds**



**Lester's winter veggie**

I would like to welcome three new members to our club, Helen Saxton, Di Dixon and Irene Born. We are already getting busy preparing and planting our winter vegetables

**Gwneda Bland**

## **Library**

Welcome to all our new members. U3A Library is at the Lodge between the two classrooms. You are welcome to borrow books, no time limit but please remember that others may want the book you have. There are also cd's and movies in classroom 2 you may borrow.

**Joy Wilmshurst - Librarian**



## **Tea/Coffee**

For the first time since 2005 it has been decided that there should be an increase in the cost of tea/coffee and biscuits.

From the beginning of Term 2 this will increase from 50c to \$1.00

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**Course Schedule for Term 2 2021**

19<sup>th</sup> April – 25<sup>th</sup> June

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Facilitator:</b>	<b>Contact Ph:</b>	<b>Venue/Room:</b>
History	10.00-12.00	Jennie Towan	0407550306	Room 1
Film Group	1.00-3.30	Anna Carter-Pearse	0429978587	Room 1
Singing	1.00-2.30	Andrea Edwards	5155 4914	St Nicholas Church

**Tuesday:**

Walking Group	9:00	Val Ryan	5155 5870	Outside
Shibashi Qigong	8.30-9.00	Andrea Edwards	5155 4914	Room 1
Criminology	9.00-10.00	Judy Pillinger	0427323667	Room 1
Craft and Sewing	10.15-12.00	Margo Short	0408357378	Room 1
Scrabble	10.00-12.00	Jude Everett	0409528070	Bowls Club
Mahjong	1.00-3.00	Rhonda Biddle	0416035564	Room 1
Ukelele Beginners	3.45-4.15	Sue Wilson	0409389658	Room 1
Ukelele Advanced	4.30-5.30	Sue Wilson	0409389658	Room 1

**Wednesday:**

Gardening	9.00-11.00	Gwenda Bland	0490 700 723	Baptist Church
Flexercise	10.00-11.00	Jenny Benson	029939579	Room 1
Cryptic Crosswords	10.00-12.00	Gary Chapman	0438501023	Room 2
Discussion Group	1.00-3.00	Gary Chapman	0438501023	LTB Angling Club
Guitar Jam	1.00.3.30	Bruce Wilmshurst Leigh Davies	045661141604 57317993	Room 1
Band	3.30-5.30	Colin Shee		Room 1

**Thursday:**

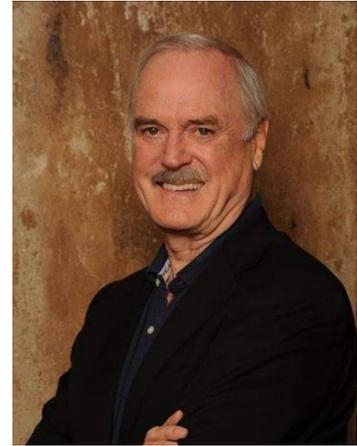
French for Beginners	10.00-12.00	Irene Yeats	0417547944	Room 1
Book Club	11.00 -1.00 (last Thurs.)	Beth Harrison	04090 12726	Room 1
Celtic Plus Irish Session	3.30-5.30 6.00-7.30 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs.	Barbie Roche	0402117540	Room 1
Play-a-long Music	3.30-5.30 1 <sup>st</sup> &3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs.	Carol McDonald	0429383909	Room 1
Free Dance	2.00-3.00	Andrea Edwards	5155 4914	Room 1
Introduction to Fire Origin and Cause Investigation	3.15-4.15	Trevor Pillinger	0417323667	Room 1  3 weeks only

**Friday:**

Walking Group	9:00	Val Ryan	5155 5870	Outside
Line Dancing	9:30 - 12:00	Judy Collins	0418 677560	Senior Citizens
Photography	10.00-12.00	Bruce Wilmshurst	0456611416	Room 1
Canasta	2.00-4.00	Joy Wilmshurst	0427323910	Room 1

**All classes at Masonic Lodge 10 Rowe Street Lakes Entrance unless otherwise specified.**

After the Trump vs Biden debate John Cleese published this...



### Britain is Repossessing the U.S.A.

To The citizens of the United States of America:

In light of your failure to nominate competent candidates for President of the USA and thus to govern yourselves, we hereby give notice of the revocation of your independence, effective immediately. Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will resume monarchical duties over all states, commonwealths, and territories (except Arkansas, which she does not fancy).

