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Your Local News

Community News for the Wakefield Area

150 YEARS OF THE SPRING GROVE CHURCH OF CHRIST

By Margaret Clark

The Spring Grove Church of Christ celebrated 150 years on 19 and 20 March. 'God is Faithful' was the weekend theme.

With about 150 people from around New Zealand, plus some from Australia, we all heard stories and memories of what happened over the years. Entertaining us with music for the afternoon was the Watt family from Christchurch along with our own musicians Angela and Cynthia Wratt.

After a cake cutting ceremony in the afternoon by one of our older members, Dos Dick, supported by Merv and Jean Elwood, all had the opportunity to ride the horse and cart (thanks to Karen Peters) which reminded us of travel to church in the early years when the church was first established. Dos declared it was a great fun ride around the paddock. Yes that's how our pioneers travelled to church in a horse and cart or they walked or cycled coming from around the district.

Displays showed photos of the past, changes in the buildings over the years, some weddings held there, pioneers who influenced the community, past ministers, families who were involved over the generations, plus photos of the centennial celebration in 1966. Many remembered that event.

Past ministers and wives were gathered together for a photo in front of the church. Present for this were; Valerie Kirby (now in Wanganui) who ministered with husband Brian 1972 -1974 then to Wai-iti, Graeme and Ann Ritchie (Perth Australia) 1999-2004, last minister for the present church, Becky and Jack Stuart (Christchurch). Jack grew up in Wakefield and became a Christian at Spring Grove who after ministry training in Australia came back as an Associate Pastor in 1982-1984. After that he went with a youth mission to Hong Kong and on return helped plan the Chinese Church in Christchurch where he continues as the Senior Pastor there. Also present were Gavin and Lynette Cole (Stoke).

After a meal on the Saturday night we laughed and talked about how God had influenced our lives through activities we had been involved in at the church. Boys Brigade, Sunday School, youth group camps, womens groups etc and the various missions that had been held, a lot of people present had a story to tell. The first church organ was also brought out of retirement and a good sing song was enjoyed.

The Sunday was our normal worship and communion service with our special theme, God is faithful. Doug White led the service with some old well known hymns plus some current ones along with some items. A message of greeting came from the Pastor in 1966 Bill Curwood via video. We then enjoyed hearing Pastor Jack Stuart who brought us a challenge for the future.

After lunch and more talking people declared it had been a great time where memories were revived. God has been faithful over the years and it was good to be reminded of that.

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Wakefield Indoor Bowls

by Alan Eden

The Club wound up a successful winter of bowls at the Wakefield Hotel last September.

The meal was enjoyed by all present, and was followed by the presentation of trophies. Our president Annette did the honors and also presented a life membership badge to Clive Johnston who has given great service over the years by way of coaching, obtaining sponsorship and other duties.

During the season two tournaments were held with members from Dovedale and other clubs participating. Members who had success with bowls over the season were Annette and Peter, winning the two/four/two pairs, and Clive once again taking the Mens Singles at club and centre level, where he played his grandson in the final to win the Championship Trophy.

The Club Champions were:

Grooby Cup Pairs:	Max Palmer, Wayne Harding
Papps Cup, Drawn Fours:	Clive Johnston, Alan Eden, Ian Eyles, Gordan Hope
Junior Singles:	Wayne Harding
Open Singles:	Annette Ross
Ladies Singles:	Annette Ross
Mens Singles:	Clive Johnston
Bonnington Cup, Drawn Pairs:	Clive Johnston, Bruce Jermyn
Champion Triples:	Clive Johnston, Max Palmer, Wayne Harding
Champion Fours:	Clive Johnston, Alan Eden, Ian Lines, Ren Olykan

Our new season starts on Tuesday the 5th April at 7.15pm. The club runs weekly until the 20th September. The social players meet on Monday afternoons at 1pm, with a starting date of Monday 18th April.

The Wakefield Hall is always heated to a comfortable 23°C during winter and we would like to invite anyone interested to come along and have a go.

The contact person for any further information is Ren Olykan on 5418275.



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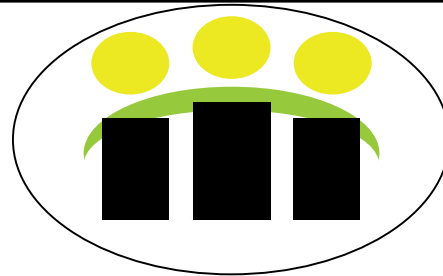
Would your loved ones know what's important to you, if you became unwell unexpectedly?

April 16 is 'Conversations That Count' Day and we are encouraging Wakefield residents of all ages to think about what matters to them in terms of their future healthcare, and to share their thoughts both with their loved ones, and with their healthcare providers.

Patients over 65 coming for their Flu Vaccine will be offered some take home information which they can use to complete an Advanced Care Plan.

This is an opportunity to make sure you have a say in your ongoing healthcare, whatever the future holds.

Ask your doctor or nurse about Advanced Care Plans. These useful documents record what matters to you, as well as what treatments you would and would not want.



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They are often used to guide management when a person is unable to express their wishes because of unexpected illness or injury, ensuring that person is able to keep control over their own health and removing uncertainty for their loved ones.

Where Have All the Shepherds Gone?

by Colin Gibbs

From midday Friday 15th April and continuing Saturday 16th April, the Waimea Sheep Dog Trial Club will stage its 95th Dog Trials at its usual grounds of Norm Johnston and Peter Brown's in Higgins Road, Wakefield. But will the Club make its 100 year mark – the membership is aging and young members are not coming along.

Our club over the years has been the founding grounds for many Provincial and National competitors – none more so than the late Phil Gibbs and a current title holder Ean Herbert.

Sheep dogs have been the backbone of sheep and cattle farming in New Zealand. Their companionship, knowledge, skills and dedicated work to please their masters has long been recognised. Where would we be without the dogs help?

New Zealand is a very diverse product producing country with Nelson region being at the forefront of diversification. Our hop industry for instance, is found nowhere else in New Zealand.

Anyway, a back to the pastoral industry sector where our sheep numbers have plummeted downwards from 60 million to 28/29 million which is less than half of what it used to be only a few years ago.

This also means less musterers (shepherds) and farm workers for that sector. Dairying has been a growth sector and does not need as many dogs as the cows will come free-will (except for the stragglers) to be milked every day or twice daily. I haven't seen a cow dog herding competition yet!

So if you think you could challenge the dog, sheep and yourself to the task of competition come and have a go or if you would like to see others compete Saturday would be your best day as there will be at least three events happening.

There is a dog entry fee to compete but viewing entry is free.

All dogs arriving at grounds must have been dosed for hydatids/sheep measles within the last 30 days and/or if it is the first time dosed at least 48 hours before arriving at the grounds and you will need to produce evidence of your dog's dosing certificate. We ask that this be strictly enforced as the diseases must be eradicated.

It would be wonderful to have support from the local community and perhaps enjoy a cup of tea with ladies in the food booth or stop on your way past while on the cycle trail. Our dog trials require access along the cycle way so please take care.

For more information please contact Colin Gibbs, Secretary Waimea Sheep Dog Trial Club – phone 5418435 or email: gibbs@ts.co.nz.



Wakefield Physio - Health & Wellbeing

WHAT IS A GOOD POSTURE, AND HOW DOES HAVING A 'BAD' POSTURE AFFECT ME?

by Kate West, Physiotherapist (BPhy) at Wakefield Physio

Your spine is a complex structure that is responsible for a range of important functions. It is made up of numerous vertebrae stacked on top of each other forming an 'S' shape.

Having a good posture means maintaining this shape as best as possible.

Good posture consists of an upright stature, with shoulders back, your stomach 'sucked' in and your bottom tucked in.

Here are a couple of tips to help encourage good posture:

- Stand with your back against a wall. Are the back of your shoulders touching the wall? If not then squeeze your shoulder blades together to move your shoulders closer to the wall. Be careful not to stick your neck out to achieve this. If you are finding this difficult then you may need to stretch your chest muscles.
- Ergonomics are important for your computer set up. Poor placement of the monitor or keyboard will encourage poor posture.
- When driving try to keep your shoulders back and your chin tucked in. Ensure that you can feel shoulder contact with your seat back. You may need to adjust the seat position to achieve this.
- When sitting it is easy to 'slouch'. Have a think about your posture when you sit on the sofa or when eating a meal. You may need to change to a firmer or more upright chair, or place a pillow behind the small of your back to maintain your lower back shape.
- While you are focusing on your shoulders try to also think about your stomach muscles. Think about bringing your tummy button towards your spine while you keep breathing normally. Hold this for five seconds and then relax. Repeat again several times.

