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Your Local News
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Wakefield School Gala

by Jeanette Mattsen

The Wakefield School PTA, staff and children would like to extend a huge thank you to the community for their support of the Wakefield School Twilight Gala. Thank you to everyone who turned out on the night. We hope you enjoyed this fantastic community event.

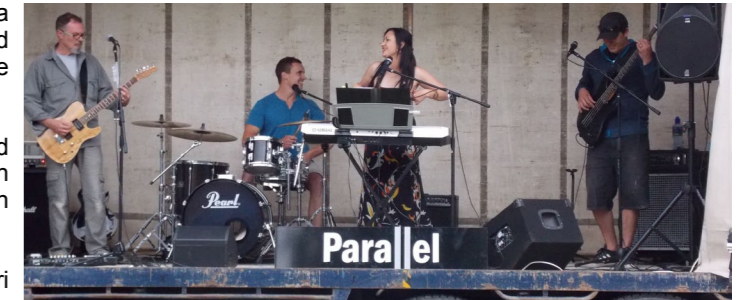
After a worrying weather forecast, the day turned out just fine and the crowds came. There was plenty of entertainment on offer with performances by our school band, jump jam, and a surprise 'Flash Mob' led by our principal.

'Parallel' played to a relaxed audience throughout the evening. Kori the Aquatic Centre penguin visited, and Richmond Zumba as well as our own volunteer fire brigade put on displays. There was a great variety of food on offer including our renowned wild pork and venison as well as some amazing cakes which were entered into the 4 Square Baking Competition.

The stalls were groaning with bargains. The chocolate wheel was spun by 'Mr Wakefield'. The Silent Auction was buzzing and the children's activities provided cute and cuddly animals, crazy hair styles as well as some thrilling rides and frights in the ever-popular haunted house.

Due to the wonderful generosity of families, local community members and businesses, we took over \$33,000!

After costs were finalised, we made a stunning profit of \$29,500 which will purchase a stage for the school hall and some extra items as well. An incredible result for our school.




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Gala Comments from the Children

My favourite thing at the gala was plate smashing. I had three turns and hit plates every time without missing.
 - Johnny M (Rm 8)

At the gala people were chomping pies, chips and hot dogs. I tasted real fruit icecream.
 - Jade K (Rm 7)

At the gala I felt afraid because the haunted house was dark inside.
 - Leah (Rm 7)

At the gala there was a cute fluffy black baby bunny.
 - Jade D (Rm 7)

The gala was awesome. My favourite thing was the motorbike ride because it went really fast and my wheel left the ground.
 - Kelby M (Rm 7)

Thoughts from Room 11...

My Dad's truck was as shiny as a shark. It should be. We cleaned it for hours!
 - Joel

The haunted house was as dark as outer space.
 - Dylan E

The lamas were as cute and fluffy as kittens.
 -Nathan

I loved the the haunted house. Especially when the ghost popped out at me. I wasn't scared at all.
 - Alex

The puppies were as cute as my baby sister, and that is really cute!
 - Milla

My favourite bit was the haunted house. I fell down the trap door and landed on a ghost. Girls were screaming everywhere!
 - Billy

The haunted house was too scary so I didn't go in.
 - Noah

The horses were as brown as chocolate and they felt like happy sunshine
 - Daniel

The bunnies were as cute as kittens.
 - Isabel

The bunnies were as cute as fur balls.
 - Megan

The gala was as cool as a rock star.
 - Kayne

The animals were all as cute as the puppies. The haunted house was as scary as a snake strangling you.
 - Sean



Thoughts from Room 2...

The Wakefield School Gala was amazing. There was lots of entertainment and cool activities, such as plate smashing, horizontal bungee and bouncy castle.
 - Finn and Jed

There were loads of different food options: lollies, sandwiches, pork sandwiches, chips, real fruit ice-cream, bacon sandwiches, candy floss, hotdogs and corn fritters.
 - Fergus and Isaiah

Throwing stones at plates to smash them into little slivers of crockery was really fun to do.
 - Ben

I kept on getting soaked on the horizontal bungee.
 - Ronan

The petting zoo was loaded with different animals, such as possums, lamas, bunnies and puppies.
 - Jessie

The crazy hair was well worth your money and the face painting was brilliant.
 - Kacey

I loved being part of the entertainment. Our school band played seven songs and the audience clapped at the end.
 - Neve

The motorbike ride was awesome. I tossed and turned as the motor bike went up and down.
 - Sarah

It was really fun at the gala. When I did the horizontal bungee jump I was desperate to get the money, but I got tangled in the rope and fell, water soaking through me.
 - Saskia

The fire brigade did a demonstration where they talked about a kitchen fire and explained why you shouldn't add water to an electrical fire. They lit a fire in a pan and put water in it. I could feel the wave of heat on my face as the flames went up.
 - Gian

I liked the bouncy castle because it was fun to race people through the obstacles.
 - Jasper



Wakefield School Gala News & Thank You's

Wakefield School PTA would like to acknowledge all the individuals and businesses for their generous support of the Wakefield School Twilight Gala:

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And a special thank you to everyone who assisted on a stall - staff, parents and community members.



The Twilight Gala
by Kacey McNamara

The twilight gala is an event held annually at Wakefield School to raise money for the benefit of our school. This year, the money raised is going towards buying a new stage as well as other projects.

In the weeks leading up to the gala the PTA committee members were in a rush to make every detail perfect. Many parents were busy baking, cleaning, moving furniture and sorting gala items. The kids at school were also busy making posters and signs, bringing gala items to sell from home and of course making sure their moves for the well organised "flash-mob" were spot on. Mr Verstappen was also practicing his awesome freestyle moves!

On Saturday afternoon children milled around impatiently, waiting for the gala to begin. It started with a mad rush as stalls opened. Then it slowed down and people were able to have a good look. The kids had toys, books and clothes stalls to look at. The parents felt relieved to leave their toddler at the kiddy playground while they too looked at the books and clothes.

The food was delicious for everyone. The hot chips were a big hit with a long queue. There were meat sandwiches, nachos, sausages and scrummy hot dogs with cakes, cupcakes, lollies and ice-cream if you like sweet stuff.

Kids lined up to do the fun activities. They could choose from plate smashing, NBS bouncy castle, petting zoo, crazy hair, horizontal bungee and nail art.

