

### The Programme

#### An Introduction to Dickens.

What sort of novelist is this? A clown and caricaturist with little interest in the form of a novel? A satirist? A social reformer? A remarkable clinical observer? Do the novels after more than a century, much of it spent in cold storage, still seem full of vitamins?

Five representative novels will be discussed. Examples will be brought to life by a well-known presenter of Dickensian scenes and portraits, John Watson.

### AN INTRODUCTION TO DICKENS PROGRAMME 1999 (Fridays 2.15-4.15)

- Friday 10th Sept* ✓ The strenuous life of a serial novelist
- 17th Sept* ✓ Pickwick Papers
- 24th Sept* ✓ Martin Chuzzlewit
- 1st Oct* ✓ David Copperfield
- 8th October* ✓ Bleak House
- 15th Oct* ✓ Great Expectations

**RETAIN THIS PORTION**

**Dunedin has joined the many cities in the world in which a University of the Third Age has been founded**

Beginning in France in the mid seventies the U3A movement has now spread to most countries and has many hundreds of thousands of members.

U3A is a response to the idea that human life is divided into three periods: firstly, childhood and schooling; secondly, child rearing and work; and thirdly retirement.

The third age is seen to provide the greatest opportunities for learning and understanding because it is during this period of retirement that the idea of a university as a community of those who seek greater understanding through learning can be put into practice.

**The unique characteristics of U3A**

- Learning topics are selected by the members
- Indepth courses are planned by members
- Opportunities for reading, research and discussion are provided
- Presenters/facilitators are usually members of the groups
- The company of others who enjoy learning is ensured
- The atmosphere for learning is informal and friendly
- There are no examinations
- There are no compulsory activities
- Courses take place during daylight hours
- Costs are minimal and within the reach of everybody

**ADMINISTRATION**

Dates: Fridays

Time: 2.15pm - 4.15pm

Fee: \$40.00

Tea and coffee provided

**Enrolments**

You are able to enrol in more than one programme (subject to numbers). If you wish to enrol for more than one programme, you *must indicate your choice* on the Enrolment Form.

To be received on or before Monday 9th August 1999

**Unless you are contacted beforehand you may assume you are in the class.**

**Venue:**

All sessions are held in the Frank Nichol Room, Knox College, Arden St.

**Session Leader**

Alan Horsman