



MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, 27 November 2017: 09h00 for 09h30

Die Waenhuis, Jagersbosch, Stilbaai West.

The Southern Africa Bird Atlas Project.

Johan van Rooyen

Johan van Rooyen of the U3A Stilbaai Bird Group will give an update on the Second Southern African Bird Atlas Project (SABAP2) which aims to record the distribution and relative abundance of birds in southern Africa. The project covers South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland and Namibia, and is important to determine the conservation status of bird species, as well as changes in distribution and abundance over time.

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

THIS AND THAT ...

October Monthly Talk.

Anna Hattingh, a local attorney, spoke about the Living Will. She explained the legal details that must be in place at a time of 'no reasonable prospect of recovery from physical illness or impairment'. The audience contributed with questions, comments and points of interest, as well as thoughts on organ donor registration. Ms Hattingh invited U3A members to take the opportunity of drawing up a Living Will at no cost during the month of November 2017. We are aware that at least one U3A member was in Anna's office on the day following the talk.

Jagersbosch Fund

The October raffle yielded R341, and the TED talk R164; the two Historic Mountain Passes Outings in October contributed R116. We gratefully acknowledge Eric Kaplan and Rosanne Zuber's donation of R200, the fund now totals R5,620.67.

Jagersbosch now has a new Board of Directors, their primary mission is to establish a turn-around strategy to place Jagersbosch on a sound financial footing. We are in close contact with the Board, in fact several U3A Stilbaai members are amongst the new Directors; early next year we will determine how best we can utilise our Fund to the benefit of Jagersbosch.

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

Seventeen members joined or renewed their membership during October and early November; our membership is now 207, but not all are paid up members as two new members still need to pay their

membership fees. Members are reminded to collect their new 2017/18 membership name tags – please wear the name tag to all U3A functions.

Please take note that the U3A courses, group activities and outings are for members only, the main reason is that our constitution provides indemnity to members against injury or damages. Members are welcome to bring guests who are visiting Stilbaai, or invite individuals whom you want to introduce to U3A, but if permanent residents of Stilbaai want to participate regularly, they must join U3A Stilbaai; surely R30 a year is an affordable amount.

U3A STILBAAI COURSES

The following course is on offer:

- **Bird identification for beginners** : Three bird identification courses are planned for 2018, the first is an English course in February (there is still one place open here); the second in March/April (Afrikaans) is fully subscribed; the third course will be offered later in the year. Please contact Johan at rooyenvanjoan@gmail.com if you are interested.

TED TALK

Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to cancel this month's TED Talk.

Next year the TED Talks will be held on the SECOND Wednesday of every month – the first TED Talk for 2018 will be on 14 February 2018.

Lawrence Barltrop is coordinating TED Talks; please contact him at barltrop@vodamail.co.za if you have an interesting topic, or if you would like to hear 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** : The group walks every Friday at 08h00. Contact Debra at barltropd@gmail.com for more information.
- **Bird Group** : Any member interested in joining the Bird Group, please contact Johan at rooyenvanjoan@gmail.com.
- **Photography Group** : A photography group has been established, any member interested can contact Lawrence at barltrop@vodamail.co.za.
- **Share Group** : The share group meets regularly; any member interested can contact Christo at christoprins208@gmail.com.
- **Possible Neuroscience Group** : If members are interested in neuro-science discussions, contact Stefan at stefanpretorius877@gmail.com.

U3A STILBAAI OUTINGS

The six historic mountain passes outings held from June to October had a total of 92 participants. Five persons who went on the outings as guests have since joined U3A Stilbaai. The popular outing may be offered again next winter if there is enough interest.

There will be no further outings this year, but we are looking at several interesting outings for next year; we will let you know as soon as we have more information.

TALKS TO COME ...

We have quite a number of speakers lined up for next year, but at the time of going to press we are still waiting for confirmation from our January and February speakers. We will let you know as soon as we have a confirmed programme for the first few months of 2018.

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.

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

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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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