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## *Online Newsletters How do they Work?*

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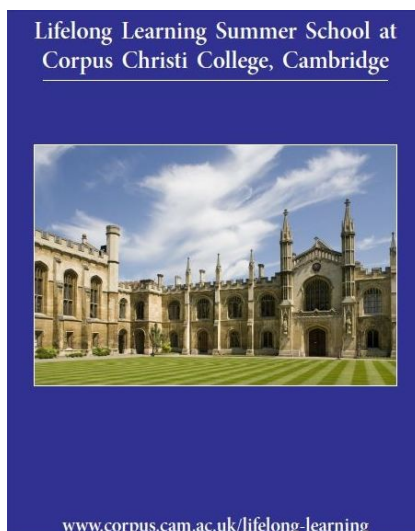
**Congratulations!** You have reached the 6th issue of the Online Newsletter of U3A Network WA Inc. Items of interest are uploaded to this space over the next few months as they arrive on the Editor's desk. At the end of the next publication cycle, in June 2014, the content is printed off for distribution to people who do not have access to a computer, then a new issue begins.

Everyone has a story. All individual members are encouraged to submit articles of interest to the Editor. These might include good news stories, visits from interesting Guest Speakers, most popular courses, successful excursions, or ideas that have worked for your group. Photos are most welcome.  
**Go the smartphones!!!!**

*Posted 2/3/14*

# *Lifelong Learning Summer School Cambridge UK 2014*

*31st August, 2014 to 13th September, 2014*



Original Post 22/1/14 **March Update:** Participants can opt to stay for one week.

<http://www.corpus.cam.ac.uk/conferences/cambridge-lifelong-learning/>

## *Bunbury U3A - 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*



Bunbury University of the Third Age is celebrating its Silver Anniversary in August this year.

We would like to extend an invitation to any of our past members to enjoy it with us.

Please email us at [bunburyu3a@hotmail.com](mailto:bunburyu3a@hotmail.com) if you would like to be informed as to what, when and where.

Joan Birkett  
Newsletter Editor  
Bunbury U3A

## *Windows XP & Microsoft Office 2003*



## What is end of support?

After 12 years, support for Windows XP ended April 8, 2014. There will be no more security updates or technical support for the Windows XP operating system. It is very important that customers and partners migrate to a modern operating system such as Windows 8.1. Customers moving to a modern operating system will benefit from dramatically enhanced security, broad device choice for a mobile workforce, higher user productivity, and a lower total cost of ownership through improved management capabilities.

Support for **Office 2003** also ended on April 8, 2014.

Information obtained from Microsoft Website:

<http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/enterprise/end-of-support.aspx>



Our Facebook page is still alive.

'The play was a great success but the audience was a disaster' . – Oscar Wilde

## *People and Places - UK Universities Tour*

People and Places is a regular and popular monthly inclusion in the Mandurah U3A program. At the February 2014 session, President Jo Kreibich and her husband Alan described their 2013 tour of UK Universities, as arranged by Sage Travel.



Each stop on the journey was for the duration of four days, each spent in student accommodation in one of the Universities which included the Royal Agricultural College in the Cotswolds, Telford, Wolverhampton, Stirling University in Scotland, Durham, York University, and the London School of Economics near Covent Garden when they arrived back in London.

For the more energetic, there were the usual daily excursions, but there was also the opportunity to stop and rest for a while for those who were so inclined. Accommodation was meant to be either on the ground floor, or with lifts provided, but Jo and Alan's bad knees did not thank them for struggling up numerous flights of stairs on several occasions.

Jo showed us over two hundred slides which she had collected on her iPad as they did their lap around the UK. They included a fascinating collection of quaint villages, palaces, cathedrals and places of interest, including Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Many members in the audience related strongly to the attractions, having been there themselves. Some places that the brochure promised that they would "see", was exactly that; they saw them as they were driven past in the coach. Neither was there much activity to be seen at their accommodation in the various Universities because it was summer vacation and there was nobody there but themselves. Some of the grounds were spectacularly beautiful and Jo liked the gardens at Stirling University the best.

