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MONTHLY MEETING

Monday 27 February 2017; 09h00 for 09h30

Die Waenhuis, Jagersbosch, Stilbaai West.

HISTORIC MOUNTAIN PASSES OF THE LANGEBERG AND OUTENIQUA MOUNTAINS

Thirteen of the fourteen mountain passes between Montagu and Plettenberg Bay played a significant role in the history of the Southern Cape for more than 200 years; most of these historic passes are still in use today. Did you know that one of the oldest passes across the Langeberg was between Riversdale and Heidelberg?

Come and learn more about our very interesting local history with amateur historian Niel van Wyk who takes us on an illustrated tour of these passes, discussing their history and development.

Guests and non-members are welcome to attend; admittance is free.

THIS AND THAT ...

January Monthly Talk.

In spite of gremlins affecting the projection system, Stefan Pretorius gave a most interesting talk of his nearly five years in Iran during the 1970's. He talked about life in Iran at that time, his travels around the country, and how he survived the Iranian Civil War in 1979 when the Shah was overthrown; Stefan and his wife were stranded in Iran for 6 months before eventually getting out and returning to South Africa.

Jagersbosch Fund

After purchasing the projection screen and the data projector, the Jagersbosch Fund is again growing steadily. At the TED talk on 25 January the Fund gained R156 (R4 out of the R5 course fee goes to the Fund); at the January monthly meeting the raffle yielded R385.

For a full list of contributions to the Fund, please view the 'Jagersbosch Fund' page on our website: www.u3astilbaai.org. Our banking details are also on the website if you wish to make a contribution.

Membership

Our numbers just cannot stop growing! At each monthly meeting we have several people joining; our current membership now stands at 149.

U3A STILBAAI COURSES

Courses are for members only. Stefan Pretorius is the co-ordinator for all U3A Stilbaai courses, he can be contacted at info@u3astilbaai.org.

- **Beginners Art** : Meet first Thursday of the month. Contact Julie at wilson.julie222@gmail.com.
- **Hiking Groups** : The group walks every Friday morning. Contact Cheryl at cheryl@kmintsa.co.za.
- **Historical Tours** : Tours of Stilbaai, Jongensfontein, Riethuiskraal & Melkhoutfontein are in the planning phase. Watch this space for news.
- **Cooking Courses** : The cooking courses are very popular, but we have to limit numbers. Please book your place with Stefan at info@u3astilbaai.org.
- **Art Appreciation** : Contact Bonnita Davidtsz at wingover@myconnection.co.za.
- **Bird watching for beginners** : Contact Johan van Rooyen at rooyenvanjoan@gmail.com; numbers are limited and this popular course is quickly filled.
- **TED Talks** : The TED talks will be offered on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 09h30 in Die Waenhuis. The first talk on 25 January was well attended; the next talk is on 22 February – the title is “**Are you Extra- or Introverted? So what?**”. Contact Stefan at info@u3astilbaai.org for more information.

[TED is a non-partisan non-profit organisation devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks. TED began in 1984 as a conference where Technology, Entertainment and Design converged, and today covers almost all topics — from science to business to global issues. More information on www.ted.com.]

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.

OUTINGS

Our next outing will be to Baleia Wine Cellar just outside Riversdale. It will be during March, we will let you have a date as soon as arrangements have been finalised. There will be a wine tasting followed by a light lunch; unfortunately the number of participants is limited to 30. Do not contact us yet, we will let you know as soon as booking opens.

TALKS TO COME ...

The programme for monthly talks is as follows; but please note that this may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

- 27 Mar 2017: Sal Carter talks about Bereavement and how to deal with such a situation.
- 25 Apr 2017: Max Döckel gives us his annual assessment of the government’s annual budget and what this means to the man in the street.
- 29 May 2017: Derick Swart talks about adaptations in stock farming in response to environmental changes.
- 26 Jun 2017: Daan Toerien discusses the impacts of fracking in the Karoo on tourism.
- 31 Jul 2017: Petra Daneel tells us more about Jagersbosch.

U3A Stilbaai improves the quality of life of people of mature age, especially retirees, and encourages the maintenance of intellectual capacity through stimulating programmes of learning and teaching and the social contacts derived therefrom.

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