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Your Local News

Community News for the Wakefield Area

Dr Tony Eames Retirement on 31 March 2015

Tony Eames will be retiring from the Wakefield practice at the end of March. **Doctors Wayne and Kim Hurlow will be taking over Tony's share of the practice.** They have been working at Wakefield over the last year and you may have met one or both of them already. They will be extending their hours to cover Tony's duties.

Tony and Margaret came to Wakefield in 1988 with their two sons, Chris and Andrew, to join Dr Ted Bassett in his practice. Ted & Myra did so much to help them settle in and Tony says they will be forever grateful to them.

They have greatly enjoyed their life in Wakefield, especially being part of the village community:

Margaret was involved with the Wakefield Playcentre and subsequently the Nelson Region Association of Playcentres, being instrumental in the development of the current Wakefield Playcentre site and five other new Playcentres around the region. She has also worked voluntarily with Victim Support where she was Chair of the National Board for nine years during a period of major developments. She is now a life member both these organisations and gets called upon by them for occasional projects.

Tony was on the Wakefield School Board of Trustees for nine years, was Chair of the Board for 18 months and Chair of the swimming pool committee during the planning, building and opening of the pool. He has been involved with sports coaching for junior and youth teams, especially football including coaching local club teams, Nelson age group Reps and the Waimea College 1st XI. He was coaching coordinator for the Nelson JFA and established various coaching programmes for player and coach development which have developed into the current professional coaching setup.

They are now active in the Wakefield Bowling Club, Margaret is Secretary of the Club and of the Nelson Umpires Association and is a Nelson Rep player; Tony is an accredited Bowls NZ coach and runs the Club's community programmes.

They plan to continue living in Wakefield for the foreseeable future.

Tony says it has been a privilege to have known so many people as patients and share in their lives, often through difficult times and he has taken satisfaction from helping people through such difficulties. The emphasis has always been on keeping people as well as possible, even when challenges come along in life.



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Tony Eames Retirement cont...

Tony is proud of what has been achieved at the Wakefield practice; it has been a leader in General Practice and is very well regarded. He is grateful to his doctor colleagues, Practice Manager Jo Francois, nurses and reception staff who have helped develop the practice over the years. The concept of the Community Health Centre was very forward thinking in the late 1980s and has helped to provide an exceptional practice and in the development of the village; Tony is grateful to the community for this and to those who have served on the Management Committee over the years.

It is a testament to the standard of the practice that we have been able to attract high quality young doctors to join. Tony is confident they will continue to maintain an excellent standard of care and develop new ideas to advance the practice.

And while we prepare to say "farewell" to Tony, we also say "Welcome" to Dr Simon Phillips, our current GP Registrar.

Wakefield Health Centre is a teaching practice and at different times we can have nursing or medical students, or more commonly GP Registrars. These, like Simon, are fully qualified doctors with several years of hospital experience who have chosen to transition to General Practice. They spend six months under supervision in two different practices and we are glad to have Simon with us. If you haven't met him he's tall and friendly and a great wannabee GP who is keen to meet the locals and learn more about being a doctor in general practice / the community.



The Hurlows

Community Council

Representation on behalf of your community – the Wakefield Community council's report.

We often have visitors come and give us feedback on proposals on offer to the community. In this case it was regarding the proposed mountain bike Track for Tunnicliffe Forest – main road south of Wakefield. There is a strong feeling among locals including bikers and horse-riders, that the area is well used by a variety of individuals and should not be dominated by 6kms of bicycle tracks as proposed. Concerns were raised around erosion, windfall dangers, speed of down-hill bikes, crossing of existing horse tracks, health and safety coverage etc. We noted that this project is only at the early consultation stage, as far as we are aware.

Focus Wakefield are a group who provide excellent input to the TDC Strategic review on our behalf. They are also updating the Wakefield website prior to going live. Work continues on the beautification project, in conjunction with TDC. There was discussion about the future of the Village Hall, which has an earthquake status that is too low for public buildings. Other matters discussed last month included the overflowing rubbish bin on the corner of Will Watch Lane, and the missing bin from outside the library. A team led by Fritz are doing ongoing planning for this year's "100 years after Anzac" celebrations and service. We have asked from some white lines to be redone by council, including the parking ones outside the library, and over the hill on Edward Street.

Do come along to our next meeting on Tuesday 10th March.

This particular one is run by the T.D.C. and will commence at 7.30pm at the Worship Centre on Edward Street. Do come so the T.D.C. hear your views. Subject: TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2015-2025

The W.C.C. has its A.G.M. scheduled for Tuesday evening the 14th April. We would love more people to join the team.

Rev.d Allan Wasley, Chairperson.

"The Wakefield Community Council have noticed that one of the plaques that was fixed to the black lamps in the Village Green has been removed.

We are trying to find out the exact wording that was encribed on the plaque which showed the names of the sponsors so that we can get another plaque made.

If you know what the plaque said, or have a photo of it, please contact Sonia Emerson on 541 9005 or email allaccountsmatter@gmail.com."

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Community Sprit Shows Again

by Lydia Visser

On Friday 13th February, a few weeks ago, peals of laughter could be heard coming from the Wakefield Pool on one of those balmy afternoons we've come to expect lately. A fundraiser was being held for the local Taikato family, whose son Toby had to go to Starship hospital for treatment recently. He is now back in Wakefield.

The party started straight after school, with Wakefield School Primary children having the opportunity to make full use of the inflatable before the 'big kids' returning home from Intermediate and College arrived. It was the longest line I have seen yet for those wanting to use the inflatable. There was plenty to keep the kids busy playing and when it was time for a break there were the usual sausages, and drinks, but this time also lots of home made treats made by generous local mums.

The success of this event can be attributed to many factors, not least to the kids who really enjoy themselves at one of these pool parties. Many thanks to the pool committee who organised the event (especially Bruce and Karyn), and to those who contributed food, or made food to sell, gave their time, and gave their money (some people gave much more than the gold coin donation requested at the door.) The Taikato family really appreciated the generosity of the Wakefield community.



Thank you to Lanessa White for this photo

Keep an eye out for the end of the season pool party at a yet to be advertised date. Many people are now using our Facebook page to catch up on Wakefield Pool news. (Thanks to Phill Platt for running this page).

The pool committee will make a decision on when to close the pool for the season based on weather conditions. In the past the closing date is around the end of March but we will publish the date closer to the time, and we aim to stay open as long as we can. A spell of cold weather mean heating costs beome prohibitive.

