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MONTHLY NEWSMAGAZINE
FOR MEMBERS OF THE
ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB
MILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

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Joanne Millichamp
President

New activities starting - get involved!

I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year, full of new experiences, friendships and safe travels. By the time you read this our first meeting at the Sports Centre will be history. You will have heard of some of the new activities either just getting started or underway such as the 50/50 draw, the Movie Club and the Lunch Bunch to name a few.

I know I have mentioned this several times, but participation really is the key to a successful Probus Club, especially a new one like ours, 134 members and counting. In fact, the official motto for Probus is "Our strength is fellowship, our success is participation". Please don't hesitate to bring suggestions to the management team for activities you would like to see organized.

See you at our next Probus meeting, Wednesday 19 February at 9:30am. 

*We have
now
moved
into our
new home*



By Cliff Read - Vice-President


We held our first meeting at the Banquet Room of the Milton Sports Centre in January and overall, things went very well. It was a successful learning experience but for future sessions, we will need to tighten up such issues as the coffee arrangement and possibly make minor adjustments to

our table and seating plans to facilitate traffic flow. The executive team will examine options and we are confident that improvements will be made.

It was great to see that so many suggestions are coming forward for new, special interest groups and that outside activities are being finalized. Be sure to check the activity tables as you come in so you do not miss opportunities. This is especially true

of activities where there are restrictions in numbers.

The 50/50 Draw was a great success and we look forward to this being a regular part of future meetings.

Thank you for both the energy and support that have been evident at our meetings. This exemplifies the Probus' ideal of fellowship. 

ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB - Meets every third Wednesday in the month at 9:30am at

MILTON SPORTS CENTRE

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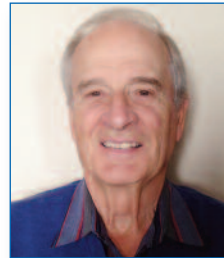
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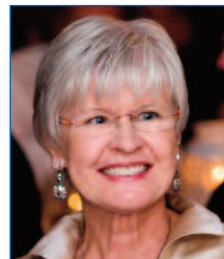


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If you know someone who you feel would be interested in joining the Escarpment Probud Club please forward this Newsmagazine with our compliments.



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Members without email may pick up their copy at the meeting

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One time only fee of \$20 for your name badge

MEETINGS ARE HELD ON
Every third Wednesday in the month at 9:30am
AT

The Milton Sports Centre, 605 Santa Maria Boulevard, Milton, Ontario, L9T 6J5

FORUM Deadlines

Articles and pictures for publication should be received no later than seven days after the regular meeting. Stories and articles may be emailed to the Editor or submitted to any member of the Management Committee.

Escarpment Probud Club reserves the right to refuse, edit or change any copy or pictures submitted.

Our January Speaker



Canadian flyer gets personal

Major Colin Coakwell, our speaker for the January Probus meeting captivated our audience with his personal experiences; first flying fixed-wing aircraft and then on to a career flying helicopters.

His world-wide experience of drug interdiction with the RCMP, G-8 protection and service in Bosnia in 2003 and Afghanistan in 2011.

Major Coakwell joined the Canadian Forces in 1994.

For the last two years, Major Coakwell has served as Operations Officer, where he was responsible for day-to-day flying operations and the development of the unit training program in preparation for High Readiness status.

He is now stationed at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto where he is currently attending the year-long Joint Command and Staff Program and is pursuing a Masters Degree in Defence Study.

Many questions on the staff, equipment and politics of his job were then asked from the floor. This was a very enlightening and informative presentation. 🇺🇸




It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all the others that have been tried.



Sir Winston Churchill

Our February Speaker

Renu Choudhary, BSc. Pharm.

A green logo of a caduceus (a staff with two snakes entwined around it and wings at the top) next to the text.

Renu Choudhary is the Pharmacist and Owner of Shoppers Drug Mart at Derry and Bronte Streets. She will make a presentation on Wednesday 19 February. Her talk will encompass the drug industry, drugs, the interaction of drugs and living a healthy life. This topic promises to be very informative and educational. 🇺🇸



Our March Speaker





And the winner is...

