



MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, 26 June 2017; 09h00 for 09h30

Die Waenhuis, Jagersbosch, Stilbaai West.

SHALE GAS & THE KAROO

Daan Toerien

Dr Daan Toerien describes the formal Strategic Environmental Assessment of potential shale gas production in the Karoo done under the auspices of the CSIR. The tourism part of the assessment will be used as an example.

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

THIS AND THAT ...

May Monthly Talk.

Derick Swart's talk on ostrich and small-stock farming was extremely interesting and also educational. His discussions about the research being done to increase production under environmental conditions that are becoming more extreme and harsh, made one realize that farmers have to adapt to advanced scientific farming methods in order to survive in today's world.

The Bad News is ...

Stefan Pretorius is returning to Cape Town for personal reasons and has resigned from the Committee. Just over two years ago Stefan introduced the concept of U3A to Stilbaai; without his drive and enthusiasm we would never have got off the ground, we certainly owe him a huge thanks for starting U3A Stilbaai and for developing it into the strong organisation we are now. We wish Stefan well, and hope to see him back here from time to time. We can just add that our loss is U3A Cape Town's gain, Stefan will be serving on their committee.

Jagersbosch Fund

The May monthly meeting raffle brought in R180, and the TED talk on 24 May R76; a further R64 came in from the first Historic Passes Outing on 14 June. The fund now stands at R2,861.67. The committee is considering various options for further use of this fund for the benefit of Jagersbosch, in particular improvements in Die Waenhuis.

For a full list of contributions to the Fund, 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

Membership is now 178; seven new members joined during May. Welcome to all our new members.

Membership fees for 2017/18 can now be paid – the amount remains R30 per person per year.

U3A STILBAAI COURSES

Courses are for members only.

- **Hiking Groups** : The group walks every Friday morning. Contact Cheryl at cheryl@kmintsa.co.za.
- **Historical Tours** : There will be no tours of historical Stilbaai for the next few months; Hella will be away for a while, but on her return we will start planning again.
- **Cooking Courses** : ReINETTE is taking a bit of a break, the cooking course will resume in due course.
- **Bird watching for beginners** : The current course has started and is full up. There will be more courses later, we will keep you informed.
- **Armchair Travel Group** : The Armchair Travel Group meetings are postponed till later in the year. The planned day and time did not suit many of our members who were interested. We will wait till it's a bit warmer and let you know when the meetings will commence.

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.

TED TALK : EMPOWERED BY EMOTIONAL SYSTEMS

Wednesday, 28 June 2017 at 09h30; Die Waenhuis, Jagersbosch.

The second TED Talk on the science of emotions facilitated by Jenni Sharkey is a video by Prof. Mark Solms: "Empowered by Emotional Systems (Emotional Intelligence)".

Lawrence Barltrop is coordinating TED Talks; please contact him at barltrop@vodamail.co.za if you have an interesting topic, or if you want a presentation about a specific subject.

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 **T**echnology, **E**ntertainment and **D**esign converged, and today covers almost all topics – from science to business to global issues. More information on www.ted.com.

OUTINGS

The first trip to the historic mountain passes in the Langeberg north of Riversdale took place on 14 June when 16 people enjoyed a fascinating day travelling the passes, stopping at the oldest farm in the district, and talking about the interesting history of the area. The next two outings will take place on 21 June and 12 July, and a special trip will be held later for our members from Kannaland.

The number for each outing is limited to about 16 people, travelling in 4 or 5 vehicles; if we have more interest, we will organise more trips – please email us at info@u3astilbaai.org.

TALKS TO COME ...

The programme for monthly talks for the next few months is as follows; please note that this may change due to unforeseen circumstances:

- 31 Jul 2017: Petra Daneel tells us more about Jagersbosch. Our (hopefully very short) Annual General Meeting will be held just before Petra's talk .
- 28 Aug 2017: Antel van Deventer will talk about social attributes and challenges of learners with autism.
- 25 Sep 2017: Esma Marnewick talks about the ups and downs of travel writing.
- 30 Oct 2017: Anna Hattingh will talk to us about Living Wills.

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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