



# U3A PEGASUS BULLETIN

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Wallace Woodley (above) was our guest speaker at our Christmas and birthday event this week. He began by playing Beethoven's Für Elise and concluded with everyone singing the Prayer for Peace to the tune of Blake's Jerusalem by Hubert Parry. Wallace's knowledge of music particularly the history of the piano is exceptional and his talk was interspersed with images of the instruments that preceded the piano – going back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century - the pipe organ, clavichord, harpsichord, and then the piano, grand, baby grand, square, and upright, the famous manufacturers from Blütner in Germany to Broadwood, Steinway and to the Japanese more modern designs. Excerpts from Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 5 in D Major, and a recording made in Beethoven House in Bonn by Jürg Demus of the maestro's Sonata in A flat Major (first movement) was a joy to hear. Who knew that no pianos were designed and built during WW2? Wallace is an enthusiast of his subject about which he has superb knowledge. His talk was a fitting conclusion to our year's guest speakers who have continued to delight and educate us all.



A delicious lunch followed Wallace's talk, due to the hard work and efforts of Derek and his team at the MPCC.



John Delugar welcomed our special guests and acknowledged our oldest members especially Margaret Coghill. Beth Bradley read a letter from Glen Metcalf. Don & Margaret Perry (right) cut our 21<sup>st</sup> birthday cake, Geoff Harrow (below) gave a brief speech. Katherine Peet (right)



talked about the earthquakes and the impact on members during her time as president.



**Reminder: our AGM will be on 20 February 2023. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**