In the meantime there seems to be plenty of warm weather left to enjoy the pool.

Quote from Karyn at Young Swimmers: "What an awesome community event. A huge thank you to all those who helped make this happen. Whether you donated something, helped out, or just turned up, it all counted towards making this event successful and raising an amazing amount of \$1382.20 for a very special family."

Quote from Toby's mum Jemma Taikato: "We would like to thank everyone that helped, organised and made this happen. Thank you to those who donated things and thanks everyone who turned up to support us. It has been an eye opener to see such amazing community spirit and true friends. THANK YOU!!"

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ANZAC Day 2015

From the ANZAC Committee

The committee had another productive meeting last week and we are still working towards putting on a special ANZAC service to commemorate the 100th anniversary of ANZAC .

We are still seeking help from the community so if you can help us with the following please give me a call

- We are looking for any war memorabilia from all the wars to display at Wakefield fire station so the young can have a better understanding.
- We are looking for one or two local clubs or organisation to organise and run the morning tea for the guests after the service is over. The morning tea will be held at the fire station so all the facilities will be provided.
- It would be great to have a Bag Piper play at the ceremony, really great to have!!!
- We need to know if you wish to lay a wreath at the ceremony so we can tell the people at the service who it is from.

If you can help in any way please give me a call,
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Town and Country Talk

by Brenda Halliwell

RINGWORM – NOT ACTUALLY A WORM!

Despite it's name, ringworm is not a worm but a fungus. Ringworm often causes circular skin lesions so it was once thought to be caused by a worm curled up in the tissue. However it is fungi living inside the hair follicles which damage the hair shafts causing them to break off at skin level. This usually results in round patches of hair loss but lesions can be irregular.

There are several fungal species affecting our domesticated animals which can cause the disease we call ringworm. These may also affect humans. Transmission happens by direct contact between infected and non-infected animals and also through contaminated brushes, beds, blankets etc.

The incubation period is 1-3 weeks and infected animals can be contagious for three weeks or more. This means that wherever your pet goes in that three week period, they will be spreading ringworm which can infect any susceptible animal or person. Adult animals and humans are usually have some immunity to infection but kittens, puppies, calves and children are commonly affected.

Ringworm can be diagnosed by identifying the classic lesions if present, checking lesions under a UV light or culturing hair from a suspicious lesion.

Treatment: Worm tablets DO NOT treat ringworm! Usually a three week long course of antifungal tablets is necessary. Bathing in antifungal shampoo will reduce spread of lesions and shedding into the environment but must be done daily for several weeks. Topical antifungal creams have the same effect but are not always practical in our hairy beasts! Repeated lime sulphur dips are effective but smelly! Shaving off infected hair is useful in long-haired animals.

LIVER FLUKE

Drier conditions throughout the area have resulted in both sheep and cattle grazing in areas they otherwise wouldn't. While it is important to utilize any pasture growth available, care needs to be taken when stock forage in or near swampy areas as they may be exposed to liver fluke. The life cycle of liver fluke requires an intermediate host – a freshwater snail which lives in swampy areas, close to natural water sources and increasingly on irrigated pasture. Stock grazing near these areas are at risk of being infected.

The major concern with liver fluke is loss of production due to liver damage, and is seen either as decreased weight gain or lowered milk production.

The impact of liver fluke can persist for long periods if not treated, so it is important to provide an effective treatment to those animals at risk. There are a number of treatment options and we have different pack sizes available for large farms right down to small lifestyle blocks. Have a chat to Roger, Danny or Mike in our Richmond clinic to find the best treatment option for your farming system.




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Live Well Stay Well" group commences our regular get togethers in March.

We will meet outside the Wakefield Hall on **Tuesday March 17 and 31st at 9.45am.**

After a coffee we will set off on a walk around different parts of Wakefield or to a local visit of interest.

Anyone is welcome to attend especially if you are new to the Wakefield area. We will continue a programme for 2015 with plenty of coffee stops and something of interest every two weeks on a Tuesday morning.

So come along and be a part of our friendly group.

You are most welcome to call either Margaret 5419693 or Yvonne 5422235 and we will put you on our contact list.

Is it Open Yet?

by Wendy Pearson

Hi Wakefield - I want to let you all know that the Tall Poppy office IS opening very soon. It took a bit longer than expected to complete the few changes that were required to change the postal sorting office into a real estate office.

I had wonderful fast service from Greg at Carpet Plus, and then I was waiting on Spark to set up the internet in the office as broadband hasn't been provided to that part of the building previously. We are almost there, and I hope to celebrate the opening in early March with some Tall Poppy sweet treats and balloons for the kids.

In the meantime, the business is up and running! The first Tall Poppy house listed and sold with me settled on the last Friday in February, with the happy seller moving into Summerset. There have been two other Wakefield sales already, and I am looking forward to saving other local home owners thousands when they list and sell with me and Tall Poppy.

The Way We Were

Back to Eighty Eight Valley and Koreke Schools 1863-1930 - Part I (1863-1880)

Prepared for the Waimea South Historical Society by Roger Batt

The establishment of a school at the southern end of Eighty Eight Valley was not an easy matter. From 1856 some residents approached the Education Board several times for a school but it was only after the third attempt in 1861 that some progress was made. In February the Board noted in its minutes that the circumstances failed to meet the resolution that "...the Board will not undertake to establish a school in any district where, within a circle of three miles radius from the intended site of the schoolhouse, there were less than thirty children between the ages of 5 and 14."

But in November of that year the board was given an undertaking by local residents to erect a school house at a point central to 30 children living in the area and the board minutes record a pledge to find a salary of £60 for a teacher. At the same meeting Mr George Parkes pledged to give an acre of land for the site of a school house. An order was given to prepare a deed of conveyance for the land but not until October 1880 was it finally entered into and registered. Nevertheless, a wooden schoolroom was erected on this land in 1863, approximately 7 kilometres from Wakefield, and opened with Mr Walter Ladley as teacher with a salary of £72.