It was an exhausting, exhilarating and thoroughly enjoyable journey. They are pictured above back home on the balcony of U3A Headquarters in Mandurah, Accent, formerly known as the Senior Citizen's Centre. They celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on the trip.

*Posted 2/3/14*

## *Geology at U3A North Coast (Warwick)*

Geologist and author, Jenny Bevan, popular regular speaker at U3A North Coast (Warwick), delighted her listeners yet again recently when she presented a well-illustrated tour of WA from the south coast to the north, visiting some of the oldest environments on our planet.



*"Not just rocks" - Guest speaker, geologist and academic, Jenny Bevan, with fellow geologist Pete Alcock, U3A(UWA) Vice President, at U3A North Coast (Warwick).*

Armed with a dazzling sequence of images, Jenny, who is currently an honorary research Fellow at the UWA School of Earth and Environment, explained that geology went far beyond rocks to entire environments.

"And some of WA's environments are billions of years old – the oldest on earth," said Jenny, who until her recent retirement, was Senior Curator at the University's Earth Science Museum.

*Pauline Yarwood*  
25/3/14

## *Chess by Email*

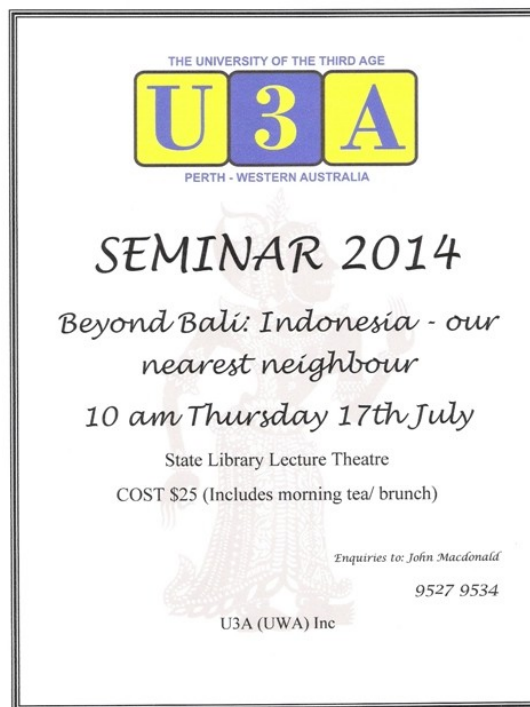
The UK National Adviser for U3A Chess by email, Dick Chapman, is inviting Australian and New Zealand U3A members to join in the fun of playing chess by email, among themselves or with his website List of Players, at no cost.



For further information, email [dick.chapman@ntlworld.com](mailto:dick.chapman@ntlworld.com)

Posted 21/4/14

# ***U3A (UWA) PERTH SEMINAR 2014***



## ***Annual General Meeting U3A Network WA Inc.***



This is Advance Notice that the U3A Network AGM is to be held following the conclusion of the above Seminar, on Thursday 17th July, 2014 in the State Library building. The time is not yet known.

Now is the time for your committee to arrange for the nomination and approval of your branch's voting representative at the Network AGM, if you haven't already done so. In due course, the U3A Network Secretary will be asking for the name of your current Voting Delegate or a proxy.

A call for Agenda Items will be made soon.

A proposal to offer country delegates a modest amount of travelling assistance is to come before the Network's next committee meeting. Details will be circulated as they come to hand.

A reminder that our present Chairman's two year term is coming to an end and a replacement must be found at the AGM.

*Norma Vaughan*  
State Secretary  
U3A Network WA Inc.  
27th April, 2014



## *Mandurah U3A - Dr Jim Leavesley, AM*

It was a very great pleasure to listen to Dr. Jim Leavesley AM, talking about the 18th century Irish doctor and poet, Oliver Goldsmith today. Jim had a more illustrious medical career than his subject, although they both fetched up in a second career in literature.

