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NEXT MEETING: June 11, 9.30 am
Nixon Hall, Sale St, Howick

GUEST SPEAKER: Siouxsie Wiles on superbugs

TEN MINUTES: Geoff Mooney on his days in the merchant navy

TEA BREAK: Poetry group

NICE TOUCH 1

PETER Garrick, convener of the Famous and Infamous 1 group, shared with the assembly last month a heartwarming story of an old friendship between two girls, Doreen Tucker and Margaret Jones. They had gone to school together in Wellington, and carried over their friendship to Auckland where they were to become devoted members of Howick U3A in their later years. At the funeral orations for Mrs Tucker, who died in April aged 88, her daughter handed Mrs Jones an envelope which had been in her mother's keeping for a lifetime. It was a keepsake returned, with gratitude and memories fulfilled. The envelope contained a poem, written on paper faded with age, which Margaret had penned for Doreen for her wedding day. Mr Garrick read out the verse, crafted lovingly as only bosom friends could for one another for milestone occasions. Margaret wrote this ode to friendship 67 years ago.

NICE TOUCH 2

LLOYD and Joyce Armstrong marked their 90th birthday last month, as well as their 60th wedding anniversary. They were called to the front of the hall by Immediate Past President Warren Yardley, deputising as meeting chair for President Margaret Nicholls who was abroad, to receive members' felicitations. Needless to say, there was mirth and cheers all round.

NEW MEMBERS

ADMITTED last month were Heather Webb and Joan Ransom. Ms Webb (sponsor Beverly Jin) is interested in the French and history groups, whereas Ms Ransom (sponsor Jennie Leyland) is looking to history of New Zealand.

RETIREMENT COMMISSIONER TO SPEAK

AUCKLAND U3A Network, the umbrella council of Auckland U3A chapters, hosts a special event on Aug 31 at which Retirement Commissioner Diane Maxwell will speak on the policy ramifications of an ageing population and the mounting cost of retirement funding, both to individuals and on the state. There will be presentations by members of other U3A groups. Howick members who wish to attend may register on www.u3a.net.nz. A charge of \$20 covers morning tea and a buffet lunch. Venue: St Chad's Church, 38 St Johns Road, Meadowbank, 9.30 am to 2.30 pm. General information on the Auckland Network is available on the website.



BUG ZAPPER

Siouxsie Wiles (picture), who missed a date with us last November, makes her welcome appearance today. She will talk about her research at Auckland University on microbes and helping find pathways to develop new drugs to counter infectious diseases. Of concern to the worldwide scientific community is the liberal use of antibiotics leading to the entrenchment of drug-resistant superbugs. UK-born Dr Wiles received her PhD from Oxford. She relocated to New Zealand in 2009.

NEXT MONTH: Giuseppe Gallina will talk about his experiences as an Italian immigrant in New Zealand.

AIRPORT DUMP

A SURPRISE disclosure in last month's talk by Kate Thompson, an Auckland Airport communications executive, was the airport's use as a car dump by foreign backpackers and criminals fleeing police. Up to 80 cars are abandoned in the airport's sprawling precincts each year. Left unsaid was how much the disposal could cost the airport company.

RESIGNED

TIM and Kerry Pearson have resigned their memberships. Mr Pearson is a past president of Howick U3A and was convener of the history of New Zealand group for a good while. Alan La Roche will now head the group.

TEMPORARY SWITCH

RON Clifton will mind the World War II group while its convener Allan Reid recuperates after an operation.

TEA BREAK ASSIST

STUDY groups which assist Betty Reid in handling morning tea at the monthly meeting are determined by the alphabetical order in which they appear in the newsletter schedule. The philosophy group did duty last month. This month it's the poetry group's turn and next month, the science people and down the line. Conveners please make a note and inform your members in good time.

TEN-MINUTE SPEAKERS

THE ten-minute speaker also is decided by the order of the study group schedule BUT alternating with a presentation by the writing group. This month the forum group provides the speaker, followed by the writing group in July, the French group in August, the writing group again in September and so on. Committee member Beverly Jin will liaise with conveners on speakers. Do note the committee has resolved that the subject of the talks be not related to groups' field of study. Life or career experiences, humorous incidents, memorable occasions and such like are preferred.

