

WHAT IS U3A?

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

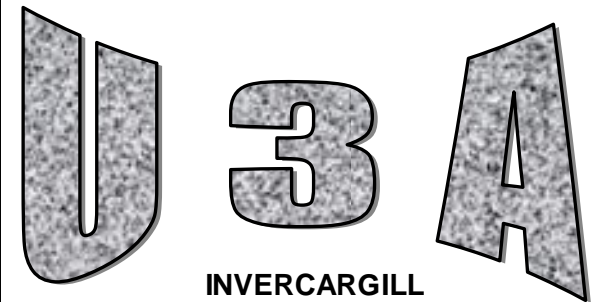
U3A is a response to the idea that human life is divided into three periods:- firstly, childhood and schooling; secondly, child rearing and work; and thirdly, retirement.

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 members.
- In-depth courses are planned by members.
- Presenters / Facilitators are often local people or members.
- 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 in daylight hours.
- Costs are kept to a minimum.

U3A Invercargill was formed in 2002



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

From Rus to Putin
A Journey through
Russian History
Presenter: Wes Melvin

2014 Series 5
September 12 to October 3

**Russia cannot be understood
With the mind,
Nor can she be measured
By a common yardstick.
A special character she has:
In Russia one can only have faith.**

Fyodor Tyutchev 19thC. poet

Venue: Windsor Community
Church Hall Windsor St.
Time: 10 a.m.
Cost: \$15 per person

From Rus to Putin *A Journey through* *Russian History*

**"A riddle wrapped in a mystery
inside an enigma". Sir Winston
Churchill 1939**

Historian Wes Melvin is a gifted speaker who, with insight and humour, brings history to life.

In this series he will provide some answers to Churchill's riddle.

Session 1 Friday Sept. 12 Slavs Vikings Mongols

We travel from the days of the Slavs, Vikings and Mongols to the establishment of Tsarist Russia.

Session 2 Friday Sept. 19 The End of the Tsars

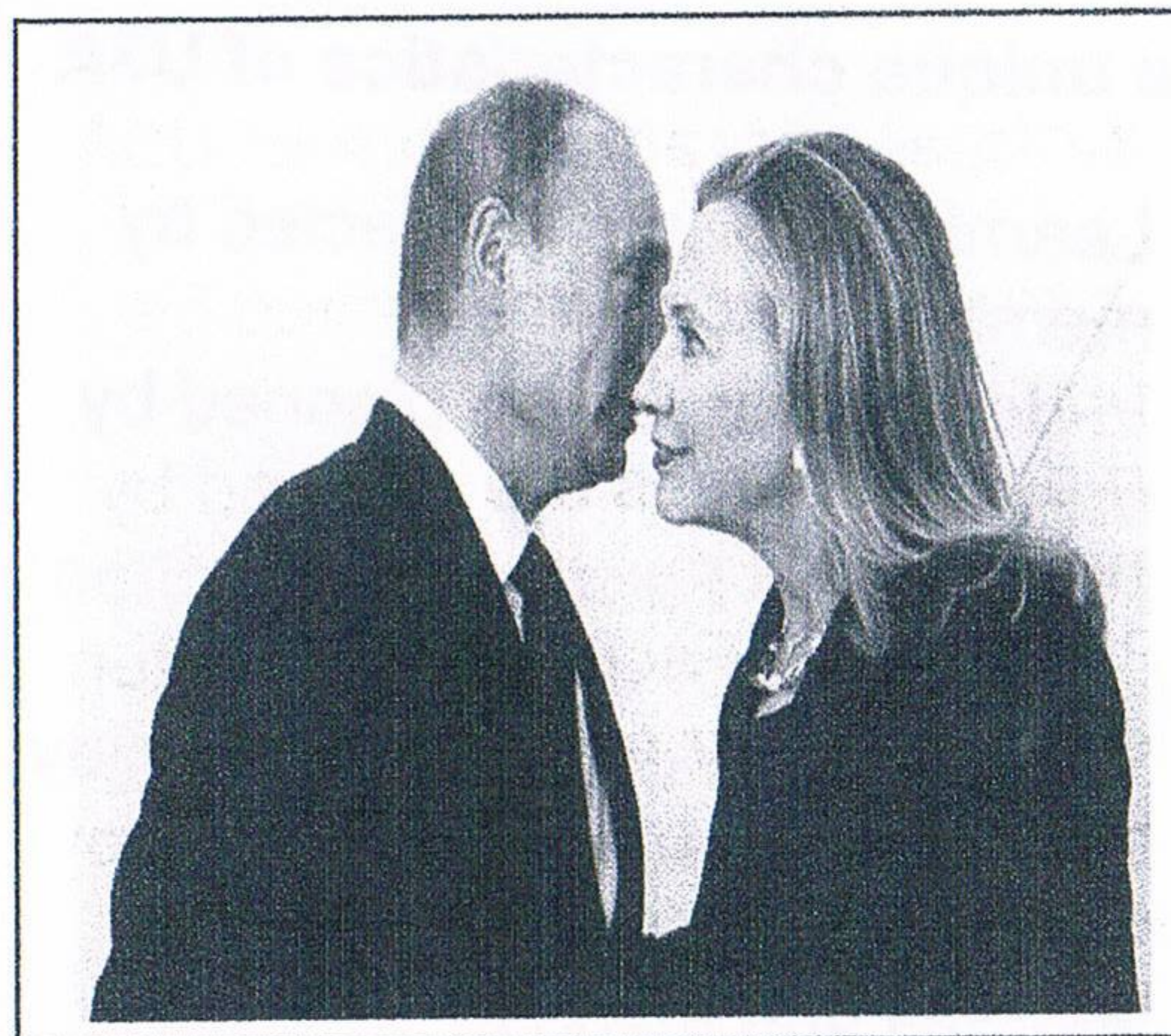
During World War 1 and a time of economic and political chaos Nicholas 2nd, the last Tsar, is murdered.

Session 3 Friday Sept. 26 The Rise and Fall of the Soviet Empire

The Communists take control. Lenin dies in 1924. Stalin wins the power struggle. Russia copes with World War 2 and its aftermath.

Session 4 Friday Oct. 3 The Putin Era

What next for Russia?
Where does she stand as a world power now and in the future?



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From Rus to Putin *Series 5 2014*

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\$15 per person

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