As soon as you change the shape of your spine, your muscles and ligaments have to work harder. These structures are designed to work most effectively when your spine maintains this 'S' shape. If this shape is not kept, your muscles get overworked, causing pain.

Prolonged 'poor' posture can cause muscle groups to tighten or lengthen which in turn will affect how other joints function (for example your shoulder joint).

Next month we will look at some simple strengthening and stretching exercises to help your posture. Correcting your posture takes patience and perseverance.

Make the change and you will feel better, have more relaxed muscles and you may even get a little taller!



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The Way We Were

“Mr Ellis Came”

Prepared for the Waimea South Historical Society by Roger Batt

A selection of diary entries of a young farming lad chosen by his son Paul Eden.

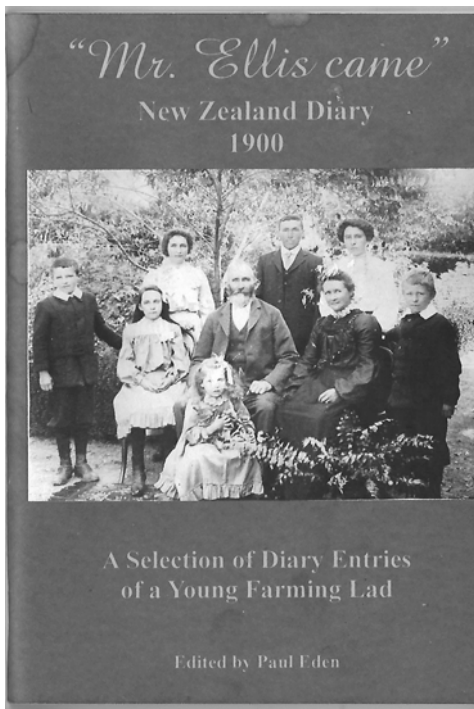
In January 1900, Alf Eden began to keep a diary. He was just 15, due to turn 16 on the 10th April, the son of Thomas Eden who with his brother Robert had emigrated from Yorkshire in 1855.

They both took up land in the Mt Heslington/Bridge Valley area where Thomas established a hop garden. He was a hard worker and used to hang a lantern on the plough at night in order to finish work. His wife Marion (Minnie) (nee Hastilow) had also kept a diary which detailed her early life in New Zealand. This may have been an impetus for Alf to begin detailing the daily events of his life.

His son Paul explains that the diary began the year after he left school and went to work full-time on his father's farm. It is notable for one major omission. Most diaries contain the thoughts and feelings of the writer. This does not. It is solely a record of facts and events from notes on the weather and snow on Ben Nevis to a man suddenly dying of (it was thought) bubonic plague in Auckland.

In between, “Father bought 25 acres of land off Mr Ross in Pigeon Valley” and “then Mr Ellis came”—the music teacher whose visits (as well as his absences) once a week are faithfully recorded, forming a continual running “musical” theme. But there is never a mention of the musical pieces he was learning or how he felt about them.

Still, despite this, we are given a picture of the full and busy life of a young teenager whose activities range from shooting rabbits and felling poplar trees to driving his Aunt Mary and mother to Wakefield to get the babies vaccinated.



June 25 MONDAY 176-189 1900

Mr. Ellis came. A frost. I was digging in the garden all day. I drove Father & Mr. A. Kitching down to the 12.30 train in Mr. Sharp's trap leaving it as I came back, also sent a telegram down to Mr. Pettit about the hops. The Bubonic Plague (116) is supposed to be in Auckland, a man died suddenly. Father bought 25 acres of land off Mr. Ross, Pigeon Valley.

1 SUNDAY 182-183
3rd Sunday after Trinity

A wet day. Snowed on Ben Nevis. I went to Sunday School in the morning & to Grannies to tinner. Uncle Jim came over in the afternoon.

July 2 MONDAY 183-182 1900

Mr. Ellis came. Cold & dull in the morning. We went up to Pigeon Valley to the place we lately bought to stump a piece of round for ploughing. Mr. J. Rice came to help us in the afternoon. Father went over the river with E. Baigent to see the land that side & to have a shoot.

24 SATURDAY 83-282

We finished stacking poles early in the morning. It threatened with rain all day. In the afternoon Uncle Jim, Father & I went pigeon shooting in Bottle Creek (Wairoa Gorge) & got 3 pigeons, I shot 2 & Father 1, we also got 2 fishes & 2 ducks which Uncle Jim shot.

25 SUNDAY 84-281
4th Sunday in Lent—Annunciation—Lady Day

We all went to Sunday School in the a.m. Miss B. Baigent who is going to teach the Maoris (Missionary Work) was presented with a gold brooch by the children. In the p.m. Father & Mother & the little ones went up to H. Parkes. I & Rob went over to Uncle Jim's & May & Hilda went to Aunt Alice's.

March 26 MONDAY 85-280 1900

Father paid E. Andrews for pole pulling. Mother had a large wash. Father & I carted the manure from the cow yard on to the hop garden in the morning. In the afternoon we went down to Mr. J. Fowler's and got 2 loads of straw from the stack which Father bought from him for 6/-, to put in the cow yard. Mr. Ellis came in the evening & Father paid him for the last quarter. May wrote to Grannie in Blenheim.

8 SUNDAY 189-176
4th Sunday after Trinity

A frost. Went to S. School in the morning & to Grannie's to dinner & to Uncle Jim's to tea.

July 9 MONDAY 190-175 1900

Mr. Ellis came. A frosty morning. Uncle Will drove Mother and Aunt Mary to Wakefield. I went up to Pigeon Valley in the dray, Father took the Spring-Cart. Mr. J. Rice helped us.

11 WEDNESDAY 192-173

Marriage. A frost. Miss L. Martin to Mr. H. Griffith. We were working at Pigeon Valley, J. Price helping us. Went to the tinketting (117) at night. Father went over to Uncle Jim's in the evening.

July 16 MONDAY 197-168 1900

Mr. Ellis came. ... I drove the children to school. We went shooting in the afternoon & got 4 rabbits ... Baby bad with cold ...

30 FRIDAY 89-276

A dull day. I was digging in the garden in the morning & went grubbing black berries etc on the road in the afternoon. J. Masters went past here with the young horse we lent him in the cart. The threshing machine went over to Uncle Jim's this evening. In tonight's mail, General Joubert (118) was reported dead of internal complaint.

1 SUNDAY 91-274
5th Sunday in Lent

I rode up to Wakefield & went to church in the morning, also went to Sunday School in the afternoon. May & Doris also went. In the evening Mother & the children went over to Aunt Alice's.

April 2 MONDAY 92-273 1900

We went threshing at Uncle J. Eden's all day, they also threshed 7 sacks of oats for us, Uncle Jim has 92 sacks of barley. Mr. Ellis came in the evening. Had a letter from Grandmother (Hastilow). Mr. Tunnickliff's machine is going to Wakapuaka from Uncle Jim's. Had news of General Joubert's death.

He does not seem to have been alone a great deal – there are many relations, neighbours and locals mentioned in his daily entries. Even without the emotion we get a sense of his growing maturity in farming skills. Early on he mentions that “Father killed a sheep today.”

On 27th December he records: “Went up to Pigeon Valley and put some more wires on the fence round the potatoes to keep back the sheep. Killed a sheep in the afternoon.”

A year later he was helping to load horses on to boats in Nelson for the Boer War. By then he had become an accurate shot with a .303 rifle. As a member of the Wanderers Cricket Club he became a specialist bowler. Later, in 1913, he assisted in the formation of the Wakefield Citizens Band.

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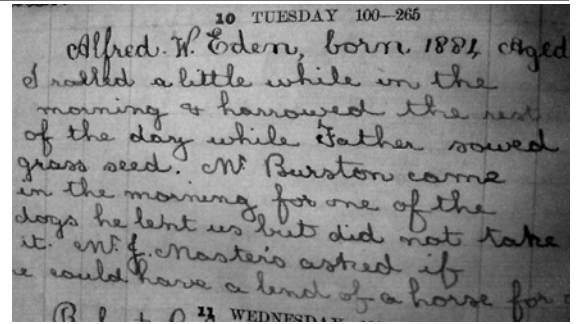
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1900 19 THURSDAY 200-165 July
A Frost.
We were ploughing & clearing at Pigeon Valley.
J. Price did not come.
Mr. Fairey came with waist-coat & War Number.

