

Hi,

At the AGM it was great to see a good number of attendees. At the meeting Nicholas Myers, ANZ Branch Manager at Rolleston, educated members with a very informative talk about scams and fraud.

Nicholas began by saying, “Being aware of your safety when walking down a dark street at night to protect yourself is just the same as with fraud and scams, you must be aware of the problems and how to protect yourself.”

- *What are the red flags indicating a scam?*
- *Putting pressure on you to act quickly.*
- *Will often try to keep things confidential and say not to tell anyone else.*
- *Multiple requests for money, often with increasing amounts.*
- *Initial contact is out of the blue.*
- *Overly intrusive requests for personal information.*
- *Sounds too good to be true.*

The Key tips to protect yourself were outlined by Nicholas.

- *Never give your pin, passwords or pass codes to anyone.*
- *Don't send money to people you do not know or haven't met.*
- *Be cautious with what personal information you disclose online and in the real world.*
- *If you receive emails from people, you don't know do not respond to them or click any links in the email.*
- *Use unique passwords and don't share with anyone.*

Finally, Nicholas pointed out that there must be a balance between convenience and security and stressed don't give up your computer.

AGM 2021

There was an election of Officers and these are:

Chair – Robyn Wendt

Secretary/Treasurer – Ali Price

Committee: Ian Warren, Ruth Warren, Ian Sandford, Jim Copland, Judith Pascoe, Janet MacDougall, and Jacky Lawson.

Welcome to Jacky as a new member and thank you to the returning members of the committee. Roles for the committee will be notified after the first committee meeting.

June Meeting:

Date: 11th June 2021

Venue: Darfield Baptist Church, 15 Greendale Road, Darfield

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

Topic: Understanding the Highland Clearances

Speaker: Martin Sutherland

Martin Sutherland grew up in Darfield and spent a number of years working in the Justice department before completing a PhD in History at the University of Canterbury and training for the Baptist Ministry. Martin will explore the mass movement of communities and the subsequent depopulation of the Scottish Highlands between 1760 and 1860 that had many causes.

Speakers for rest of 2021

July 9th, 2021 : The Global Pandemic: what are the lessons?

The speaker is Lance C. Jennings QSO, MSc, PhD, FRCPath, FFSc(RCPA) - Retired as the Clinical Virologist to the Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB), and as Director of New Zealand's WHO National Measles Laboratory, in 2017. He retains a CDHB Virology advisory role and a Clinical Associate Professorship in the Pathology and Biomedical Sciences Department, University of Otago, Christchurch.

Throughout history, new human infectious diseases have emerged. Understanding the "bigger picture" of their natural ecology and how new viruses emerge and cause pandemics of human disease is pivotal for their control. The World Health Organization has the mandate to coordinate the global response, but how has it, and other organisations performed during the current COVID-19 pandemic? Personal experiences of working with the WHO, pandemic preparedness planning and responding to new influenza and SARS viruses will illustrate the many lessons.

August 13th, 2021 Influence of Religion in USA

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 very 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."

- September 10th, 2021** Retired Police Commissioner John Price will speak on Communications and demands timelines for the Mosque shootings and earthquakes.
- October 8th, 2021** Frieda Looser will present Persia to Iran.
- November 5th, 2021** Sue Bagshaw has agreed to speak on Youth of Tomorrow.

Subscriptions

The next 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.

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 1st and 3rd Monday of the month with Susan Baldwin tutoring. Contact Ruth Warren: rwifwarren@gmail.com

Current Affairs 12 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

NZ and Local History. The meeting on **Wednesday 26th May** will be a trek around Kirwee from 1pm -3:30pm

Meet at water race monument. Sites include old community well, railway station, general stores, bakery, where the ghost was, churches, Kirwee House. Cuppa tea at Kirwee cottage with the wildlife. General membership welcome - please let Jim know if you are attending.

Contact Jim Copland: Phone: 03 3181712 or email adjimcopland@gmail.com

There will be a trip to Ashburton Air Museum on **Wednesday 25th August** at 1pm. This trip will be open to other U3A members and bookings will be taken as it will be possible to carpool.

Contact Jim Copland: Phone: 03 3181712 or email adjimcopland@gmail.com

Everyday Te Reo. Up to 5 members currently meeting weekly at 4pm on Wednesdays in Darfield. Contact Margaret Copland: 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 318-1712 or email adjimcopland@gmail.com and Judith Phone 021 1522900 or email jcpascoe@xtra.co.nz

Topical Mini Series – Preparing for End of Life

A two-part series on end of life is being held over two half days on **11th and 18th August 2021** 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)
- Advanced Care Planning - Jane Goodwin

Day Two

- Palliative Care – Mary Roberts
- Funerals – Mark Glanville

The cost for the series will be \$20. As we need to know numbers for planning can you email our address u3amalvern@gmail.com or contact Ruth Warren on rwifwarren@gmail.com

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

Janet MacDougall, Newsletter and Website Co-ordinator