

Contact the group co-ordinator for further details and enrolment

Book Discussion

2nd Tuesday, 10 am

Co-ordinator: Lesley Harrison

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Each meeting is held at the home of a member who acts as host and leads the discussion. In addition to studying two or three selected titles in detail, we try to cover a wide range of topics and authors in different genres during the year. If interested please give Lesley a call.

Book Discussion

Group 2

2nd Thursday, 1.30 pm

Co-ordinator: Carolyn Rait

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Email: carolyn.rait@gmail.com

We meet monthly between May and October when we discuss our chosen book according to the month's genre. This introduces members to a wide variety of titles and authors.

Bridge

Weekly Mondays 9:30 am

at Plimmerton Croquet Club

Tutor and Co-ordinator: Ian Fowler

Telephone: 233 0045

Email: idnfowler@hotmail.com

The Bridge Group, which meets every Monday at 9.30am at the Plimmerton Croquet Club rooms, 2 Plimmerton Drive, Plimmerton Industrial Estate, has a regular attendance of 10 to 12 members. We are always looking to expand participation. Bridge is a challenging card game which requires the use of judgement, planning and strategy, and keeps the mind active. The Bridge Group is run on a casual basis with plenty of social interaction and there is no need to arrange a partner. You don't need to know the game as we will teach you. Just turn up at the venue or contact the convenor, Ian Fowler on 2330045 or email idnfowler@hotmail.com.

Creative Writing

3rd Wednesday 10 am

Co-ordinator: Christine Healy

Telephone: 021 0389503

Email: candjhealy@xtra.co.nz

The teaching of 'how to write' is not an aim for this dedicated group but very positive mutual encouragement and support. Those not currently working on a project of their own enjoy the challenge of writing stories on a subject sentence or collection of words chosen at random from a dictionary each month - some of the results of these assignments have been of a high calibre.

Famous and Infamous

Flexible Meeting times as agreed by the group

We meet at members' homes as agreed.

Co-ordinator Kay Philips

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The intention is to stimulate thought-provoking discussions and to extend our knowledge of famous

and infamous people. Each month a Leader is chosen for the following month. The Leader chooses one famous and one infamous person - living or dead, worldwide. The Leader notifies the group of the infamous and infamous people, at least two weeks in advance of the next meeting and provides a very brief bio (or just a couple of notes) of the chosen pair. Individuals in the group may either research the people or come to the meeting "cold". To start the meeting, the Leader will provide a little more background, either verbally or hard copy, and some starter questions or provocative comments leading to a discussion. Not everyone may agree that a person is infamous! The meeting will end with the next month's Leader being chosen.

Please get hold of Kay if you would like to join her group.

Films at Lighthouse Pauatahanui

3rd Saturday of the month, time varies

Co-ordinator: Rae Collins

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The film group visits the Lighthouse, Pauatahanui, every third Saturday of the month.

Garden Group

4th Wednesday of the month, mornings

Co-ordinator: Kay Phillips

Telephone: 027 975 8569

Email: 46nanakay@gmail.com

We are a small (about 20), friendly group and have a usual attendance of about 12-15. Most are long-time gardeners with loads of knowledge which they happily share whilst others, like me, are new gardeners. We visit gardens or meet on the fourth Wednesday each month, except December, and discuss all

things gardening with the owners. The visits/meetings usually begin at 10 or 10.30 and finish about mid-day. Some of us lunch at a local cafe to chat after the meeting/visit. This is not a formal part of the meeting but a social add-on for those who enjoy the company. In June and July we meet at a Church Hall and have a guest speaker and sometimes other activities. We have a small charge of, usually, \$2.00 per month, which we use to buy a small gift for the garden owners and to pay for the hall for the indoor meetings.

Please come and "try us out".

Handcraft

Fridays, fortnightly,

1:30 pm

Co-ordinator: Pat Levy

Telephone: 238 2808

Email: i.levy@xtra.co.nz

Members practise many forms of needlecraft, embroidery, knitting, crochet etc. We have no formal tutoring but some members are able to provide expert guidance with a number of skills. If you would like to join our group contact Pat.