22 SUNDAY 203-162
6th Sunday after Trinity
May & I went to Church in the morning to hear the new minister Mr. Lucas from Dunedin & went to S. School in the afternoon after staying at Grannie's to dinner.

July 23 MONDAY 204-161 1900
Mr. Ellis came.
We were ploughing & clearing at Pigeon Valley all day.

25 WEDNESDAY 206-159
I went down to Mr. F. Green's on horseback to see if we could have the drill, Father went down for it in the afternoon... Father pickled the oats. I dug 30 hills in the afternoon. Father went up to the Maori entertainment at Wakefield.

29 SUNDAY 210-155
7th Sunday after Trinity
We went to S. School in the a.m. Mather, Father & the girls went to Wakefield, Mather went to church & the rest to Pigeon Valley to the farm. I went over to Uncle Jim's.

July-August 30 MONDAY 211-154 1900
Mr. Ellis wrote a note to say he had a bad face & would not come... We killed a pig...

31 TUESDAY 212-153
The Duke of Edinburgh (18) died. Had news of the assassination of the King of Italy. (19)
... I rode down to J. Palmer's for some salt.

1 WEDNESDAY 213-152
We had first lamb.
I wrote a post-card to J. Hale for some trees & one to Mr. Gembethky about the piano lamp...
... Had news of the result of the Exam! At the Wakefield School. May passed the 6th Standard. Hilda the 5th, Doris the 2nd. Rob failed in the 1st. J. Eden & J. Hyde came in evening.

August 6 MONDAY 218-147 1900
Mr. Ellis came with a new piece for May.
A wet day. I made a box for the pigeons to lay in.
Father dug a ditch near the fence on Uncle Wm.
Ground to stop the water from coming over the ploughing. Planted some fruit trees.

7 TUESDAY 219-146
Rained early in the a.m. We cut out the apple trees in the morning also dug in the hop-garden under the stacks of poles. Father went up to Wakefield to play cards.
Mrs. Price (David) died of influenza on Monday.

12 SUNDAY 224-141
9th Sunday after Trinity
Father & I went over to Uncle Jim's in the a.m.
We went to children's service in the afternoon.
Uncle Jim came over to tea.

August 13 MONDAY 225-140 1900
Mr. Ellis came.
... Father killed a sheep.
Mat came for a horse (Topsy).

19 SUNDAY 231-134
10th Sunday after Trinity
Rained at night. Mather & I went to church & brought Grannie back to dinner. H. Parkes & Ann Edie came down also to dinner. I drove Grandmother back at Night.

August 20 MONDAY 232-133 1900
Mr. Ellis came.
Foggy morning. We went up to Pigeon Valley taking the dray & Spring-cart, planting willows & dragging small trees into the river. Took Grandmother a load rough wood in the p.m.

24 FRIDAY 236-129
We went up to Mr. Wells for straw, with 2 horses in the cart, going by Mr. J. Coles. Sent bills to E. Baigent & Jones for disc harrows (10/-).

26 SUNDAY 238-127
11th Sunday after Trinity
Hilda, Doris & I went to Church in the a.m.
Went to S. School in the afternoon and also went to Grannie's. May Powick was down there.

Postal Service

Here is a short statement from New Zealand Post about the delivery changes.

New Zealand Post will be delivering mail every second day in Wakefield and Brightwater from 1 April 2016.

The delivery change has already been made in larger centres around the country including Nelson and is now being rolled out to smaller towns.

In Wakefield, delivery days will be Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and in Brightwater, delivery days will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Urgent courier packages will still be delivered overnight.

New Zealand Post says the change will not affect its delivery targets, which for standard mail is three working days.

A flyer will be delivered to affected households and businesses to let them know about the change.

Delivery every other day will be introduced in other towns in the Tasman and Nelson area over the coming year.

New Zealand Post is going a little early in Wakefield and Brightwater because one person is picking up the delivery contracts for both towns, and it made sense to make the change now.

This does not affect people on Rural Delivery, or PO Box holders; these services remain unchanged.

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17. Tinkettling.

A surprise celebration - An old Australian and New Zealand custom of banging tin pots & kettles together, and/or throwing them up onto the roof, of a newly wed couple, (or someone newly into their home) by friends and neighbours in order to give them a rousing welcome into their new home. It may occur later at night after the couple have gone to bed. The 'Tinkettlers' usually bring with them food to share for supper with the surprised couple.





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Town and Country Talk

by Brenda Halliwell

TUMMY UPSETS

Pets are just as vulnerable to tummy upsets as people are, in fact probably more vulnerable due to their often poor food choices! It is an every day event in the vet clinic to see pets with vomiting and/or diarrhoea. Often we don't know the cause but when their diet can include anything from pet food through to bones, plants, compost, dead animals and poo, it's not surprising the digestive system sometimes struggles!

The main concern with vomiting and diarrhoea is dehydration, especially in very young and old animals. Although diarrhoea is unpleasant, it is not always an urgent reason to rush to the vet, as long as your pet is still able to eat and drink.

Acute vomiting ie several vomits over a few hours is also not necessarily urgent. However we should see your pet if vomiting continues and they are unable to keep food and water down.

There are several steps you can take at home to help your pet through a tummy upset and to avoid dehydration:

- Remove food for 6-8 hours and if vomiting ceases you can introduce small meals of chicken/fish and boiled rice for a few days. Then gradually reintroduce your pet's normal food over a further few days mixing into the lighter diet.
- Give frequent small amounts of electrolyte such as Vytrate, or water, but withhold for a few hours if vomiting continues.
- If vomiting/diarrhoea are frequent and/or persistent and/or your pet seems lethargic, call the clinic for a checkup.
- There are many causes of vomiting and diarrhoea. Often our examination and the details you give us provide enough information to treat your pet. Otherwise further tests such as blood samples, faecal samples, xray and ultrasound may be necessary.

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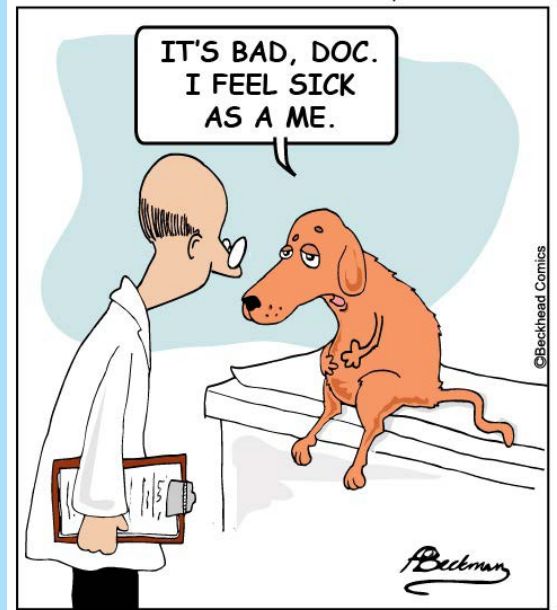
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DRAWING CONCLUSIONS By Paul Beckman



Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade

Last month I said things were quietening down for us which was great but in the last 30 days it has been very busy for the brigade as you can see the call out list below this article. There has been a huge variety of calls that make our job interesting but we have to train regularly so we can manage the variety of tasks that are asked of us to do and to do the tasks safely.

John Ross, or JR as he is known by most people, has now been appointed Senior Station Officer as this position became vacant after Peter Holland became Deputy Chief Fire Officer last month.

I know that we have had a good hot summer this year but winter will be here soon so it will be a good time to clean your chimney prior to you lighting your first fire.

Call outs for March
MVA = Motor Vehicle Accident
PFA = Private Fire Alarm

- Vegetation Fire Pigeon Valley
- MVA car vs car Kohatu
- Flooding, burst water mains Brightwater
- Vegetation fire Wai-iti
- PFA Rotoiti Lodge
- Farm rescue Tapawera
- MVA car vs car opposite Appleton Nursery
- PFA Taylor's Contracting Brightwater
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Network Tasman Trust

THE "PROPOSED" DEREGULATION OF THE NETWORK TASMAN TRUST "Our Lines Company"



Do you realise that the majority of you are actually shareholders of the Network Tasman Trust, which is a consumer trust which owns electricity supplier Network Tasman?