John Gallagher was the lucky winner of the very first Escarpment Probus 50/50 Draw.

John took home a whopping \$117 for a \$5 investment. Many thanks to all those of you who played. 🇺🇸



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Thank you

Spring Wine Tour

Join us on Wednesday 23 April, for a wine tour to Niagara-on-the-Lake

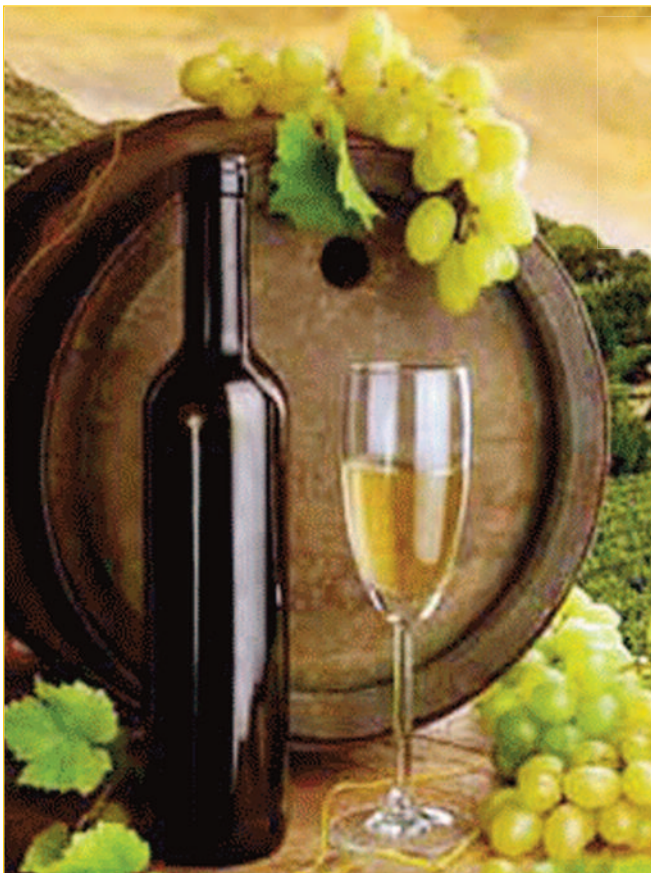
Travelling by coach, we will visit 3 wineries including the Niagara Teaching College.

We will also enjoy lunch at the Benchmark Restaurant in the Canadian Food and Wine Institute.

This is a full-day trip and will cost \$90 per person.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the February meeting.

Payment will be collected at the March Probus Meeting



Come out and enjoy lunch with your new friends

By Catherine Parr - Lunch Bunch Convenor

Following our meeting on Wednesday, February 19th, we will lunch at Milton's newest Restaurant, EDDIEO'S Pourhouse and Kitchen, located at 370 Main Street at Prince. EDDIEO'S will provide us with reservations, a set menu and separate bills.

All foods are prepared from scratch and the drink menu includes an eclectic assortment of premium draft beers. The online menu at www.eddios.com lists well-priced items ranging from traditional Fish and Chips (haddock with fresh cut fries and coleslaw, \$13) to unique offerings such as The Cottage Crock (baked ground beef, mixed vegetables and Guinness topped with mashed potatoes, \$13.)

A special Olympic Menu includes Pork Schnitzel (with red cabbage and roast pots, \$15.)



I am personally tempted by the French Onion Soup (\$7) and small Garden Salad with Almonds (\$5.) I am recommending these selections for our set menu.

Please contact me if you want to suggest another choice. Email cparr3@cogeco.ca or telephone 289-878-5550. The menu will be finalized on Thursday, February 13, 2014.

January saw The Lunch Bunch enjoying our first post-meeting outing at Osso Bucco for tasty Italian fare. It was a great opportunity to experience a new restaurant (or re-visit a favourite) and meet and converse with other members.

