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Our June speaker Martin Sutherland spoke well on the highland clearances by highlighting the disparity between the crofts and the landowners and used the example of his own family crofts and the castle of the Sutherlands. This graphically illustrated the inequity within the Highlands.

Martin detailed the reasons for the clearances. The Highland clearances were the coerced movement of Scottish Highland populations from traditional rural communities. There was a clash of cultures, increasing English influence, population increase too great to be sustained in the harsh highlands, innovation, and wars. These all contributed to the clearances.

The mass movement 1760 – 1803, at first was voluntary, whole families moving looking for a better and more sustainable life. 1790 – 1830 saw forced relocation and the burning of crofts by landowners. Landowners no longer needing the crofters, wanting to farm the land themselves. Many of these displaced crofters emigrated to Canada.

1790 – 1830 emigration was forced and encouraged. Landowners paying for crofters to emigrate often with an agreement that when they landed in the new country, they had no claim on land in Scotland.



A very interesting point Martin made was the dislocation of those who moved from their land which had been farmed for generations by their family. With the colonisation of New Zealand, Maori felt just as dislocated.

June Meeting:

Date: 9th July 2021

Venue: Darfield Baptist Church, 15 Greendale Road, Darfield

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

Topic: The Global Pandemic – What are the lessons?

Speaker 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.

Programme for rest of 2021

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.”

August 11th and 18th Topical Mini Series – Preparing for End of Life

A two-part series on end of life is being held over two half days 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) *FM legal will explain wills, probate, and the various powers of attorney.*
- **Advanced Care Planning** - Jane Goodwin-*registered nurse and Advanced Care Planning Facilitator (ACP) will inform us how ACP supports people to think, talk and share their thoughts about the type of medical care and treatment they want to receive in the future. The session will cover the value of ACP and the legalities.*

Day Two

- **Palliative Care** – Mary Roberts *Senior Malvern District Nurse will cover the topic of community- based palliative care. An interactive conversation, “Having a choice and being in control of your care.”*
- **Funerals** – Mark Glanville *Simplicity Funerals Director will speak about the important role of funerals in helping us to cope with our grief. What you need to know to ensure the funeral you are planning for a loved one is helping you, and how the funeral director facilitates the funeral preparations.*

Payment of \$20 will need to be made by 4th August 2021 either to the U3A Malvern account or in person at a meeting. Remember to say what and who the payment is for if paying online. We hope to see a good number attending both days.

As we need to know numbers for planning can you email our address u3amalvern@gmail.com or contact Ruth Warren on rwifwarren@gmail.com

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.

Note: The committee is considering speakers for 2022 so if you have any ideas of who you would like to hear let us know.

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.

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

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

Janet MacDougall, Newsletter and Website Co-ordinator