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## January 2024 Newsletter

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to a further year of U3A activities. We welcome new members so please consider bringing a friend along to future meetings.

Unfortunately, Lex Telfer resigned as President last week. Linda Telfer suffered from a severe heart condition while in Wanaka recently. She is now back home but will require some time for recovery. This does mean that the committee is now very small with just 5 of us. While we can function with a small committee, we do need a pool of members to help with all the tasks needed to make our meetings a success. This includes help with tearoom setup, morning tea, series organisation assistance, microphone, computer, sound and votes of thanks. If you would like to help with any of these tasks, please email Gabrielle to let us know what you would like to do. We will run training sessions for you during the first series.

Below is an outline of this year's programme. The first four series are sorted and we are working on the rest of the year. There may be some minor changes, but the dates are set and you will be informed of any changes when the flyers for each series are sent out.

Date	Topic
21 February – 20 March	From Local to Global Village: How western civilisation has changed in the last millenium.
10 April – 8 May;	Wine & beverages
29 May – 26 June;	Pot Pourri
17 July - 14 August	Roman Technologies: How did they dominate for so long?
4 September - 2 October	Climate Change (TBC)
9 October	Field Trip (TBC)
23 Oct - 20 Nov	Humour (TBC)
27 November	Xmas Lunch

**Name Tags:** Notify Gabrielle if you are unable to find your name label in the Label Boxes in the entry area. We do appreciate all members wearing their name labels at each lecture. New members have a green dot on their tags so please make them welcome. Committee members have a red dot on their name tags. Please feel free to speak with them if you should have any concerns or questions.

**Parking:** Parking is only permitted in the middle of the car park at side of St Mark's Church, or behind the Church. Parking by the fence is reserved for church members coming for the 11am service. Please be considerate and legal in your on-road parking, i.e. a metre distance from driveways.

**Subscriptions:** The subscription notice will be sent out in February with payments required by 31 March. To ensure the smooth running of notifications, it is important that Grant is informed of any changes to addresses, phone numbers or email addresses.

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With our good wishes for a stimulating year.  
 Grant Pearson