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**NEXT MEETING:** OCT 9 (Monday) 9.30 am

**VENUE:** Nixon Hall, Sale St, Howick

**GUEST SPEAKER :** David Howard on Teaching English in Oman

**TEN MINUTES:** Peter Garrick – ‘Reflections On Working In The Pacific’

**HOME STUDY**

SECRETARY Cora Young has apprised those members who are less mobile of the opportunity to hook up with U3A Online, the U3A national network system operator, to undertake home study courses on topics that interest them. Subject choices are wide: World affairs, history, nature, science, writing and creativity, lifestyle.

A sampling of targeted courses available: Shakespearean Canon Mystery; History of Espionage; Religions of the World; Climate Change; The Night Sky; Ageing and Retirement; Continents on the Move; Writing a Family History. The diversity is designed to satisfy most tastes, aside from helping U3A members stay connected.

Intending course takers need to have a computer and do note that course fees apply. Group convenors are asked to find out if any of their members might be interested. Convenors could then ask Ms Young for the course list, and be put in touch with the U3A Online course advisors.

**STUDY GROUPS REFORM**

PROGRESS report on moves to reform the workings of study groups: Margaret Nicholls, the Vice President/Director of Studies, and convenors will meet after the November general meeting to discuss feedback and suggestions.



**OUT OF THE PERSIAN GULF**

Kiwi teachers of English are all over the map, in a manner of speaking. Today’s speaker David Howard (picture) is one of this intrepid breed, teaching in the Arab-speaking world -- in Oman. The country is smack in the middle of volatile West Asia, more widely known as the Middle East. Oman has the same population as New Zealand’s, but similarities end there. Let Mr Howard tell you about not only the pedagogy but also the culture and customs of Oman – and the brittle atmospherics of the region. Oman shares borders with Yemen, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

## ***NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED (current membership 162)***

**ELLA WILLARD** (sponsor Jennie Leyland): She taught school in England and New Zealand and has lived in a number of countries. A past member of the New Plymouth U3A, she has joined the World of Art 1 and History groups of the Howick chapter. She lives in Bruce McLaren Village.

**MURRAY CLENT** (sponsor Rosemary Ovens): Born in Invercargill, he trained as an accountant and had been a company secretary to a number of companies. Keen on lawn bowls and travel, he is also a member of the Botany Crimewatch Patrol and the Combined Botany Probus Club. He is considering joining the French, Travel, Famous/ Infamous and Earth/Universe groups.

**WYNNIS SCHMAHL** (sponsor Warren Yardley): Born in the South Island, now a resident of Eastern Beach. She has lived in Australia, South Africa and Britain, which might account for her fondness for travel. She has worked in the mental health sector, and is now a part-time family/whanau advisor.

## ***ANIMAL LORE***

LAST month's guest speaker Marguerite van der Kolk, recounting her experiences as a volunteer at Auckland Zoo, spoke about the zoo's running and how periodic operational changes are designed to meet visitor expectations and the Auckland community's recreational needs. Of favourite exhibits past and present - elephants, chimpanzees, a polar bear, among others – the animals' interplay with visitors young and old was told with an insight only an insider could have managed.

## **OUT AND ABOUT**

++ RACHMANINOV's Third Piano Concerto and the Sibelius and Mendelssohn violin concertos are on offer next month. Rach 3 will be played by South Korean Joyce Yang (silver medallist in the 2005 Van Cliburn Piano Competition) on Nov 4, accompanied by the NZSO/Edo de Waart. Soloist in the Sibelius will be Dutch A-lister Janine Jansen on Nov 11 (NZSO/de Waart), while fellow-Dutchwoman Isabelle van Keulen tackles Mendelssohn's E minor concerto on Nov 9, backed by the Auckland Philharmonia/Giordano Bellincampi. All concerts Town Hall.

++ A SEMINAR on retirement village living will be held on Nov 9 at the North Harbour Hockey Stadium in Albany (60 Paul Mathews Drive.) Legal and financial matters will be discussed. Organised by a non-commercial entity (Commission For Financial Capability, headed by the Retirement Commissioner), attendees will need to register on [www.cffc.org.nz/retirement/retirement-villages/events-2/retirement-village-seminars](http://www.cffc.org.nz/retirement/retirement-villages/events-2/retirement-village-seminars) or call 0800 268269. See [www.cffc.org.nz](http://www.cffc.org.nz) to learn more about the CFFC's work.

++ GRANDCHILDREN to indulge? Take them to Peter and the Wolf, which starts a month-long run at the Aotea Centre on Nov 9. Season till Dec 9, with some rest days. Director Sophie Roberts adapts Prokofiev's evergreen music-and-narrative fairy tale, complete with puppetry and videography, and accompanied by a band. Ticket range \$20-\$39, Ticketmaster (ticketmaster.co.nz.)

++ BOOKS galore at the annual Howick Rotary Bookarama at RSA Howick, Oct 10-15.

++ EAST Auckland garden trail on Nov 4, 9 am to 4 pm. \$35 for a bus tour, \$20 under your own steam. Call Uxbridge Arts & Culture on 5356467 for details.