The Education Board Report of 1864 reads: "Here...the attendance is much smaller than the number of children in the neighbourhood would warrant me in expecting, the average attendance being barely nine. The school has been established more than a year, and much cannot be expected as yet from the scholars, most of whom were beginners when the school opened, but it strikes an observer that a shade more animation on the part of the teacher and some attempt to render the daily routine more varied and interesting would be for the benefit of both teacher and children." Mr Ladley kept a diary. He lived somewhere in Higgins Road and walked to the school on Monday mornings, evidently staying at the school all week. (One cannot help wondering why he didn't ride a horse – unless he couldn't afford to keep one.)



Site only School was built above and children went to Koreke School a km school in Lukays house 2-11-04 1797

In March 1866 he "Shot three pigeons, the first in my life." He records a dance at the school at night and in May 1866 a ball in the schoolroom. However, in this same year the roll had dwindled to three and the committee was forced to close the school. Four years later there were sufficient children in the area to enable the school to re-open with Mr Roby as teacher on a salary of £60 with £10 "in lieu of house rent." (Sometime after 1873 a teacher's house was constructed.) A report not long after his arrival notes that "The teacher is new to his work, but has begun well and is full of zeal." The "zeal" was rewarded by an increase in salary from £60 to £100 from 1st October 1870.

During the years 1878 to 1880 the parents of the Eighty Eight Valley students were much troubled by the issue of whether to have a male or female teacher and at what salary. In what looks like a cost-cutting measure, they had learned with "surprise and alarm" of the board's intention of sending them a school mistress instead of a school master. (This "degradation", as they termed it, would save the board £48 a year since the salary would reduce from 120 pounds to £72.) In a letter and petition dated 27th September, 1878, they stated that they had "good reason to believe that a very competent Master could be induced to take charge of the school even at the reduced salary of £72 per year."

They went on, "If our fears as to your intentions in this matter are correct we most respectfully but earnestly object to the same as we consider a Mistress totally unsuitable for this district which we think requires and should have the services of a first class certified Master especially at the present time, two large families having settled permanently in the Valley since the school has been closed and the number of children requiring education increasing annually. Attached to this we send you a list of the number of children in the district. (The list totalled 17 children under 5 and 37 children from 5-14). The petition was signed by 13 local residents.

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Quiz

by Derek Evans

Here is this months quiz:

1. The result of a big bang?
 2. President Mugabe?
 3. Another "Woodentop"?
 4. No Poseidon's sibling?
 5. Did he say "it aint arf hot in here"?
 6. Suitable for Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer?
 7. Australian Sorcerer?
 8. Modjadji
 9. Almost when "life begins at?", and a UK Pop Dance group makes the ascent easier?
 10. Tonsorial artist in the fast road
- Two very special ones:-
11. What Sonia thinks she has got?
 12. What she will need soon?

Answers to last months Quiz

- 1 "Work" the plural of "opus"
- 2 "Anteros" - "not Eros" who was his frivolous Brother
- 3 Liver
- 4 Bassenthwaite all others are Meres
- 5 Andrew Fitzgibbon aged 15 yrs 3 mths
- 6 Funeral March
- 7 Cats Eyes
- 8 South African Boer War, Year 2000 by the British who interned the families lies of the Boers to prevent them assisting those fighting
- 9 1/10 th of a Nautical Mile, 608 ft.
- 10 an instrument for measuring electrical resistance accurately

Great Taste Trail

Riders on Tasman's Great Taste Trail will soon be able to get to the Wakefield village centre via a purpose-built path in Edward Street.

The new path is to be built along the southern side of Edward Street between Gossey Drive North and Treeton Place.

The construction of the path is to complete the connection joining onto the recently constructed section alongside the cemetery.

With tenders for the work closing on Wednesday 25th February it is expected the works will commence by mid March with a proposed completion date in early to mid May.

Riders who will be making their way to or from Wakefield during this time are asked to take care and heed the signs and instructions from the contractor.



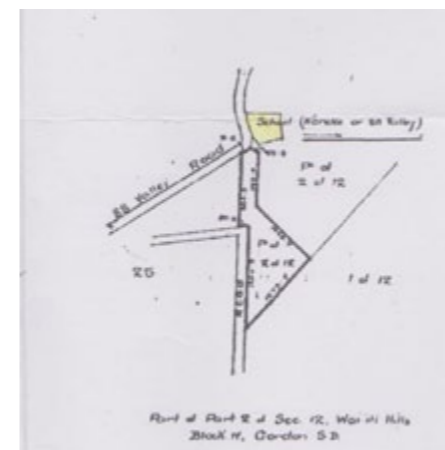
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The Way We Were

Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade

The weather has been great for the holiday makers but not so great for the farmers around our district due to the hot dry weather. Starting a fire in long dry grass with a good wind blowing can spread very rapidly so be careful if you are using any equipment next to long dry grass. We must all take care and be fire wise around our district at all times.

The brigade has now started back training this year, each Wednesday night from 6:30pm until 9:00pm. February has a very full training schedule for the brigade. We have received our new Roof Fall Arrester Kit that we all have now been signed off on as well as all the brigade members have done their BA (Breathing Apparatus) yearly renewal course. On top of all this the full brigade has completed the MVA (Motor Vehicle Accident) course which was a weekend course learning how to cut up cars and vans to get the patient out quickly so the ambulance team can take over.

A big thank you goes to all the brigade members who gave up their weekend to complete this course.

February was a very busy time for the brigade as you can see the list below with nine call outs

Call outs for February so far

- MVA = Motor Vehicle Accident
- PFA = Private Fire Alarm
- Private alarm activation
- Vegetation fire, Tapawera
- Power pole on fire, Belgrove
- MVA Car rolled, Kikiwa Junction
- MVA Car hanging over bank, St Armand
- MVA Car on fire, Belgrove
- MVA Log truck roll over, Top House Rd
- MVA Motor bike vs road, Kohatu
- MVA Car over bank, River Terrace Rd

Running total for the 2015 = 12

As always take care
Fritz Buckendahl
CFO WVFB



Back to Eighty Eight Valley & Koreke Schools- Part I (1863-1880) Continued...

Following this petition the Board's inspector enquired into the matter and then advertised "for a teacher (male or female)" at a salary of £72 per annum with a house. Eventually, Mr John Moore was appointed as teacher on a salary of £72. (To be continued)

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88 Valley School
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Waimea South Historical Society

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Our units in the district began week commencing 9th February.

Our Thinking Day Slumber Party took place at St. Johns Worship Centre, Wakefield 20/22nd February. Thinking Day is the joint Birthday Celebration of Sir Robert Baden Powell and his wife Olave who were both World Chief Scout and World Chief Guide and is a time when we think about all the girls in the Guiding movement throughout the World.

