

GREATER WESTERN

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PLEASE SEE OUR FOUR ENTRIES in 'EVENTS FOR ALL'

PARRAMATTA

Level 2, 1-3 Fitzwilliam Street - adjacent to rail station
Lift / Wheelchair accessible
(Enter through 'RAFFLES' door, left of library entrance)
Check with leaders for sessions during the school holidays

MANDARIN 182GF01

This continuing course is intended for the Third Age people who want to learn Mandarin by means of learning Chinese characters and sentences using alphabetic transliteration. Your class level will determine alternate Monday session access.

Each Monday from 2 July 10:00 - 12:00

Leader: Ying Mei Zhang
Bookings: Ying Mei Zhang 9635 8798 or
Nicole Liu 9311 2480

MANDARIN P.I.E.S (Practice in Everyday Speaking Chinese) 182GF02

These sessions are intended for learners of Mandarin who want to practice and improve their listening and speaking skills. Depending on skill level, activities range from basic everyday conversation with emphasis on pronunciation and sentence structure, to role plays and discussions facilitated by native Mandarin speakers.

Each Friday from 6 July 1:00 - 3:00

Leader and bookings: Stanley Yan 9980 7289
stanyan100@hotmail.com

BOOK OF THE MONTH**(20) 182GF03

Discussion group. New members most welcome. Share the experience, expand your understanding and enjoy the process.

Every fourth Monday from 23 July 10:00 - 12:00

Leader and bookings: Isabel Halton 9872 4467

THRILLERS AND MYSTERIES 182GF04

Join a monthly book-reading group for those who read for entertainment and love 'whodunits'. We each take turns in selecting two authors for the following month.

Every fourth Monday from 16 July 1:00 - 3:00

Leader and bookings: Dorothy Johnson
9621 2389 (after 5pm)

STORYTELLERS PARRAMATTA 182GF05

'Letting Thoughts Fly' is our motto. Come and join our lively, friendly group and write your family anecdotes, poems and tales both serious and frivolous. An optional topic is suggested for reading at the following session, however, personal themes are always welcome.

Alt Tuesdays from 3 July 10:00 - 12:00

Leader and Bookings: Helen Reardon 9631.7241
helsjr@bigpond.com

GROWING YOUR FAMILY TREE 182GF06

Interested in your family history? Join a friendly, helpful group all engaged in digging up their ancestors.

Alt Tuesdays from 10 July 1:00 - 3:00

Leader and bookings: John Venables 9484 0526
john_venables@yahoo.com

TEN SINGLE SESSION TUESDAYS**(30) 182GF07

A series of separate presentations on subjects of general interest.

All talks are from 10:00 - 12:00

NOTE: Bookings for sessions 6-10 will NOT be taken until 20 Aug

Bookings: Sue Brennan 9624 4270 or 0417 288 927
suebrennan88@gmail.com (preferred)

1. Ghosts of Everest

An in depth study of the life and achievements of George Mallory before and on Mt Everest, and whether he could have made it to the top in 1924

Tuesday 10 July

Speaker: Tony McCurdy

2. Great Voyages of Exploration

A review of history's greatest voyages of exploration and the nature and motivation of the explorers who carried them out

Tuesday 24 July

Speaker: Tony McCurdy

3. Sydney Opera House

We'll look at what the Sydney Opera House was originally designed to be. It ought to be good for opera, and we still need an excellent concert hall. Could it be here in Parramatta!

Tuesday 7 Aug

Speaker: Peter Compagnoni

4. NSW Department of Fair Trading - Your Rights

The State Government agency provides information to consumers about fair and ethical business practices

Tuesday 21 Aug

Speaker: DFT presenter

5. World of Words

Grammar, usage, pronunciation, etymology: we all have our preferences, prejudices, antipathies and ignorance. Come and air these with others. John guarantees to lead a provocative discussion about what is 'correct' / 'incorrect'.

Tuesday 4 Sept

Speaker: John Flint

6. Grumpy Old Matthau

The life and film career of Walter Matthau, the rumpled, crumpled master of crotchety comedy, with accompanying illustrations, interviews and film clips.

