



## MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

Monday 29 August 2016, 09h00 for 09h30.  
Die Waenhuis, Jagersbosch, Stilbaai West.

### SYRIA UNDER THE RULE OF ROME AND DURING THE CRUSADES.

**Roberto Anastagi.**

For 17 years Roberto's only home was a Motor Home in which he set out from Italy across vast distances to Turkey, Iran, Pakistan and India. In all, he traversed four continents: Asia, Africa and both Americas. His talks and slide shows are legendary.

He will describe the very interesting Syrian history from 10 000BC up to 2011 when the Civil War started. He has selected 69 slides which he screens as he speaks. Very importantly, he will inform his audience of the true reality of what has been happening in Syria over the five years of Civil War.

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

## INAUGURAL MEETING

The Inaugural Meeting of U3A Stilbaai held on 25 July approved our constitution and the financial statements for the previous financial year. The meeting elected an executive committee; at the first meeting of this committee office-bearers were elected.

The members of the Executive Committee are:

Chairperson & Treasurer: Niel van Wyk;

Vice-chairperson: Hella Döckel;

Secretary: Carol Malan;

Course Co-ordinator: Stefan Pretorius;

Membership: Brian Tennett & Cheryl Worth.



Stefan, Hella, Brian, Cheryl.  
Niel, Carol

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Members must please pay their membership fee for 2016/17 (R30 for the year ending 30 June 2017) before or on 30 September 2016. We assume that members who have not paid by that date want their membership cancelled.

You can pay at the General Meetings on 29 August or 26 September. You can also pay directly into our bank account: ABSA Business Savings Account:- Name: U3A Stilbaai; No: 93 2178 2429; Code: 632005. Please enter your name as reference, payments received without your name will be accepted as donations. Please confirm payment by emailing us at [bank@u3astilbaai.org](mailto:bank@u3astilbaai.org) immediately after you have made the payment.

## THIS AND THAT ...

### General Meeting on 25 July

Belinda Gordon held her audience spellbound as she presented slides and accurate details of the siege of Colesberg and military actions in the vicinity between November 1899 and March 1900. Stilbaai is still

talking about her easy and confident presentation. Thank you, Belinda; and thanks to Phil Scheffer for the sound system.

### **Jagersbosch Fund**

Jagersbosch is not charging us for using Die Waenhuis and their data projector for our monthly meetings. We realize that Jagersbosch is always in need of funds, and after discussions with manager Petra Daneel, we decided that we will donate them a proper pull-down wall projection screen for Die Waenhuis, and after that a modern data projector. Their data projector is probably nearly 20 years old, and unfortunately does not operate with all laptops. For this purpose we have established a **Jagersbosch Fund**.

We will start raising funds by raffling a bottle of wine at our August General Meeting. If any member would like to make a donation for this deserving cause, you can make a payment into our bank account [ABSA Business Savings Account:– Name: U3A Stilbaai; No: 93 2178 2429; Code: 632005], please enter “Jagersbosch Fund” as the reference.

### **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](mailto:wilson.julie222@gmail.com).
- **Natural Science Course U3A :** Members who are keen and ready to share their particular interests, contact Stefan at [info@u3astilbaai.org](mailto:info@u3astilbaai.org).
- **Hiking Groups :** The group walks every Friday morning, contact Cheryl at [cheryl@kmintsa.co.za](mailto:cheryl@kmintsa.co.za).
- **Armchair Travel :** Contact Brian for date and time of meetings at [info@u3astilbaai.org](mailto:info@u3astilbaai.org).
- **Bird Watching Group for Beginners :** The next course will be in 2017 – it will be in Afrikaans.
- **Stilbaai Historical Houses Tour :** Hella Döckel will be hosting her popular tour of some of Stilbaai’s historic old houses. The first one is planned for the first week of September, the next one will be during the second week of November. Numbers for these tours are limited – please contact Hella at [dockel@vodamail.co.za](mailto:dockel@vodamail.co.za) to book a place. The day and time of the tour will be finalised later depending on weather forecasts.
- **Cooking Course for Men :** Reinette Anastagi has agreed to hold cooking courses for men; concentrating on dishes that are quick and easy to prepare. If you are interested, please contact Stefan at [info@u3astilbaai.org](mailto:info@u3astilbaai.org) so that we can get an idea of the numbers.

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](mailto:info@u3astilbaai.org).

### **TALKS TO COME ...**

We have some interesting speakers and topics for coming general meetings. Note that there has been a re-arrangement of speakers:

- 26 September 2016: Jan de Vynck: *Human behavioural ecology eases archaeological interpretation: case studies from the south Cape.*
- 31 October 2016: Gill Simpson, Klipfontein Nature Reserve: *Wildlife Rehabilitation.*
- 28 November 2016: David Carter: *Fantastic Antarctic.*
- December/January: We are hoping to have somebody really interesting to give us a talk over the Christmas holiday season. Watch this space!.

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