Twenty Pippins, Brownies and Guides plus two Rangers and six leaders had an enjoyable time at the church hall. Friday night was joint supper, Saturday morning was spent collecting rubbish around the village and afterwards world games followed by a ceremony and lovely cake made by Brownie leader Rachel. Thanks to all the girls and leaders who took part.

Wakefield Units - both Pippins & Brownies, are meeting at Wakefield Scout Den, Treeton Place, on Thursdays at 4.15pm – 5.30pm. Contact: Veronique Law on 541 9190, 0272220920 or nvaslaw@gmail.com

Brightwater Guides – are meeting on Wednesdays at 6.30pm until 8.30pm at the Brightwater Scout Den – behind HQ Restaurant. Contact: is Josie Macdonald, on 544 2660, 0212552383 or macdonald.josie@gmail.com

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A Matter of Accounts

by Sonia Emerson, Chartered Accountant

PREPARING FOR END OF TAX YEAR

Well the end of the tax year is drawing close, and you may be starting to think about making sure that you have all of your information available for your accountant to complete your end of year accounts and file your tax returns.

If you are using accounting software, I suggest that you:

- Make sure all of your bank transactions have been entered and finalized
- Reconcile your bank accounts to 31st March
- Perform a review of your general ledger entries to look for miscoded items and other potential errors
- Take a back up of your software once you have finished entering everything and reviewing and store it somewhere safe. Do this before you rollover the financial year if your software requires a rollover.

Your accountant may have slightly different requirements, and many will send you a checklist to assist with compilation of your documents, but here are some suggestions for the type of paperwork to get together for your Accountant:

- Bank Statements – for all accounts that covers the full period ie 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015 inclusive. This is important, especially if your bank statements don't necessarily start on the 1st of each month.
- Loan Statements – if you have borrowing, make sure you provide the statements which show the transactions, repayments, interest added and closing balances as at balance date
- Resident Withholding Tax certificates – often sent out by banks two or three weeks into April
- Dividend Statements – if you received any dividend income during the year
- Stock on hand or cash on hand – perform a stocktake or count, as at 31st March. This should be at cost, not retail. For livestock, it will be simply a count of the physical stock numbers, with no value associated.
- Copies of GST and PAYE returns that have been filed during the year and working papers that were used to prepare these returns
- A list of invoices that you have sent out but that haven't been paid including the amounts outstanding – your outstanding debtors
- A list of the invoices that you have received but haven't yet paid including the amounts you owe – your outstanding creditors
- A vehicle logbook if you needed to complete one
- Home office expense information eg interest on your mortgage, telephone, power, rates etc

You also need to think about your needs for the coming year and discuss these with your Accountant. Give your Accountant as much information as you can – let them know:

- What has changed, how do you want to go forward for the next year, is business likely to improve, stay the same, or are you forecasting a decline?
- Has your home situation changed? Have you now got children, partner stopped work or working in the business more?

Remember, the more information that you can provide to your Accountant, the less chasing around they have to do, the easier it will be for them, and therefore the less additional cost you are likely to incur.



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Wakefield Physio - Health & Wellbeing

Proprioception

by Kate West

Have you ever been walking, jumping or doing physical movement and thought "how does my body manage to do all of this?" or "how is it that I can do this without falling over?" This is because of our body's sixth sense, proprioception.

Proprioception is our way of knowing where our body is in space and where each body part is in relation to each other. In our muscles, tendon and joints we have receptors that detect motion and the position of our joints. This motion and position is then relayed to our brain, and our brain then processes and is able to detect where each body part is in relation to each other.

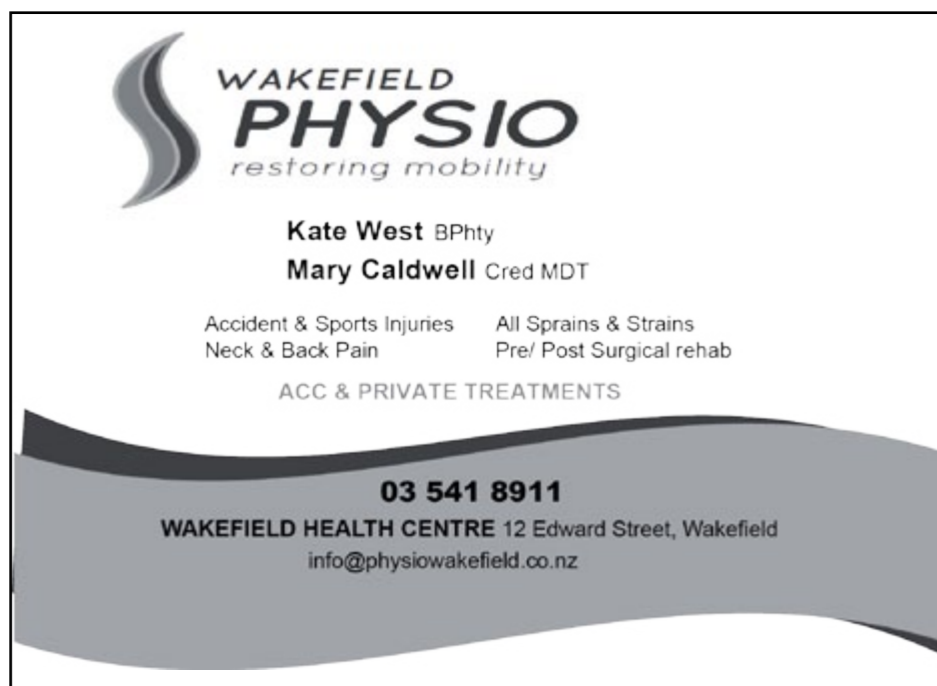
How injury and age can affect your proprioception

With an injury we not only damage our muscles and/or tendons but our proprioception is also damaged. The result is that our balance is reduced as well as our co-ordination. If this is not corrected then you may take longer to return to activity, you may continue to feel uncoordinated and you may be more at risk of reinjuring yourself.

You don't just have to have an injury for your proprioception to be reduced. With age your proprioception can reduce. This can be caused by a number of factors including a decrease in strength and flexibility. As your balance and coordination is reduced your risk of falls increases.

The good news is that physiotherapy can help. We can restore your proprioception, by prescribing specific balance, strengthening and stretching exercises.

