

## U3A WARKWORTH

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### **Newsletter June - July 2010**

#### **From Our President – Beulah Heaven**

Welcome to winter!

Well, the drought has broken. I know that I was echoing the words seemingly on everyone's lips. "It's so dry – we really really need rain." Absolutely it was needed. But put your hand up if you actually wanted it! Those lovely long sunny days were wonderful. The garden died, huge cracks opened up everywhere, the roads were filled with water tankers, but the raincoat and umbrella remained in the boot. Tennis, golf and the sea beckoned every day!

But – now I've got a freezer full of lovely mushrooms, my broad beans are eighteen inches high and I now have every excuse to light the fire of an evening. During that huge downpour last week my roof leaked and the chookens (are they chooks or chickens?) went off the lay, having finally got on to it! The dog resumed leaving muddy prints everywhere, and of course the firebox has to be cleaned out daily.

It's all part of life's cycle, isn't it? There are many things to enjoy each season although we all have our favourite. Mine is Spring, and just thinking about it fills me with joy. So many shades of green, the lambs, the lengthening days. The blossom, the strawberries and fresh lettuces and asparagus. Just three months and it will be here again – I have just three months of looking forward to it!

I had a real wake-up call yesterday. At the Bridge Club someone mentioned a lady I hadn't seen for several months. I looked around for her, hoping to catch a glimpse – a lovely smiling and very articulate lady, with a beautiful home and garden, a lovely husband and family. When I didn't see her I enquired about her, only to learn that she had quite suddenly become very ill, with cancer. My heart goes out to her, and her family, and to those of you who are facing similar realities of life.

Recently I listened to a former solo-mother speaking. She told how she had been in a Post Office queue one day with a baby on her hip and a toddler at her knee. As she reached the counter the baby started to cry, and she struggled to comfort the child and to juggle her bag to get her money out. Several people in the queue huffed and puffed, making the mother of the restless child even more stressed. Then a smartly dressed woman stepped up, smiled and asked if she might hold the baby for a minute.

That was a formative moment in that young woman's life. She said it was the first time she could remember that someone had actually gone out of their way to do something to help her. It was just a small gesture, but what a wonderful one. I found it very humbling, especially as I realised that the helpful woman was unlikely to be me – I would probably be huffing and puffing!

*See you all June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.*

As I go through each day, grizzling and coping with the small problems that occur, I intend to make a real effort to appreciate the every day good things. You are my witnesses, and may remind me of this as necessary.

Carpe Diem!

**Beulah**

### ***General Members Meeting***

**Monday - 10:00 a.m. 14th June 2010**

**Totara Park Community Hall, Melwood Drive,  
Warkworth**

(Please consider car pooling – parking is limited)

**Duty Group – Play Reading  
Convenor Margret Krey 422 6407**

The hall will be open at 9:30 a.m. to allow the Duty Group to prepare the room and attend to morning tea. Please also clean up and reinstate the room after the meeting.

#### **Meeting programme:-**

- 9:30 Duty Group set up.
- 10:00 General Business
- 10:30 Mini Speaker. - Joan Earl-Daniels  
“A Wedding at Westminster Abbey”
- 10:45 Morning tea
- 11:15 Guest Speaker – Mona Townson  
“People Who Have Influenced My Life”

#### ***Speaker:***

Mona Townson is a member of our own Club and several other Clubs in the District, an active lady and will be of great interest to listen to and enjoy.

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*“Our Meeting House “  
Totara Park Retirement Village Day Care Centre*

This purpose built and well planned venue has been our Member's meeting place for some months now and suits our purpose very well. Warkworth Lions Club raised the money to buy the land and the Auckland Presbyterian Services saw to the initial civil work and infrastructure services in 1980.

The Warkworth Rotary Club raised the money, and members built the Community Centre with the generous help from building supply firms and tradesmen from the district. The building was opened in 1981. In the late eighties the use of the Community Centre for residents' social functions, church services as well as for hiring to community groups had increased to the extent that an extension was viable. Rotary completed this in 1988. The kitchen facilities, microphone, loudspeaker system, and screen have also been made available for those who require them.

Just a little background information. I might add that “The Friends of Totara Park” committee who give their time in many ways helping the residents, are all members of U3A except 'two'.

The Editor.

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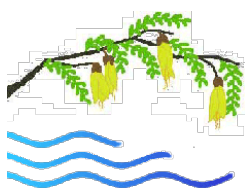
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U3A WARKWORTH STUDY GROUP MEETINGS 2010

STUDY GROUP	Convenor	Phone	Time	Date	June	Date	July
Ancient History	Jim McKinlay	422-9063	9:30 a.m.	4 <sup>th</sup>	120 Perry Road Warkworth	2 <sup>nd</sup>	TBD
					Bits and Pieces		
Book Talk	Hilary Waymouth	422-6683	10:00 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup>	1001 Sandspit Rd.Sandspit	6 <sup>th</sup>	99 Sharp Rd.WW
Current Affairs	Val Strachan	425-9497	2:00 p.m.	17 <sup>th</sup>	241 Point Wells Rd Pt Wells	15 <sup>th</sup>	99 Sharp Rd.WW
Food For Thought	Anthea McKergow	422-6219	1:30 p.m.	23 <sup>rd</sup>	54 Ashton Rd Whangateau	28 <sup>th</sup>	22a Westpark Glen WW
					German Luncheon		Peppers
Jazz Listening	Val Couling	425-5766	2:00 p.m.	21 <sup>st</sup>	8 Torea Rd Matakana	19 <sup>th</sup>	25 Gordon Craig Place Algies
					Improvisations & Variations on a Theme		Jazz Trumpet
Local History	Lorna Laxon	422-3562	10:00 a.m.	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Lorna will advise	27 <sup>th</sup>	Lorna will advise
					Puhi Village part II		Port Albert
History	Chris Hoogerwerf	425-5022	9:30 a.m.	18 <sup>th</sup>	20 Kahurangi Place Snells Besch	16 <sup>th</sup>	16a Waimanu Place Pt Wells
					Vignettes		A Short History of Islam
Music Appreciation	Beverley Tipling	425-9936	1:30 p.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup>	14 Coquette St. Warkworth	1 <sup>st</sup>	51 Perry Rd.WW
					Gottschalk		Mozart
Art Appreciation	Iris Mee	425-7934	10:00 a.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Iris to advise	1 <sup>st</sup>	Morris and James Matakana
					Kaiwaka-Mangawhai bus trip		
Modern Philosophy	Prof. Ray Bradley	422-9222	10:00 a.m.	9 <sup>th</sup>	Heron's Flight' 49 Sharp Road Mata.	14 <sup>th</sup>	Heron's Flight" 49 Sharp Road
Play Reading	Margaret Krey	4226407	9:30 a.m.	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 Hexam St. WW	13 <sup>th</sup>	T.B.A
					12 Angry Menh		McBeth
Poetry Reading	Colleen Kangwai	425-4333	1:30 p.m.	16 <sup>th</sup>	12B Amanda Lane Snells Beach	21 <sup>st</sup>	5 Apollo Place Snells
					Pablo Neruda		Animal Poems

Please remember to notify our "Almoner" Chris Hoogerwerf of any unwell members or those in need of a little support.



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