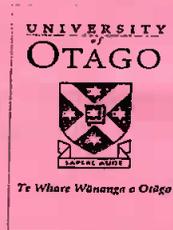


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Series 1 2008

JONATHAN SWIFT - GULLIVER'S TRAVELS

Dates: Thursday, 6 March - Thursday, 10 April 2008

Time: 2.15 - 4.15 pm

Venue: Lecture Room, Salmond College, Dunedin

Enrolments for this course will be limited to 20

Course Fee: \$30.00

Tea and Coffee provided

Course Organiser: Sue Harvey (471 0546)

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You may apply to enrol in more than one course in each series (subject to numbers). If you wish to do so, you must indicate your choice preference on the application form, and include payment of the appropriate fee(s).

All applications must be received by noon on Thursday, 7 February 2008, and you may expect to receive a response to your application on or about 15 February.

Any questions about courses after 15 February should be made to the Secretary, U3A Dunedin, telephone 471 9913 or on email at <graysinn@clear.net.nz>

JONATHAN SWIFT - GULLIVER'S TRAVELS

When *Gulliver's Travels* was published in 1726, it was an immediate success, and it has remained a classic ever since. The reasons for its popularity are not hard to find. In the first place it is a hugely entertaining story told with vividly imagined details about what it is like to be a giant among little people or a little person among giants; while the matter-of-fact description of such marvels as the immortal Struldbruggs or rational talking horses renders them convincingly real. But the book is more than a fairy tale, for the stories serve as a vehicle to expose the follies and vices of Swift's world in a way that is both humorous and at times bitterly scathing; moreover, we recognise to our shame that many of these same follies and vices are still part of our own world. Ultimately, especially in the last voyage, Swift explores the question of what it means to be human. His ideas may shock us, as they shocked contemporary society, but they cannot fail to provoke us into thinking again about the nature of our humanity.

Membership of the class is limited to 20 to enable everyone to participate in the discussion of these ideas.

The course will be presented by Jenny Laws. Jenny is a U3A member, was a teacher at Columba College 1969-1983 (HOD English from 1975) and was a graduate student and tutor in the Department of English, University of Otago, 1984-96, receiving an Otago Ph.D. in 1993.

The Lecture Programme

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| 6 March | Jonathan Swift: Hoaxer, Wit, Poet, Preacher, Pamphleteer, Satirist, and Storyteller |
| 13 March | Approaches to <i>Gulliver's Travels</i> |
| 20 March | <i>Gulliver's Travels Part 1</i> . A Voyage to Lilliput |
| 27 March | <i>Gulliver's Travels Part 2</i> . A Voyage to Brobdingnag |
| 3 April | <i>Gulliver's Travels Part 3</i> . A Voyage to Laputa, Balnibarbi, Glubbudrib, Luggnag and Japan |
| 10 April | <i>Gulliver's Travels Part 4</i> . A voyage to the country of the Houyhnhms |