A special thank you to Jeanne Reid, our Social Chair, for making all the arrangements! 🇺🇸

“

I really didn't say everything I said.

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Yogi Berra



We like to know who you are!

Please wear your Probus Pin at all external Probus events

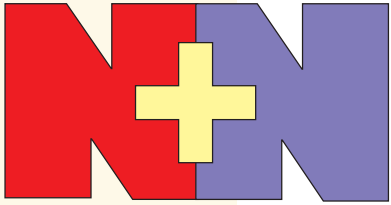
Done reading your Probus Forum Newsmagazine?

Share it with your friends, neighbours and yes, relatives!

We are always looking for retired or semi-retired ladies and gentlemen who enjoy meeting involved and outgoing people with like minds.

Please send them this publication with our compliments.





Noshers new name noted

By Michelle Tschirhart - *Secretary
Nosh 'n' Natter Convenor*

The Nosh at Nite 2 Group has reinvented itself and is now called Nosh 'n' Natter. see fancy-dancy logo herewith.

We met at Michelle and Jim Tschirhart's home recently with everyone having a good time with great Nosh. We also agreed to hold our meetings on the first Friday of each month.

Our future locations are as follows:

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|------------|----------------------------|
| February 7 | Gillian and Bryan Reynolds |
| March 7 | Joanne and Ron Millichamp |
| April 4 | Carole and Alan Pond |
| May 2 | Anne-Marie Stockley |
| June 6 | Marilyn Armstrong |



Assume a virtue,
if you have it not.



William Shakespeare

Milton Concert Presentations'
concert

"Anything Goes"

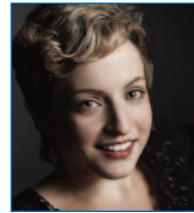
to be held at the
Milton Centre for the Arts.

April 25th at 8:00

\$33 tickets will be sold at
the February and March
Probus meetings



The original music that made the 20's roar!
Songstress Barbra Lica joins Maestro Kerry
Stratton and his Grand Salon Orchestra as
they recreate the drive and
energy of the jazz age.
Melodies by Gershwin,
Cole Porter and Jerome
Kern, plus the dance music
that will stay with you
long after the night is over.



**KEEP
CALM
AND
50/50
WITH
ESCARPMENT
PROBUS**

**The Escarpment Probus 50/50 Draw
takes place at every meeting.**

**Be sure to buy your tickets before
the end of the break. The draw will
be made before the speaker.**

**The amount won and the name
of the winner will be announced at the
meeting and in the following month's
edition of the Forum.**

**A Loony
gets you
1 ticket**

**A Tooney
gets you
3 tickets**

**A Fiver
gets you
8 tickets**

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THE SOCIAL SCENE

By Jeanne Reid - Social Chair

Several new clubs have been proposed to our Escarpment Probus Club this month. A Golf Club is on the list with Ron Millichamp kindly offering to be the convenor.

John Gallagher would like to start a Ski Club locally and organize ski/hiking trips to the Dolomites in Italy.

A Photography Club has been proposed as well as a Squash Club, Bowling Club and Scotch Tasting Club. More information to follow. Sign-up sheets will be available at our February meeting.

This is such a vibrant, energetic club; we are doing our best to keep up with you all!

MOVIE CLUBS

Three new movie clubs are in the process of being formed:

AFTERNOON club with movies at approximately 4 pm and dinner afterwards

EVENING club with movies at approximately 7 pm and dinner before or coffee afterwards, and

HOME movie club to watch movies at member's homes with popcorn, etc.

AFTERNOON MOVIE CLUB

We have formed our club with 15 members signing up. Our first movie excursion will be Thursday, January 30th, to the Silvercity Theatre on Dundas and Ridgeway, Mississauga. We are going to see the critically acclaimed "12 Years a Slave" at approximately 4pm and having dinner afterwards at Milestones Restaurant (just across the parking lot). We have 6 people going at present with several offers to drive and carpool. If you are interested, please let Jeanne Reid know.