If you just wanted to relax then you could sit on a hay bale and listen to the school's brilliant band and also listen to a band called 'Parallel'. The atmosphere was calm and relaxed as the people that had turned up walked around doing fun things, but the PTA members were in a mad rush collecting the money.

We want to say a big thank you to the PTA for organising such a great event - we all enjoyed it and we have raised about \$30,000. Well done!

Student Leaders Assembly by Saskia Guymer and Tayla Briggs

Year 6s and 5s were rewarded with appreciation and a special Student Leaders badge at their very own Student Leaders Assembly, held at Wakefield School's hall on Monday October 21. Each group was presented by their responsibility supervisor and given their Student Leader badges which are proudly worn each day at school.

The senior responsibilities rewards were given to: Peer Mediators, Road Patrollers, Wet Day Monitors, Student Librarians, Office Messengers, and PE Shed Monitors.

Peer mediators help solve problems around the school and also have a slogan which is: "Don't get mad, get a mediator!"

Road patrollers keep children safe while crossing the road before and after school.

Wet day monitors look after a junior class on a wet day while their teachers have lunch.

The student librarians help put away, issue and find books to help all the students, teachers and staff.

Office messengers deliver envelopes through the post, give out newsletters to classes and empty the office bins.

PE shed monitors give out sports equipment at lunch breaks and go around classes if students have not returned the item they have gotten out.

If you ever see a student/child that is wearing a student leader badge remember to say "Hello!" and remind them about how good of a job they are doing around the school.



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You are welcome to come on over to Mapua to make up classes you miss, there are classes in Mapua Tuesday evenings, and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings.

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News from Wakefield School continued

The ANZA Challenge

by Finn de Hamel

The sixteenth of October brought an early start for twenty lucky students from Wakefield that were chosen out of a hat to participate at the ANZA challenge. Excited kids gathered at Kinzett Park at the early hour that was 6:30am, all awaiting the arrival of the celebrities from New Zealand and Australia.

The ANZA challenge was set up by the Halberg Trust to help raise money for kids with disabilities, and to raise awareness of their charity to the public. Two teams of celebrities from Australia and New Zealand are taking part in a 1300 km race (running, rowing and cycling) around New Zealand.



Once the celebrities arrived it was all go. Rachel Rees, the new mayor, said the famous words "Three, two, one.... go". Hundreds of kids burst off the starting line like greyhounds.

The next 1.2 km were awesome for all the kids running. The celebrities were running along with them and talking as they went. Once they finished there were even more celebrities to talk to such as James McOnie, Mark Ellis and Wendell Sailor.

Although it had been an early start for them all, the kids felt privileged to have been able to meet and greet role models such as Gemma Flynn and Alison Shanks.



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News from Wakefield School continued

Wakefield School's New Sandpit

by Connor O'Toole

Wakefield School's principal has been thinking about what he can do to make the school better for the children, so one of the major changes he has made to the school is (if you already haven't noticed) the school's new sandpit.

The new sandpit was built by Ultraspec Building Systems. They placed it in the corner nearest to the old school bell. Ultraspec also thought it was a good idea to cut off the sharp corner when building this new sandpit so it is a larger and different shape.

The children eagerly, but patiently, waited, day after week, watching the empty sandpit and waiting for the sand. Finally a big truck came and dumped a huge load of sand and then came back and dumped another big load of sand. At last the sandpit was opened and could fit at least 50-100 students.

The opening of the new sandpit has been an exciting event for lots of Wakefield School students. Parents like the idea of that corner of the playground being cut off so they don't have to stop for eager kids running past, because they are now all busy playing in the sandpit!

At morning tea time the sandpit is now crowded with buzzing eager children playing with the sand.

If you see or are passing Bruce, our wonderful caretaker, make sure you say a big thank you to him for putting lots of time and effort into organising the sand for that sandpit.



Womens Biz

The end of October rolled around and so did Womans Biz final meeting for the year. Kindly hosted by Rachel Costello from Villa Grove Olive Oil, we were in for a fantastic evening with profiles by Anne Malham and Vikki Pickering.

Vikki is a regular contributor to Window on Wakefield and owner of You and Your Dog. Vikki is passionate about our canine friends and has made a career out of helping others educate and understand their dogs. She has a Diploma in Canine Behaviour Science and Technology and regularly attends courses and seminars to further her knowledge and keep up to date. Vikki runs group training classes, home training and also educates children about safety around dogs. She brought along her gorgeous foster dog Fern for a visit. Fern has come along in leaps and bounds since she has been in Vikkis care. If you want to have a chat to Vikki about how she can help you (and your dog) then give her a call on 03 541 9752.

Anne Malham from Annes Hairspace was our second profiler. Located in Martin Ave, Anne is a fully qualified hairdresser with over 20 years of experience. After many years with her own salon in town she has now set up shop at her home in Wakefield. Anne brought along some of her amazing Morocco Argan Oil which does wonders for all types of hair. But it doesnt stop there. Not only is she a hairdresser, she also creates unique hair accessories and jewellery which is simply stunning. We were treated to a viewing of her gorgeous collection. Anne can be contacted for an appointment on 541 9107. She is also part of the Treasure Box Collective which has recently opened up on Whitby Road (opposite the Caltex station). For anyone who hasn't been do take the time to pop in and check out the very clever creations of our local craftspeople.



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WAKEFIELD REST HOME

Hello from Wakefield Rest Home. It is a while since we have written in, so thought it probably appropriate to let locals new and old know that we are still alive and well in the village. For those new to the Village who may not even know of our existence, we are a small Rest Home (21 beds) situated behind the Medical Centre and have been here since 1993. Our building backs on to the beautiful Faulkner's Bush allowing our residents a constant view of nature and of our locals enjoying their environment. They especially enjoy watching the children from the local and other schools on their sports days.

We have an excellent cook who makes the residents healthy delicious meals and morning and afternoon teas. The staff is a very caring bunch of young and not so young, ladies led by the Manager Geraldine Harvey. It is really a home away from home and just like one big family. Anyone is very welcome to come for a visit and to see around the home.

Last month we celebrated our 20 year anniversary with a 'High Tea' and entertainment from the Jackson Duo. It was fun catching up with past staff, board members and volunteers and enjoying the delicious afternoon tea. Old photographs proved an attraction too as twenty years can make a difference to the surroundings as well as the faces of old friends.

