



U3A LOWER NORTH

Sharing Skills and Experience with Friends

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Dear Members,

Greetings from an undecided hollow in the Clare Valley where the pendulum swings daily between sunny spring and chilly winter.

The list of suggested new courses grows but everyone has opted to postpone them until 2018. As well as those mooted in the previous edition (Law, Telling Your Story, Electronic Kit Assembly) we are thinking of reviving the old Current Affairs group.

We will consult with whoever enrolls but I was thinking of a fortnightly format, meeting in private rather than a coffee shop to debate the topics of the day and then to prove there are no hard feelings, those who have the time can continue over a pub lunch. Let us know if the idea appeals to you.

The search for a base for U3A activities has occupied countless hours over several years and caused me many a sleepless night. At last, with the assistance of C&GV Council, we have achieved what we hope will be a workable solution. Hear more at the AGM.

For many reasons the AGM on Friday 3 November is shaping up to be one to remember. Do feel free to bring a friend along. The final day of the U3A year will be devoted to our usual lunch and movie. We are hoping to screen the latest Judi Dench success. Great acting combined with some history we never knew.

*See you back in the classroom,
Claire*

U3A QUILTS

TAKE OVER THE PEWS

No doubt on many a cold Clare day since St Barnabas' Anglican Church was first opened on a breezy Clare hilltop in 1851, a warm quilt would have been the answer to some parishioners' prayers. On the coming long weekend quilts will be there in a purely decorative role.

The U3A Quilting Group members are doing a small exhibition of their work in St Barnabas' Church on Saturday 29 September and Sunday 1 October of the October long weekend.

The exhibition will be open to the public from 10 am to 3 pm both days. Entry is a gold coin donation. Tickets in a free quilt raffle will be available as well as morning and afternoon tea.

All proceeds to Church charities. The quilts will be displayed over the backs of the pews and there will be a church service at 9.30 am on the Sunday at which Reverend David Thompson is going to talk about the importance to the community of groups like ours.

The hall behind St Barnabas' is a venue for many U3A groups but for those of you unfamiliar with the site, it is set well back at 25 Farrell Flat Road. Drive up as there is plenty of off-road parking.

For further information you can contact Diane Richardson on 8842 2932 or 0408 823 008.

AUDIENCE REQUIRED

Do you remember those fascinating Hypotheticals shows on TV with Geoffrey Robertson, and ever wished you had been a member of the audience?

Our AGM guest speaker is willing to run a short hypotheticals session but to be successful we need lots of people in the audience especially people who don't mind sharing their opinions. You can help make the day a success just by showing up.

Our speaker will be legal expert Christopher Cocks, former lawyer and magistrate. Chris's anecdotes of murder and other criminal activities may convince you to enrol in a series of such sessions in 2018.

There are also rumours of member performances. The AGM always ends with a generous afternoon tea to celebrate our birthday (13 this year!) so do come along and share this special day with us.

ART GROUP ACTIVE

Gerald Moore's Art Group have again been showing the positive face of U3A by being active, socialising and indulging their mutual passion for all things arty.

In August they had a Grand Day Out visiting the SALA exhibition at the Kapunda Community Art Gallery which was showcasing watercolours by local artists. They took the opportunity to lunch out and visit a couple of other galleries. On the day ages ranged from 60 to 90.

Three members, Ann Foster, Pauline Reid and Jane Williams, had paintings on display at the Galah Gala SALA exhibition at the Linhay Gallery in Auburn. It was a fun exhibition with mosaics and craft as well as painting.

After last year's success, they again plan to hold the annual U3A exhibition in conjunction with the Christmas Tree display at the Town Hall as well as a stand at the Christmas Craft Fair. Make sure you drop in and admire their work.

PAYMENTS

Any payments can be made in 3 ways:

- post cheques made out to 'U3A Lower North Inc.' to PO Box 480, Clare, 5453; OR
- pay online. (U3A Lower North Inc., No. 748828019; BSB 085 558. For ID use surname followed by initial, e.g. John Smith = smithj. Emails to u3alownorth@gmail.com)
- Any cash payment would have to be personally arranged with course co-ordinator.

NEW FACES NEEDED

Calling on all members interested in being part of the U3A management team. It involves just 2 meetings per term plus 3 annual events. Our U3A is a great organization from which over 200 members benefit. U3A is a self-help body based on the theory that everyone will contribute: teaching, administration or just making the tea. Too often the same people are doing it all, year after year.

We are asking all members, especially group leaders, to be talent spotters. We do have capable members but, unless we are in personal contact with them, we don't know who they are. Don't be modest. Let us know what you can do and we will find a place for you. Nominations close a week before the AGM so if you would like to be part of the team running your U3A, have some skills to share or know of someone who does, let a committee member know now.

What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead. :Nelson Mandela.

CLASS UPDATES

Marian Wickes is taking a break from iPads this term. Put your name on the waiting list for 2018.

Irish really needs some new members. Every Monday at Essington Mews, Ian Bails has been teaching **Irish language and culture** but without new members it may fold. What a pity as so much of Clare's history is a story of Irish settlement.

Without new enrolments, Quentin's **computer** groups will be reduced to one class on Tuesdays.

After bumper numbers in Term 2, the **Italian** class split with half re-enrolling in Term 3 and the others opting for Term 4. No new names are being taken but existing students who want to resume their studies do need to notify Quentin. Some Term 3 students are interested in filling vacant places so act quickly. I am tempted to do it again just for the sensational final day feast.

Depending on interest, Anne may resume or start the course from scratch in 2018.

