

Hi,
 Professor James Shulmeister was our November speaker. The Professor is Head of School of Earth and Environment at Canterbury University and spoke on the geology of the Malvern Hills which run from Waipara to South Canterbury. His talk covered the formation of the Malvern Hills from the movement action of Gondwanaland about 550 million years ago through to the movement of the Australian plate meeting the Pacific plate to the uplift of New Zealand which straddles both plates. Finishing on the geology of the Malvern area the talk was informative and covered in a readily understandable and amusing style.



December 2022 Meeting:

Date: 2nd December 2022 **Note: First Friday of the Month.**

Venue: Darfield Baptist Church, 15 Greendale Road, Darfield.

Time: 10am (There will be a cuppa, so the session will start at 10:15am with member's announcements followed by the speaker).

Topic: Forensic Anthropology

The speaker is Dr Rachel Scott.

Attendance Notice

Attendance at Darfield Baptist Church in 2022 for U3A meetings will be in accordance with current Covid-19 practice.

Attendees will need to register their presence by telling the people on the desk.

We will ensure well-spaced seating and masks can still be worn while in the meeting. Anyone who is unwell is encouraged to stay at home and that is the same if you feel uncomfortable about being in crowds at this time.

Proposed Programme for first 6 months of 2023

February 10th 2023	The Ming Dynasty – a lens on today. An emphasis on porcelain.	Alan Blackburn
March 10th 21023	Music and Singing in Rehab	Kimberley Wade
April 14th 2023	Cemetries	Linda Seaton
May 12th 2023	AGM - TBA	Frieda Looser
June 9th 2023	Brain Health and Dementia prevention	Matthew Croucher

Subscriptions

The subscription year starts on 1st April 2022. New members who paid after 31st December 2021 and before 1st April 2022 will have valid membership until 31st March 2023.

The subscription will remain at \$25 for the 2022 – 2023 year and is due from 1st April 2022. Those who are not financial members 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.

History Trip to US Military WW2 Site, Fuel depot and Barrhill

Wednesday 23 November 9am - 1pm:

The History Group trip to view the U.S. military WW2 site for a NZ situated flying base near Greendale has been confirmed. Paul Jarman's family farmed this area after the war ("Treevale") and it was noted for its heavy wattle tree growth signifying where the long runways had been. Hosts Bob & Paul Jarman.

The Bankside Heritage-listed Fuel Depot, built by NZ to service the U.S. airbase, may also be able to visited.

Barrhill: this designed English Victorian Village was laid out by John Wason for his farmworkers in the 1870's as a complete village with church (superb stained glass windows), school, meeting hall and other amenities. Oaks, sycamores, elms and others were planted out along the avenues. The workers cottages have long since gone but these stone-built structures and mature trees are there to be viewed. We can have a cuppa in the hall. Hosts Les & Margaret Nell.

Corwar Gatehouse is nearby and is at the beginning of the driveway of Wason's Corwar Estate. It is now furnished as a Victorian museum (entry donation \$2). Host Vivien Champion.

Optionally, in the afternoon (for those who missed the Ashburton

Aviation Museum trip) some of us could meet at this venue about 1pm or 1.30. It will depend if there is sufficient numbers for this. Finish by 3pm. Entry \$10.

There is considerable background information available online for each of the above. Paul has been able to get various documentation. Those coming will receive information sheets as background and also route maps.

Deadline for non History Group members: Sunday 20 November. Please register by this date as numbers are limited.

Note: We'll be assembling at Darfield Trinity Church carpark for carpooling 8.50am.

Contact Jim Copland 03 318 1712 or adjimcopland@gmail.com
or Paul Jarman 318 8539 pkjarman@xtra.co.nz

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. Note: Meetings are dependent on being in an appropriate Covid 19 level.

Mahjong. 8 members are meeting 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from June. Please let Ruth know if you are interested. Contact Ruth Warren:
rwifwarren@gmail.com

Current Affairs 9 members meeting on 4th 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

Local and NZ History.

Meetings are on the 4th Wednesday of the month for 2022.
Contact Jim 03 318 1712 or adjimcopland@gmail.com

Everyday Te Reo. With 5 members currently meeting weekly at 4pm on Wednesdays in Darfield. The group uses mixed media to assist with language and are progressing well. Current focus is on using the vocabulary we have learnt and the grammar points to form sentences. Contact Margaret Copland:
coplalex@snap.net.nz

Judith Pascoe is 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 Judith Phone 021 1522900 or email jcpascoe@xtra.co.nz

We look forward to seeing you at our meeting this month.

Janet MacDougall, Newsletter and Website Co-ordinator, u3amalvern@gmail.com