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Arrival of an Angel

Dave, Sonia and Bradley Emerson would like to announce the safe arrival of Anahera Kayley Emerson on Saturday 21st February, two weeks ahead of schedule. Anahera weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces and is doing well so far. We would like to sincerely thank our midwife, Glenda Baigent, for all of her help and assistance. She was amazing.



Photo of
Bradley and
Anahera

Departure of Brian

It is with a heavy heart that Tania from Hair Raisers advises the death of Brian the Oscar fish, who was found deceased on Tuesday 10th February.

He is survived by Deirdre, and the Cindys, and will be sorely missed by his family and friends alike.

Aged 8 years old, it is suspected he died of natural causes, and a private service was held for him last month.

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Waimea Plunket Playgroup

The merged Brightwater Community Playgroup and Wakefield Plunket Playgroup began the new year with a great start. The newly named Waimea Plunket Playgroup started our 2015 sessions with many old and new families attending each Wednesday. We are enjoying watching our children play with old/new friends and all the old/new toys available at our new venue at the Brightwater Community Anglican Church Creche, 68 Waimea West Rd, Brightwater.

The children get a tasty morning tea to enjoy whilst the mums, dads, grandparents and caregivers are getting together over a cuppa and our 'grown up' morning tea (often berry muffins!). Some kids play alongside the adults, or play with other children and parents using the inside dress-ups, books, blocks, puzzles and other activities available. Pretend tea parties and shops have been very popular recently. Outside, the playhouse, swings, slide, ride-ons, balls, sandpit, and water play are just as enthusiastically enjoyed. It is great watching the kids swing on the swings, either in the single or the double barrel swing where two children can swing together whilst chatting away together too.

The under two area for the little ones is set up away from the bigger children's play area, both to make it safer and to allow parents to interact with them whilst playing. These help to enhance their fine and large motor skills and also encourages younger children to interact with each other through their growing communication skills.

With our new name and venue we have a new time. We are now running between 9-12 noon. Come along and meet other parents/caregivers in a relaxing environment.

Any enquires please contact Wendy 5419272 – 027 6949 720

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Growing Things

Water and mulch

by Jenni Komarovsky

As I write this, there is rain in the air at last, after a couple of extremely dry months, soaring temperatures, and consequent water restrictions. I don't water a lot, partly due to taps situated in awkward places that make watering difficult, compounded by laziness on my part. I think that my veggies would have perished had it not been for my secret weapon – mulch.

I've seen mulch used in three different ways:

1. To make the garden look pretty. This is often used as a quick fix in tidy landscaping – spray poison around liberally to kill the weeds and then cover it with small chips of bark. After a while this starts disintegrating and migrating out of its enclosure into paths and driveways, and of course weeds learn to grow in it eventually! So I'm not a huge fan of it; I'd much rather cover ground with greenery of some kind.
2. Sheet mulch for reclaiming lawn for veggie beds. I've done this with layers of cardboard to suppress the growth of whatever is underneath, often covered by other organic material. It's a good, cheap way to reclaim areas for growing, but relies on getting the mulch thick enough to be a good barrier. However it's a longer term solution and can look ugly for a while.
3. Suppressing weeds and holding moisture around plants. I bought a few bales of pea straw in October and placed it liberally in new beds on top of cardboard around veggies, herbs and a lemon tree. We stacked it at least 15cm thick after heavy rain. A month or so after that we moved into first stage water restrictions as we hadn't had enough rain to replenish the wells and rivers that supply our water. I wanted to plant a few seedlings and I dug hopefully down through the pea straw and semi-rotted cardboard into the soil below – to find that it was still damp to a depth of about 5cm. Amazing! The local birds also made good use of the straw by stealing lots of it for their nests!

I see that bales of straw are starting to appear at the garden centres and co-ops now. Time to replenish my stocks of my secret weapon.

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Wakefield School News

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TERROR SLIDE

"We'll be back in an hour," called Dad as we rushed out the door. Me and Dad were going on a bike ride up Ben Nevis. "Don't be late back or you'll miss dinner," Mum replied.

As we climbed into Dad's blue work car, I mentioned, "Every time I go out with you we always end up in a bad position." "You volunteered," he laughed. "I know I did," I replied. "Cheer up" said Dad.

When we reached the top of Ben Nevis, it was quite cold. "I'll send Mum a message to say that we're at the top, you get the helmets out and I'll get the bikes", said Dad. We noticed that the phone was almost flat so we decided to keep it off the whole way down, this should save the battery in case we needed it later.

We jumped on our bikes and set off down the bumpy track. The track was winding with lots of swerves in it. We were swishing through the beautiful bush and flying down the track almost out of control when Dad came to a sudden halt. "There's a drop," said Dad in a worried voice.

"Is it big?" I asked. "No its just medium, but it's rocky and really steep," he answered. "Then we should push our bikes down and ride the next bit of the track that's after it," I suggested to Dad. "Good idea," he replied.

Dad helped me push my bike down the drop. We set off again and it became more and more rocky. I was starting to feel frustrated, I didn't want to walk, we were here to ride. "I think we're going to have to push our bikes down," said Dad as we slowly rode over the rocky track. "Why can't we just push our bikes back up, its only ten minutes?" I asked. "Because we won't be able to push the bikes up that drop, its too steep," he explained.

As we dismounted our bikes some pigs came running across the track! "We don't want to stay up here too long, we will annoy those pigs and its getting dark." Dad joked. He went on to suggest that that we might end up being their tea, I didn't think that was funny.

As we stumbled along the track it got windier and windier. "Its cold up here, I wish I had never come on this bike ride." I moaned. I decided to get back on my bike, I leant over the seat ready to jump off if I needed to. I bounced over few rocks before I slammed my brakes on and went straight over the handlebars. "OWWW!" was all you heard from me until we reached the bottom of the hill.

I had a deep cut on the inside of my wrist caused by the brake, we didn't have any plasters with us so I just had to deal with it. As we reached the bottom of the track I saw a sign. It read, "TERROR SLIDE- UP TWO HOURS". Thank goodness we came down instead of going up.