SHINGLES PROTECTION

MEMBERS are reminded that seniors are entitled to free immunisations against shingles as of April this year. And do get your flu shot if you haven't, as winter closes in.

SUBSCRIPTION

SOME subscriptions are still outstanding. Cash payments to Treasurer Joni Burgess at the front desk. See the May newsletter for details on cheque and online payments.

BOOKER UPDATE

FURTHER to last month's item on the Booker prize special, the jurors' picks of the best novel from each of the past five decades are in: *In a Free State* (1971, V.S. Naipaul); *Moon Tiger* (1987, Penelope Lively); *The English Patient* (1992, Michael Ondaatje); *Wolf Hall* (2009, Hilary Mantel); and *Lincoln in the Bardo* (2017, George Saunders). One of these novels will be chosen by public voting on the website themanbookerprize.com/vote as the winner of the Golden Man Booker Prize to mark the 50th year milestone of the award. The winner will be announced on July 8.

OUT AND ABOUT

++ ANTON Chekhov's masterwork *The Cherry Orchard* opens at the ASB Waterfront Theatre next week. Season June 12-26. Evening start times vary (7 or 8 pm), matinees on June 23 (2 pm) and June 24 (4 pm). Running time 2 ½ hr approx. Principal players Alison Bruce, Raweri Paratene, Ian Mune. The century-old play has undergone numerous adaptations worldwide, and so is this Auckland production directed by Colin McColl. Seniors concessions \$42-\$47. Tickets from Auckland Theatre Company box office 0800 282849 or email atc.co.nz. Playgoers need not fret about parking in this tight Wynyard Quarter. ATC has arranged with ASB for patrons to park at the Hamer St carpark near the hall for \$8. Book a spot with your ticket purchase.

++ ROYAL New Zealand Ballet presents a mixed bill, *Dancing With Mozart*, at the Aotea Centre next month. It comprises four short ballets set to Mozart's music. The Auckland Philharmonia attends. Showtime 7.30 pm on July 6,7 and afternoon performances on July 7 (1.30 pm) and July 8 (4 pm.) Tickets from \$39, Ticketmaster (ticketmaster.co.nz.) or call 9709700.

++ GLAUCOMA New Zealand is presenting a public-education talk on glaucoma at Howick's Fencible Lounge on Aug 4 (a Saturday), 10-11.30 am. Presenter Dr Sonya Bennett, an eye specialist. Free, with morning tea.

++ ROY Orbison performs at the Town Hall, Aug 10, 8 pm. Yet another relive-your-youth rock concert, if Orbison's warbling is your kind of thing. Prices from \$59, Ticketmaster.

++ BOB Dylan at the Spark Arena on Aug 26. Take your chances: you never know what to expect when a larger-than-life old trouper goes touring for the umpteenth time. Dylan's last outing in New Zealand in 2014 (Hamilton and Christchurch) did not exactly have fans asking for more (thus, some reviews.) He will perform seven shows in Australia before heading this way. Ticketmaster, price range \$109-\$209.

++ OPERA at Monterey: Offerings in June are Mozart's *Così fan tutte* (June 24 1pm, July 2 11am) and Rossini's *Semiramide* (June 10 1pm, June 18 11am.) Next up is Verdi's *Luisa Miller* (July 29 1 pm, Aug 6 11 am.) All are New York Metropolitan Opera productions.