We try to find different activities for the residents who want to partake each week and this month they have enjoyed sing a longs with Cliff and Norma, Church services, games of bowls, Housie, Quits and the horse race game. Our activity lady, Tania, leads them in the games in the mornings. In the afternoons they enjoy entertainers when we can get them. If anyone out there has a talent they can entertain us with we would welcome you with open arms.

The next important event is our Christmas party which we are having on Tuesday 17th December. We will have 'The Two Johnnies' to entertain us with covers of Johnny Cash so that should be pretty toe tapping. The locals are all invited to come to enjoy the entertainment and food and drink from 2pm onwards.

We deliver Meals on Wheels from the Home each week day and these are very popular with the elderly or are very handy for anyone recuperating after an operation or illness. Just ring the Home on 5418995 if you would like meals. We are thankful to our band of volunteers who deliver the meals. We are always in need of plastic supermarket bags and would be grateful if anyone has excess bags if you could drop them off to us.

We wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Photo above is of Norma and Cliff Scholefield greeting Ross Heyward, a past Board of Trustees member and Rest Home handyman



Photo right is of Manager Gerri cutting cake with oldest resident Mick Hart who is 103.



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RURAL RAMBLERS REPORT - BEAUTIFUL KAITERITERI

The group set off for a lovely one hour drive to Kaiteriteri to walk the Withalls Track which is right at the back of the Kaiteriteri Beach Motor Camp. We climbed to the viewpoint and there was quite a cool breeze but we enjoyed looking back over the camp and a sparkling, calm sea. We then continued to follow the track until we came out at a small bridge and saw the entrance to Kimi Ora Resort and Bethany Park Christian Camp. We then carried on along the road back to our cars and a welcome lunch and drink stop at 12.30 pm. After lunch we then walked over the small hill walkway from Kaiteriteri to Little Kaiteriteri, along the beach and up over the hill at the eastern end of Little Kaiteriteri to Stephens Bay which took approx 1.5 hours. The track was quite rough in places but with a little help from our friends we managed fine.

It was then time to head home and it was decided we should stop at Toad Hall Complex for a real fruit ice cream which was just delicious after our walk. A good day was had by all except perhaps for two of our members who arrived a little later and unfortunately we had already gone on ahead. One member was to wait behind and spot "Molly" in a bright yellow car. It was a case of mistaken identity as Louise didn't recognise Molly because of a scarf Molly had about her face to keep the wind off, and Molly failed to recognise Louise so neither approached the other!! It was a case of "where's Molly not where's Wally"! Better luck next time folks!

We are heading to Lake Rotoiti for our xmas lunch and break up for 2013 to the new cafe. There should be enough time to squeeze in a walk also. If you would like to join our group please call any of the numbers below, you would be very welcome.

Carolyn Mason – 541 9200
Louise Baker – 522 4909
June Johnston – 542 3588

Nelson Crime Watch Alert

Please read the following; this is a Nelson Crime Watch alert

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Recently Fair Go profiled a group operating in the North Island undertaking a variety of construction work.

The work was of a substandard nature and at overinflated prices. Most of the groups work was in relation to the sealing and paving of driveways.

Victims targeted have typically been the elderly or from the rural community. It is believed a similar group is now operating in the South Island. People need to be cautious of any approaches by contractors offering to do construction work unsolicited.

This group may be in operation in your area. We strongly recommend you obtain additional quotes, use recognised and known business and do not make any payment before the work is completed.

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Getting Your Business Online

HOW TO SET UP AND GET STARTED WITH PAID TRAFFIC ONLINE

by Gary Nickless

Hello everyone, this month we are going to look at paid advertising in the online world.

When we think about paid advertising on the internet there is no one bigger than Google when it comes to selling online ads and advertising.



Google started out with paid advertising many years ago and now is the flagship product for online advertising worldwide with its Google AdWords advertising platform. Adwords is a relatively simple user interface that allows you to run your own paid online ad campaigns.

There are many different styles of Google AdWords ads that can be setup, but to get started we are just going to look at the simplest one to get going with, and these are text based ads.

To get started you need to sign up for a Google Adwords account and you can do this here www.adwords.google.co.nz.

Once you have set up your account here are the steps to get started.

How To Set Up Your Adwords Account

Step 1 - Create a new campaign. This is where you set up things like the region to target. This could be Nelson or it could be NZ as a whole depending on who you want to target. Set your daily budget and I would suggest starting small with something like \$10-\$20 per day.

You also want to start by setting your campaign to SEARCH NETWORK ONLY. This will show your ads only when someone is on google.co.nz.

Step 2 - Create your ads. I recommend running two ads per AdWords ad group so that you can see which one performs better.

Now the key parts to writing the ad are the headline and the two description fields that we have to work with, plus the visible URL and also the destination URL.

The headline needs to be a catchy headline and be in relation to the keywords and needs to emphasise the benefit of your product/service and entice someone to click your ad.

Once you have written your two ads, it is now time to add some key words in.

Step 3 - Adding keywords. There are two different types of keyword setting I recommend using. These are "exact match" which is when the keyword is in brackets eg [plumber wakefield]. The other type I recommend using is one called "modified broad" which is where you place a small + in front of the keyword eg +plumber +wakefield

I recommend no more than about 6 - 15 keywords per ad group.

Step 4 - Set up conversion tracking. Tracking what is working and what is not is the other key ingredient and probably the most important, as this allows you to track what keywords actually bring you sales or leads.

Step 5 - Start small and monitor. Some of the key metrics to keep an eye on for the performance of your campaign are the CTRs or what's called the click through rate of your ads, your ad position and also the cost per conversion.

Google adwords can be an amazingly powerful tool for driving sales and leads in your business, so I recommend at least giving it a small try and see what results you can get with it.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to giving you some great tips in the new year!

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Prepared for the Waimea South Historical Society by Roger Batt

On the eve of the Great War 100 years ago, this Nelson Mail editorial expressed the views of mainly British people 12,000 miles from Europe. With the benefit of hindsight we wonder if any of these ideas and attitudes have withstood the test of time.

Editorial Nelson Evening Mail - Wednesday, December 24, 1913.