A little bit further on we reached the road that led back up to the top of Ben Nevis. That track was really easy because it was flat. We rode for about five minutes to the end of the track then got the motorbike out of the bush and hid our bikes in the bush instead. We'd hidden the motorbike there on the way up so that when we got to the bottom we could ride back up to the top on the motorbike. According to dad this plan was definitely going to work. But it didn't. We got on the tiny black and white motorbike and started riding up the hill. It was extremely steep and had little crevices in it so the wheel kept on getting stuck. It got dark. I turned on the torch on the iphone, "One percent that's not good. I'll do it until the batteries run out," I decided.

We carried on up the hill until suddenly, the bike ran out of petrol. Dad started pushing. Just as I was thinking that the night couldn't get any worse, it did! The light on the phone went off! Now we were stuck in the dark, we had no light and the motorbike wouldn't work. This was a disaster, the worst one I had ever experienced with Dad, and we have had some pretty scary trips together, in fact I often think we're not going to make it home.

But finally, after hours of walking and tripping along the rough track in the dimming light we made it to the van. We were exhausted.

What was mum going to say!

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Wakefield School News

Wakefield School students visited by a pirate!

Students in Matai teams at Wakefield School could not believe their eyes when they looked out the window one day earlier this term and saw a pirate wandering the grounds with his treasure chest. We understand he was looking for somewhere suitable to bury his treasure. When approached the pirate took the time to share the contents of his treasure chest with the students and explain how he came to be wandering our grounds.

Teachers and students are now excited and interested in finding out more about pirates.

Watch this space for further developments.

Some students were not too sure about the pirate.

David got to open the treasure chest.



Wakefield Country Players

Junior Country Players brings children's drama to Wakefield

Do you have a child between 6 and 10 years old who has a vivid imagination, enjoys playing with words and loves stories? Do you want your child to be expressive, confident and out-going? If it's 'yes' to any of the above then consider enrolling your child in the Junior Country Players – a new and exciting drama opportunity for Wakefield kids.

The Wakefield Country Players has a long tradition of fostering young talent through a junior group and are pleased to revive this fine tradition through the initiative of John Amosa - Wakefield resident, dad and theatre enthusiast.

John's aim is simple; to allow kids to have fun, gain confidence and learn to express themselves through drama and creative play.

Using his experience in theatre John will let children's imaginations run free while teaching them to act, speak and move with purpose and self-control. All children love to talk like a pirate, walk like an alien, scare like a zombie or swim like a shark. At Junior Country Players they'll do all these and more.

John Amosa is confident the Junior Country Players will foster the talents of our own homegrown Olivers and Artful Dodgers and in six months or so you could see your child performing in this fabulous and entertaining show.

If that sounds good to you then enroll your child now in the Junior Country Players and 'Consider Yourself One of Us'!

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Wakefield Playcentre

by Amby Cowe

Wakefield Playcentre is well into Term One now and it has been fantastic to meet a lot of new families who have joined us recently. We know how lucky we are to be in a friendly, close-knit community knowing that most of the children and parents who meet at Playcentre can continue relationships for many more years as the children go through school together.

Wendy and Abbey have been bringing new baby Braxtyn to sessions. Braxtyn may be the youngest child to join Playcentre, he visited and was enrolled at Wakefield Playcentre at one day old!

The tamariki are all very interested in babies and we were lucky enough to have Braxtyn's midwife check him at the centre, explaining everything she was doing as she prodded, turned, listened to and weighed him.

This term the new entrance class from Wakefield School will be visiting us, this is always very exciting for the Playcentre children as they get to play with old friends and begin new friendships with children they will be joining on the other side of the fence one day. Wakefield Playcentre is open weekday mornings from 9am – 12pm.



New families with children aged 0 – 5yrs are welcome to show up at anytime during open hours and can have three free visits to give Playcentre a go or phone 541 8866 to find out more.

Fight 4 Victory

The Titan of Tasman

by Richard Malcolm

Eight... nine... ten. Ding, ding, ding "It's all over, Mike Tyson has knocked out another opponent with his exceptional speed and power!" This is one of my vivid memories, from when I was allowed to watch, of boxing in my early teens. Boxing was looked upon as rather a tuggish and unnecessary sport in my family, but it has always held a primal and combative fascination for me.

My name is Richard Malcolm. I am a member of Wakefield Football Club, the Chair of Wakefield Recreation Reserve Management Committee for the TDC, and an active member of Focus Wakefield. I know I have an extremely competitive personality, so when the opportunity arose to step into the ring and represent Tasman, with someone whom I already considered an opponent of mine, I just couldn't resist taking up the challenge.

Fight 4 Victory is an amateur corporate boxing event being held at Saxton Stadium on April 4th. The aim is to raise funds to enable Victory Boxing to run it's very successful youth programmes. Having now seen what they do first hand, I feel extremely privileged and proud to be able to do my little bit to help this organisation. The programmes they run really do help to change participants lives for the better, often in profound ways. Who would have thought that participation in a sport, where the main aim is to score points by punching the opponent in the head, could help at risk youths learn real respect, patience, commitment, community spirit and belonging, manners and how to make healthy choices? But that is exactly what some of their kids learn and it enables them to feel a sense of self-worth and pride. Really good stuff!!

So my part in all this is to step into the ring and hopefully entertain a few thousand people whilst trying not to get a hiding! I must admit I'm not thinking about getting hit (although I am taking my fair share of punches in the sparring training), but rather to focus and be motivated by just how well I can hit "him". Tim Skinner, NCC Councillor, FC Nelson (football) player, and all round nice guy, is my opponent. He stands at 195cm (to my 180cm) and weighs in at 88kg (to my 84kg) so he has the advantage of size. Although I may be lacking in size, I certainly don't lack in determination. I take it very seriously that I am here to represent Tasman and I'm putting in all my efforts to ready myself for the challenge ahead. I hope I can muster the support of my region and ask that any financial contribution that you can make is greatly appreciated for a very worthy cause.

So... sorry Tim, you're going down, as the "Titan of Tasman" is coming to town!

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Wakefield Apple Fair

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The Apple Fair is Wakefield's signature event in Nelson's Heritage Week, a free family fun day to be held at Willow Bank, a delightful historical village on SH6 just 1 km south of Wakefield.

Willow Bank is both the home and brainchild of Christine Grieder, who has transformed her property into a mini Founder's Park, featuring historic buildings, fascinating collections of memorabilia, farm animals and quirky delights to appeal to all ages.

Christine is thrilled to open her home to the community. "I get so much pleasure from creating each new building and collection, now I want Wakefield to enjoy it too."