Tuesday 18 Sept

Speaker: Nora Hinchin

7. Vaccination: The Debate

Today's major method used to prevent viral diseases. We'll trace the development of vaccines, describe how the immune system works and discuss controversial issues surrounding their use.

Tuesday 16 Oct

Speaker: Penny Bishop

8. Food-borne illness: Is Our Food Safe?

Gastrointestinal infections: the most common cause of illness in society. Modern day methods of food production/distribution can lead to disease outbreaks. How can we prevent the spread of these diseases?

Tuesday 30 Oct

Speaker: Penny Bishop

9. Life in Submarines

Doug joined the Navy, aged 15. Drafted to submarines for 5 years. His story is rich as an historical experience in 'O' Class submarines, and reveals the impact this had on his life.

Tuesday 13 Nov

Speaker: Doug Edwards

10. Weird and not so Wonderful Histories!

Join Harvey for a morning of chuckles at historical events and figures that feature 'the bizarre', 'the ridiculous' and 'the just plain hilarious'!

Tuesday 27 Nov

Speaker: Harvey Broadbent

OUR WORDS 182GF08

Interested in the origin of language? Words and sayings can be fun. Join us and enjoy them. Bring a word and we'll use it in an 'on-the-spot' writing task. Hone your writing skills with a friendly, like-minded group and let your talent emerge

Alt Wednesdays from 4 July 1:00 - 3:00

Leaders and bookings:

Ann Orel 9638 2547 annorel@hotmail.com

Rachelle Rassaby 9797 2287 rrassaby@gmail.com

BASS AND FLINDERS 182GF09

Navigator Matthew Flinders, a Royal Navy officer, and ship's surgeon George Bass, met on the HMS Reliance on their way to NSW. Our presenter is a Maritime Museum volunteer.

Wednesday 11 July 1:00 - 3:00

Speaker: Ron Ray

Bookings: Sue Brennan suebrennan88@gmail.com

THE MODERN CALENDAR 182GF10

We all use it but don't realise its fascinating history. Emperors and popes contributed and 'Little Denis'. Who?

Wednesday 25 July 1:00 - 3:00

Speaker: Paul Barclay

Bookings: Sue Brennan suebrennan88@gmail.com

HUMAN INGENUITY THROUGH THE AGES 182GF11

Human beings not only survived their incredible journey across the globe, but also prospered throughout the ages. We review some examples of human ingenuity from different walks of life.

Wednesday 5 Sept 1:00 - 3:00

Speaker: Himanshu Jhala

Bookings: Sue Brennan suebrennan88@gmail.com

OUR DYNAMIC EARTH 182GF12

A look at some of our planet's amazing features. Plate tectonics, earthquakes, volcanoes, and some phenomena you've heard of and would like to know more about, such as El Nino, greenhouse effect, auroras. (2 sessions – some DVDs will be shown)

Wednesdays 19 Sept and 3 Oct 1:00 - 3:00

Speaker and bookings: Sue Brennan

suebrennan88@gmail.com

HOWARD FLOREY 182GF13

An Australian best known for his work on penicillin, but there is much more to this famous scientist.

Wednesday 17 Oct 1:00 - 3:00

Speaker and Bookings: Sue Brennan

suebrennan88@gmail.com

BREXIT: BRITAIN LEAVING THE EU 182GF14

What influence will the Brexit negotiations have on Britain and the other European countries? How will Britain look, after the event?

Wednesday 31 Oct 1:00 - 3:00

Speaker: Angelika Lange

Bookings: Sue Brennan suebrennan88@gmail.com

CALLIGRAPHY**(18) 182GF15

Learn 'beautiful writing' and discover your artist within. No experience or talent necessary.

Alt Thursdays from 12 July 1:00 - 3:00

Leader: Georgie Tuck 9626 1334

georginatuck93@gmail.com

PEOPLE WHO CHANGED THE WORLD 182GF16

We look closely at the lives of personalities who had a significant influence on the social and economic development of humanity. Our focus is psychological. We consider the environment they grew up in, their family relationships, what they did that may have changed their world and how that may have affected our own lives.

Alt Thursdays from 5 July 2:00 - 4:00

Leader: Barry Hanlon

Bookings: Rex Broadbent 0433 000 556

rexpatoptusnet.com.au (preferred)

1. Stephen Hawking

English theoretical physicist, cosmologist, author and Director of Research at the Centre for Theoretical Cosmology within the University of Cambridge.