If you receive the Christmas bonus from the Network Tasman Trust then you are in effect a consumer/shareholder.

Prior to Christmas this year the Network Tasman Trust advertised via regional newspapers and their trust website that they wished to make minor changes to their Trust Deed.

However this was not just about minor changes. How fortunate we all were that one particular Trustee went public to let us all know that the issue on the table at this time was also about deregulating the Network Tasman Trust.

Yet at no point prior to the submission hearings held on the 18th December 2015 had Network Tasman Trust advised all of its consumer/shareholder base that this was in fact to take place and had publicly used the excuse that they did not have the means at their disposal to inform each and every consumer.

Excuse me, yet they send out each year a Christmas bonus, via post! So the facilities are definitely in place for keeping everyone informed of any changes to the status of the Trust.

It was quite obvious to me that the initial consultation process was not transparent and greatly obscured the company's planned deregulation agenda.

59 of 62 public submissions opposed changing the deed and many of these submitters decried a lack of proper consultation and the potential for lines charge increases and it was also pointed out that independent reports assessing the deed changes were not made available until the day before public consultation closed, again short changing consumers' information.

As the trustees of the Network Tasman Trust now need to "run" this process again and hopefully advertise their intentions, correctly and through many media outlets, then you need to be informed, put in a submission to oppose deregulation. This is your company SAVE IT.

Why allow yet another company to deregulate with the possibility of offshore ownership?

Promises by the Trustees that deregulation will not in any way affect our lines charges, our bonus or the local ownership of this company owned by us, is flawed. Promises in this instance can be spit in the wind, unless fully implemented as part of the Trust Deed governing the companies operating policies.

Doug South Concerned Consumer & Shareholder

Message of Thanks

Caroline Gibbs, Stuart, Bruce and families, wish to express their sincere appreciation for the many gifts and support they have received during Donald's illness and subsequent death.

In particular, the support from the Wakefield Bowling Club, who allowed him to play when he felt up to it, and supported him when he did not.

Also the members of St. John's Church, who never failed with help, both practically and prayerfully when needed.

The local District Nurses and the staff at the Wakefield Health Centre have been second to none whenever more professional help was needed, particularly in the last few weeks of Donald's life.

We are all so fortunate to live in a community such as Wakefield, where people still care and look out for each other. Long may it last.

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Pinegrove Kindergarten

Pinegrove Kindergarten's Annual Trike-a-thon

by Leanne Rodman

Each year Pinegrove Kindergarten holds a trike-a-thon fundraiser. It is always very popular with kindergarten families, and this year was no exception. This year's event took place in wonderful weather on Thursday 17th March. Fifty families attended and we raised more than \$1000 for our children, who were sponsored for biking, triking and scooting around our two specially arranged courses. We also had a number of delicious raffle prizes, donated by kindergarten families and local businesses. Our Family Liaison Group organised a sausage sizzle and Harte Distribution kindly sold milkshakes. We have already purchased new picnic tables for kai time, and we will also be able to buy other new equipment from the proceeds.

In the build up to the event we had a number of important visitors at kindergarten. Jim from Village Cycles came and talked to the children about bike safety. Our local postie Jacqui talked to the children about riding her bike around the village. Finally, Peter Carmody from Nelson Police brought his traffic car to show the children, complete with flashing lights and sirens!

The children decorated their trikes and bikes ready for the big day, and it was great to see the pride the children took in taking part. Everyone was rewarded with a certificate and a special medal. Some of the younger children have even mastered new wheels from all their preparation for our event.

We would like to thank our amazing children for taking part, our great kindergarten families for getting involved, our staff and FLG team who put in so much time and effort, plus all the wider members of our community who made it such a success.

Pictured: Pinegrove children Saffron Dyson and Carson McNatty-Morton.

Pinegrove Kindergarten is situated on Charlotte Lane in Brightwater.

We are open 08:15-14:30 Monday to Friday.

If you are considering early childhood education options, please call in and see why we're still so popular with Wakefield and Brightwater families.

Contact us on 03 542 3447 or pinegrovekindergarten@xtra.co.nz



Livewell Staywell

by Margaret Clark

"Live well Stay well" group recommencing on Tuesday morning April 5th with a coffee hit at Chateau Rhubarbe, 9.45am.

"Live well Stay well" is a health and social group which meets fortnightly in the Wakefield or Brightwater area. All interested are welcome to attend especially if you are new to the area. We are recommencing for 2016 on:

April 5 with a coffee hit at the "Chateau Rhubarb" in Wakefield 9.45am, followed by a walk somewhere for the energetic.

April 19, visit to Willowbank Historic Village on State Highway 6 (about one km past Wakefield village on the left). Meet outside gate at 10am. Cost \$2. We will have coffee plus time to browse around the village for a while.

May 3, coffee time again at Wakefield Bakery 9.45am followed by a local walk somewhere.

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Reflections From a Reader

by Sheila Gaelic, Paraparaumu

Thank you so much for the February edition now on line. Two articles stirred many memories for me and so I would like to comment on them if I may. The first is regarding the continuing story about the building which was sawn apart and which I have followed with delight. I wonder what people today would make of such a carry-on!

From the age of five to about seven years of age I lived up Pigeon Valley and walked each day to school with my friend Beth Burnett, who lived next door. One day, on our way home from school we happened to see lying on the ground, under a big electrical transformer, which was in front of the Wakefield Hotel, a shiny half crown (2/6 or 25cents). We couldn't believe our eyes and had probably never been in possession of such a large sum of money in our lives! We then started planning just how we were going to spend it, not even giving a thought as to who might have lost the coin, and decided to go to Mrs Walsh's sweet shop and ask for the largest ice cream she sold, which turned out to be a sixpenny (5c) one!

As we sauntered along Edward Street licking our delicious treats we started to feel a bit guilty and as we were left with a one shilling and a sixpenny coin, began arguing as to which of us would have the larger or smaller coin. We tried to appease our guilt by suggesting we should each put it into our National Savings boxes, being war years, but we couldn't come to an agreement so in the end - threw the money over a fence alongside Hoopers Store further along the road! We did go back to look for it some years later but it was nowhere to be found!!

As well as the confectionery shop the article mentioned tearooms, which I also remember when a couple by the name of Bennington (I think) ran them and I used to get some work there during college holidays. The worst task I had there was making the lamingtons and having to dip them in liquid chocolate then into the coconut! Yuk! I also attended Girls Brigade in the band room and started to learn piano in the same rooms.

The second article was about the photographs of the elephants in Wakefield and the sight of them I remember well!

My father, Bill Palmer, for some time ran a small greengrocery business from a light van in the district. This was prior to him joining the staff at Hodgsons Store. Each week, I think, he would drive into Stoke and Nelson to pick up produce from market gardens to sell and I would go with him.

It must have been about 1937/38 as I was definitely pre-school age. This particular morning we had just driven through Brightwater and up Burkes Bank and there on the top of the bank was a group of people herding along these two elephants!! To a small child it was an absolutely astounding sight as I had never seen such huge animals in all my life, being used to cows, pigs and cats only!

After spending most of the day in Nelson we set off home again and just as we were driving up to the Pigeon Valley Bridge, what should we see but these same two elephants having a dip in the Wai-iti River! There was to be a circus in Wakefield, which didn't mean much to me, but I recall my father telling me some years later that he was saddened because my parents could not afford to take me to see it.

So you see, the circus had come to town and someone had the foresight to take photographs of some of the animals.

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Wakefield Gardening Group

by Diana Gabric

Since living in Wakefield I have come across a number of people who carry out permaculture and organic practises in their gardens. I thought it would be fun to get a group together of these like-minded gardeners to meet up - perhaps once a month - in an informal setting.

We could socialise and also discuss any burning issues related to our gardens and the world in general! It would be a chance to share knowledge and expertise plus hopefully encourage anyone else who is thinking of changing their style of growing but unsure of how to start to come along.

There was an article in last years Window on Wakefield explaining permaculture but I will define it again to refresh the memory. It is a combination of the words permanent agriculture and coined in the 1970's by Bill Mollison who is the founder of this philosophy. It means the conscious design and maintenance of agriculturally productive ecosystems that have the diversity and resilience of natural ecosystems. So, working with nature rather than against it. Organics, "food forests" and biodynamics also fall under this umbrella.