DATES FOR TERM 4

Monday 16 October to Friday 8 December

Annual General Meeting: ____ Friday 3 November

End-of-year lunch & movie: ____ Friday 8 December

If meeting outside those dates, please notify Beth.

Friday 3 November

U3A Annual General Meeting

Starts at 2 pm, Barbara J. Long Room, Clare Town Hall

Guest speaker: Former magistrate Christopher Cocks

who will be involving us all in a Geoffrey Robertson-style Hypotheticals.

Other members are threatening poetry and musical contributions so be there or miss out!

Afternoon Tea to follow

(Nominations for election close with Secretary on Friday 27 October 2017)

Friday 8 December

U3A End of Year Lunch & Movie

Starts at 12 for 12.30 pm, Blyth Supper Room

Please bring a plate of finger food to share

Movie to follow at Blyth Cinema

(yet to be selected but possibly Victoria and Abdul with Judi Dench)

All Group Leaders invited to attend as our guests

A time for all members to combine and applaud the contribution of our Group Leaders,

farewell classmates and catch up with friends before the Christmas holidays

The secretary will be accepting early bookings but full details will be in the final 2017 newsletter



Nomination for Office

Office: _____ Nominee: _____

Nominated by: _____ Signed: _____

I accept this nomination. Signed: _____

To be in the hands of the Secretary by 5 p.m. on the Friday preceding the AGM.

2017: FOURTH TERM ACTIVITIES

CLASS	LEADER	TIME	STARTS	VENUE	TICK
Art	Gerald Moore	Wed 9:30am - 1:30pm	18/10/2017	Auburn	[]
Book Group	Marianne Holliday	Alt Thu 10:30am - 12noon	19/10/2017	Clare Library	[]
Cards, hand & foot	Jan Bails	Mon 9.30 am – 12 noon	16/10/2017	Essington Mews	[]
Chess	Ian Bails	Tue 2:30 - 4:30pm	17/10/2017	Essington Mews	[]
Chinese (Mandarin)	Ron Bevan	Mon 10am - 12noon	16/10/2017	Domain	[]
Coffee & Chat	Val Tilbrook	Wed 10:30am	18/10/2017	Various	[]
Computing I Basics	Quentin Fleming	Fri 10am – 12 noon	20/10/2017	Domain	[]
Computing 2	Quentin Fleming	Tue 1 - 3pm	17/10/2017	Domain	[]
Contract Bridge	Eleanor Thomas	Thu 3pm	19/10/2017	St Barnabas	[]
Cryptic Crosswords	Greta Handmer	Alt Thu 10:30am - 12noon	26/10/2017	25 Edward St	[]
Drumbeat	John Monten	Mon. 10am - 12 noon	16/10/2017	St Barmabas	[]
Exercise 1	Chris Roberts	Tue 9 - 10am	17/10/2017	Lutheran Hall	[]
Exercise 2	Chris Roberts	Tue 10 - 11am	17/10/2017	Lutheran Hall	[]
Film Group	Val Tilbrook	1st Tue 2pm	7/11/2017	Blyth Cinema	[]
French 1 Basics*	Claire Eglinton	Thu 9.30-10.30 am	19/10/2017	Domain	[]
French 2*	Claire Eglinton	Thu 10.45 am- 12.30 pm	19/10/2017	Domain	[]
Furniture Restoration	Barrie Smith	Wed 10am - 12noon		Blyth	[]
History	Val Tilbrook	Fri 10am - 12noon	20/10/2017	St Barnabas	[]
Irish Culture, Language	Ian Bails	Mon 2.30 – 4.30 pm	16/10/2017	Essington Mews	[]
Italian for Travellers	Anne Smith	Mon 1-2.30 pm	16/10/2017	Clare Town Hall	[]
Knit and Sew	Mary Clark	Tue 2 - 4pm	17/10/2017	Domain	[]
Mah-jong, Auburn	Sue Beaton	Tue 1 - 3pm	17/10/2017	Mellers, Auburn	[]
Mah-jong, Clare	Pam Murray	Wed 2 - 4pm	18/10/2017	St Barnabas	[]
Meditation (relaxation)	Anne Smith	Tue 10.30am – 12 noon	17/10/2017	Clare Town Hall	[]
Music Appreciation	Helen Weckert	1 st , 3 rd Wed 2pm	18/10/2017	Mintaro/Clare	[]
Petanque	Jim Morran	Mon 1.30 pm	16/10/2017	Cent. Pk, Auburn	[]
Quilting	Diane Richardson	Thu 10am - 1pm	19/10/2017	St Barnabas	[]
Scrabble	Carol Stewart	Mon 1:15pm	16/10/2017	St Barnabas	[]
Walking, Auburn	Jan Bowles	Thu 8.30 am	19/10/2017	Auburn Institute	[]
Walking, Clare	Margaret Daly	Mon 8 am	16/10/2017	Lennon St east	[]

* French class requires some prior knowledge of the language, no matter how rusty.



PLEASE RETURN new enrolments to Course Co-ordinator, Quentin Fleming, preferably before Monday 9 October at P.O. Box 480, Clare SA 5453, or phone 0447 601 142, or email asku3a@gmail.com

Enrol me in the following group/s: _____

Name: _____ Current Member? Yes / No

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____ Year of birth: _____ Country of origin _____

Newsletters by post [] or email []. **Payment** by cheque [] cash [] EFT [] Details overleaf

Payment is for (put how many in brackets): \$15 membership []; \$12 badges []. Total \$ _____

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