After being brought up in genteel poverty in an Irish parsonage, Goldsmith gained admission to Trinity College, Dublin. He had several false starts at careers in the church and the law, then as a last resort was put to the study of medicine, which Jim wryly described as 'The last refuge of the ungrateful lay-about'. Although Goldsmith studied at both Edinburgh and Padua Medical Schools, there is uncertainty whether he graduated from either. Not seeing such academic customs as an impediment, he set himself up as a physician in a seedy area near London Bridge, appropriately near The Clink goal.



Goldsmith was a far more gifted gambler, flute player and witty dilettante than a doctor, and as his indifferent medical practice withered away, he sauntered into writing. This more satisfying activity evolved into his true calling for which he has been described as an Irish genius. A statue of him was erected outside Trinity College, Dublin. His famous works include the novel 'The Vicar of Wakefield' (1766), the play 'She stoops to Conquer' (1773), and the poem 'The Deserted Village' (1770).

When Jim retired from his own distinguished medical career, he rekindled his interest in history and literature. He is the author of at least 11 books and in 2006 received an Honorary Doctorate in Literature from Murdoch University.

From the distance of advanced years, Jim looked back to his early years as a schoolboy in Britain and spoke movingly about Mr Illingworth, the English Headmaster who had inspired him and who had had a great influence on his life.

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Jim ended his polished presentation with the reading of an excerpt from his favourite Goldsmith poem. And finished precisely on time, the mark of the experienced ABC presenter that he is.

Today also marked the trial of a different format for People and Places. The second half of the session was taken up by a different presenter on a different topic. The idea of having two separate speakers, each taking less than an hour, with the usual tea break in between, seemed to appeal to members. In the second half, Norma Vaughan gave a dynamic presentation on the Very Reverend John Flynn, the founder of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. It was said that the afternoon passed all too quickly.

Posted 21/5/14



## *University of the Third Age (U3A) Armadale*

Armadale U3A has been operating since 1997. Many of the original members are still attending today and still arranging and organising events!

We meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month (February to November) from 10am to 12, at The Harold King community centre, Camillo, within a friendly atmosphere. We have a membership of around 65, which is slowly increasing since our recent push to recruit new members. Speakers are invited to attend both within our membership or external volunteers and talk about a wide range of topics. In addition we have small sub-clubs, which meet once a month and include: a book club; theatre/cinema; philosophy; singing; painting & drawing and hopefully soon a photography club.

We have approximately three coach trips a year. The last trip we had was to Moore River in April. Our first stop was at Yellagonga Regional Park in Joondalup. We were able to wander along the river and watch the birds as well as watch the Kookaburras in the trees above us as we ate our morning tea! We then headed north for Guilderton at the mouth of the Moore River, where we had a lovely meal in a small seaside café on the waterfront. We had time for a quick walk along the waterfront and some of our members even made it up to the look out on the cliff top! We had a sing song on the way home and we had one final stop at Mando's Nougat and Moorish Nuts Centre in the Swan Valley. Our next trip will be to the Quindanning Inn in July.

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Our club successfully applied for a grant through the Commonwealth, to purchase equipment to significantly improve the ability of the association to communicate with members and for guest speakers to provide high quality audio visual presentations. We have applied and are hoping to obtain a small grant from our local council to allow us to purchase promotional pamphlets, magnets etc. so we can have a stall at our local community hall in Armadale during senior's week.

Our club would like to hear from any other U3As in the network and hear what they are doing. Perhaps we can even have some exchange meetings. If any club is interested please contact Marie (President) on 94983040/0409836609 or [mbugdan@dodo.com.au](mailto:mbugdan@dodo.com.au) or Sheila (Publicity) on 0439926333 or [robnsheila345@hotmail.com](mailto:robnsheila345@hotmail.com)

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*Thank you again to the groups who have contributed news and photographs about their activities to the June Issue of the Online Newsletter. Please consider the people who do not have a computer and print a traditional paper copy for them if possible. Some people have been most appreciative of this small service.*