



U3A STILBAAI  
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**1. GENERAL MEETINGS** (GM's): These are the 'meetings' held at Die Waenhuis at 09.30 on the last Monday of each month.

**Report back on GM : 28 March.** Wow! Our thanks to Prof Max Döckel for his riveting talk on SA's economy—an excellent, informative and somewhat scary account of the current economic situation. Great stuff there, Max.

**Programme for next GM : to be held on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> April.** (09.30 Die Waenhuis)

*'A Trip to the Rock Churches of Eastern Ethiopia'* by David Carter.

Ancient stuff, this, and guaranteed to be a winner. David and Sal live in Riversdale and are members of U3A Stilbaai. Together they have travelled extensively and we look forward to David's presentation of this extraordinary part of history, and to the superb photographs that accompany it. Thank you for your willingness to share this with us, David.

Pssst! We do all remember, don't we, that guests and non-members may attend our GM's (general meetings. Enrolment for membership can be done at any GM gathering. The current membership fee is set at the princely sum of R30 per year so don't be shy to join.

**1. CURRENT COURSES (as at April 2016):** 'Courses' are where smaller groups of *members* with like-minded interests meet. The following courses are up and running and meet from 1 to 4 times in a month: often in their homes.

- **Botanical Fine Art in Watercolours :** This course is run by Julie Wilson once a week. U3A *members* can contact Julie at [wilson.julie222@gmail.com](mailto:wilson.julie222@gmail.com)
- **Natural Science Course U3A :** Niel van Wyk will be Course Coordinator. *Members* can contact Niel direct at [nvanwyk@telkomsa.net](mailto:nvanwyk@telkomsa.net)
- **Hiking Groups U3A :** *Members* meet weekly. Cheryl Worth is the Course Coordinator. She will arrange groups, and routes, according to levels of fitness and pace. Contact her at [cheryl@kmint.co.za](mailto:cheryl@kmint.co.za)
- **Armchair Travel :** Brian Tennett is your 'go-to guy'. He will give you the venues, times and dates. Excellent stuff, by the way. [travel@u3astilbaai.org](mailto:travel@u3astilbaai.org)

- **Bird Watching Group** for Beginners. A 4-week course. Meet one afternoon a week for 2-hours. If this is your thing, Johan van Rooyen is your man. The current Course is full but Johan may well do another one if enough people are interested.

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## 2. IN THE PIPELINE

Contributions: U3A always looks to its *members* to bring their particular interests and abilities to the group as a whole. This is not primarily a committee responsibility so we invite everyone to contribute whatever you have to share with some or all of us.

In Natural Science: Brian, Stefan and Niel will approach speakers on science topics but we earnestly request *members* to get involved too. Thank you that you hear this appeal. Niel has addressed us on The Goukou Estuary and will speak to us again (June) on The Stilbaai Dunes. Astronomy also has a few takers and Brian's talk will be interesting if for no other reason than that he built a telescope!

In Armchair Travel: hold onto your seats for Blue-Ray documentaries and interesting travel stories presented by members who've been in places that you perhaps haven't visited yet.

*Members* must contact the Course Co-ordinators given in this Newsletter in order to get yourselves connected.

Listed below are the speakers (and topics) for our next few GM's. All speakers at U3A Stilbaai meetings are asked, if at all possible, to include portions of both English and Afrikaans in their presentations.

Daan Toerien	“Besigheidsontwikkeling in die Dorpe van die Gouritz Biosfeer Reservaat” (end May)
Niel van Wyk	“The Stilbaai Dunes” (end June)
Belinda Gordon	“The ABO — the Colesberg Actions from November 1899 – March 1900” (end July)
Roberto Anastagi	“Syria under the rule of Rome, and during the Crusades” (end August)
Stefan Pretorius	“Four trips in, and escape from—Iran” (date to be advised)

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