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Series 2 2008

GEORGE ELIOT

Dates: Wednesday, 2 July – Wednesday, 6 August 2008

Time: 10 am – 12 noon

Venue: Lecture Room, Salmond College, Knox Street

Enrolments for this course will be limited to 50

Course Fee: \$30.00

Tea and Coffee provided

Course Organiser: Sue Harvey (471 0546)

Course Assistant: Sue Cathro (467 5474)

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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 Wednesday, 14 May 2008, and you may expect to receive a response to your application on or about 23 May.

Any questions about courses after 23 May should be made to the Secretary, U3A Dunedin, telephone 471 9913 or on email at <graysinn@clear.net.nz>

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The presenter for this course will be Emeritus Professor Alan Horsman, formerly of the Department of English, University of Otago

Professor Horsman writes "George Eliot brings a humorous and compassionate mind to the presentation of what she calls "experiments in life". These were offered from 1856 to 1876, a time following and including an unusual amount of social and scientific change. Her appeal was to readers with a mature interest in the human spectacle, many of whom were finding it difficult to get their bearings at such a time. But they all had the age-old interest in stories with the power to move us and to make us laugh.

The course aims to discuss the success of her "experiments" and to what extent they still have this power.

It will be important that course members have some acquaintance with "Middlemarch", even if it is only in the BBC film version".

The Lecture Programme

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| 2 July | Introduction, "Adam Bede" |
| 9 July | "The Mill on the Floss" and "Silas Marner" |
| 16 July | "Romola" and "Felix Holt the Radical" |
| 23 July | "Middlemarch" |
| 30 July | "Middlemarch" |
| 6 August | "Daniel Deronda" |