



INAUGURAL MEETING

Monday 25 July 2016, 09h00 for 09h30.
Die Waenhuis, Jagersbosch, Stilbaai West.

MONTHLY MEETING

Follows the Inaugural Meeting.

The Siege of Colesberg and the little known victories of the Boer forces under General De La Rey in the area.

Belinda Gordon.

Belinda was Curator of the Colesberg Kemper Museum from 1990 to 2008 and is currently writing a book on the siege of Colesberg with Professor Mike de Jongh. During her research she found very little mentioned about Colesberg in the histories of the Anglo Boer War, even though generals like De la Rey and French were heavily involved in actions at Colesberg.

From letters, diaries, cuttings, scrapbooks and family stories she has gathered a considerable amount of information about the siege and actions at Colesberg from November 1899 to March 1900. She will be sharing the results of her studies with us, concentrating on the everyday experiences of the people who lived and fought in Colesberg.

Guests and non-members are welcome to attend the talk, admittance is free.

THIS AND THAT ...

General Meeting on 27 June

Niel van Wyk gave an interesting talk on the Stilbaai Dunes, describing how dunes are formed and the complex and dynamic interactions of sea, sand and dunes. He described the dunes at Stilbaai East as 'abnormal', and explained how man's interventions had inadvertently resulted in these dunes becoming abnormal. Current problems experienced by residents living on and behind the dunes were discussed, and he ended with proposals for addressing these problems.

U3A Committee

Anybody interested in serving on our committee please contact us on info@u3astilbaai.org — names for the committee will be presented to the members at our Inaugural Meeting. There is really not much work to do, but we do need some more brain cells for the committee. And, just imagine what your friends will think if you tell them you are on the University's managing committee!

Membership fees

Membership Fees for the 2016-17 year remains at R30 per person per year. The fees are now due, please pay at the next general meeting. Members will receive our newsletter and other information we circulate from time to time. Thanks to those that have already paid for the current year.

Interim chairperson for U3A Stilbaai.

Stefan Pretorius, interim chairperson of the management committee of U3A Stilbaai since he launched the movement here in Stilbaai last year, has long expressed the wish to stand down from this position, but he is still available for any other position on the committee. The committee has appointed Niel van Wyk as interim chair until the new chairperson is elected after the Inaugural Meeting.

Can somebody help us?

We have the email address of one of our members incorrect, if somebody knows her, please ask Josephine Slabbert to send an email to info@u3astilbaai.org so that we can send the newsletter, etc to her.

SPECIAL INVITATION TO U3A STILBAAI MEMBERS

Favour Stud (in the Droëvlakte) invites members of U3A Stilbaai to a tour of the stud farm. The day will be a Wednesday in July or early August, depending on the weather; we must give them three date options. We meet in their Function Room at 10h00 for a 15 minute talk about horse racing—and about racing horses. Then we will break into smaller groups, and will be shown the horses and stables, and listen to facts and histories all the while.

There is no charge for the event as the Management of Favour Stud considers group tours of this nature ‘a service to the community’, although there will be a small charge for refreshments provided by Favour Stud. Members who are interested to join this tour, please contact us as soon as possible on info@u3astilbaai.org; we will give more details to those interested. You will be informed four days before the event when a day is finally chosen.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS TOUR IS FOR MEMBERS ONLY.

U3A STILBAAI COURSES

Courses are for members only. The following courses are offered or being planned:

- **Beginners Art:** Draw or paint in medium of choice. Meet first Thursday of the month. Contact Julie at wilson.julie222@gmail.com.
- **Natural Science Course U3A :** Courses have not started. Any members who would like to share their knowledge or expertise with us for a short natural science presentation are welcome to contact us. If necessary we can help with setting up your presentation. Contact Brian and/or Stefan at info@u3astilbaai.org.
- **Hiking Groups :** The group meets every Friday to walk different interesting routes. Contact Cheryl at cheryl@kmintsa.co.za.
- **Armchair Travel :** Contact Brian for date and time of meetings at info@u3astilbaai.org.
- **Bird Watching Group for Beginners :** The course in August is full. The next course will be in 2017 – it will be in Afrikaans. We will provide more information later in the year.
- **Power, Ritual and Exclusion :** This course is on Wednesdays 6th, 13th and 20th July at 10h00. There is limited space, so the number will have to be limited. Contact Janet Stonier at jet33@telkomsa.net or phone 028 754 3844.

Please feel free to give us feedback on any of the courses that you have attended, or proposals for any new courses you would like to see introduced to U3A Stilbaai. Email: info@u3astilbaai.org.

TALKS TO COME ...

We have some interesting speakers and topics for coming general meetings. Where possible speakers will use both English and Afrikaans in their presentations.

- 29 August 2016: Roberto Anastagi: *Syria under the rule of Rome and during the Crusades.*
- 26 September 2016: David Carter: *Fantastica Antarctica.*
- 31 October 2016: Stefan Pretorius: *4 Trips in, and escape from – Iran*

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