



MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, 25 September 2017: 09h00 for 09h30

Die Waenhuis, Jagersbosch, Stilbaai West.

Evolution of a travel magazine, and travel journalism in a digital age.

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Esma has an Honours degree in Journalism from University of Stellenbosch, and has worked at Pasella, Die Burger and WWF-SA, amongst others. Since 2010 she has been Assistant Editor of "Weg!" travel magazine. Esma has criss-crossed the country, her favourite places in South Africa are Kruger National Park, Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, the Knysna Forest and Tankwa Karoo. She has also travelled widely visiting countries in America, Europe, East Asia and Africa.

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

THIS AND THAT ...

U3A Stilbaai Committee.

At the Annual General Meeting on 31 July five members were elected to the committee; at the committee meeting of 4 September the following office-bearers were elected:

- Chairperson: Niel van Wyk.
- Vice-chairperson: Hella Döckel.
- Secretary: Carol Malan.
- Treasurer: Niel van Wyk.
- Member: Cheryl Worth.
- Member: Lawrence Barltrop.
- Co-opted member: Johan van Rooyen.

August Monthly Talk.

Antel van Deventer spoke on the social attributes and challenges of learners with Autism. She presented the audience with pertinent facts and figures from her studies, and from her hands-on work in classrooms, with children who have varying levels of autism – a condition that affects a significant number of people. Antel's heart is undoubtedly given to her work and her presentation held audience attention from start to finish.

Jagersbosch Fund

The August raffle yielded R259, and the TED talk on 23 August R116; the Historic Mountain Passes Outing on 6 September contributed R236. The fund now stands at R4,349.67.

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

Membership

Ten new members joined at our monthly meeting in August; and a large number of members have renewed their membership for 2017/18. Our paid-up membership now stands at 170; we have removed everybody who has not renewed their membership from the membership list, although we hope that some of them may still renew their membership for 2017/18.

The blue name tag is no longer valid, the 2017/18 name tag has an orange coloured background. Members are reminded to wear their name tags at all U3A functions.

Please take note that the U3A courses, group activities and outings are for members only; although members are welcome to bring guests who are visiting Stilbaai, or individuals whom you want to introduce to U3A Stilbaai. If permanent residents of Stilbaai want to participate regularly, they are welcome to join U3A Stilbaai.

Contact us if you have feedback on any of the courses, group activities or outings; or if you have proposals for any new courses, etc you would like to see introduced. Email: info@u3astilbaai.org.

U3A STILBAAI COURSES

The following courses are currently on offer:

- **Cooking Courses** : For ReINETTE's cooking course contact her at reinetteanastagi@gmail.com.
- **Bird identification for beginners** : The first two bird identification courses in 2018 is already fully subscribed, but a third course is planned for 2018. To avoid disappointment, please contact Johan at rooyenvanjoan@gmail.com as soon as possible.

TED TALK : "HOW TREES TALK TO EACH OTHER"

Wednesday, 27 September 2017 at 09h30; Die Waenhuis, Jagersbosch.

"A forest is much more than what you see," says ecologist Suzanne Simard. Her 30 years of research in Canadian forests have led to an astounding discovery – trees talk, often and over vast distances. Learn more about the harmonious yet complicated social lives of trees and prepare to see the natural world with new eyes. Stefan Pretorius will be facilitating this TED Talk.

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.

U3A STILBAAI GROUPS

The following group activities are taking place:

- **Hiking Groups** : The group hikes every Friday morning. Contact Cheryl at cheryl@kmintsa.co.za.
- **Walking Group** : A number of people have indicated that they would prefer a slower or more leisurely walk than the hiking group's hikes. We need a convenor for this group; if anybody is interested, please contact us at info@u3astilbaai.org and we will send out a notice to all the members. Once the group has been established, it will be up to the group to decide when, where and how often walks will take place.
- **Armchair Travel Group** : The Armchair Travel Group is still in the planning phase, we will send out a notice to members as soon as we have more information.
- **Photography Group** : A photography group has been established, anybody interested can contact Lawrence at barltrop@vodamail.co.za.

- **Share Group** : A Share Group was recently formed and quite a number of people have joined; anybody interested can contact Christo at christoprins208@gmail.com.

U3A STILBAAI OUTINGS

The Historic Mountain Passes Outing of 30 August had to be cancelled because of inclement weather, but it was combined with the outing planned for 6 September – this resulted in quite a large group, 21 people in five vehicles, going on the outing. But we had good weather and the group enjoyed the day in the mountains. A total of 66 people have now been on this outing.

There are 16-18 people on our list for the last Historic Mountain Passes Outing; at this stage we are planning the outing for sometime in October, but a date has not yet been set.

We are exploring the possibility of another outing to Favour Stud early next year – watch this space for more news!

Please note that the outings are primarily for members of U3A Stilbaai, although members are allowed to invite guests along. We have had a few requests from people with no association with U3A to go on the outings; we have refused these requests, but have encouraged these people to join U3A Stilbaai.

TALKS TO COME ...

There are many people living in Stilbaai who could give us a very interesting talk at our monthly meetings – we urge you to contact us so that we can all benefit from your knowledge and experience. If any member knows somebody who could give us an interesting talk, please let us know so that we can contact that person. We can help persons who needs assistance with a PowerPoint presentation.

The programme for monthly talks till the end of the year is as follows; please note that this may change due to unforeseen circumstances:

- 30 Oct 2017: Anna Hattingh will talk to us about Living Wills.
- 27 Nov 2017: Johan van Rooyen will talk about the Southern Africa Bird Atlas Project.

We have not planned any activities for the holiday season; however if you know of any person with a particular interest that will be visiting Stilbaai and will be prepared to give us a presentation, please let us know at info@u3astilbaai.org so that we can see if we can arrange a sunset meeting at Die Waenhuis.

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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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