So anyone interested please phone Iain and Diana on 541 8950 (evenings are best) and we will organise a meeting sometime in April - most likely on a Wednesday or Thursday evening.

A Matter of Accounts

LOOKING BACK - REPORTING AND REVIEWING

by Sonia Emerson, Chartered Accountant, BBus

At the least, most businesses will prepare financial reports [or have them prepared on their behalf] for their business annually in order to complete the income tax returns. This may consist of a number of reports such as:

Profit & Loss Report [or Statement of Financial Performance]

This basically shows the income and expenses for the business for the period which may be annually, quarterly or monthly. If prepared for management purposes, it is often shown compared to budget and/or last year. If the report is prepared for tax purposes, it is generally just shown with comparative figures for last year. The purpose of this report is basically to show whether the business made a profit or loss for the period shown.

Balance Sheet [or Statement of Financial Position]

Unlike the Profit & Loss Report, the Balance Sheet is a summary of the financial balances at a set point in time ie the end of the year, quarter or month. It shows all assets of the business which forms one side of the equation. On the other side of the equation are the liabilities or monies owed to people and the equity, money that the owner has invested in the business. In simple terms, the assets must equal the total of the liabilities and equity.

Fixed Asset Register

This lists the assets of the business that are "not consumed" in the usual course of business and have a useful life of more than one year.

If you only look back at your results once a year, here are a few questions to ask yourself:

- How were your results against your target for this year?
- Are you happy with the results for this year?
- How accurate are the results for this year?
- What can you learn from this year to improve next year's results?

As a minimum you should look at your results annually but it is definitely more valuable to review your progress on at least a quarterly basis. Twelve months can be a long time in business if there is something wrong and you wait that long to identify and fix it.

It can be difficult to find the time to consider these issues when you are busy running a business, but a small amount of time spent looking at this information now can pay big dividends to your results next year, but only if you analyse the information and use it to make your future decisions.

Here are a few 'key issues' you need to consider, and get control of:

Compare Results: Most businesses have lots of transactions happening and it can be difficult to keep track of it all. By having a budget ie something to compare actual results against, you have a regular procedure for checking income and costs are on track. You can see very quickly if margins are slipping, find out why and take corrective action. You could also compare results against last year to identify trends or if you have the information available, benchmark against others in the industry or region.

Identify Over-spending: If you don't have something to compare against you may not find out until way after the financial year that you have over-spent on some items.

If every business owner/manager spent a little time reviewing the Profit and Loss and all expenses, it is possible they could find unnecessary spending, sometimes thousands of dollars each month.

Monitoring the differences between your actual figures and budgets/last year will help you to identify the cause of the variation so you can take corrective action before it becomes a major problem. It also helps you to better understand the information [and your business] and therefore be able to fine tune your skills so you prepare more accurate budgets next year.



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Wakefield Playcentre

by Liz Ashburner

It has been a busy month for Wakefield Playcentre. Our most recent planning meeting resulted in some great ideas from our kids and parents of different outings or activities they would like to try.

Wheels Day was a great example of child-led learning. The children enjoyed decorating their bikes and trikes and talk soon turned to bike licences – what would it take to get a licence and what would they look like? It was clear that some of the children knew about driving licences and this was an opportunity to take something from the wider world and make it relevant for them.

The kids decided that they could earn their licence by completing an obstacle course, which was duly set up in the car park. They then decided that a licence should have a photo so supervisor Wendy took a photo of each child and the following week they were proudly presented with their very own Playcentre Bike Licences.



Shylah's suggestion for a pyjama day was taken up wholeheartedly by both parents and children. The rain meant it was the perfect day to stay inside the centre with milo and pjs. A huge batch of pancakes were made (and quickly devoured) by the children.

Baking as a group offers so many benefits for children – they learn about measurements, counting and sequences as well as the social skills of taking turns, waiting patiently and communication.

Also this month, we have continued our links with Wakefield School with a visit from Matai Piwakawaka, the new entrants' class. The older kids loved the chance to explore all the great activities on offer at Playcentre and our younger children were excited to have an injection of so much energy as well as the opportunity to play with some old friends.



Over the next few weeks we will be venturing out into the community with a teddy bear's picnic in Faulkner's Bush and a trip to Natureland.



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Some food for thought...

SECURITY CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to see how secure your property is.

THE RURAL CHECKLIST

Your Rural Community

- Have you exchanged phone numbers with your neighbours and discussed how you can alert and assist each other?
- Have you completed your Important Contacts List included in this guide?
- Is there a rural support group in your area that you can be a part of? If not, can you help create one?

Perimeter

- Is your property number or Rural Address Property Identification displayed at the front of your premises?
- Are your boundary fences and gates in good condition and secure?
- Are trees and bushes cut back where possible to reduce the opportunity for offenders to be unseen?

Buildings

- Are your external doors to buildings maintained and fitted with locks?
- Are your external windows maintained and secure?
- Are your sheds, storage areas and outbuildings regularly secured?
- Are keys for buildings and agricultural equipment secured out of view?

Security Tools

- Is there an alarm fitted to any appropriate buildings or sheds?
- Is there sufficient exterior lighting around your farm buildings and outbuildings?

Tools & Equipment

- Is your property identifiable and recorded (includes household effects to farm machinery) e.g. serial numbers marked or engraved? For more information on serial number identification see www.snap.org.nz
- Are your tools, machinery and equipment placed in a secure area following use?
- Is your shearing equipment and machinery stored away securely following use?
- Are your grain, hay and seed bins locked away when not in use?
- Are chemicals, fertilisers and other dangerous goods stored in locked areas?
- Are fuel tanks clipped, secured and locked to restrict tampering and theft?

Animals

- Can you lock stockyard gates and loading ramps?
- Do you maintain records of your livestock including sales, purchases, earmarks and ear tags?

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- Are firearms secured, and is storage compliant with the requirements of the Arms Act? For more information see www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms

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Hints from Beaver Creek

by Merv and Trish

Hint One: Cancer, Blackcurrant and Emu Oil

This month dear readers, we shall touch upon a couple more personal tales.

Back in 2010 I was diagnosed with breast cancer - not one of my best days! However, we trojaned on through two lots of surgery, six months of chemo and eight weeks of radiotherapy. Everything is going swimmingly now but I just thought I would share a couple of pearls of wisdom in case it helps others.

Firstly, I am a great believer in anti-oxidants in food being powerfully healthy. Therefore I bucked the advice of not taking supplements during chemo and took heaps of top quality supplements full of vitamins, minerals and anti-oxidants. I do believe this helped me get through the chemo with minimal vomiting and nausea.

Secondly, about 1.5 years after the end of the chemo I was still feeling lethargic, weak and tired easily. At this time Merv (my husband) started taking the Blackcurrant Powder for his high blood pressure (to very good effect) and knowing it was full of anti-oxidants I decided to start putting it on my breakfast in the morning too. Well blow me down with a feather, after three weeks I was doing a full day's work and had a bounce in my step again. I was finally starting to feel 'normal' like I was before the chemo. Not sure what the powder did but I presume it supplied something I was missing and I haven't looked back since.

Thirdly, during the radiotherapy treatment on the breast I was advised by the radiographers to use aqueous cream after each treatment to reduce burning of the skin. I was keen to use emu oil (you will see why below) but the nurses would have none of it. Being stubborn I persisted and when I saw the radiographer himself I asked him if I could use emu oil instead. "Sure" he said, "I'll be interested to see how it goes." So I did.

Results; no burning at all - zip, and the radiology department were very impressed. So why the emu oil?

Well long story short, my darling husband Merv has a tendency to grab the limelight occasionally and some years ago he did just that by trying to blow himself to smithereens in a gas explosion which burnt his house to the ground in Nayland Road Stoke. Some of you might remember it in the papers. He was badly burnt and spent the initial days in Nelson Hospital. However, he was far from happy with the method of treatment of his burns and discharged himself to a motel room.