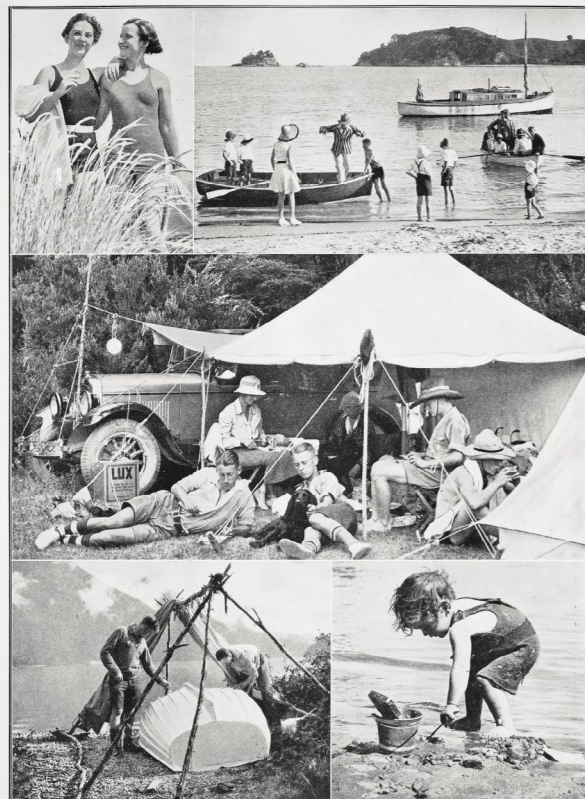
CHRISTMAS has come again, marking another milestone in the journey of our lives, adding another year to the long roll of the past. The year, like its predecessors, has been eventful in the making of history. We are now in an age of rapid movement, of industrial ferment, of scientific change. Great problems await, solution and tremendous issues are hanging in the balance.

A year or two ago, reviewers chronicled with satisfaction the change of government in Asiatic countries; but the experience has been that most of the backward peoples are not yet ready for constitutional control. But the Eastern nations have already commenced the economic conquest of the West. This is the greatest danger that is threatening the Western civilisation today. Whilst Europe has been turned into an armed camp with the nations armed to the teeth against one another, the outside danger has been growing greater day by day and it must eventually tend in the direction of causing the Western peoples to sink their differences that exist mainly in the minds of men and to combine to protect their lands against the teeming millions of the East. The rising of the new danger, it is to be hoped, will teach the Western nations that they have nothing to gain in conflict among themselves, that, moreover, a war whichever side won, would expose both winner and loser to dangers far greater and far more serious than any that can be imagined within their borders. Just as Briton and Boer can agree in their refusal to permit South Africa to be overrun by Hindus, and Canadians and Americans unite against the Japanese, so can the nations of Europe agree to protect their countries from Eastern invasion....

Great social evils are claiming the attention of the nations. ... "The separation of classes," declares the "Pall Mall Gazette," "is easily the most dangerous factor in our whole conditions, as regards the future of national strength and efficiency." The sense of caste is a deadly poison in the social cup. As the "Manchester Guardian" puts it, the double evil which is threatening the stability of social order in modern countries is the growth of two wide margins of unemployment, one at the top of the economic scale, and the other at the bottom. "The boat is 'carrying too many passengers, both saloon, and steerage. It wants more crew'... the arresting statement made by Mr Bonar Law the other day, that what is required is a more even distribution of wealth without sapping the production of wealth, is bound to set men the world over thinking with renewed vigour.

There is some consolation in the fact that problems have been faced and overcome ever since the world began, and there is no evidence that those of today are relatively more difficult than those of yesterday. As has always been the case, everything depends on the human element. Most people will have enough faith in mankind to enjoy their Christmas rest and festivities with good heart and faith in themselves, their country, and their destiny, making that enjoyment the greater by doing all they can to enable others not so blessed with this world's goods as they, to enjoy a happy Christmas also.

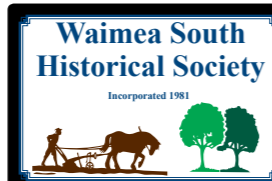
May the future be as full of promise as the past has been full of fulfilment, and may all have A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. (abridged)



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"LIVE WELL STAY WELL" GROUP

Last month our group enjoyed a visit to the "Bush Walk" Bed and Breakfast in Hunt Terrace and its craft gallery with owner Sandra Munro.

"Live well Stay well" is a health and social group that meets two weekly on Tuesdays in Wakefield from 9.45 - 11am. All interested are welcome to attend especially if you are new to the village.

A varied programme is organised which is informative and fun plus regular coffee and chat sessions.

The group is usually followed by a walk around Wakefield for those who feel like being more energetic.

We have finished our programme for 2013 but will continue to have regular coffee and chat sessions two weekly up till Christmas.

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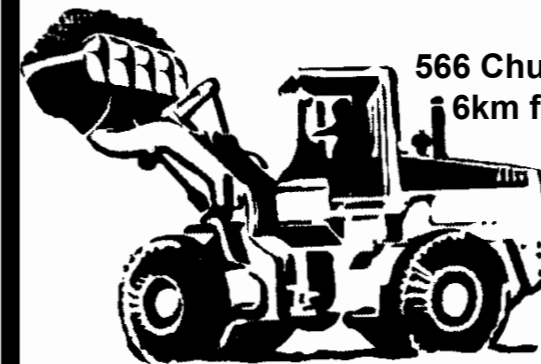
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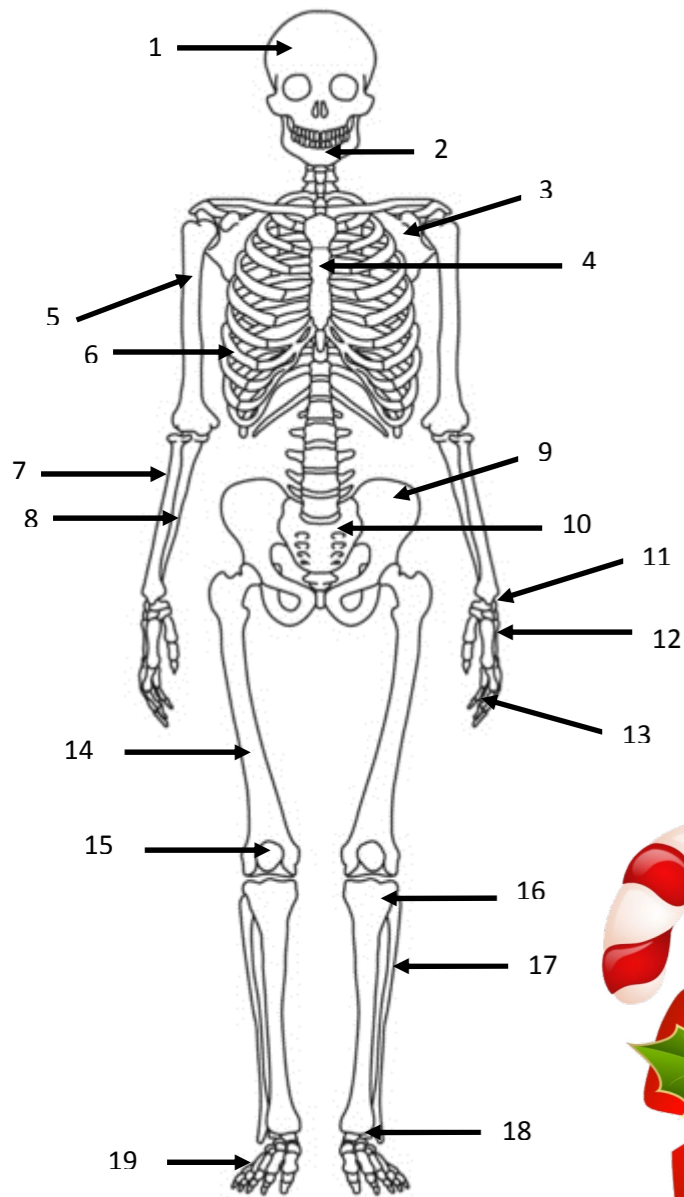
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How well do you know your body?

