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UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

TAUPO, AUGUST 2020



.NEXT MEETING

11th AUGUST 2020

ROTARY HOUSE 10 AM

SPEAKER:

IAN BALME

"FORGOTTEN WORLD
ADVENTURES"

Ian will be giving an interesting and informative presentation about the Forgotten World and how Forgotten World Adventures developed through vision, innovation and sheer determination from a far-fetched idea to becoming a leading tourism attraction and two-time winner of the New Zealand Tourism People's Choice Award.

When farmer and keen outdoorsman Ian Balme told people he was going to start a travel attraction in central North Island, running golf carts on the unused railway line between Stratford and Taumarunui, they scoffed. Almost ten years later, that travel attraction—Forgotten World Adventures—now includes tours by railcart, railbike, pushbike, riverboat and helicopter.

This thriving tourist attraction caters to 9000 visitors a year made up of 80% New Zealanders and 20% international tourists and employs 35 seasonal staff. It is an exciting opportunity for people to be immersed in the remote and stunning New Zealand landscape.

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OBITUARY

LIZ FRAWLEY passed away in Wellington suddenly on Thursday 16 July 2020.

Liz was a much respected and liked member of the Group "Famous & Infamous" and was much missed when she left to move to Wellington. Those who knew her will remember her well. She was a lovely person.

ACTIVITY GROUPS: Group leaders are free to recommence their meetings at their convenience.

CUISINE GROUP:

This is a new group which was started last year to follow the definition of the word "Cuisine" which is "a style or method of cooking especially of a particular country or establishment"

We are a small group of 6 but would like to expand to perhaps 12, so newcomers are most welcome. We meet randomly, as our meetings depend on whether certain providers can have us visit them on days or events that we wish to attend.

Our next foci will be: FOOD IN SEASON - MEAL FROM WITHIN 100 KM RADIUS -

HERBS AND SPICES - TRAVEL THE WORLD WITH FOOD.

PLANNED EVENTS ARE:

17 Sept—visit to Turangi Trout Hatchery and lunch at the Creel Cafe in Turangi. November—Spring Festival—details to be advised February 2021 summer picnic at Hawkes Bay Farmers Saturday Market May 2021—Autumn Harvest Festival.

Out of town trips will be by mini bus. Email Gill at gill@smithandwarren.co.nz



Everyone seems to be in such a hurry to scream 'racism' these days. A customer asked, "In what aisle could I find the Guinness?"

The shop assistant asks, "Are you Irish?"

The guy, clearly offended, says, "Yes I am. But let me ask you something, If I had asked for Italian sausage, would you ask me if I was Italian?

Or if I had asked for German Bratwurst, would you ask me if I was German?

Or if I asked for a kosher hot dog would you ask me if I was Jewish?

Or if I had asked for a Taco, would you ask if I was Mexican? Or if I asked for Polish sausage, would you ask if I was Polish?"

The shop assistant says, "No, I probably wouldn't."

The guy says, "Well then, because I asked for Guinness, why did you ask me if I'm Irish?"

The Clerk Replied "Because you're in Bunnings"

CLUB MATTERS

As you all know, we had to abort our AGM this year with the permission of all members. Charlette will be sending her annual report along with this Newsletter and Lynne will present her annual financial statement at the meeting in August. We ask that those present approve these two annual reports.

We hope that you will consider coming to the meeting in August, which is our first since lockdown. There will be hand sanitiser at the door for you to use if you wish to do so, the girls handing out tea and coffee will be wearing disposable rubber gloves, and if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please feel free to do so. We do want everyone to feel comfortable and safe.

SUBS ARE DUE: As our year runs from 1 June to 30th May, subs are actually over-due.

PAYMENT: The bank has advised our Treasurer that they will be phasing out cheques starting in Aug. Therefore options of paying your subs are either cash at a meeting or by internet banking to Account **12-3162-0048860-00 at ASB.** We cannot offer any other options, sorry. We had quite a discussion at our last committee meeting as to whether the banks could legally refuse to accept cheques, but it would appear that they can. Its very inconvenient to the public we feel.

CLUB RULES state that only those who are paid up members are allowed to participate in the club activities, so if you belong to one of the activity groups you need to be a paid up member. Group leaders should make sure that new members are paid members of the club and they can do that by contacting Lynne Bowe on 378 8847 or Charlette on 027 2011753 and asking them to check for you.





Safety begins with you

LIST OF GROUPS, GROUP LEADERS, VENUES, DAYS AND TIMES

AS AT 19/4/20

Comp: U3A Groups Updated Lists from Jan 2020 > U3A All Groups Dates Venues etc doc

GROUPS	GROUP LEADERS	VENUES	DAYS	TIMES
Book Club	Jill McIsaac 07 378 8779	Varying Venues	2 nd Wednesday of each month	2.00 p.m.
Canasta	Jo Flight 07 378 9440	3/64 Kaimanawa Street	Tuesdays - Fortnightly	1.30 p.m.
Cards 500	Jo Flight 07 378 9440	3/64 Kaimanawa Street	Tuesdays - Fortnightly	1.30 p.m.
Cuisine	Gill Warren 021 431 098	Varying Venues	No set days	No set times
Current Affairs	Charlette Wickham 027 2011 753	Varying Venues	1 st and 3 rd Thursday of each month	10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.
Famous & Infamous	Pat Nairn 377-4612	3 Huka Street GROUPS	3 rd Tuesday of each month GROUP LEADERS	2.00 p.m. /ENUES
Gardening for Leisure	Gill Warren 021 431 098 Var ying Venues		Wednesday or Thursday or Friday	2.00 p.m.
Impromptu Outings	Charlette Wickham 027 2011 753	Varying Venues	No set days	No set times
Life's Purpose	Yvonne Duncan 07 378 8816	24 Kurupae Road Hilltop	4 th Monday of each month	2.00 p.m.
Mah Jong	Jan Robinson 027 355 2279	28 Hindmarsh Drive	Every Wednesday of each month	2.00 p.m.
Play Reading	Margaret Syben 07 377 2499	Varying Venues Wednesdays - Fortnightly		1.30 p.m.
Poetry	Yvonne Duncan 07 378 8816	24 Kurupae Road Hilltop	4 th Tuesday of each month	2.00 p.m.
Scrabble	Irene Collins 07 378 1021	39 Gillies Ave	Wednesdays - Weekly	10.00 a.m.
Table Tennis	Graham Philip 022 310 1879	Function Room Event Centre	Wednesdays - Weekly	1.00 – 3.00 pm.