Groups (yellow denotes full)	Date	Venue	Topic	Convener
Ancient Civilisations 3 rd Mon 1pm	June 18	Jean Denholm's 2/21 Drake St	<i>Gobekli Tepe ruins of Turkey</i> Jean Denholm	Cora Young 534 8623
Anthropology H 3 rd Thurs 10 am	June 21	BM Theatre 795 Chapel Rd.	<i>John Glen's Essay on Collective Consciousness</i> Margaret Heatt	Jennie Leyland 534 4034 Betty Reid 534 9895
Anthropology L 4 th Mon 10 am	June 25	Cora Young's 55 Rodney St	<i>John Glen's Essay on Collective Consciousness</i> Margaret Heatt	Margaret Heatt 534 9131
Architecture 1 st Fri 10 am	July 6	Malcolm/Dilys Booth's 3/47 Orangewood Dr	<i>Petra</i> Malcolm Booth and Joyce Armstrong	Maurice Taylor 534 8538
Book Discussion 4 th Thurs 2 pm	June 28	Margaret Smith's 25 Centre Ct, PPV	Latest reads	Margaret Smith 576 3206
Earth and the Universe 4 th Tues 10 am	June 26	BM Theatre	<i>Universe or Multiverse?</i>	Clive Bolt 534 2946
Famous & Infamous 1 1 st Tues 10 am	June 5 July 3 next	Nancy Edwards's 17 Masefield St	<i>George Harrison</i> Peter Garrick	Peter Garrick 535 4085
Famous & Infamous 2 3 rd Thurs 2 pm	June 21	Richard/Moira Burns's Apt 470 BM Village	<i>Roald Dahl</i> Barbara Lord <i>James Clendon</i> Ray Lewis	Richard/Moira Burns 533 8793
Famous & Infamous 3 1 st Thurs 10 am	June 7 July 5 next	Jeanette Fenn's 70 Cantora Ave	<i>Eleanor Roosevelt</i> Jeanette Fenn	Jean Fitzgerald 577 5546
Forum 3 rd Fri 10 am	June 15	Beverley Luxton's 1 Village Dr, PPV	Open discussion	Beverley Luxton 576 9625
French 4 th Fri 1 pm	June 22	David Dwerryhouse's 74-A Aberfeldy Ave	<i>Marie and Pierre Curie</i> Maria Wijchers	David Dwerryhouse 534 4829
History 3 rd Tues 10 am	June 19	Fencible Lounge	<i>The Borgias</i> Elizabeth Smith	Judy Lee 535 8547
History of New Zealand 2 nd Thurs 10 am	June 14	Malcolm/Dilys Booth's 3/47 Orangewood Dr	Potpourri	Alan La Roche 534 7366
Literature 3 rd Wed 10 am	June 20	Judy Wilson's 32 Butley Dr	<i>Madame Bovary</i> 152 min 9.30 am starting time	Judy Wilson 576 6340
Nature Walks and Talks 2nd Fri 9 am	June 8 July 13 next	Meet Murvale Reserve on Bleakhouse Rd	'Literary walk' through Murvale Reserve to Maugham, Priestley, Gills	Alan La Roche 534 7366
Opera 1 2 nd Tues 9.30 am	June 12	BM Theatre	<i>Carmen Jones</i> 105 min	Hilary Patterson 533 8785
Opera 2 4 th Tues 1 pm	June 26	BM Theatre	Monteverdi's <i>Coronation of Poppea</i> 3 hr	Moya Nixon 535 5309
Philosophy 1st Mon 10 am	July 2	BM Theatre	<i>Philosophy of Karl Marx</i> Group discussion	Christopher Nixon 535 5309
Poetry 2 nd Tues 2 pm	June 12	Linda Bown's 42B Minerva Tce	<i>Poems of Sam Hunt (cont'd)</i>	Beth Voogd 534 7468
Science 4 th Wed 10 am	June 27	BM Theatre	Potpourri	Jim Hine 534 4259
Sunday Discussion 2nd Sunday, noon	June 10 July 8 next	Meadowlands Coffee Club	Open discussion	Joan Clarkson 537 6397
Travel 1 st Wed 10 am	June 6 July 4 next	Warren and Alice Taylor's 170A Clovelly Rd	<i>Saudi Arabia</i> Beverly Johnson	David Dwerryhouse 534 4829
World of Art 1 3 rd Mon 10 am	June 18	BM Theatre	<i>Wyeth's World: M. Palin Prophet in No Man's Land: D. Bomberg</i>	Garry Law 271 6505
World of Art 2 3 rd Tues 1.30 pm	June 19	BM Theatre	<i>Kandinsky</i> Glenda Van der Maas	Heather Watson 274 4747
World of Music 4 th Wed 1.30 pm	June 27	Jean Denholm's 2/21 Drake St	<i>Bruch</i> Jean Denholm <i>Mira Foley</i> Rosemary Ovens	Ngairie Taylor 534 8538
World War II 2 nd Thurs 2pm	June 14	Geoff Mooney's 23 Limerick Place	<i>Bomber Command</i> - dvd	Ron Clifton 537 1592
Writing 2 nd Tues 1.30 pm	June 12	Marian Heywood's 1/8 Aylmer Ct, E. Bch	<i>'... and suddenly the light went out.'</i>	Marian Heywood 534 1159