This month I am putting you to the test...how well do you know the names of the bones in your body? Hopefully you know a few or can guess a few, but if you get stuck the answers are on in our Community Notices on page 34.

Next month we are going to look at the different types of bones and how children's and adults bones differ.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas and an injury free new year. Thank you for your support and seeing your local physiotherapist.

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This month we want to touch on a few holiday season issues.

1. From a practical angle, we will be CLOSED on the following days over the holiday period – Christmas Day Boxing Day, New Years Day, Day after New Years Day and Weekends

In between these days we would prefer not to book routine appointments so that we have plenty of spare appointments for more urgent problems.

PLEASE organise repeat prescriptions BEFORE the Christmas week, rather than having a last minute panic.

2. Remember to be sensible in the SUN – SLIP, SLOP, SLAP & WRAP

3. Remember to enjoy a really relaxing time but to not let excess alcohol spoil that, eg don't drink and then drive, or go boating or swimming.

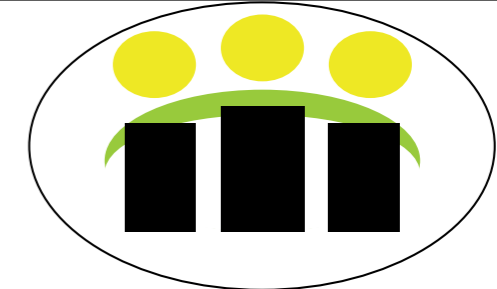
4. For those with students heading off to tertiary education for the first time in 2014, especially if staying in a hostel, consider immunising against Meningitis ACYW.

Information and vaccine is available at Wakefield Health Centre. Please contact us as soon as possible regarding this.



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On The Beat

Hi Everyone

One more month nearly to Christmas and the holiday season. This year is certainly going fast. There has certainly been a lot of minor incidents happening in the village over recent times; from letter boxes being broken, to thefts, damages and even vehicles being interfered with. If any one has any information please let us know. We have also had reports of stock being taken from local farms in the Wakefield area and are asking for any information in relation to this.

There are still a lot of road works happening around recently, and the road crews have asked us to keep an eye on these areas. Be courteous to the stop go people. They are there for your safety, and just because you go past them, you still need to observe the speed limit.

On a good note, we have noticed a reduction in the number of motor vehicle crashes that we have had to attend this year. If you are tired then pull over and have a rest. If you are a slower driver then be courteous and let other people pass. The Drive Social campaign currently running on TV certainly has a lot of merit.

Firstly I have to thank members of the Tapawera community who apprehended a car load of kids who had just broken into the Tapawera St John Ambulance base and adjoining buildings. As we all know the St John base is an incredible asset to have in the community and the equipment they have is expensive to replace. These idiots who broke in will be appearing in court and will be paying reparation, but in the mean time staff have to replace the items that were taken or destroyed. Thanks again to all those members who helped us.

Now I know that I put this in a recent article but here is another reminder that if you have changed your address recently and you have a firearms licence then let us know. We will need to check your new address to see if the firearms are secured well in a suitable cabinet. Just give us a call at the station or go on to the website. It is an offence if you fail to notify the police of a change of address if you have a firearms licence.

We have a great community spirit in this area so let's keep it going, so keep the information coming to us. Cheers S/Const Marty Tutton, Wakefield

INTERVIEW WITH PETER COBELDICK

by Hope Shatford-Banks

Window on Wakefield thought it would be a really good idea if you got to know your local police officers better so I took the opportunity to interview Peter Cobledick and here are his responses:

1. How did you start out Peter? "Well I'm a Nelsonian born and bred. I started out going through Enner Glynn and Stoke school. I then went on to Waimea Intermediate and Nayland College. After school I did my trade as an electrical design draftsman with the New Zealand Electricity Department (NZED) and then I went on to work as a DOC ranger at Nelson Lakes National Park. Then I joined the New Zealand Police; first stationed at Invercargill and then moved to Nelson."

2. How and why did you become a police officer? "My job was being restructured while I was working for DOC and I was going to double my wages when I went from the Department of Conservation to the police. Another National park worker was joining so it sounded like a good idea. It was the right time and right place."

3. What made you move to Wakefield? "I've always wanted to be a rural policeman. Right from day one, that was my aim to move out into the country."

4. What do you do in your spare time? "Do I have any spare time? Between myself and my wife, we have raised four children and followed them through all of their schooling, sporting and other activities. One of them is a builder in Wellington. Another, also in Wellington, has just had our first grand daughter and she is a bank manager. My other daughter is just finishing her primary teaching degree and will start teaching next year. My youngest son has just finished his hair dressing apprenticeship in Wellington. As a hobby I played soccer but what I now do is ref. I have just been selected for the second year in a row to ref the National Youth League which will happen early next year. I do a fair bit of running and I'm getting up close to having done around 40 half marathons."

