

Hi,

We are looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

A reminder that subscriptions are now due.

The Mini Series has been well subscribed and begins tomorrow.

Those who are keen to see the Ashburton Aviation Museum need to note that Jim Copland needs to hear from you by 19th August 2021. Should be an interesting visit.

August Meeting:

Date: 13th August 2021

Venue: Darfield Baptist Church, 15 Greendale Road, Darfield

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

Topic: Influence of Religion in the USA

Speaker Dr Peter Field is Head of School of Humanities and Creative Arts and Associate Professor of History at University of Canterbury.

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 deeply 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.”

Programme for rest of 2021

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.

Payment of \$20 will need to be made to the U3A Malvern account or in person at a meeting prior. Remember to say what and who the payment is for if paying online.

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

Canterbury District Commander Police Superintendent John Price who was honoured with the ONZM will speak on communications and demand timelines for the Mosque shootings and various 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 date change to 1st Friday of the month as the 2nd Friday is Show Day.

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

Subscriptions

This 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.

Other sessions of interest

Free public lectures at University of Canterbury. If you still want more Covid facts rather than fallacies, there is "Maths, Science & Law in the fight against Covid-19" at the university on site or streaming online - Wed 11 Aug 7pm-8.30pm. A panel of U.C. staff will talk on the legal, chemical, biological, health and mathematical modelling of aspects of the pandemic. These are Tauhere/UC Connect a free public lecture series.

On the [Canterbury University website](#) lookup Public Lectures and register for the lecture.

Family History Expo – held at the Christchurch Library 20th – 22nd August 2021

Attached to the newsletter is a copy of the programme for this event.

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. There is some interest in starting a second group. Please let Ruth know if you are interested. 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.

Ashburton Aviation Museum. Wed 25 August 2021.

1-3pm \$10 entrance fee. Partly guided tour.

There are over 25 historic aircraft. See museum website or contact Paul Jarman for further details. Optional carpooling.

Please let Jim know by Thurs 19 Aug.

Homebush Walk-around. Wed 22 Sep. (afternoon). School, stables, museum, and garden. Tea/coffee. \$30 entrance fee.

The informal Barrhill Heritage Village visit originally mentioned in conjunction with the Ashburton trip is now likely to be next year 2022.

Contact Jim Copland: Phone: 03 318-1712 or email adjimcopland@gmail.com

Everyday Te Reo. Up to 6 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 03 318-1712 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 August.

Janet MacDougall, Newsletter and Website Co-ordinator