5 July

2. Robert Baden-Powell

A British Army officer, writer, author of Scouting for Boys, first Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts Association and founder of the Girl Guides.

2 Aug

3. Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice

Baron Lloyd-Webber, an English composer and impresario of musical theatre. Sir Timothy Rice, an English author and multi (Academy, Golden Globe, Tony and Grammy) Award-winning lyricist

16 Aug

4. Phineus Taylor Barnum

An American showman, politician and businessman remembered for promoting celebrated hoaxes and for founding the Barnum and Bailey Circus.

30 Aug

5. Anna Maria 'Marie' Tussaud

A French artist known for her wax sculptures and Madame Tussauds, the wax museum she founded in London.

13 Sept

6. Mohandas 'Mahatma' Gandhi

An Indian activist, leader of the Indian independence movement against British rule.

27 Sept

7. Karol Józef Wojtyła

As John Paul II, Pope of the Catholic Church and sovereign of Vatican City from 1978 to 2005. He is called Saint John Paul the Great by some Catholics.

25 Oct

8. Mao Zedong

Commonly known as Chairman Mao, a Chinese communist revolutionary, poet, political theorist and founding father of the People's Republic of China.

8 Nov

9. Alfred Hitchcock

An English film director and producer, widely regarded as one of the most influential filmmakers in the history of cinema.

22 Nov

PARRAMATTA: HARRY TODD BAND HALL

Jubilee Lane, Parramatta. Approach from Jubilee Park on Parkes Street

WORLD HISTORY: PEOPLE AND EVENTS 182GH01

Presentations by group members on subjects of their choice.

Alt Fridays from 6 July 10:00 - 12:00

Bookings: Sue Brennan suebrennan88@gmail.com

A LIVELY DISCUSSION GROUP 182GH02

Have your say. I may not agree with what you say but I will defend your right to say it.

Alt Fridays from 13 July 10:00 - 12:00

Leader: Robert Russell

Bookings: Dorothy Johnson 9621 2389 (after 5pm)

GUILDFORD: HEWITT HOUSE

Corner of Guildford and Byron Roads.

WRITING CREATIVELY 182GG01

Learn the skills of transforming experiences into prose and poetry and share the results in a friendly supportive environment.

Alt Wednesdays from 11 July 1:30 - 3:30

Leader and bookings: Lorna Clayton 8861 5736

BLACKTOWN: WESTPOINT

Community Room, Fourth Floor, up Alpha Street Ramp. Four hours parking available with Seniors Card. **Wheelchair accessible**

TAI CHI 182GB01

Tai Chi has been said to relieve stress, arthritis and blood pressure. Assist in the mobility of mind and body. Aid blood circulation and muscle toning. Beginners and advanced classes.

Each Tuesday from 3 July 1:30 - 2:30

Leader and bookings: Vicky Fitzgibbon 9622 5638
0427 240 583 vickyfitzgibbon47@gmail.com

POETRY AND PROSE FOR EVERYONE**(15) 182GB02

Bring your poems or prose to read, or just relax and listen to the reading of established authors, or members own work.

Alt Thursdays from 5 July 10:00 - 12:00

Leader and bookings: Margaret Bacon 9622 7874
margaretbacon8@gmail.com

AUSTRALIA: IT'S HISTORY, PEOPLE, EVENTS AND PLACES 182GB03

A new format: Topics for sessions are chosen and presented by the group's very enthusiastic members.

Alt Thursdays from 12 July 10:00 - 12:00

Bookings: Ted Hartley ted.hartley1948@hotmail.com
Enquiries: Sue Brennan suebrennan88@gmail.com

FUN AND GAMES 182GB04

A light-hearted course to stretch your mind by playing scrabble, rummikub, canasta, and other games in a friendly atmosphere (11 sessions).

Every Friday from 6 July 10:00 - 1:00

Leader and bookings: June Keith 9621 1215
junekeith@optusnet.com.au

BLACKTOWN CITY LIBRARY

Study Room, Level 1, corner of Alpha Street and Flushcombe Road. **Wheelchair accessible**

FAMILY TREE MYSTERIES SOLVED**(10) 182GL01

This is a support group for those addicted to researching their family history. Members range from beginners, to those with over thirty years experience in genealogy. Come and join our friendly and helpful group whose members assist each other to solve their genealogy problems.

