

U3A Stilbaai News Letter: No. 1, June 2015

General Meetings (GM):

We have taken off! Many thanks to our first speaker, Daan Toerien, who presented his lecture: *Products fit for a Queen: Paradokse uit landelike Suid-Afrika* at the Waenhuis, Jagersbosch on 28 May 2015. The good turnout for the GM was likely due to Daan's reputation and we look forward to other talks from him later in the year.

Our speaker for June: (GMs take place on the last Thursday of each month and in June this falls on the 25th). **Niel van Wyk** will speak about: *Human impact on river mouths, with reference to the Goukou River*. Niel has had a long career in Nature Conservation with lately a specific focus on river estuaries. If it were not for the Goukou River, 99% of us would live elsewhere.

We will begin collecting the U3A membership fees at this meeting—R30 per member per year. We'd like to start taking the fees half an hour before the opening of the meeting viz. 09h00 for a start at 09h30. It will hasten the process if we are handed the correct amount in cash. Membership fees can also be paid at all future GMs

Other speakers and topics volunteered for GMs later in the year are:

- "Rural Revolution: Merinos and the Barrys in the Overberg, 1812-1866" : Julie Wilson
- "Estate planning—putting your affairs in order" : Arthur Clarke/Stefan Pretorius
- "Latest info on Climate Change" : Prof Mike Lucas (UCT)
- "A Sub-Antarctic Trip to Bouvet Island" : Wendy Wilson
- "The science behind the LCHF and LFHC diet options—decide for yourself" : Stefan Pretorius.

(Most addresses will be given in part English and part Afrikaans.)

Courses:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>email</u>
Natural Science	Stefan Pretorius	stefan877@mweb.co.za
Religion and Power	Janet Stonier	jet33@telkomsa.net
Botanical Art Drawings/Watercolours	Julie Wilson	wilson.julie222@gmail.com
Creative Writing: Getting it Down—4weeks	Carol Malan	carol.malan@vodamail.co.za
Help with computers/tablets/smartphones*	Stefan Pretorius	stefan877@mweb.co.za

*One-on-one help at home: Not courses

Proposed Courses:

Armchair Travel, Cooking Demonstrations, History, Birding, Botany/Flowers, Opera/Music/Choirs, Photography, Walks/Hikes, Classic Films on DVD, and Documentary Films on DVD or Blu Ray ... You fill in the dots. We'll draw up the schedule.

(Members please volunteer to contribute in your own fields of interest or expertise. We are looking for contact people here.

**Course leaders do not have to present at each session,
they can arrange contributions from others. }**