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Second Quarterly Meeting 2014

When: Thursday 15th May 2014

Where: St Mary's Church

Cnr Discovery Drive - Whitby Shopping Centre

(Drive to the Whitby shopping Centre. As you go up the drive to it, turn left away from the shops. St Mary's Hall is on the left nearest to the road).

Time: Doors Open 1.15 pm for meeting commencing 1.30 pm

Please contribute \$2:00 Koha for hall hire, tea and coffee

Guest Speaker: **Christiane Mortelier**
Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte the forerunner of Versailles



The **Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte** is a baroque French chateau located in Maincy, near Melun, 55 km southeast of Paris in the Seine-et-Marne département of France. It was built from 1658 to 1661 for Nicolas Fouquet, Marquis de Belle Île, Viscount of Melun and Vaux, the superintendent of finances of Louis XIV.

The chateau was an influential work of architecture in mid-17th-century Europe. At Vaux-le-Vicomte, the architect Louis Le Vau, the landscape architect André le Nôtre, and the painter-decorator Charles Le Brun worked together on a large-scale project for the first time. Their collaboration marked the beginning of the "Louis XIV style" combining architecture, interior design and landscape design. The garden's pronounced visual axis is an example of this style.

Don't miss this talk. Those who have visited Versailles will be especially interested. Christiane will present her talk using projected images.

Seminar: "The Great Strike of 1913", Sunday 6 July, 3.30 – 5 pm

The Porirua Historical Association is sponsoring speaker, Peter Clayworth, to present a talk on The Great Strike of 1913. This event was one of the largest and most destructive strikes in New Zealand's history. During his talk, Peter, an historian with the Labour History Project, will examine some of the questions the Great Strike of 1913 raised concerning the nature of New Zealand society on the eve of the Great War. The Seminar will be held in the Helen Smith Community Room, Pataka. All welcome for a small koha.

New members

Welcome to Lyndsay and Annette Adams, Lou Oldershaw, Ann and John Holmes, Rusty and Jenny Norris, Nelda Hotop, Margaret Pearce, Bill Gebbie.

Notices

Subscriptions: These are now overdue. A committee member will be contacting you if yours is outstanding to ask if you want to continue as a member and to facilitate your payment.

Theatre Group: Several members have indicated that they would like to be a member of a theatre going group. This could include Circa and local productions such as the Tawa, Porirua and Mana Little Theatres. For this to be possible we need a co-ordinator willing to get information about coming shows and to circulate members of the interest group with details.

If you are willing to do this please contact Patsy at Ph.233 1118 or patsywilliamson@xtra.co.nz

Interest groups

Membership changes from time to time so please feel free to contact the co-ordinator of a group you are interested in.

Up-to-date information on all courses / groups is available on the website.

Wellington U3A lectures are now held at the Paramount Theatre in Courtenay Place, commencing at 10.30 am. Members of any U3A have reciprocal rights to attend any other U3A. To view Wellington's programme visit www.u3awellingtoncity.org.nz

Wellington Veterans' Tennis Club invites members to join the club at the Renouf Centre in Brooklyn. For further information contact Bill Gebbie (237-6514) www.sportsground.co.nz/wellingtonvetstennis

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