A day or two later a man turned up with emu oil and encouraged Merv to use it on his burns. Merv told him to "bugger off." However, later that day in excruciating pain he rubbed some on his cracked and weeping hands and fell asleep. When he woke and used his hands to get up off the chair, the skin on his hands didn't crack open like they had previously. Encouraged by this, he slathered himself in the oil diligently and several days later in a tepid shower all the burnt skin melted off like cobwebs, revealing the new fresh skin underneath. Not only did he not have any scars at all but the pain of the skin cracking, and taking/peeling dressings off all the time was avoided.

Emu oil certainly made a huge difference to him and he is very, very grateful! If you decide to give emu oil a go, always get the pure emu oil, not a cream which is oil diluted into an aqueous cream.

Hint Two: Chook Red Mite

Summer is the time for Red Mite terrorising the hens. If you have a bad infestation it can kill your chooks through anaemia - too much blood sucked out by the little blighters. No point treating the hens as the mites live in the hen house in cracks, under litter and under perches and can travel up to 200m apparently!



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We have tried all sorts of products over the years, some very nasty indeed. However, the greenest and one of the most effective has been the following mixture; one part cheap vegetable cooking oil, one part cheap dishwashing detergent, two parts water. Shake all around and paint onto affected areas. This kills them dead and seems to have a residual effect for a while.

Diatomaceous earth sprinkled around is a good preventative but not a fabulous killer and the shrub Wormwood is a wonderful deterrent. We chop up leaves and twiglets and spread in nest boxes and on the floor when we put new litter down, and put leaves under the ends of the perches and this seems to stop the mites travelling along the perch.

Quote of the month: "Argue for your limitations and sure enough they're yours."
Richard Bach.

Children's Learning & Development

Mother's Day

by Nurture@Home

With Mother's Day coming up we thought it was a good opportunity to celebrate mothers and women everywhere. We wanted to share this poem, Phenomenal Women, written by Maya Angelou, an American author, poet, and civil rights activist. We hope you like it and take a moment this Mother's Day (and every day) to consider how phenomenal you are.

Phenomenal Woman by Maya Angelou

Pretty women wonder where my secret lies.
I'm not cute or built to suit a fashion model's size
But when I start to tell them,
They think I'm telling lies.
I say,
It's in the reach of my arms,
The span of my hips,
The stride of my step,
The curl of my lips.
I'm a woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That's me.


I walk into a room
Just as cool as you please,
And to a man,
The fellows stand or
Fall down on their knees.
Then they swarm around me,
A hive of honey bees.
I say,
It's the fire in my eyes,
And the flash of my teeth,
The swing in my waist,
And the joy in my feet.
I'm a woman
Phenomenally.

Phenomenal woman,
That's me.


Men themselves have wondered
What they see in me.
They try so much
But they can't touch
My inner mystery.
When I try to show them,
They say they still can't see.
I say,
It's in the arch of my back,
The sun of my smile,
The ride of my breasts,
The grace of my style.
I'm a woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That's me.

Now you understand
Just why my head's not bowed.
I don't shout or jump about
Or have to talk real loud.
When you see me passing,
It ought to make you proud.
I say,
It's in the click of my heels,
The bend of my hair,
The palm of my hand,
The need for my care.
'Cause I'm a woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That's me.

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MAY WE RAISE THEM.



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Wakefield Keas

The kea section of Scouts in Nelson have been very busy. For the first time, keas (5-8 year olds) were allowed to camp overnight with parents at the Top of the South Founders Camp (TOTS), our annual camp for all sections and all groups in the Nelson region.

Three keas and their mums from Wakefield took the opportunity to stay overnight and really enjoyed the experience of sharing a tent with their parent and being better included in the zone camp.

The keas participated in some of the activities the older sections did such as learning first aid, making knotted bracelets, having a go at the low ropes course, and building a bivvy. They also had activities just for them. We even had some cubs and scouts wanting to join in when they saw the lightsabers and jedi capes the keas had.

This term the Wakefield Keas have been very busy helping their Beaver Scout friends around the world to celebrate their 30th birthday by making over fifty postcards to send overseas to them. And each week they receive more new ones from the Beavers along with a nice collection of badges to go on our kea campfire blanket.

We also took part in Bikewise 2016 and headed out on our bikes for a big ride around Wakefield Village. The kea's all had a blast and also learnt a lot about road safety and earned their Road Safety Badge over our two week Bikewise plan.

For Easter week we had our great Easter Egg Hunt! So all the kea's went off around the den and Faulkner Bush on their hunt to find the egg clues. Upon returning to the den they got a big surprise when our mascot Koa Kea was running around the outside of the den with all the Easter eggs! Thanks Koa for visiting us!!

The next Zone Kea event is the Kea Sleepover in April where we will be staying at the Marahau Outdoor Education Centre and the activities will include a night walk into the start of the Abel Tasman track. We have 14 keas from Wakefield so far signed up for that.

If you would like more information about Wakefield Scout Group, please email wsg4kids@gmail.com for enquiries for all sections.

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Wakefield Cubs

Quinney's Bush Cub Camp 2016

Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th, Wakefield Cubs had such an awesome camp at Quinney's Bush. We had most of the cubs attend and even some parents and families as well. The cubs had heaps of free time on the playground and BMX track. The water slide and flying fox got opened up for us which was a highlight for most. Eel feeding got the kids interested as there were so many eels. Lochie said "The eels were really interesting because they were so big and there were so many of them. Sometimes they would swim over to the jetty and you could pat them." Campfire with FruJu, awesome guitar music by Olly, and swimming in the swimming hole had kids enjoying themselves. Overall such an amazing camp and huge thanks for those who attended.

By Julian Eggers
Cub Leader



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VILLA GROVE ESTATE OLIVE GROVE

by Rachel Costello

Villa Grove Estate is an olive grove situated two kms south of Wakefield on the Wakefield-Kohatu Highway where five hundred olive trees have their roots firmly established in mineral rich Wai-iti River loam.

Owners Rachel and Phil Costello have owned their property since 1978 but began planting olive trees in 1995 with varieties from Israel, Spain, Italy and Greece. The local growing conditions of hot dry summers coupled with extremely cold winters have been quite a challenge with the Tuscan and Greek varieties proving to be their best performers. The Greek cultivar Koroneiki, and Tuscan cultivars, Frantoio and Leccino encapsulate distinctive flavours and with each growing season the characteristics and flavours of the oil can vary.

On tasting the oils pressed each year from these three varieties, Rachel realised the need to hone her tasting skills to achieve a consistency of flavours and style in their bottled olive oil. Blending the three oils can enable the finished product to be more balanced and harmonious on the palate.

In 2002 and 2003 Rachel attended international olive oil tasting programmes in Australia where she learnt about the flavour characteristics of different varieties of olive oils and also how to go about blending to create a consistent product. Organoleptic or sensory assessment is how one interprets or recognises an aroma taken up through our olfactory cell stimuli in the nose and enables us to recognise different flavours through our taste buds on the tongue. There are four components in olive oil which gives it complexity in taste. These are freshness, fruitiness, bitterness and pepperiness. The tasting process is intensive which ensures that there are no faults in the oil that can be caused by poor quality fruit or poor handling of the oil during processing, bottling or storage.

The determination that an oil has no faults is by chemical analysis and a sample tasted by a trained tasting (Organoleptic) panel which ensures a quality product. This is overseen by the industry governing body, OlivesNZ. To be of Extra Virgin status the olive oil has to be within certain chemical parameters, has no taste faults and is the premium grade. Rachel is also one of six NZ olive oil judges and has taken part on judging panels throughout NZ over the past 10 years.

For Villa Grove, harvesting begins in late May with the olives shaken off the branches into mats spread under the trees and then put into crates. Each variety is picked separately and processed at a local olive press, stored separately in tanks until tasted and assessed. The blend is then bottled into two sizes, 250mls and 500mls. Two infused oils are also produced with the addition of lime and lemon pure citrus oils added to their Leccino olive oil and also bottled into 250mls.

All products can be bought at Kete in Mapua. Local markets are supported including Wakefield Craft Fair, Hidden Sculpture Garden Christmas Fair and this year The Apple Fair.

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CALTEX

Wakefield Bowling Club

by Tony Eames

The March tournament sponsored by Tall Poppy Real Estate thanks to Wendy Pearson was won by the home team of Stu Peterson, Don Sixtus and Les McJarrow.

