

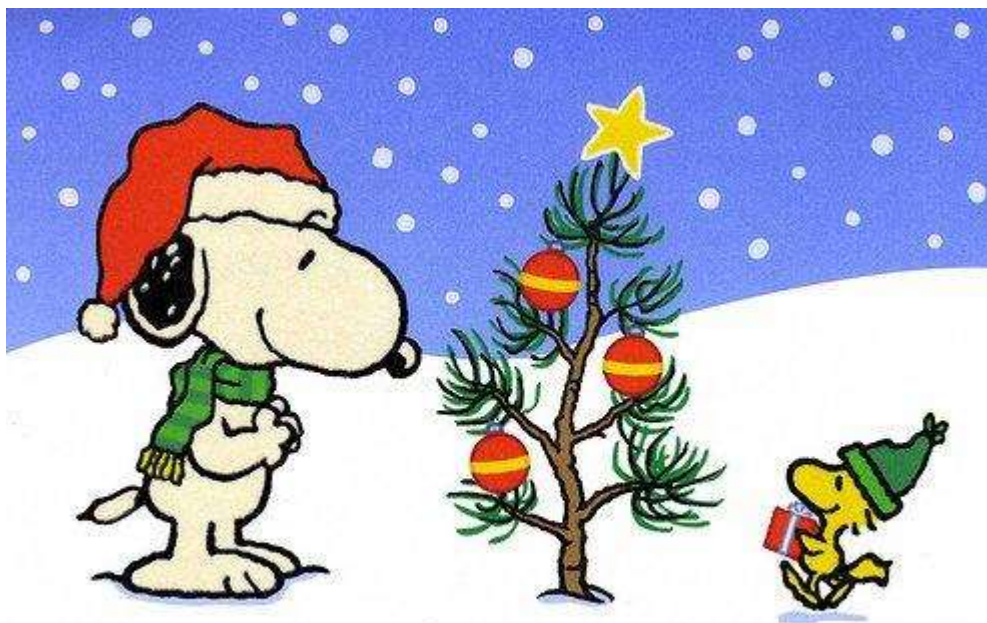


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## *Welcome to the U3A St Albans December 2020 Newsletter*



### Christmas is coming...Ho ho ho

Very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from your President and Committee to you all. We look forward to seeing you through the coming months.

#### **NEXT YEAR'S FIRST EVENT**

**28 January**

**Speakers: Trevor and Jenny Agnew.** Trevor is an award-winning writer and teacher. Jenny, a high school teacher, is a descendant of Choie Sew Hoy.

**Topic:** Researching "Merchant, Miner, Mandarin: The Life and Times of the Remarkable Choie Sew Hoy"

If members have any suggestions for future speakers or topics, please pass them to a member of the committee.

#### **For Your Diary**

U3A Network Canterbury Seminar is planned for 14 May next year. The keynote speaker will be Peta Mathias. More details to follow, as and when we receive them.

A special exhibition is coming to Christchurch next February - Van Gogh Alive. It is a large-scale, indoor multi-sensory experience at the Air Force Museum, Wigram.

Details and tickets are available from Ticketmaster.

[Van Gogh Alive Tickets](#) | [More Arts, Theatre & Comedy Show Times & Details](#) | [Ticketmaster NZ](#)

### U3A St Albans Annual Subscription

Annual Subscriptions are now due in January each year. They need to be paid by the end of February for your membership to remain current.

We do understand that circumstances change and some of you may feel unable to renew your membership. It would be much appreciated if you could let us know should that be the case.

### Reminders

Please remember to add the newsletter email address, [u3astalbansnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:u3astalbansnewsletter@yahoo.com) to your saved contacts list, again if you change email provider. This tells your provider we aren't spam!

We do need to know if you have changed your contact details: home address, home phone and/or mobile, or email address, since you last informed us. Thank you.



Art Group at Universo  
Thanks to Helen Cummings

Those of us who attended the Christmas Lunch enjoyed good company and good food at the Links.



People arriving



Barry speaking



And here we all are at the end!

You can see that we had a very enjoyable and companionable time.

### **GranSkills**

I'm sure many of you will remember the young entrepreneurs from UC who spoke to us about their project for teaching computer skills to older people.

Here is their update to us:

We have really appreciated the support and insight that the U3A community has provided us with in starting GranSkills and are excited to let you know that we are up and running, as you see here.

Thank you

Amelia, Emily and Phoebe

## GranSkills



Hello, our names are Amelia, Emily and Phoebe!

Are you struggling to use your new smartphone or laptop without an instruction book?

Let GranSkills be your instruction book for your newfound device! You will receive personal, one-on-one guidance to help you harness the benefits of everyday technology. Whether it's navigating your device, video-calling a loved one, staying cyber-safe or learning how to get groceries delivered to your doorstep, our team is here to help.

For just \$49 for a 60 minute session, a GranSkills tutor will come to your home to teach you how to use your device at your pace, where you are free to ask all the questions you need. GranSkills will help change your life by building your confidence and skills to embrace technology so that you can be better connected and maintain independence!

Call our free phone at 0800 288 772 or visit [www.granskills.com](http://www.granskills.com) for more information and to book a session now!



## **This month's Ted Talks**

Danielle Torley: I stepped out of grief -- by dancing with fire

[https://www.ted.com/talks/danielle\\_torley\\_i\\_stepped\\_out\\_of\\_grief\\_by\\_dancing\\_with\\_fire](https://www.ted.com/talks/danielle_torley_i_stepped_out_of_grief_by_dancing_with_fire)

Kedra Newsom Reeves: How to reduce the wealth gap between Black and white Americans

[https://www.ted.com/talks/kedra\\_newsom\\_reeves\\_how\\_to\\_reduce\\_the\\_wealth\\_gap\\_between\\_black\\_and\\_white\\_americans](https://www.ted.com/talks/kedra_newsom_reeves_how_to_reduce_the_wealth_gap_between_black_and_white_americans)

Van Jones: The economic injustice of plastic

[https://www.ted.com/talks/van\\_jones\\_the\\_economic\\_injustice\\_of\\_plastic](https://www.ted.com/talks/van_jones_the_economic_injustice_of_plastic)