



U3A NEWSLETTER NO.102 - JUNE – JULY 2021

Dear U3A members,

It is unbelievable to think that there have been over 430 days since lock down! Many of us have adjusted to the new normal and found new activities to keep us busy, but the things we U3A members miss most include our face-to face meetings and courses. Let us hope and pray that our “waiting period” will soon be over!

“To vac. or not to vac. – that is the question!”

With both true and fake news about the vaccine abounding, it is small wonder that people have been confused. Most people have sifted through all the information (and misinformation) and made up their minds and many of the over 70’s have already received their first jab.

As I see it, it is a win-win situation. Provided the “pro-vaccers” reach the 70% vaccination mark, they will provide herd immunity to the “anti- vaccers” and both camps will be satisfied with their decisions!

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is due in August, but our Constitution allows it to be held up to 3 months before or after this date. As you know, we held our AGM virtually through emails and mail in August last year but would like to avoid this again, if possible. Therefore we shall postpone an August meeting and assess the situation nearer the end of the three month period.

Annual Subscriptions July 2021 – June 2022

We shall not be calling for subs in until we can meet face to face again. We realise that not many of our members are able to access the zoom presentation and it would be unfair to ask for subs. **The payment holiday for ALL paid up members has therefore been extended until further notice!**

New members will be required to pay the annual subscription on joining.

ATM Caution

Thanks to Pam Hobson for sharing this horrific story which happened very recently:
“My gardener’s bank card was “swallowed” at an ATM after he punched in his pin code on Saturday at 7:00. He went to the main branch in Oxford Street to report the matter and get a new card. A printout confirmed that all the funds had been withdrawn at that branch at 8:00. He was advised to always press “Cancel” a few times before inserting his card into an ATM in future.”

This is a new discipline which we all need to put into practice immediately (if we are not doing it already) and also share with our family and friends.

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Website:

The site www.u3ael.co.za is being kept up to date. Note the Community section-open to all to publicise a need and also the splendid ongoing contributions of the Writers Group (where 'back issues' are available.)

Apart from the Newsletter, there is very little input to the web from anyone other than the Writers. Please consider contributing in some way.

John Stoddard

East London Armchair Travel.

We can have such a talk as soon as someone volunteers. I know that people have not been travelling, but all the more reason for providing interest to everyone. Help will be given to get a PowerPoint presentation together.

At this stage and more so with the information from the State President on Sunday the 30th May, this is likely to be a Zoom talk and again assistance can be given. Also look out for Armchair Travel from other U3As. Some are excellent.

A further thought was to revisit some of the earlier live talks where the presenters may still have a PowerPoint presentation. If anyone is willing to re-present on Zoom, please let us know.

I shall be presenting my "Secrets of Bletchley Park" talk on Knysna's 'Anything goes' session on Thursday the 15th July, so if you have missed it, there is a further chance.

John Stoddard

Writer's Group

As alluded to be John, our Writer's group is very active not only with their monthly zoom meetings, but also with some excellent stories on our website www.u3ael.co.za. This can easily be accessed on your phone as well and I would really like to encourage those who have access to a wi-fi area to enter this link into their browser and access their delightful stories and other web information.

The writers would really like to receive feedback from you as to whether you are enjoying the stories and would like them to continue with their monthly posts. You can email, whatapp or SMS me your feedback to my contact details at the bottom of the page and I shall pass it on.

Please remember that you cannot reply to this google group communication.



JUNE: 2 Nita Laing, 4 Pat Eloff, 4 Golda Hundermark, 12 Hazel James, 12 Patrick Steel, 14 Annegret Mostert, 14 Laureen Falkenberg, 15 Sandra Epstein, 16 Noelene Arends, 16 Jilly Goold, 20 Yvonne de Wet, 20 Shirley Hartwig, 21 Paddy Garrett, 21 Joe Kristafor, 24 Maria Vorster, 27 Barry Burmeister, 28 Noreen Zieman, 29 Gill Ansell, 30 Eileen Ellis

JULY: 7 Margaret Baxter, 8 Brian Phillip, 9 John Badenhorst, 20 Maureen Wells, 21 Ruth Volpe, 23 Tim O'Sullivan, 25 Basil Wingreen, 26 Jenny Alcock, 28 Biddy Brathwaite, 30 Sue Goldswain

Please stay safe, masked, sanitised and socially distanced!

Kind regards

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