++ RENAISSANCE art is on show at the Auckland Art Gallery, courtesy of the Corsini family, a Florentine clan whose forebears grew rich on the wool trade in the Middle Ages. Boticelli and Caravaggio are the better-known artists featured. Until Jan 21 2018, 10 am to 5 pm. Seniors \$15.

Group (yellow denotes full)	Date	Place	Topic	Convenor
Ancient Civilisations 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon 1pm-3pm	Oct 16	Cora Young's 55 Rodney St	<i>World of the Shining Prince</i> Cora Young	Cora Young 534 8623
Anthropology H 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs 10 am	Oct 19	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd.	<i>Human Sacrifice</i> Margaret Hieatt	Alison O'Connell 534 7539
Anthropology L 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon 10 am	Oct 23	Cora Young's 55 Rodney St.	<i>Human Sacrifice</i> Margaret Hieatt	Margaret Hieatt 534 9131
Architecture 1 <sup>st</sup> Fri 10 am	Nov 3	Armstrongs' Villa 19 7 Flatbush School Rd	<i>Japan</i> Lloyd and Joyce Armstrong	Maurice Taylor 534 8538
Book Discussion 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 2 pm	Oct 26	Margaret Smith's 25 Centre Ct, PPV	Latest reads	Margaret Smith 576 3206
Earth and the Universe 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 10 am	Oct 24	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd.	<i>Super Earths</i> video	Celia Martin 533 1625
Famous & Infamous 1 1 <sup>st</sup> Tues 10 am	Nov 7	Nancy Edwards's 17 Masefield St	<i>Lawrence of Arabia</i> M. Jones and J. Hounsell	Peter Garrick 535 4085
Famous & Infamous 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs 2 pm	Oct 19	Glenda Van der Maas's 50 Sale St	<i>The Romanovs</i> Glenda Van der Maas	Allan Reid 534 9895
Famous & Infamous 3 1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs 10 am	Nov 2	Cheryl Cameron's Apt 486 BM Village	<i>Jeffrey Archer</i> Hazel Hanlon	Jean Fitzgerald 577 5546
Forum 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri 10 am	Oct 20	Beverley Luxton's 1 Village Dr, PPV	Open discussion	Beverley Luxton 576 9625
French 4 <sup>th</sup> Fri 1 pm	Oct 27	David Dwerryhouse's 74-A Aberfeldy Ave	<i>Monaco</i>	David Dwerryhouse 534 4829
History 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 10 am	Oct 17	Fencible Lounge	Potpourri - 5-10 min each	Judy Lee 535 8547
History of New Zealand 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs 10 am	Oct 12	Tim Pearson's 52 Fordyce Ave	<i>Captain Cook and Mr Banks</i> Jessica Pybus	Tim Pearson 576 4091
Literature 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 10 am	Oct 18	The Burns's Apt 470 BM Village	<i>Henry Fielding</i> Moira and Richard Burns	Judy Wilson 576 6340
Nature Walks and Talks 2nd Fri 9 am	Oct 13	9 am P. Basin side, oppo Lagoon Stadium	Walk around the Panmure Basin	Alan La Roche 534 7366
Opera 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 9.30 am	Oct 10	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd	Verdi's <i>Otello</i> 150 min Placido Domingo	Hilary Patterson 533 8785
Opera2 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 1 pm	Oct 24	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd	<i>La Clemenza di Tito</i> by Mozart 212 min	Moya Nixon 535 5309
Philosophy 1 <sup>st</sup> Mon 10 am	Nov 6	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd	<i>Lame Deer and the Dalai Lama</i>	Chris Nixon 535 5309
Poetry 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 2 pm	Oct 10	Cora Young's 55 Rodney St	<i>Poems From Ancient Times</i>	Beth Voogd 534 7468
Science 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 10 am	Oct 25	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd	Potpourri	Jim Hine 534 4259
Sunday Discussion 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday, noon	Oct 15	Meadowlands Coffee Club	Open discussion	Joan Clarkson 537 6397
Travel 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed 10 am	Nov 1	Gordon Hudson's 1 Elsmore Crescent	<i>Cruise on the Baltic Sea</i> Beverly Jin	Gordon Hudson 576 8262
World of Art 1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon 10 am	Oct 16	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd	<i>David Hockney</i> dvd	Jennie Leyland 534 4034
World of Art 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 1.30 pm	Oct 17	Glenda Van der Maas's 50 Sale St	<i>Kandinsky</i> Glenda Van der Maas	Heather Watson 274 4747
World of Music 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 1.30 pm	Oct 25	David Dwerryhouse's 74-A Aberfeldy Ave	<i>Arthur Rubinstein</i> Moira Burns	Ngairie Taylor 534 8538
World War II 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs 2pm	Oct 12	Ron Clifton's 23 Gillett Place	<i>The Merchant Navy in WWII</i> David Weston	Ron Clifton 537 1592
Writing 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 1.30 pm			No event this month.	Marian Heywood 534 1159

