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*Our July speaker Lance Jennings gave us a comprehensive talk on viruses and global pandemics from history right up to the present day. He speaks from a wide experience in New Zealand and worldwide as "infection knows no boundaries". He was happy to answer questions, so we were able to become more informed as to the current conditions with Covid 19 and vaccinations.*



*In this newsletter we have included information on external talks that may be of interest to members -at Christchurch Library, Canterbury University free lectures (or streamed) and a local session with Martin Sutherland.*

### **August Meeting:**

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Venue: Darfield Baptist Church, 15 Greendale Road, Darfield

Time: 10am (Cuppa, then members announcements followed by the speaker)

Topic: Influence of Religion in the USA

Speaker Dr Peter Field is Head of School of Humanities and Creative Arts and Associate Professor of History at University of Canterbury.

*Dr Peter Field says: "An American, I have lived in Canterbury for 20 years on and off. I also teach in the USA, although not lately!"*

*I am completing my 4th book—this one on Abraham Lincoln. The first two books were related to American religion.*

*I am now head of Humanities and Creative Arts at Canterbury. In truth, I am a teacher. And I love my job.*

*America and religion is a complex issue. The country was settled in part by deeply religious folk. Yet its Founding was decidedly secular. Today there is a great divide between the religious (Right) and the agnostic Left. Yet, paradoxically, the Right seem to be devotees of the Founding and the Left seem to manifest traits some have compared to religious enthusiasm. Let's see what we can sort out in under an hour."*

### **Programme for rest of 2021**

#### **August 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>      Topical Mini-Series – Preparing for End of Life**

A two-part series on end of life is being held over two half days from 1:30pm to approximately 3:30pm at the Baptist Church.

Sessions will be as follows:

Day One:

- **Enduring Power of Attorney, Wills and Probate** – Fleur MacDonald (Solicitor) *FM legal will explain wills, probate, and the various powers of attorney.*

- **Advanced Care Planning** - Jane Goodwin-registered nurse and Advanced Care Planning Facilitator (ACP) will inform us how ACP supports people to think, talk and share their thoughts about the type of medical care and treatment they want to receive in the future. The session will cover the value of ACP and the legalities.

#### Day Two

- **Palliative Care** – Mary Roberts Senior Malvern District Nurse will cover the topic of community- based palliative care. An interactive conversation, “Having a choice and being in control of your care.”
- **Funerals** – Mark Glanville Simplicity Funerals Director will speak about the important role of funerals in helping us to cope with our grief. What you need to know to ensure the funeral you are planning for a loved one is helping you, and how the funeral director facilitates the funeral preparations.

Payment of \$20 will need to be made by the beginning of August 2021 either to the U3A Malvern account or in person at a meeting. Remember to say what and who the payment is for if paying online. Currently we have the numbers to run the course but more participants would be welcome.

As we need to know numbers for planning can you email our address [u3amalvern@gmail.com](mailto:u3amalvern@gmail.com) or contact Ruth Warren on [rwifwarren@gmail.com](mailto:rwifwarren@gmail.com)

**September 10<sup>th</sup> 2021** Canterbury District Commander Police Superintendent John Price who was honoured with the ONZM will speak on communications and demand timelines for the Mosque shootings and various earthquakes.

**October 8<sup>th</sup> 2021** Frieda Looser will present Persia to Iran.

**November 5<sup>th</sup> 2021** Sue Bagshaw has agreed to speak on Youth of Tomorrow. Note the date change to 1st Friday of the month as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday is Show Day.

**Note: The committee is finalising the speakers for 2022 so if you have any ideas of who or what topics you would like to hear let us know.**

### ***Subscriptions***

This year's subscription from AGM 2021 to AGM 2022 is set at \$25 and is payable online, or in a cash deposit at Kiwi Bank, or on a meeting day to the treasurer. We would appreciate it if you could pay by August 2021. Those who are not financial are casual attendees and will be asked for a koha per meeting until joining.

### ***Bank Account with Kiwi Bank***

*Account Name:* U3A Malvern

*Account number:* 38 9022 0205868 00

When paying subs please include a name so we can identify the payee. This is especially important if you are paying for more than one person. Those who were not members in the last financial year will get a name tag at the next meeting.

### ***Talks of Interest to Members***

**Scottish Highland Clearances** by Martin Sutherland. If you missed this talk at our June members meeting and would like to hear it, the Darfield Genealogy & Local History Group have Martin as the guest speaker this Saturday morning.

Venue: Darfield Library Sat 31 July 10.15am. Preferably contact Ann Gibson, Convenor (ph 03 3188-764) or Jim Copland (ph 03 318-1712) or just come along.

**Free public lectures at University of Canterbury.** If you still want more Covid facts rather than fallacies, there is "Maths, Science & Law in the fight against Covid-19" at the university on site or streaming online - Wed 11 Aug 7pm-8.30pm. A panel of U.C. staff will talk on the legal, chemical, biological, health and mathematical modelling of aspects of the pandemic. These are Tauhere/UC Connect a free public lecture series.

On the [Canterbury University website](#) lookup Public Lectures and register for the lecture.

### **Family History Expo – held at the Christchurch Library 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021**

Attached to the newsletter is a copy of the programme for this event.

### ***Special Interest Groups***

We have the following groups operating and will start a waiting list for those groups that are full so contact the Group leaders to register your interest.

**Mahjong**. Members are very active meeting 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month with Susan Baldwin tutoring. There is some interest in starting a second group. Please let Ruth know if you are interested. Contact Ruth Warren: [rwifwarren@gmail.com](mailto:rwifwarren@gmail.com)

**Current Affairs** 12 members meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. Interesting discussions on elections, economic recovery etc. A topic is set at each meeting so members can research for the next meeting. Contact Ian Warren: [rwifwarren@gmail.com](mailto:rwifwarren@gmail.com)

### **NZ and Local History**.

There will be a trip to Ashburton Aviation Museum on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August** at 1pm on the Ashburton Airfield. There are lots of different planes including a Harrier jump jet and one of the Soviet space balls that landed across Central Canterbury in 1972. Museum members will show us around with the finish about 3pm. Paul Jarman and the History Group are arranging this trip with the general membership of U3A Malvern invited. \$10 each to support the museum.

Contact Jim Copland: Phone: 03 318-1712 or email [adjimcopland@gmail.com](mailto:adjimcopland@gmail.com) by Sunday 22 August.

Carpooling is suggested with an option of meeting at Norwood – the informal carpark at end of Telegraph Road (junction of SH1).

Barrhill Heritage Village .A visit to the village will be arranged for 2022.

**Everyday Te Reo**. Up to 6 members currently meeting weekly at 4pm on Wednesdays in Darfield. Contact Margaret Copland: [coplalex@snap.net.nz](mailto:coplalex@snap.net.nz)

Jim Copland and Judith Pascoe are keen to hear from you with ideas for **new topics for interest groups**. There will be a box to post ideas in at each meeting.

For Jim Phone 03 318-1712 or email [adjimcopland@gmail.com](mailto:adjimcopland@gmail.com) and Judith Phone 021 1522900 or email [jcpascoe@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jcpascoe@xtra.co.nz)

*We look forward to seeing those of you able to attend the meeting in August.*

*Janet MacDougall, Newsletter and Website Co-ordinator*