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Welcome to the U3A St Albans February 2021 Newsletter

Very best wishes for your good health and happiness in the New Year from your President and Committee to you all. We look forward to seeing you as our meetings resume.

EVENTS

25 February

Speaker: Nicholas Myers, ANZ Bank

Topic: Bank frauds and scams

25 March

Speaker: Bridget Williams, Founder "Bead and Proceed"

Topic: Inspiring Action through Creativity

You are always welcome to bring along friends to our meetings. There is no fee. Anyone can attend two meetings as a guest, before needing to pay membership dues.

Reminder: U3A St Albans Annual Subscription

Thank you to those who have already renewed their membership.

A reminder that if you haven't yet paid, Annual Subscriptions of \$25 must be paid no later than the end of this month for membership to remain current.

Our bank account number for those wishing to pay by interbank transfer: 38-9017-0794135-00

Please include your name as reference when paying. We're always sorry to see anyone leave but we understand that circumstances change and some of you may feel unable to renew your membership. If you can, please let us know should that be the case.

Volunteer help for your U3A

All members of U3A who contribute to the group are volunteers. This includes the Committee, whose members work behind the scenes all year to ensure the success and smooth running of the group. U3A St Albans is **our** group, **your** group, so please consider whether you could volunteer for one of the following - even just for one meeting a year. Our grateful thanks to those who already help out. But we do need more to:

Set up in the foyer before meetings and put away after

Meet and Greet

Serve Morning Tea

Thank Speakers

You'll never be working on your own. And it's a great way to meet and get to know more members.

Reminders

Please remember to add the newsletter email address, u3astalbansnewsletter@yahoo.com to your saved contacts list, again if you change email provider. This tells your provider we aren't spam!

We do need to know if you have changed your contact details: home address, home phone and/or mobile, or email address, since you last informed us. Thank you.

For Your Diary

U3A Canterbury Network Seminar reminder

A reminder that the seminar will be held 14 May, keynote speaker Peta Mathias.

As previously, the venue is St Albans Baptist Church on McFaddens Road.

We'll let you have full details as soon as we receive them.

Discoveries Art School Exhibition Christchurch Petanque Club Rooms, North Hagley Park

Saturday 20 February and Sunday 21 February 10.00am-4.00pm

Poster attached.

Our own Noni Rush is a member of the art school and will be exhibiting some of her work here.

U3A NORTH CANTERBURY have asked that we share this invitation to hear Behrouz Boochani.

This controversial Kurdish journalist, human rights defender, writer and film producer painstakingly tapped out his memoir, *No Friend but the Mountains* whilst he was in custody on Manus Island. Behrouz came to New Zealand in December 2019 and was granted refugee status in July 2020. He is currently the Senior Adjunct Research Fellow at the Ngai Tahu Research Centre and *Writer in Residence* for 2021 at the University of Canterbury.

He is a fluent English speaker as evidenced in a TED talk that he gave in 2019. Find it on this link - <https://youtu.be/sZCPsS5Ais0>.

Behrouz Boochani will share his experiences with U3A North Canterbury at 10am Tuesday 23 February 2021 at the Baptist Church, 111 East Belt, Rangiora.

An invitation is extended to other Canterbury U3A groups and North Canterbury service groups and churches to attend his address.

Admission is Free but is by Ticket ONLY which can be obtained by following these simple steps:

Go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/FTL> (Click on this hyperlink)

- This event's detail will appear. Click "Book Now".
- Enter the number of seats you require.
- Enter the other details required and click "Purchase".
- Enter the name and email address. The tickets will be emailed to the address you provide.
- Print the tickets and bring them with you on February 23rd.

Please Note: while there is no charge a small koha from non-members on the day will be welcomed.

Other News

I am attaching the St Albans neighbourhood newsletter for this month.

This month's Ted Talks