Our next movie event will be Thursday, February 27th at the Silvercity, Mississauga to see "Inside Llewyn Davis" at approximately 4 pm. This movie has had wonderful reviews. All are welcome.

GARDEN CLUB

We will meet on Wednesday, February 12th at the home of Norma Capper to discuss upcoming outing to Canada Blooms in March and look forward to Spring. 🇺🇸



“

I have my standards. They may be low, but I have them.

”

Bette Midler



Interested in Health & Travel Insurance

A number of Probus members have enrolled in programs available through Johnson Inc.

Check out their website at www.johnson.ca/probus or call toll free at 1-888-412-8822 and identify yourself as a Probus Member and give the name of our Probus Club.

They will provide information regarding medical, trip interruption and cancellation insurance.



Bridge Club

By Rosemary Thompson - Bridge Convenor

Anne Deoni hosted Bridge on January 9th. What a great way to get through those cold, cold days.

Our upcoming games are set for February 4th at Catherine Parr's; March 4th at Vicki Lenarduzzi's; April 1st at Elinore Shannon's and June 6th at Sue Murray's.

Each hostess will contact players prior to the scheduled date. 🇺🇸

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Treacherous ice conditions force Trail Walkers indoors

By Liz Read - Activities Chair

We are currently walking on forest tracts in Halton Region – wide open trails and free. Depending on the day and the weather we attract 6-14 walkers on Tuesday afternoons. Our first walk of the new year on January 7 was cancelled due to Halton region areas closed by the severe ice storm and fallen branches. We walked Lake Aquitaine and Waubukayne on January 14, enjoyed by all. New convenor for this group is Ron Flannagan ably assisted by his wife, Patricia. Don't forget to bring along a thermos with a warm drink for a stop during each walk – ice spikes are a great help. 🇺🇸



Warplane Museum fails to take off

By Liz Read
Activities Chair

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the planned tour of the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum was cancelled at very short notice.

The tour has been rebooked for Wednesday, February 26, with the same arrangements as before: Tour at 10:30am and lunch at the canteen.

You are entitled to the full refund of \$20 if you are unable to attend or choose not to go on the revised tour date.

Refunds will be provided at our February meeting unless you confirm that you will attend on the revised date.

People who did not sign up for the original tour will also be invited to join us. 🇺🇸

Something for everyone

February: Drury Lane Theatre – Music Hall Presentation, 20 tickets have been distributed.

Remember, no refunds on booking but you can sell off tickets yourself – in fact one of our members is looking for a ticket for a friend.

Upcoming Events:

- March: St. Patrick's Day – voted for Bingham's The Real St. Patrick's Day Event with lunch

- April: Niagara-on-the-Lake Wine Tour - has been arranged for April 23 and is now confirmed that we will be able to go



as there are 39 people already booked - Cost is \$90 per person at this time – no money is made on these trips so there will be a refund if there's an overage.

- May: Bedtime Stories - Milton Players for May 9th at Milton Centre for Arts – tickets are approx \$24 sign up next month.

- June: Car rally – being arranged for a date in May, possibly early June – consists of driver, navigator and observers in one car following instructions to find locations in the Halton region and also scavenger

hunt with a final gathering spot at a restaurant for a meal. 🇺🇸

“Patriotism is the virtue of the vicious.”

Oscar Wilde



Potato Peel Pie premiere

By Fay MacDonald
The Sequel Book Club

Let me start by saying thank you for braving the cold and coming out to our first meeting. Your participation and enthusiasm was amazing. I found it comforting to know that I, like many others, this was our first book club experience. For the others that have in the past or currently belong to another book club, thank you for your guidance and encouragement.

The book that we reviewed was called *The Guernsey Literary Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. The book recalls the German occupation and life immediately following WWII in the Channel Islands.

The Potato Peel Society came into being quite by accident as a group of individuals were on their way home following a secret meal of roast pig and were questioned by the Germans. To

cover their tracks the *Potato Peel Society Book Club* was born. A young writer was sent a letter from Guernsey asking for information on a specific author. Thus began the story composed of letters of the residence of Guernsey and the young writer from England.