Mah Jong

Wednesdays, weekly,

1:30 pm

Co-ordinator: Barbara Watson

Telephone: 234 8287

Email: bckjwatson@gmail.com

Mah Jong is a small friendly group of both men and women. We play each Wednesday 1.30 – 3pm

followed by afternoon tea at the croquet rooms Ulric Street Plimmerton. There is a small fee of \$2.50 per session to cover expenses. We welcome both experienced players and those wishing to learn the game. For more information please ring Irene 234-1036 or Barbara 234-8287

Mosaic making

First Tuesday of the month 2.00pm-3.30pm

Co-ordinator Bill Gebbie

Telephone: 027 6770180

Email: billnmary@xtra.co.nz

We come along to discuss ideas, and ideally with a project in mind. Once we get going we can share what's gone well or was difficult or not with the projects we've completed. It's best if people bring along the items (such as pieces of broken plate, beads, shells, pebbles, tiles) that they want to work with, and the object on which they want to work (such as a piece of wood, a bottle, a terracotta pot). We can work on the designs together and glue them to the object we've chosen to decorate. We can talk about you materials we need, such as cutters, glue, a trowel, sponge and grout.

If you're interested get hold of Bill on 0276770180.

Play Reading

2nd Friday of the month, May-September, 10 am

Tutor: Pat Knight

Co-ordinator: Derely Jaye

Telephone: 233 6187 or 027 244 8310

Email: derelyjaye@yahoo.com

Pat has sourced a varied range of reading material for us in the past, covering comedy, short skits, Oscar Wilde etc. A small charge is made towards photocopying required. This ensures a copy of the current reading is available for each person's use. We begin with coffee or tea. This group is not at all serious

and we have a lot of fun. Acting experience is not necessary.

Poetry Appreciation

Monthly 3rd Tuesday 10:30 am

Co-ordinator: Helen Reilly

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Each month we choose a different theme, such as ballads, New Zealand poetry, medieval poetry, 15th 16th, 17th, 18th 19th or 20th century poetry, war poetry, narrative, poetry, humorous verse, political poetry etc. One group member chooses the next month's theme and leads the discussion. Everybody brings a poem in keeping with the theme which the group would read and then discuss together. The emphasis is on enjoyment rather than in-depth academic analysis.

Science Group

Mondays, fortnightly, 10 am

Co-ordinator: Joan Conroy

Telephone: 236 7756

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Titahi Bay combined church in Mana Ave, Titahi Bay.

The Science Group meets every second Monday at the Combined Church, Mana Ave, Titahi Bay. We have DVDs, talks and discussion on a wide range of scientific subjects and news reports. New members are always welcome, especially anyone who is willing to contribute.

Theatrical Shows

Monthly, dependent on suitable local shows

Co-ordinator: Derely Jaye

Telephone: 233 6187 or 027 244 8310

Email: derelyjaye@gmail.com

This group was re-formed in 2016. We try to support local theatrical groups but have also been to Circa in Wellington. Attendance has shown local shows to be the most popular. We try to take in afternoon sessions. Some prefer to commute by train/bus, others car pool. The choice is yours. Plans to dine either before or after a show can be made independently. All U3a members welcome.

These Changing Times

Thursdays, fortnightly, 10 am

Leader and Co-ordinator: Mike Gould Telephone: 0272433868

Email: mjgould@tauatapu.net.nz

Meetings are held at 7A Sunset Parade, Plimmerton, and focus on a topical issue, nominated before each meeting by a member of the group.

Travellers' Tales

4th Thursday, 1:30 pm for 2 pm

Co-ordinators: Patsy & Ross Williamson

Telephone: 2331118

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Often the tale is told by one of our members but we do have outside speakers too. We meet at St. Mary's Anglican Church in Whitby. 1:30pm for a 2 pm start. In addition to the U3A sub, there is a Travellers' Tales sub of \$15 per person to cover hall hire, a gift for the speaker and afternoon tea. We have fifty members but can still grow; the more the merrier, so please come and join us.