Partnered by Focus Wakefield, the Apple Fair has a special harvest purpose: bring along your own apples (or help yourself to free fruit onsite) and turn them into juice with the help of a team of enthusiasts and a concoction of vintage and modern apple presses.

Event organizer, Sylvia Huxtable, says the Apple Fair is all about community and fun. "We want people to get involved, have a go at operating a vintage apple press, enjoy some yummy food, explore the historic village, chill out with music and celebrate harvest time."



Children are not overlooked, with games and activities for the young – and young at heart.

Organisers encourage community groups to use the Apple Fair as their own fundraiser, so if your group wants to run a stall or other activity on the day, contact Sylvia, Ph 541 9762.



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Born and raised in Christchurch, I followed in my father's footsteps. He had been a painter in Christchurch for many years, and I served my painting and wallpapering apprenticeship under him. It was a great way to learn, but as a young man I was keen to indulge in my other passions – hunting and fishing! After five years of painting and decorating apprenticeship, I went on deer recovery on helicopters around Hanmer Springs, the Lewis Pass and the back country of Hanmer. Enjoying fishing, I then headed to Goose Bay, Kaikoura, where I bought a boat with a friend. We enjoyed ten years commercial fishing, and I continued painting and decorating alongside our fishing business. As my children became ready for college, my family and I moved to Nelson for them to continue their education.

We settled in Stoke, where I set up my own successful painting and decorating business. Over the years I employed up to fifteen men, responding to the ebb and flow of the market and my contracts. I have trained three apprentices at different times, each of whom have gone on to own their own businesses. My work has taken me all over the Nelson and Tasman districts, to sprawling commercial offices as well as small beachside baches.

Fifteen years ago, following the sudden death of my first wife, I moved to Wakefield to live on the same property as my daughter and her family. From the first moment, I loved the village atmosphere, and I would not consider moving elsewhere. I regularly travel to the Marlborough Sounds for fishing trips, and I occasionally do painting and decorating work there too. But Wakefield is my home. It is also where I met my lovely second wife Carol. She has lived in the district for eighteen years, and the community atmosphere is very important to her, too.

I have painted or decorated quite a few houses in the village at some time or other, and most of my work comes from referrals. After so many years, there are many tricks of the trade that I'm happy to pass on to my clients. Whether these are money savers or time savers, my advice and my work are always in demand, and it's good to be able to work close to home.

The best part of my job is being self-employed and meeting my own stringent standards. The only bad part of my line of business is painting the exterior of a house when it starts to rain! One of my greatest pleasures is that my career has now come full circle, and I am teaching my grandson the trade. I wonder how my father would feel if he could see us 'keeping it in the family', teaching the trade to his great-grandson?

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Wakefield Welcomes

by Caraline Dyson

Wakefield Welcomes... Malcolm and Jan Parkes. The couple have recently made the move to our village after falling in love with the area back in 2012. Their daughter Sue and son-in-law Tom live off Eighty Eight Valley, and Malcolm and Jan liked it here so much, they decided they should stop being summer visitors and make a permanent move themselves.

Although being close to their family was a real incentive, the sense of community spirit and helpful, friendly people are what truly encouraged Malcom and Jan to move here from Cornwall, in the south of England. Put simply, they say "Wakefield is a happy village" and they should know. Originally from Hull in Yorkshire (another place the locals call 'God's Own'), the couple say our community has welcomed them and confirmed everything they suspected as visitors.

The retired pair live on Totara View Road, and along with their shared interests, they have many individual hobbies and pastimes too. Jan particularly enjoys arts and crafts, whilst Malcolm is a longstanding rugby and cricket fan who loves good food. As a keen golfer, you may see Malcolm at Totaradale, or you could even bump into them both at Wakefield Villa Tearooms. Be sure to say hello!



Wakefield Book Club

by Sheila Kennard

Wakefield Book Group meets once a month on a Tuesday morning to discuss a book over coffee and something tasty. We are part of the Book Discussion Scheme, which supplies us with ten books a year from their extensive catalogue. Each book makes way for lively discussion, a variety of views and often quite a large discrepancy as to how much the book was liked or disliked. I think I can safely say that we have all discovered the delights of new authors, as well as tackled books that we might otherwise have put down if they were not book club ones. Our knowledge of trials and tribulations faced by many throughout the world makes us appreciate the wonderful environment we are privileged to live in.

The book this month was Perla by Carolina De Roberts, it is set in Argentina, and tells of the Dirty War that took place between 1975 – 83. During this time many people were tortured and disappeared, meeting brutal deaths at the hands of the military regime. Perla, a young woman, is an unexpected victim as she discovers that her birth parents were among the disappeared, and were not the military couple that had raised her. Perla's voyage of discovery is at time harrowing and the author successfully carries the reader along. The horrors of that time are portrayed well and we all acquired new knowledge – although we are not always quite sure we want it!

At present we do have vacancies and would welcome new members. If you enjoy lively discussion and social contact on a "Book a month" basis then please contact either Mahala White - 541 8933 or Sheila Kennard – 541 8860 for more information.

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Wakefield Scouting Group

Top of the South Founders Camp 2015

Gilbert Lodge, Wairoa Gorge

Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd February

Celebrating the birthday of Scouts' founder – Robert Baden Powell

What an eventful weekend. Around 250 youth and leaders from the eight Nelson scout groups as well as some Brownies from Stoke and some Scouts from Marlborough, converged at Gilbert Lodge up the Wairoa Gorge for a weekend of fun and activities.

The Wakefield Venturers did a fantastic job of kitchen duties and dishing out the food as well as helping in other areas during the camp under the wonderful guidance of Sarah, their leader. The cubs and scouts were put into patrols for the activities and the Keas (around 50 youth and adults) joined in on the Saturday taking the total to over 300 on site for the day. Some highlights were the abseiling tower, the flying fox, the kai cooker hangi and the Mr Whippy van along with the many other activities devoted leaders and parents put on for the youths.

Here is what some of the youths had to say:

"The Venturer (Sp) Explained was awesome because we rode bicycles down the river. I enjoyed the shooting at the Senior Scout activity. I also got to meet the Jamboree Patrol who I will be spending time with in the future lead up to Jamboree". Amelia Law. Amelia attended as a senior scout from Wakefield and is also part of the Jamboree Patrol for the upcoming 2016/17 Jamboree which is to be held in Marlborough.