5. What has been an embarrassing moment for you? "Just recently I had to go and tell a family that their husband was involved in a major motor accident, but then when I knocked on their door, he was there to greet me. The people in Christchurch had given us the wrong details and he certainly was not involved in a motor accident in Christchurch."

6. How would you describe yourself? "Fairly laid back and easy going - you have to be in this job or you just get too stressed out. I am a very private person."

7. What is your favorite part about being one of the Wakefield police officers? "You have to actually get on with people because you have to resolve the issues within your village or it will come back and bite you. Whereas if you were a city cop, when you finish your shift and if the incident you were dealing with blows up again, then it is the next shift that picks up the pieces. With us it is highly likely that we will be called back to it. Wakefield police officers can't hide from the public, we have to finish our work and do a thorough job. You really do get the satisfaction of following a job through."

8. Is there anything you would like to say to the Wakefield community? "It is a great community, have belief in yourself. The community rallied around and retained the two positions recently in the proposed restructure. You do live in one of the better parts of New Zealand. Really look after everybody else and teach your children to respect other people and their property. When you travel you realise how lucky our kids are being brought up in an environment like this. It's phenomenal. We still have a true cross section of crime like any where else in the country, and even in the world, but we have a very safe environment, especially for our children".



Interview with Marty Tutton

by Finn Thompson

It took me a while to organise a date to interview Marty Tutton. I guess that's part of being a Police Officer- you wake up in the morning and you're not quite sure where your day is going to take you.

Marty Tutton has some hard jobs to do as a policeman. He attends road crashes, robberies and occasionally has had the horrible job of advising a loved one that they have lost someone. But Marty takes all of this in his stride. "There are always parts to any job that you won't like," he says, "but all in all Wakefield is a really good area, with a low crime rate and we have huge community support".

Marty has been working in Wakefield for three and a half years of a seventeen year long career. When he first entered the police after six months of weapons training, physical training and scenario based assessments, he was an officer in Hastings. "In comparison to Wakefield, Hastings was tough", Marty said. "You'd hit the ground running and be extremely busy for the whole shift".

In 2001 he moved to Nelson, working in Nelson then Richmond and then became the Tasman District Trainer, before applying for the position in Wakefield in 2010.

In Wakefield's less demanding environment Marty has more time available for the aspects of the Police that he enjoys a bit more. Helping people, solving problems and "just being part of the great community" are some of his favourites.

Marty also believes that it is important to keep the youth of the village occupied and is happy to see projects such as the proposed skate park happening. Giving young people the opportunity to have some controlled fun is important.

Outside of his work, Marty enjoys Mountain Biking and the V8 supercars and used to coach and referee football games.

The Police force is adapting into the modern world. The old stereotypical police station is changing too. Wakefield doesn't have a cell any more; this has been replaced by a modern communications and computer room.

All Police officers have been issued with police iPads and iPhones, which Marty says are really useful. He uses them to communicate with headquarters, to keep information, to take photos of car crashes and burglaries, and most importantly to take a decent "selfie" to go with his article in the Window on Wakefield!



Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade

First up and most pleasing was the very quiet Guy Fawkes period for the brigade. We had no call outs which involved fireworks. This may be the first year that I can recall that this has happened so thank you.

Another big thank you goes out to all the brigade members who helped put out a large house fire in the Fox Hill area. They did a tremendous job saving the sheds and containing the spread of fire with the little water that was available to them at the early stages on arriving at the fire. The house was unoccupied at the time and when the brigade arrived around 10pm the house was fully involved. The biggest issue was the lack of a water supply so three tankers were called for but all this takes time because they came from Brightwater brigade, Upper Moutere brigade and Mapua brigade. Unfortunately little of the house was saved but the surrounding sheds.

The brigade trained on the 16th and 17th November, giving up their weekend, doing MVA training. MVA stands for Motor Vehicle Accident. The NZ Fire Service provides a national trainer to help show the brigade members' new techniques and methods of using our rescue cutting gear and how to get the best use out of them. Also they teach patient care, car stabilisation, class management, effective lighting, traffic control, etc. It was a good refresher course to us older members but the newer members of the brigade took a lot out of it. Even for us older members there were many new techniques and methods that we learnt out of the two day course.

I would like to thank Dale Vercoe for letting us use his Bird Lane property for the course venue.

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The tamariki all enjoyed taking turns at digging the holes, packing down the soil once the plants were in and watering them. Now on our outings or when we visit Faulkner Bush with family we can keep an eye on 'our' plants and watch them grow with us.



Dates to mark in your calendar:

20th December 2013
Last day of Playcentre for 2013

2nd January 2014
Craft Fair - we will be doing the sausage sizzle to fundraise for Playcentre, so make sure you come and grab a sausage while you check out all the craft items from our district.

Focus Wakefield

Frank's Trees

by Caraline Dyson

Focus Wakefield recently undertook a beautification project around the site of the original Wakefield School on Edward Street, near St John's Worship Centre. Several local businesses supported the initiative, and one of the first on board was Frank's Trees from Golden Hills Road. Donating the flowering cherry trees to our community was not an unusual step for Frank and his wife Tracy. Each year they donate around 300 trees to similar community causes, local schools and sporting groups.

Frank has worked with trees all his career, and it's clear they are his passion. Established in 2004, he has built the business from just 100 plants to the burgeoning pastures of 7,000 trees and 15,000 shrubs they stock today. The majority of the trees have been grafted and grown by Frank, and the remainder are locally sourced. This means all Frank's Trees are suited to our climate and soil, and will flourish when you take them home and plant them. Importantly, Frank, Tracy and crew member Andrew spend most of their time growing, breeding and tending their trees and shrubs, so customers can only shop there on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

Their wholesale opening times enable Frank's Trees to offer their plants at prices roughly half of those found at famous name garden centres and DIY chains. The reasonable prices and wholesale volumes ensure stock is turned over quickly, so trees are always fresh and fertile. Crepe Myrtle and ornamental pears are among their most popular trees, but with many plants bred on site, you could find Frank names his next bestseller after you. Next time you need some plants, some advice and a heart lifting view of the ranges, visit Frank and see what he has to offer you. You won't regret it.