The Wakefield team of Stu Peterson, Kevin Galvin, Peter Sisterson and Tony Eames won the regional Men's Fours Midweek Interclub for the Whitwell Trophy completing the double having won the equivalent early season Interclub Miller trophy. It won all six games in section play to qualify for the final against Takaka which won the other section. Another Wakefield team came second in the other section missing out on an all Wakefield final by one point; various players contributed to that team over the six weeks play including John van der Laan, Gordon Hope, Graham Burrows, Ivan Burrows, Trevor Woodbury, Harry Beckers, Don Sixtus and Les McJarrow.

In recent Nelson Centre Champion of Champion events:

* Wakefield's Men's Fours Club Champion team of John van der Laan, Don Sixtus, Ron Charles and Harry Beckers made the final, finishing runner up to a strong Motueka team.

* Women's Four of Margaret Eames, Linda Sisterson, Chris Evans and Di Holland made the semi final having beaten a strong Stoke team but losing to Barbara McGregor's United team.

* In the Vet Pairs Stu Peterson and Tony Eames reached the final being runner up to Nelson; Stu made the semi final in the Vet Singles.

* Both the Men's and Women's Junior Pairs champions made the semi finals of their events, Steve Goodfellow/John Oakley for the men and Di Holland/Pam Bonis for the women – great experience for these newer bowlers.

There are more events throughout April with various tournaments, more Champion of Champion events and Wakefield players representing Nelson in the National Intercentre competitions.

We have regular roll ups Monday and Friday afternoons starting 1pm and coaching on Fridays at 11am or by arrangement; please come along if interested.

Phone the Club on 5418566 for further information and please leave a message if you get the answer phone.

Photos:

Top - Men's Fours midweek Interclub winners from left: Tony Eames, Stu Peterson, Peter Sisterson and Kevin Galvin with the Whitwell trophy.

Bottom - March Tournament winners from left: Les McJarrow, Don Sixtus and Stu Peterson.



Ernest Rutherford's Primary School

Roadside historical display Ernest Rutherford's Primary School

Things are happening at the Rutherford Memorial Hall, the friendly venue at Foxhill. The committee has, in the course of the past decade, built upon the legacy of Mark Pullan who oversaw the installation of the toilets, the first and essential upgrade to rejuvenation of the hall. The hall has a capacity of 150 people.

Since then has come a heat pump, phase three power installation, new curtains, and, most recently, the upgrade of the kitchen into a modern preparation space fit for on-site catering.

Behind the scenes, governance has been brought up-to-date with a new set of Association rules and a name change to Rutherford Memorial Hall (Foxhill) Assn Inc., reflecting the relationship of the hall and its management committee to Ernest Lord Rutherford, who began his education in the former school.

The hall is poised to return to being a vital part of its community, once enjoyed in relationship with Foxhill School before it closed in 2002. The hall remains, with potential to become a desirable community space. It has a welcoming and warm, atmosphere. It needs the frills now, repairs of tired wood and drainpipes, a new improved water supply, new paint, in and out, a new ceiling...

But it is useable right now and the committee encourages those looking for an affordable venue for birthdays, reunions, club activities etc to consider the Rutherford Memorial Hall.

And if you are interested in history and community and would like to know more, or join us in our endeavours! Contact Secretary/Treasurer Erica Short about membership at 541 8882 or email rutherfordmemorial.hall@gmail.com. We are holding our AGM on Wednesday April 27 at 7.30 pm at the hall. Any intending member should indicate their interest by the 20th in order to be able to vote at the AGM. Subscription of \$2 payable at the meeting. Just curious? Come on the night as a guest.



This Months Quiz

by Derek Evans

THIS MONTHS QUIZ

1. What did New Zealander B H Gallagher invent in 1930?
2. Who first coined the word "boredom"?
3. Named after the Greek word smell what metal used for ball point nibs is the densest known?
4. What is the length of "90 mile beach"?
5. Name the largest National Park in the UK
6. What have Morse and Captain Cook's ship have in common?
7. What are ungulates?
8. Cats are feline - what are sheep?
9. Name the three tunnels in the film The Great Escape
10. Victoria Pendleton voted UK Sports Journalists' Association's Sportswoman for 2007 and two gold medals at the 2008 UCI Track Cycling World Championships in the sprint, has now changed her profession. What is her present sport?

LAST MONTHS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. What is the meteorological phenomenon "Morning Glory" and where can it be seen?
A funnel cloud of up to 1000 km which travels horizontally at speeds up to 60mph seen in the Gulf of Carpentaria Australia
2. Annie Edson Taylor is famous for what?
The first female to go over Niagra Falls in a barrel
3. Approximately how many buffalo did Buffalo Bill kill?
None he killed bison which live in North America - buffalo live in Asia and Africa.
4. We all know about Caesars death but how did Brutus die?
He committed suicide
5. What common physical characteristic is shared by primates and humans?
Opposable thumb
6. What is a Dik Dik?
The smallest African antelope
7. What is a young possum called?
Pup
8. What was the name of the river that was the scene of The Battle of Blood River against the Zulus?
Ncome
9. What should you be brought in a restaurant if you ordered Bigorneaux?
Winkles (periwinkles)
10. What was the tallest dog recorded in the world?
Zeus, a great Dane who died in 2014

A Walk to the Cross, A Good Friday Event

by Rita Bell

Forty three souls were pleased the sun shone on Good Friday.

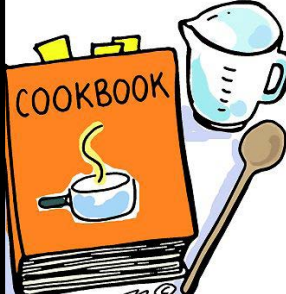
As we clambered up the damp path toward the Cross overlooking Wakefield, we reveled in the sunny day.

Five times we paused for the Bible readings that reminded us of Jesus's agonised prayer in Gethsemane, the three-time betrayal of Jesus by Peter, Pilate's sentencing of Jesus, the crucifixion, and death of Jesus, each stop marked by a barbed wire cross.

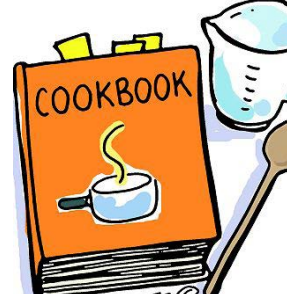
We sang, we prayed, we talked about this pivotal event in history: the amazing so great exchange of our life-destroying sin for Jesus' righteousness.

And then we finished the morning walk with lots of hot cross buns and happy fellowship.





The Wakefield School PTA needs your recipes



We need your recipes.

We are putting together a school/community cookbook. If you have a few favourite or yummy recipes and are happy to share them please either bring a copy to the school office or email to ptawakefield@gmail.com

Recipes need to be in by 1st June 2016
Please note that this could include recipes from a published cookbook

Community Notices



WAIMEA AREA QUILT SHOW

SATURDAY 9TH APRIL &
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10.00AM – 4.00PM Saturday

10.00AM – 3.00PM Sunday

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Help Needed!

Wakefield Toy Library desperately needs new committee members or we will have to close! With the recent resignation of some of our awesome team we need more wonderful people who are willing to give a little time each month to keep this valuable resource in our community.

The time commitment is not huge and the main positions are filled but we still need people who are willing to help out in any way they can. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, to contribute to the community and to learn new skills (or utilise existing ones).

If this sounds like something you could be interested in, please call Liz on 5419453 or pop in to the Toy Library on Edward St.

We are open Saturday mornings 9:30 till 11:30. Thanks!

Do You Have Photos of Historical Interest That You Would Like to See Preserved For the Benefit of Future Generations?

Waimea South Historical Society would be happy to take care of them for you.

They would be housed in the Tasman District Library and become part of our collection.

Like the George Lawrence Collection they would eventually become digitised and available on-line as part of the Kete Website.

If you wanted to keep them but thought they would be of interest to others they could be copied and dealt with in the same way.

Just make contact with our Secretary: Jeanine Price
Phone 03-542- 3033 or e-mail jandwprice@outlook.com

STOLEN FROM GARAGE

White 8HP Johnson outboard motor and petrol tanks stolen from our garage in Arrow Street, Wakefield 21-23 Feb.