Your new prime minister, Boris Johnson, will appoint a governor for America without the need for further elections. Congress and the Senate will be disbanded.

A questionnaire may be circulated next year to determine whether any of you noticed.

To aid in the transition to a British Crown Dependency, the following rules are introduced with immediate effect:

You should look up "revocation" in the Oxford English Dictionary.

1. Then look up aluminium, and check the pronunciation guide. You will be amazed at just how wrongly you have been pronouncing it.

2. The letter 'U' will be reinstated in words such as 'favour' and 'neighbour.' Likewise, you will learn to spell 'doughnut' without skipping half the letters, and the suffix -ize will be replaced by the suffix -ise.

Generally, you will be expected to raise your vocabulary to acceptable levels. (look up 'vocabulary').

3. Using the same twenty-seven words interspersed with filler noises such as "like" and "you know" is an unacceptable and inefficient form of communication. There is no such thing as US English. We will let Microsoft know on your behalf. The Microsoft spell-checker will be adjusted to take account of the reinstated letter 'u' and the elimination of -ize. You will relearn your original national anthem, God Save The Queen.

4. July 4th will no longer be celebrated as a holiday.

5. You will learn to resolve personal issues without using guns, lawyers, or therapists. The fact that you need so many lawyers and therapists shows that you're not adult enough to be independent.

Guns should only be handled by adults. If you're not adult enough to sort things out without suing someone or speaking to a therapist then you're not grown up enough to handle a gun.

6. Therefore, you will no longer be allowed to own or carry anything more dangerous than a vegetable peeler. A permit will be required if you wish to carry a vegetable peeler in public.

7. All American cars are hereby banned. They are crap and this is for your own good. When we show you German cars, you will understand what we mean.

8. All intersections will be replaced with roundabouts, and you will start driving on the left with immediate effect. At the same time, you will go metric with immediate effect and without the benefit of conversion tables.

Both roundabouts and metrification will help you understand the British sense of humour.

9. The Former USA will adopt UK prices on petrol (which you have been calling gasoline)- roughly \$10/US gallon. Get used to it.

10. You will learn to make real chips. Those things you call French fries are not real chips, and those things you insist on calling potato chips are properly called crisps. Real chips are thick cut, fried in animal fat, and dressed not with catsup but with vinegar.

11. The cold tasteless stuff you insist on calling beer is not actually beer at all.

Henceforth, only proper British Bitter will be referred to as beer, and European brews of known and accepted provenance will be referred to as Lager.

South African beer is also acceptable as they are pound for pound the greatest sporting Nation on earth and it can only be due to the beer. They are also part of British Commonwealth - see what it did for them.

12. Hollywood will be required occasionally to cast English actors as good guys.

Hollywood will also be required to cast English actors to play English characters.

Watching Andie Macdowell attempt English dialogue in Four Weddings and a Funeral was an experience akin to having one's ears removed with a cheese grater.

13. You will cease playing American football. There is only one kind of proper football;

you call it soccer. Those of you brave enough will, in time, be allowed to play rugby (which has some similarities to American football, but does not involve stopping for a rest every twenty seconds or wearing full kevlar body armour like a bunch of nancies).

Don't try Rugby - the South Africans and Kiwis will thrash you, like they regularly thrash us. No more Orange Bowl, Rose Bowl, Cereal Bowl or Super Bowl. From now on..... get used to the World Cup.

14. Further, you will stop playing baseball. It is not reasonable to host an event called the World Series for a game which is not played outside of America. Since only 2.1% of you are aware that there is a world beyond your borders, your error is understandable. You will learn cricket, and we will let you face the South Africans first to take the sting out of their deliveries.

15. You must tell us who killed JFK. It's been driving us mad.

16. An internal revenue agent (i.e. tax collector) from Her Majesty's Government will be with you shortly to ensure the acquisition of all monies due (backdated to 1776).

17. Daily Tea Time begins promptly at 4 pm with proper cups, never mugs, with high quality biscuits (cookies) and cakes; strawberries in season.

God save the Queen.      John Cleese

### **For Sale.**

A U3A member has a lot of craft material she would like to dispose of.

In particular, she has a sewing machine, an embroidery machine and an overlocker for sale. If interested contact her on 0402 142 540 .

**Happy Easter everyone and stay Covid safe**