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Wakefield Quarry

by Caraline Dyson

Did you know that the guys from Wakefield Quarry dug out the community pool? (Thankfully, they didn't dig up any early settlers!) And did you know they supplied most of the gravel for Higgins Heritage Park? You may not have been up Pig Valley to Wakefield Quarry, but you've probably seen one of their trucks delivering gravel, and you will certainly have seen rocks from the quarry around the village in landscaping projects. Wakefield Quarry and their team are very much a part of the village, and they continue to support charitable initiatives like the beautification of the original school plaque on Edward Street.

Over the past 25 years the Dick family have built their reputation for competitively priced local quarry materials. It's a reputation that is well earned, and the friendly service they offer makes dealing with them even more appealing. Who would want to buy basecourse, topcourse, lime, road gravel, decorative garden cover or landscape rock anywhere else, when you can support a great local business who in turn support so many local groups?

Whether you need some 'one man' rocks or 'two man' rocks to landscape your property, call or visit Wakefield Quarry and you can collect or they'll deliver. If you need gravel for your road or lime for your farm, you won't regret meeting the men up at our local quarry. They're good sorts - and they'll sort you out.

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Jimmy Sagar - 'the digger guy'

by Caraline Dyson

Most people around here know Jimmy Sagar, and if they don't know him, they know of him. He's been living and working around this area for 35 years, so he has helped and worked with a lot of people during that time. Jimmy is a really good sort, and there isn't much he doesn't know about driving diggers. Whether it's working on housing sites, sub-divisions, drainage or driveways, if you need a hole or two digging, a retaining wall building, or general earth moving, he's the man for the job. It's not all phone and power installations, he's also fully licensed with explosives, so track work, forestry and stump removal are right up his street too.



Given his wide expertise, he's a busy man, and so when he dropped everything to help Focus Wakefield with the old school plaque we were blown away. It is no surprise that Jimmy is community spirited - many people will remember his days with Wakefield Scouts, before his evening shifts sucked up his free time - but he is often busy for several weeks in advance. As luck would have it, he was available at short notice when a mechanical fault meant our original volunteer couldn't help. But he didn't just drive the digger either - when the digger was idling, Jimmy was toiling, helping with all the other jobs, and doing it all in his characteristic happy style.

So whilst we want to thank Jimmy for all his help, we want to take the opportunity to remind our community of Jimmy's business. If you need a man and a digger, whether it's 1.5 tonne, 1.7 tonne, 5 tonne or 12 tonne, or if you just need a digger, give Jimmy a call. He doesn't just charge fair rates - by the clock instead of by the day - but he's a good bloke too. But don't take my word for it, ask anyone.
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AllFit Fit Tips

Tis the Season!

So Christmas is almost upon us (ahhhh, anyone else completely not ready!).



Now you have been working towards your health goals for the past however long and suddenly you feel like Silly Season is here and all your hard work is about to go out the window!

Christmas and New Year Parties, Work Do's, BBQ's galore how on earth am I going to stick to my plan I hear your cry!

Well the first thing is not to panic. Be realistic. If you go into this with the attitude that I am not going to have any seasonal indulgences and then have even just one you are going to feel like you have let yourself down. Personally I think that it is far better to give yourself permission to have a little fun.

NOW before you start jumping up and down and popping the Champagne corks shouting "woo hoo, she said I could have anything I want" ... that's not what I am saying. What I am suggesting is that you pick and choose a few choice things that you will really enjoy. This might be a really nice glass of wine, or a small bowl of pudding, or some sausages off the BBQ.

It's also a good idea to write yourself a bit of a plan. Work out when your parties or treat times are, and then the days around them try and make sure you are sensible with your eating and try and get out for some exercise.

Remember that exercise doesn't have to be going to the gym or running a marathon. There are plenty of things to get you moving that you and the whole family can do, such as going for a walk, riding the bikes, swimming or just playing soccer in the back garden.



Now if you get to the other side of the holidays and things are feeling a little tight, just remember that it is all still saveable. There is no need to throw your hands up in defeat and give up. Just get back on track and start working towards your health goals again. Your body will still have retained a lot of what you have worked for and you will be surprised at how quickly things click back into shape.

So bottom line, have some fun and enjoy yourself but don't lose sight of the goal you are working towards.

Happy Christmas and New Years everyone.



Town and Country Talk

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

As we all prepare for Christmas holidays, making arrangements for pet care over the summer and holiday period is an important consideration. Here are a few things to think about....

- Vaccinations for respiratory viruses in cats, and parvovirus plus kennel cough in dogs must be up to date in order to stay in boarding facilities. Call us for advice if you're not sure.
- Leave contact numbers for your vet as well as your mobile phone number with your pet carer.
- Beware of novel objects which could be swallowed by your pets such as Christmas tinsel, strings from the roast, kebab sticks from the barbecue, fish hooks, chocolate and potentially obstructive food such as chop bones, corn cobs and peach stones.
- Heatstroke is common over summer, particularly in larger dogs. **NEVER** leave dogs in the car on a hot day, even in the shade with windows down. Offer frequent drinks/stops on journeys. Restrict exercise to cooler parts of the day. Limit the length of walks especially for young energetic dogs, old dogs and dogs with medical problems. Provide shade for dog kennels and rabbit/guinea pig cages.



- Clipping long haired pets can prevent problems such as overheating, soiling, skin infections and grass seed problems. We often clip the underside/belly of long haired cats, and advise clipping under ears and around the feet of long haired dogs. Some long haired dogs which aren't traditionally clipped (eg Border Collies) are much more comfortable and active, even if they do look a bit odd!
- Check your dog's paws, ears, 'armpits' and groin daily for grass seeds. It may seem a hassle to do this but it can be an expensive, time-consuming and painful process to find grass seeds once they are inside your dog!
- Warm weather accelerates development of flea eggs and larvae so monthly or two-monthly treatment (depending on which product you use) is important. We recommend Frontline, Advantage, Revolution, Advocate and the new product Broadline which also kills worms.

TAPEWORMS IN LAMBS

Tapeworms are always a problem in lambs at this time of year. Lambs pick up tapeworms from grazing pasture. So as soon as they start nibbling grass they will be exposed to tapeworms. Obviously as they are weaned and grow, exposure to tapeworm increases. Adult sheep can eat the same pasture and not be affected.

Lambs that have tapeworms are not usually sick. However the tapeworm burden can reduce their growth rate and predispose them to other diseases including Pulpy Kidney.