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MONTHLY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 2016

Sun 3	10.00 am	Destination Wakefield, various locations
	1.00 pm	Wakefield School/Community Pool Closing Event
Mon 4	10.00 am	Mainly Music, St Johns Worship Centre
Tues 5	9.45 am	Livewell Staywell, Chateau Rhubarbe
	10.30 am	Wakefield Community Library open
	7.00 pm	Indoor Bowls, Wakefield Village Hall
Wed 6	9.00 am	Waimea Plunket Playgroup, B/water Anglican Church
	9.00 am	Wakefield Craft Group, Fire Brigade Supper Room
Thur 7	9.30 am	Wakefield Art Group, Wakefield Village Hall
Fri 8	2.30 pm	Wakefield Community Library open
Sat 9	8.00 am	Wakefield Market Day, Village Green
	9.30 am	Wakefield Community Toy Library open
	10.00 am	Waimea Area Quilt Show, Wakefield School
Mon 11	10.00 am	Mainly Music, St Johns Worship Centre
Tues 12	10.30 am	Wakefield Community Library open
	7.00 pm	Indoor Bowls, Wakefield Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Wakefield Community Council, St Johns Worship Centre
Wed 13	9.00 am	Waimea Plunket Playgroup, B/water Anglican Church
	9.00 am	Wakefield Craft Group, Fire Brigade Supper Room
Thur 14	9.30 am	Wakefield Art Group, Wakefield Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Waimea Area Quilters, Hope School Library
Fri 15	2.30 pm	Wakefield Community Library open
Sat 16	9.30 am	Wakefield Community Toy Library open
Sun 17	12.30 pm	Wakefield Apple Fair, Willowbank Historic Village
Mon 18	1.00 pm	Indoor Bowls, Wakefield Village Hall
Tues 19	10.30 am	Wakefield Community Library open
	7.00 pm	Indoor Bowls, Wakefield Village Hall
Wed 20	9.00 am	Wakefield Craft Group, Fire Brigade Supper Room
Mon 25		ANZAC DAY
Tues 26	10.30 am	Wakefield Community Library open
	2.00 pm	Waimea South Historical Society Mtg, Nelson Museum
	7.00 pm	Indoor Bowls, Wakefield Village Hall
Wed 27	9.00 am	Wakefield Craft Group, Fire Brigade Supper Room
	7.30 pm	Rutherford Memorial Hall AGM
Fri 29	2.30 pm	Wakefield Community Library open
Sat 30	9.30 am	Wakefield Community Toy Library open

MAY 2016

Sun 1	10.00 am	Destination Wakefield, various locations
Mon 2	10.00 am	Mainly Music, St Johns Worship Centre
	1.00 pm	Indoor Bowls, Wakefield Village Hall
Tues 3	10.30 am	Wakefield Community Library open
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Wakefield Craft Group

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH LUNCHES

The community lunches at St. John's Worship Centre will
be the third Thursday of each month. All welcome.

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by Monday evening preceding, if possible, if you wish to
attend.

PLEASE NOTE

Waimea Anglican Budgeting Service: Free Budget Advice
in Richmond, Brightwater, Wakefield and Tapawera.

Local volunteers offering free, friendly advice on personal
budgeting.
Txt 022 020 5565 or ring 5448901

WAKEFIELD MARKET DAY

Saturday 9th April

We are still on great summer hours of
8am to 12 noon

Great to see such a large number of
stalls and variety at the last market

Get along to get some bargains
and support this great market

You name it and you will find it for sure

For sites phone Jean 5418154

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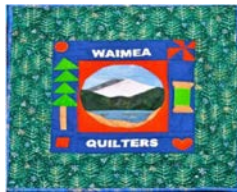
Re-painted lines, nets up ready to go,
for twilight practices and summer fitness.

Managed by Rutherford Memorial
Hall (Foxhill) Assn Inc. for TDC
Erica Short
Secretary/Treasurer 541 8882

WAIMEA PLUNKET PLAYGROUP

The Brightwater Community
Anglican Church,
Waimea West Road, Brightwater

Time: 9.00 – 12.00 noon
Day: Wednesday morning
Cost: FREE



WAIMEA AREA QUILTERS

Our next meeting for 2016 will be on

THURSDAY APRIL 14TH 2016

From 7.30pm – 9.30pm

HOPE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Cnr Paton Rd & Aniseed Valley Rd

Debrief on the Quilt Show – Suggestions etc.

Please bring the following:-

Yourself! Any show and tell items you may have, hand sewing.

New ladies always welcome to our friendly group!

Please contact below for information.

Quilting instruction freely given if you are

new to patchwork and quilting.

Contacts: **Bev on 544 4976, email: bevlen@xtra.co.nz or
Marilyn on 541 8435, email: gibbs@ts.co.nz**

Community Directory

Citizens Advice Bureau
548 2117 - 0800 367 222

Lord Rutherford Memorial Hall Foxhill
Helen Pullan 541 8058

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

Wakefield Football Club
Chris Olaman 027 541 9029
Ian Radcliffe 021 0244 6459

Wakefield Medical Centre
541 8911

Wakefield Pharmacy
5418418
wakefield.pharmacy@paradise.net.nz

Wakefield Playcentre
Contact: 541 8866

Wakefield School
Edward Street 541 8332

Wakefield Scout Group
wsg4kids@gmail.com

Wakefield Toy Library
Saturday 9.30-11.30am
Chris Gaul 541 8148

Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade
DCFO Fritz Buckendahl 027 224 4162

Womens Biz
Genie Bradley 541 9641

Country Players (Drama)
Philip Calder 541 8442

Junior Country Players
Dixie McDonald 541 8862

Nelson Vintage Engine & Machinery Club
Allan 027 319 7427

Pinegrove Kindergarten
03 542 3447

Rural Women
Dawn Batchelor 542 3628

St Joseph's Catholic Church
Sun 8am, Thurs 9.30am
Parish Priest Seth Pijfers 544 8987

Waimea Sheepdog Trial Club
Colin Gibbs 541 8435
gibbs@ts.co.nz

Wakefield Book Group
Mahala White - 541 8933 or
Sheila Kennard - 541 8860

Wakefield Bush Restoration Society
Doug South 541 8980

Wakefield Craft Fair
Leanne and Glen Turner
541 8306

Wakefield Plunket
Donna Todd 541 8583

Wakefield School/ Community Swimming Pool
Phill Platt 027 231 7610

Target Shooting Wakefield
targetshootingwakefield@gmail.com
Secretary : Bev Inwood
5448074 after 7pm evenings

Wakefield Rest Home Ltd
Pauline Coombs Manager 541 8995

Wanderers Sports Club
542 3344

Wakefield Physiotherapy
Kate West 03 541 8911

Window on Wakefield
Advertising - 541 9641
Genie & Lindsay Bradley

Focus Wakefield
focuswakefield@gmail.com

Just Gymnastics
Linda Mace 546 6013

NZ Postcard Society Inc.
Doug South 541 8980

Richmond Lions - Wakefield Rep
Ivan Burrowes 541 9689

Spring Grove Church of Christ
Meet Sundays 10am
541 8011

Top of the South Rural Support Trust -
gibbs@ts.co.nz
Colin Gibbs 541 8435

Waimea Sth Historical Society
Jeannine Price 542 3033

Wakefield Bowling Club
Margaret Eames 541 8316

Wakefield/Brightwater Book Club
Pauline Coy 542 3994
paulinebc@gmail.com

Wakefield Community Council
Sonia Emerson 541 9005

Wakefield Indoor Bowls Club
Ren Olykan 541 8275

Wakefield Preschool
Contact: 541 8086

Wakefield School PTA
ptawakefield@gmail.com

Wakefield Tennis Club
Ngaire Calder 541 9419

Wakefield Village Hall
Rob Merilees 541 8598

St. John's Worship Centre
Nigel Massey 541 8857

Waimea Plains Junior Football Club
Debbie and Grant de Joux
541 8307

Window on Wakefield
Articles & Content - 541 9005
Sonia Emerson

CIVIL DEFENCE - WAKEFIELD AREA COMMUNITY RESPONSE

In the event of an emergency, your first task is to ensure the safety of your own home, family and neighbours. Once you have attended to this, if you have **specialised skills/ equipment**, and/or feel you can assist others; or require assistance yourself, please make your way to the Welfare Centre which will be at the St Johns Worship Centre in Edward Street [unless notified otherwise].

Please note that the existence of a Welfare Centre does not absolve each individual from their **responsibility to be personally prepared**.

You should ensure that you have your own **survival kit** in place, and that you are able to be **fully self sufficient for at least three days**.

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