

## **U3A Bright and Myrtleford**

### **Non-fiction Book Interest Group:**

**Session #2 11 March 2020 1.30pm**

**ALL WELCOME**

#### **Part 1 TOPIC: KEEPING SHAKESPEARE RELEVANT**

How is it that some artefacts of a culture fall by the wayside yet others remain alive and relevant to subsequent generations?

William Shakespeare wrote his plays in the 1590s and they have been performed, translated and the stories have been variously interpreted ever since, resonating with audiences throughout the ages. Yet other aspects of that same culture – speech, clothing, religious beliefs, ideas of beauty, personal hygiene practices, making of music, methods of making footwear, etc, - have been highly modified or abandoned.

Sir Ian McKellen speaking on “Acting Shakespeare” [lecture on You Tube] shows the importance of the purveyors of that art or craft in maintaining the relevance. Our theme book explores this further.

**THEME BOOK: JOHN BELL THE TIME OF MY LIFE , 2003, 2003.**

**Our speaker will give a summary of this book for us.**

**There are many other interesting books on Shakespeare and on keeping his plays relevant. Feel free to contribute to the discussion from your reading and performances you have seen.**

Part 2 “SHOW AND TELL”: Bring along a non-fiction book you have read, or would like to read, and tell the group one or two things about it.

Part 3 Plans for the next meeting, general conversation, refreshments...

Venue: Roy and Yvonne Ward’s house, 6703 Great Alpine Road, Porepunkah. Phone 0438 000 612, or 5756 2371.