As we went around the group introducing ourselves I was intrigued by how much the book touched each of us, whether due to our individual backgrounds, where we grew up or for knowing a family member or friend who had similar experiences. For some, this was your first time reading the book and for others your second or third time. This allowed for a lively discussion and insight on a more personal level of what it was like following the war.

Would we recommend the book? Definitely yes!

As a reminder, our next meeting is 12 February, which Patricia Kotack will be hosting. The book, that is now available at the Milton Library, is *Changing My Mind* by Margaret Trudeau. There are only 10 copies available. If you can't get a copy, please let the group know. If someone finishes the book sooner rather than later maybe you can send a quick email out to let that person know your copy will be available. 📧



“To infinity and beyond”

We know that many of our Probus Members have travelled the world in search of adventure.

We would like you to share some of those experiences with us at one of our monthly meetings.

It could be a place close to home or an exotic location reached only by the most circuitous route.

If you have circumnavigated the world, we would love to hear about your adventure

For more information please contact Ron Millichamp at:
289-878-2969 or
or ronmillichamp@hotmail.com

MINI bio.

Several Probus Club Members have signed-up to give a MiniBiography of their memories, professional experiences and the highs and lows in this adventure we call life.

If you would like to contribute a five-minute MiniBio in the future, please contact:

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Sign-Up in February for the

The Real St. Patrick

Words, images, great music and dance to
celebrate Ireland's patron saint, his life,
the myths, legends and truths
With an all-star cast playing the harp,
fiddle, whistle, piano, uilleann pipes,
bodhran and dance, with a few
"Paddy's Day" songs for good measure.

Monday 17 March 2014

Buffet at 12:30pm

Show at 2:00pm

Featuring The Celts

with Anne Lederman - Paul Gribbon - Nonie Crete - Eugene Rea
- Gary Kreller - Daniel Carr the World Champion Dancer

At Bingemans Convention Centre

Kitchener, Ontario

Hot and cold buffet luncheon and show

**Cheque
us
out!**

*Please remember
to bring your
cheque book to
all the Probus
meetings if you
would like to
sign-up for any
of the activities.*

Thank you.

The First Edition



Too hot for some downunder

Paul Crawford - *Convenor*

The Monday afternoon First Edition Book Club met on January 13 and had quite a wide-ranging and spirited discussion on Bill Bryson's book "In a Sunburned Country". The opinions varied from loved it to could not finish. All seemed to react to his descriptions of Australia but the preponderance of poisonous animal life put off some of the group from wanting to visit.

Each member of the group will take a turn leading and choosing the book for discussion. The meet-

ings are held at the home of the person who has chosen the book for the month. The meetings run from 1-3pm.

Monday February 10, Diane Armand will lead a discussion on "Up and Down" a Canadian novel.

The other dates and leaders are:

Monday March 10,
Joy Castello.

Monday April 14, Patricia Flanagan

Monday May 12, Shelley Woodcock

Monday June 9, Anne Deoni

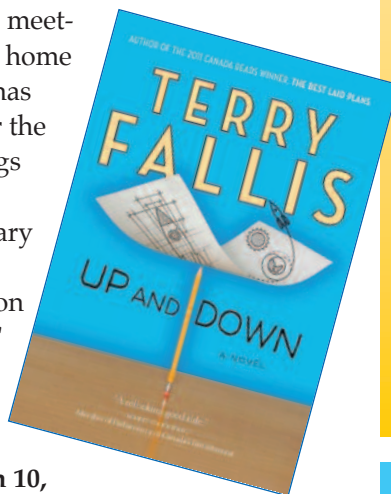
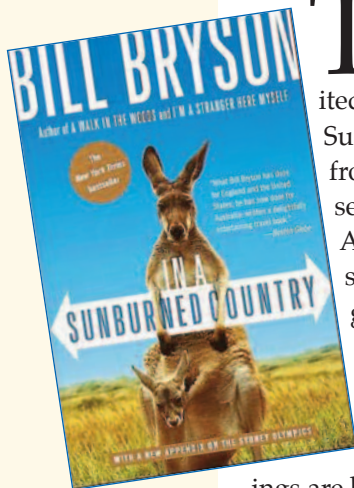
Monday September 8, Penny McIlwaine

Monday October 20, Betty McConvey

Monday November 10, Lorrette Shermet

Monday December 8, Ellen Crawford

Monday January 12, Sue Murray



Did you know?



