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WELCOME TO THE FIRST NEWSLETTER FOR 2023

Happy New Year everyone. We do hope you have had a great summer break and we would like to welcome all new and old friends to a fresh year of stimulating lectures.

This year will be the first in a while that we hopefully won't be affected by Covid 19 disruptions. We are however cognisant of the potential transmissibility of this variant and ask members to take due care and avoid coming to lectures if unwell.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2023

To those of you who have already paid their subscription – Thank You. For those that still have not done so, payment at the earliest opportunity would be appreciated.

We have attached a copy of "U3A Arts Centre, Information for Members, 2023". as a reminder of matters related to payment and operation of the lectures.

Details of Course One which commences on Friday 17 February and run on consecutive Fridays until 17 March, follow.

Venue

St. Mark's Church
150 Withells Rd., Avonhead.

Time

Friday mornings **10.00 am for morning tea in the lounge** followed by the lecture from 10.30 am till 12 noon also in the lounge.

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COURSE ONE SLAVERY, BLACK LIVES MATTER AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The Black Lives Matter movement has spread globally since 2013 and ignited a yearning for social justice in our increasingly connected world. In the 21st century, many young citizens, in particular, recognise their multicultural and genetic bonds, and the legal and ethical framework which binds humanity under the auspices of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The 30 articles elaborate and define the fundamental rights of each person, and also expand the definition of slavery. These five sessions will explore the origins, causes, conditions and consequences of bondage from earliest 'civilisations' through medieval and modern serfdom and slavery, especially related to the Transatlantic Slave Trade and the United States. The course will identify movements towards abolition of slave trade and practice, the awakening of civil rights, and the present danger to human rights and dignity through forms of slavery in 2023.

Topics

- Slavery in human history
- Slavery in and out of Africa
- Transatlantic Slave Trade
- Timeline of slavery in USA
- Human Rights, BLM and 2023

Organised by

Wallace Woodley

Course Presenter - Frieda Looser

Frieda has an MA (Hons) in History and is the author of *Fendall's Legacy, a history of Fendalton and Northwest Christchurch*. She was a Senior Tutor in the History Department at the University of Canterbury, tutoring and lecturing in a number of courses, and currently teaches in the UC Academic Skills Centre. Frieda was a contributor to the University's Community Education programme from 1998 to 2012, offering a wide range of courses exploring European, as well as New Zealand and local Canterbury history. When the University disestablished Continuing Education, Frieda founded her own business and teaches history courses, leads overseas study tours, and offers talks to U3A and other community groups.

U3A Arts Centre, Information for Members, 2023

Our U3A currently meets at St Mark's Church, 150 Withells Road, Avonhead, for lectures of interest around a common topic known as a Course. Each course consists of 5 weekly lectures with a gap of two to three weeks between courses. The Mini Course at the end of the year is shorter. Lectures are held on Friday mornings.

Members are notified by newsletter either by post or preferably email, prior to each course.

Annual membership

Membership is from 1 January to 31 December in any one year. A single fee of \$90.00 is payable before the end of January. This covers all lectures. but does not include the Bus Trip or the End of Year lunch. Members may arrange payment with our Treasurer, Clyde Phillips, 322-8849 or at ctam@xtra.co.nz

If paying by **Internet banking**, please add your name and the subject(s) of the payment e.g. Membership Fee, bus trip charge, etc. Our bank account number is 06-0996-0091423-00.

St Mark's Church opens at 9.45am in order for members to meet for morning tea at 10am. The lecture starts at 10.30am.

In the Foyer and Church. Be aware that the foyer is a public place and ensure that your handbags etc, are safe at all times. Please make sure that you are not blocking the ability of the public and parishioners to pass.

Name cards are provided for enrolled members. Wearing a name card confirms your membership. Please remember to wear yours at each function.

Attendance Register. Members will be invited to tick their attendance on arrival in the Register at the reception desk in the lecture room. Please ensure that you carry out this function as we may need to provide the venue with a list of attendees in the event of an emergency.

Members wishing to bring a friend may invite them to a lecture. The entry price for your visitor will be \$5. If they wish to attend a lectures series (of 5 lectures) then a discounted rate of \$20 is payable at the commencement of the series.

New members. When coming to your first meeting, please identify yourself to a committee member who will be wearing a name card with a red dot upon it. The committee member will welcome you and see that you obtain your name card.

Please inform a member of the Committee if any liquid or food is spilled while having morning tea. No food or liquid is permitted in the Foyer or Church.

Unless a speaker indicates that questions are welcome during the lecture, please refrain from asking a question until the end of the address. Indicate to the Chair that you have a question by raising your hand and wait for the microphone. When asking questions, please hold the roving microphone horizontally and speak directly into it so we may all hear.

We wish you all the best for the New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2023!

Your U3A Committee