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NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME to our July meeting – and although I don't notice that it the days should be getting lighter, and I'm sure they will soon.

WE must all congratulate Fay Packham who found a substitute Speaker at the last minute. And what a wonderful speaker Celia Caughey was. She studied law at Auckland University, followed by a year's study in Germany and ended up studying at Oxford in England. She and her husband (a Vietnamese) decided they would take their children, the youngest only five, on a world trip starting in Europe in a campervan.

They kept costs low by shopping in supermarkets and seldom eating out. The children slept above the cabin and were given tasks to do each day so their education didn't suffer. For example the five-year-old learned to count up to 200 by counting the number of steps to a famous building. They visited so many place it would be impossible to mention them all, but also impossible for me to write them all down!

ONE place they visited was Anne Frank's hide out in Amsterdam which I would very much like to see. They also visited Munich, Salzburg, Florence, Berne, toured Greece and saw the place where Lord Byron died. The final trip they went by plane, having "posted" the campervan back to England. When handed the envelope at the end of her talk she said the payment would be donated to her favourite charity.

NOW for some local news: Sadly we say goodbye to Alma Dawson who has resigned due to ill health. Billie Blows, Faye Dexter, Shirley Stringer have all been contacted by Margaret Bouvaird, our Almoner, as they have all be sick recently.



WE have just had our outing to Ryders, a first for me, and I would certainly recommend it. It is a friendly, fascinating place, just taken over by a grandson of the original owner, who has many plans for its improvement. We arrived by 10am, plenty of parking and many buildings on their 28 acres of land. We saw a film first, a post-war film called *A Woman in Gold*. It was concerned with the recovery of art works stolen by the Nazis during World War II. After the film we had a hot lunch, which we served ourselves and it consisted of roast beef shredded

chicken, roast potato, roast pumpkin and mixed vegetables. The owner then gave a potted history of Ryders, including what might be on the next truck load that appeared in the drive.

WE now have 58 members and the next meeting in on Monday 18 July. The main Speaker will be Malcolm Anderson talking about MOTAT.

AUGUST 15 meeting will be our Birthday Lunch which will be held in the Pinesong Village Restaurant at 1pm. There will be a choice of roast chicken or fish and chips.

Hope we can avoid too many colds this winter!

Kind regards,

Christine