Nouns of assemblage

a malapertness of pedlars
 a pontification of priests
 a spring of teals
 a rag of colts
 a gang of elk
 a walk of snipe
 a murmuration of starlings
 an exaltation of larks
 a suit of sails
 a muster of peacocks
 a wilderness of monkeys
 a doping of sheldrake
 a drift of swine
 a clutch of eggs
 a stud of mares
 a coven of witches
 a parliament of rooks or owls
 a staff of servants
 a glozing of taverners
 a field of runners
 a covey of ptarmigan
 a sheaf of arrows
 a business of ferrets
 a drunkship of cobblers
 a cete of badgers
 a sounder of wild boar
 a bench of bishops
 a nye of pheasants
 a murder of crows
 a bundle of rags
 a barren of mules

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OR 905-875-0859

You can also contact him at our next meeting.

Greeting Cards

If you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized or moving out of the area and not re-joining our club, please advise Lorrette Shermet at: lorrette@sympatico.ca or 905-878-1293.



ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT	DATE AND TIME	MEET AT	CONVENOR
FEBRUARY 2014			
Nosh 'n' Natter	7 February, Friday - 5:00pm-800pm	TBA	TBA
The First Edition Book Club	10 February, Monday - 1:00pm-3pm	Diane Armand	Paul Crawford
The Sequel Book Club	12 February, Wednesday - 10:00am	Patricia Kotack	Fay McDonald
Probus Executive Meeting	12 February, Wednesday - 7:00pm	Martin Capper	Cliff Read
Garden Club	12 February, Wednesday - 1:00pm	Norma Capper's Home	Jeanne Reid
Drury Lane Theatre	16 February, Sunday - 1:00pm	Theatre	Liz Read
ESCARPMENT PROBUS	19 February, Wednesday - 9:30am	Milton Sports Centre	
DEADLINE Articles & Pictures	26 February, Wednesday	All material should be sent to alan@jordanar.com	
Nosh At Nite	28 February, Friday - 5:00-8:00pm	Chris & Anna Strachan	Paul Crawford
Track Walkers	Monday & Friday - 10:30am	Milton Sports Centre	Liz & Cliff Read
Trail Walkers	Tuesday - 1:00pm	Various	Pat & Ron Flannagan
MARCH 2014			
Nosh 'n' Natter	7 March, Friday - 5:00pm-800pm	Joanne & Ron Millichamp	Michelle Tschirhart
The First Edition Book Club	10 March, Monday - 1:00pm-3pm	Joy Castello	Paul Crawford
Probus Executive Meeting	12 March, Wednesday - 7:00pm		
The Sequel Book Club	12 March, Wednesday - 10:00am	Catherine Parr	Fay McDonald
St Patrick's Day Lunch	17 March, Monday - 12:30pm	Bingemans Con. Centre	Brenda Hicks
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Trail Walkers	Tuesday - 1:00pm	Various	Pat & Ron Flannagan
APRIL 2014			
Nosh 'n' Natter	4 April, Friday - 5:00pm-800pm	Carole & Alan Pond	Michelle Tschirhart
Probus Executive Meeting	9 April, Wednesday - 7:00pm		
The First Edition Book Club	14 April, Monday - 1:00pm-3pm	Patricia Flanagan	Paul Crawford
ESCARPMENT PROBUS	16 April, Wednesday - 9:30am	Milton Sports Centre	
DEADLINE Articles & Pictures	23 April, Wednesday	All material should be sent to alan@jordanar.com	
N.o.t.L. Wine Tour	23 April, Wednesday	TBD	Liz Read