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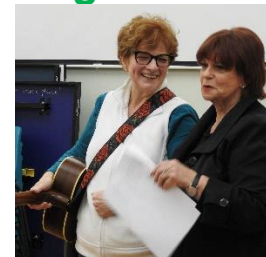
**Coffee morning Friday July 6<sup>th</sup>.**

It is school holidays but U3A “soldiers on”! Our speaker for the July Coffee morning is member, Daphne Stitt, who is our artist in “residence”. Daphne has lived in both the UK and in various places in Australia. She has a Master of Arts in Fine Art and has had a number of her works exhibited. She continues to work on a number of themes including dislocation, inclusion/exclusion and the tyranny of borders. She is really a multimedia maker and has received many commissions over her time. She has held a number of positions in arts administration and policy work and she is very well suited to share with us some of her experiences and feelings from her World of Arts.



Daphne in one of her relaxed moments.

**June Coffee morning**



Rose Sexton concluded her presentation on “Palliative care, caring responsibilities and related matters with a musical interlude. She is a beautiful singer and we are so lucky to have such a talented person in our area. As can be seen from the photos, Rose appreciated Fay’s skills as a “musical stand” and she and Fay clearly shared moments of fun at the end of the talk. Thank you Rose.

**Congratulations and very well-done Helen L’Huillier.**

As all of you will know by now, our very own Helen L’Huillier was awarded the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Queen’s Birthday Australian Honours awards. This is very well-earned recognition of Helen’s tireless work in the community for over 40 years.



(Picture by Alex Craig)

Helen has had a life other than Alpine U3A and having worked at the Outdoor School Bogong, the MT Beauty Swimming Centre, founding member of the Birkenbeiner Ski Club, Kangaroo Hoppet, Red Cross and many other activities, Helen is an inspiration and role model for all of us in the District. Helen & Paul contribute to our Society in a most unselfish manner and over many years of observing the various Order of Australia awards I can think of no other person more deserving than Helen. Helen will soon be travelling to Government House in Melbourne to receive this very well-deserved award. On behalf of all of us in the Alpine U3A – **well done Helen.**



**Film Night – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month – Wednesday July 11th at 7.00pm – Seniors Hall – Film: “The Darkest Hour”.**

Darkest Hour is a 2017 war drama film starring Gary Oldman as Winston Churchill and is an account of his early days as Prime Minister, as Nazi Germany's Wehrmacht swept across Western Europe, threatening to defeat the United Kingdom during World War II. The German advance leads to friction at the highest levels of government between those who would make a peace treaty with Adolf Hitler, and Churchill, who refused. I thoroughly enjoyed this film when I saw it in Melbourne some months ago.



I need 3 volunteers for supper duty please. Call me on 0419514399 if you can help and provide some variety to my party pies!

**AGM – Annual General Meeting**

It's that time again, or almost, when our AGM will be held. This will happen at the August Coffee morning. But it will be brief and we will still have a speaker. Office bearers on the Committee must be elected at the AGM and I shall soon be sending out nomination forms. Helen L'Huillier is resigning as Treasurer after many years in the position and unfortunately Judith Falle will not be continuing as Activity Coordinator. We shall miss both Helen and Judith. Please consider nominating for a position on the management committee and play your role in keeping our excellent club going. We have about 150 members and many activities including three walking groups. The Management Committee only meets once each month and the meetings proceed very effectively without all of the fuss that can beset so many committees. At this time, I

am happy to continue for another year as Secretary and Newsletter editor but would welcome someone else taking over either of these jobs. Also, it is very good to have non-office bearers as members of the Committee, with such people assisting in the number of tasks that arise as well as providing wise counsel on the many matters that are considered.

**Activities**

Our tutors have served us well this year with several new courses including Philosophy, Politics, Chemistry and Maths. Currently I am really enjoying Politics and Maths although I appear to be not quite “visually up to the mark” in the very well tutored maths class. Judith likes us to be quite visual and this was never my strong point. Here are some photos that show the concentration applied by some of the members of the class:



Above we can see that Susie, Christina, Richard and Daphne look for the best way forward in Maths. Meanwhile George under the strict supervision of Judith is searching for the best construction that he can make from the wooden blocks.

It is good to see that Politics, Maths and chemistry are supported by good numbers of members attending. As the tutor for chemistry I try and cater for those who have no knowledge of the subject to those who have 1<sup>st</sup> year University level. Obviously, it is a very different syllabus to that you might have encountered at school and it is interesting to unravel some of the reasons why chemicals behave in the manner that they do. It is quite illuminating to examine some ‘murders by poisoning’ of the past and see what went wrong for the murderer – just for the lack of knowledge of a little chemistry!

Have fun over the school holidays and see you at the Coffee morning next Friday.

David Wood (Newsletter editor)