Alt Tuesdays from 10 July 10:00 - 12:00

Leader and Bookings: Jenny Sharp 0405 538 045
jjsharp66@gmail.com (preferred)

TOONGABBIE: ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH HALL

Aurelia Street. Close to rail station and bus stop. Some parking available.

MONDAY CANASTA AND MAH JONG (WESTERN STYLE) 182GT01

Learn Canasta and Mah Jong (Western Style). Practice, refresh and polish up your skills for both these social games with a friendly group.

Each Monday from 2 July 1:00 - 3:30

Leader and bookings: Jon Hendrikse 0411 472 633
jhendrikse39@hotmail.com

GENTLE EXERCISE AND DEEP RELAXATION**(20) 182GT02

This course aims to promote a depth of consciousness below the stressful surface. Discover the joy of deep relaxation and the health benefits of some very easy stretching. Please bring your own exercise mat and pillow.

Each Tuesday from 3 July 1:00 - 3:00

Leader and bookings: Warwick Pitt: 9727 8415
warwickjpitt@hotmail.com

LINE DANCING 182GT03

Come along as a beginner and learn Line Dancing or further your skills with this enjoyable, healthy activity to Country or Modern music.

Each Wednesday from 4 July 1:00 - 3:00

Leader and bookings: Vicky Fitzgibbon 9622 5638
0427 240 583 vickyfitzgibbon47@gmail.com

PRIVATE HOMES

DESK-TOP FLYING FOR SENIORS (Carlingford)**(12) 182GP01

Frustrated aviators can learn to fly and navigate from 22,000 airports worldwide using a stable of 144 aircraft (Wright Brothers to an A380) projected from a laptop to a large screen TV. No flying experience necessary. Venue close to Carlingford Railway Station or Parramatta/Epping bus route.

Alt Tuesdays from 10 July 1:30 - 3:30

Leader and bookings: Keith Manwaring 9872 2907
snrpilot18@gmail.com

BRIDGE FOR ADVANCED PLAYERS 182GP02

(North Parramatta)(8)**

Bridge for advanced players in a non-competitive atmosphere.

Alt Wednesdays from 11 July 10:00 - 12:00

Leader and bookings: Liz Sobolewski 9630 7592

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT 182GP03

(Merrylands West)(10)**

Informal discussion about the activities and personalities of yesterday and today's prominent people, including royalty, outstanding contributors to the world scene and people in the news for whatever reason.

Alt Wednesdays from 4 July 10:00 - 12:00

Leader and bookings: Bev Cockburn 9635 7802

bevco4@bigpond.com (preferred)

ANYONE FOR MURDER? 182GP04

(Merrylands West)(10)**

Participants will be offered a selection of DVDs and videos of murder mysteries featuring well-known fictional sleuths such as Frost, Morse, Colombo, Barnaby, Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot. Episodes of 'Endeavour', 'Lewis' and 'Vera' may also be added to our adventures!

Alt Wednesdays from 11 July 10:00 - 12:30

Leader and bookings: Bev Cockburn 9635 7802

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MUSIC AND SONG (Carlingford)(8)** 182GP05

Learn theory and terminology of music, voice production and breathing methods. Bring along a short life story of your most admired composer and sing your favourite song.

Fourth Wednesday of each month from

25 July 10:00 - 12:00

Leader and bookings: Suzanne Su 9872 1230

EXPLORING THE PAST 182GP06

(Merrylands West)(10)**

Video clips and discussion about various famous people and events of historic importance from the past.

Alt Thursdays from 5 July 10:00 - 12:00

Leader and bookings: Bev Cockburn 9635 7802

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MUSIC AND OTHER JOYFUL 182GP07

NOISES (Oatlands)(10)**

Class members are invited to bring their own choice of music (tapes, CDs) and perhaps talk about the reason for their choice, be it personal or about the composition or musician. Any kind of music is welcome, including musical jokes.

Last Friday of each month from 27 July 10:00 - 12:00

Leader and bookings: June Kendrick 9638 1752