"Each year I always like the water slide. We are able to race each other going down and I was able to stay on the slide but Ethan slid off on a tube. My Patrol was made up of Scouts and Cubs from different areas so I made some new friends. The activities are fun and challenging". Sam Law.

Sam attended as a scout. He and other scouts from Wakefield are currently raising funds for a trip to Wellington, learning all sorts of organizational skills along the way.



No it's not the Daleks from Dr Who, it's Oliver Burke in the Sumo Wrestling activity with an opponent.

Cameron Wakefield (Cub) about to climb the Abseiling Tower



"I liked ball tag in kayaks – that was challenging, I was good at getting away at speed in my kayak. I also liked the sumo wrestling in tyre tubes and the ice cream from Mr Whippy". Oliver Burke Oliver attended as a Cub. This is his second year of camping for the whole weekend with everyone as when he was a Kea, they could only come for the day.



Conrad McKenna (Kea) having a go at Twister after his turn on the Flying Fox. The Keas were able to choose activities from the games bin to break the time of waiting in line.



Having fun with the Kayaks.



A group of Keas on the Inflatable Slide.

Bridie McCrae (Cub) at the Car Smashing activity.



Wakefield Bowling Club

by Tony Eames

The February Tournament sponsored by Total Oil Services was won by the Wakefield team of Chris Longman, Arnold Mason & Harry Beckers. The next Tournament on Wed 18 March is sponsored by Colour Plus, Richmond; please feel free call in & see how it goes.

Club Championships have now all been completed with the latest winners being:
Men's Veteran Pairs - Stu Peterson & Tony Eames.
Men's Open Singles - Tony Eames.
Men's Open Pairs - Tony Eames & Mark Connor.

Club Champions now play off against the other clubs in the Nelson Centre Champion of Champions events during March & April. We wish them all well in these competitions.

Fundraiser. We are still collecting scrap metal for the Club – "any old iron", TV aerials, car batteries, whiteware, old wire, etc. We will help clear out your sheds & yards. Please contact Trevor on 5418855.

Community bowls has finished for this summer but if anyone would like to come down & have a go sometime please contact Tony on 5418316 or call in at the club rooms. Summer season continues until the end of April & all are welcome.

Check out our website
<http://www.sportsground.co.nz/wakefieldbowls/>



Wakefield bowlers win West Coast Tournament. Wakefield residents (from L to R) Barbara McGregor, Yvonne Closey and Margaret Eames with Moana Cross from Motueka won the West Coast Women's Annual Tournament against 44 teams from around the South Island.

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Members:
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Historic Transport Museum Trust
Rover Car Club, Nelson
Nelson Vintage Engine & Machinery Club Inc
Army Group Centre Inc
Andrew, The Boy Who collection of cars and speedway motor cycles

Programme of Events:

31st Jan - 1st Feb Nelson Vintage Engine & Machinery Club Show. Heritage Club, 40 year plus event, approx 12-30

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Sunday 1st March Pigeon Valley Steam Museum "Gastrop" - Organized Fundraising Fair for the H.C. being organized by our neighbour, G.T. B. from there will be stalls and things for sale, and all sorts of fun, as well as the Museum open and fully operating. Entrance free (or large donation to the H.C.) with the show, many gifts for sale from the world of cars.

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Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th March Historic Transport Museum Show. All things transport related from the 1800s to the present day.

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Sunday 5th Apr "Gastrop" - Tractor engine, steam machinery, general entry. Also cars, buses, trailers

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Sunday 5th May "Last Steam Day" - The only day to track back, usually with some entertainment and more.

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Community Notices

MAINLY MUSIC

Now meeting at Wakefield St Johns Anglican Worship Centre
Starting back Monday 9 Feb, 10.00am.
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Any queries please phone Wendy Milson 544-5494.



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For more information contact:
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Held every Wednesday morning at the
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Waimea West Road, Brightwater
starting 28th January, 9.30am to 11.30am

Everyone welcome to attend for a cuppa,
morning tea and a chat. No charge.

WAKEFIELD TENNIS CLUB

Junior Tennis

Starts Friday 13th February.
Contact Ngaire 0272799938
Register online
www.caldertennis.co.nz

Adult Tennis

Social Doubles
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All welcome some rackets available
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\$20 or \$2 each week.
email Phill@drpotatoehead.net

Come along and have some fun!!

WAKEFIELD FOOD GROUP

Wednesday, 11 March 1pm-3pm

This Month: SUSHI!!!

Bring any sushi equipment you have, and fillings.
Suggested fillings: nori (dry seaweed) cucumber, avocado, carrot, salmon, crabmeat, tuna, pickled ginger or anything else you'd like to try (any three).
Rice and vinegar supplied. BinInn good source.

We meet every second Wednesday of the month, during school terms@ Anglican church kitchen in
Worship Centre, for a fun, informative food session.
Please join us.

WAKEFIELD MARKET DAY

Saturday 14th March 8am to 12pm

Come for some March madness we have got some great deals going .

There is great array of plants to put in grown locally.
Good range of magazines to help with ideas to do in the autumn,
best time to plant.

Books for cozy time out.
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BBQ

If you would like a site RING Jean 5418154

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Guiding Co-ordinator
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Helen Pullan 541 8058

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Alan Palmer 027 319 7427

Rural Ramblers
Carolyn Mason 541 9200

Spring Grove Drill Hall
C. Pike 542 3904

Totaradale Golf Club
Jacquie 541 8030

Wakefield Anglican Church – St Johns
Meet Sun 9.00am; 10.30am
Rev. Allan Wasley 541 8883

Wakefield Brownies
Veronique Law 541 9190
nvaslaw@gmail.com

Wakefield Community Library
Wendy Gibbs 541 8490
Pam Dick 541 8392
Hours - Tues 10.30 -11.30am
Friday - 2.30 - 4pm
Excluding Public Holidays

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Wakefield Pharmacy
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Wakefield Playcentre
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Wakefield School
Edward Street 541 8332

Wakefield Scout Group
Angela Burke 541 9223

Wakefield Toy Library
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Junior Country Players
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St Joseph's Catholic Church
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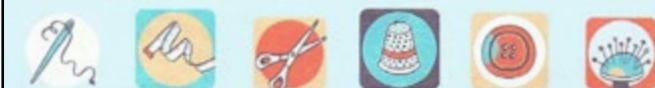
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Caroline Gibbs 541 8491

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