Treating lambs with an effective tapeworm drench is a good investment at this time of year. Most farmers will be drenching anyway but ensure you use a combination drench that kills tapeworms. Talk to Mike in the Richmond clinic for more information and advice about drenches.

On the subject of tapeworms, any dogs that are in the same paddocks as your sheep should be wormed monthly for tapeworms to reduce the incidence of Sheep Measles in your flock. Every third month a broad spectrum wormer should be given which will kill all worms including tapeworm.

LAMB VACCINE

Please note that Lamb Vaccine or PK Antitet (for pulpy kidney and tetanus) is unlikely to be available again next season.

Replacement lambs should be vaccinated twice now with "5 in 1" then a booster within a year.

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A Matter of Accounts

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If you are employed, then PAYE is deducted from your wages as you earn it but if you are self employed, you are responsible for your own income tax. With this responsibility comes a range of things that you must do:

- Advise the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) that you are in business
- Complete an individual tax return [IR3] each year, which shows all of your income and expenses so that the IRD can assess the amount of tax due
- Budget to make regular payments of provisional tax and end of year income tax
- Consider whether you need to register for GST [either voluntarily or compulsory]
- Keep good business records

Even if you meet the criteria for being self employed, if you work at one of the occupations listed on the IR330 Tax Code Declaration, then tax may still have to be deducted from schedular payments that you receive. However, if you are self employed, and working in one of these occupations, then you are also entitled to claim work related expenses against your income from that job.

Keeping Good Business Records

No matter what sort of business you're running, you need to be able to see what you've paid and what you're owed so you can budget. Your bank manager, accountant or investors may also need to see your business records at some time to keep track of your progress and help plan your business's future. Several government departments also require you to keep records by law, especially for statistics and tax reasons. So, what sort of records do you need to keep?

For business income, keep records such as:

- account books, such as your cashbook, journals and ledgers
- receipts and invoices issued
- bank statements and deposit slips
- worksheets showing tax return calculations
- any other necessary documents to confirm account entries

For business expenses, keep records such as:

- your cashbook and petty cash book
- receipts and invoices received
- bank statements and cheque butts
- depreciation calculations
- details of travel expenses
- motor vehicle logbooks, telephone and power bills and other such records
- wage records for employees
- legal statements, such as purchase or sale agreements of a business and leases
- interest and dividend statements



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You must keep enough records to be able to calculate your income and expenses and to confirm your accounts. These must be in English, unless you get approval from the IRD to use another language. If you're registered for GST your records must be clear enough to work out your GST liability.

You must also keep records for all your business assets and liabilities at the end of the year, including:

- lists of debtors and creditors
- stocktake figures
- a fixed asset register
- final profit and loss statements and balance sheets.

For more information, refer to IRD IR320 Smart Business booklet.

This information is intended as a guide only - it is not intended as legal advice. For more detailed information please refer to the legislation or seek legal and/or accounting advice.

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Profiling a Wakefield business - Helping keep the great businesses in our Village

HEYWARD REALTY'S WENDY PEARSON

by Caraline Dyson

Everyone has an opinion about real estate sales people. Some people consider their realtor their friend, and they are thrilled they sold them their perfect home at the right price. Every time they see them they thank them, and remind them how much they appreciate their help. They love where they live and they rightfully see their real estate sales person as a key part of their experience.

Some people think real estate agents are overpaid, until they're involved in a complicated sale or purchase, then they think they're worth every cent! When you're trying to negotiate with your purchaser and you are arguing about sale and purchase conditions, you'll notice you don't have a professional on your team to sort it all out.

Some real estate sales people are full of it, and some of them you never see in person, but you see their face in the paper or on a 'For Sale' sign. Rumour has it they live nearby, and they seem to sell houses in the village (or they have a few for sale at least), but you never see them in the Four Square, or the Chateau, the Tearooms or at school functions.

Wendy Pearson is one of the good realtors in Wakefield... but I would say that! I bought a house from her. Now I'm selling a house with her. I have even worked for her (until motherhood curtailed my career once again!). The unusual thing about Wendy Pearson is that a lot of people feel the same way, and they go to her when they are looking for a new place, and they call her when they decide to sell their place.

She is not the only real estate sales person who lives in Wakefield, and she is not the only one who sells property in Wakefield, but she is one of the few who live and work in our community and she really cares about her vendors and her purchasers. Wendy lives and breathes real estate, and whilst your home is listed with her, you are her priority.

Since 2005, when Wendy and her family moved to Wakefield, they have been a part of our community. Her daughters attended Wakefield School and she and her husband Rob became involved with the board and school events. After six or seven years selling property in the village and surrounding area, Wendy knows lots of families and lots of houses. She has sold a few properties more than once, and has helped several families buy and sell, and buy and sell again, as their plans and lives change.

Supporting people through a generally stressful time is one of the highlights of her job, but she concedes that the low of telling some people they have missed out on a property counterbalances that too. Meeting lots of interesting people and sharing in an important part of their life is something she enjoys and relishes.

For some people, being available around the clock would put them off a career in real estate. But for Wendy, keeping property buyers and sellers informed is an essential part of her service, and she prides herself on her seven day availability. Her latest recorded business appointment (so far) has been midnight, and each January she vows that this year she will keep one day a week free for her family. But when a purchaser is desperate to see a property, or a vendor really needs to sell their place, she finds time to help them out with their property plans.

People often say that real estate agents can seem like your best friend when you're looking for a house, or selling your place, then you never see them again. The difference with Wakefield's Wendy Pearson is that she is still a friend when your transaction is complete, whether you've bought a house from her or sold a house with her, or even if you're still looking for the perfect place.

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You and Your Dog's Yabber

Why on earth should you train your dog?

The benefits of having a trained dog are nearly limitless! From the moment you get your puppy or new dog, here is a list of some of the advantages and benefits of training your hound using reward-based training methods:

- If you take your pup to your local puppy pre-school then you're definitely off to a great start! I encourage all puppy owners to have puppy pre-school on the top of their 'to do' list with their pup in the first month of bringing them home. Puppy classes provide the experiences and opportunities for your pup to develop interaction skills with other puppies, with people and new environments.

- Puppy socialisation has been found to be critical to the psychological health of adult dogs, and puppy pre-school classes provide the opportunity for this important part of your pup's upbringing. A puppy that misses out on interacting with other puppies during this important developmental phase of his life will often be the pup that panics or becomes anxious when he finally does meet up with another pup or dog. Sometimes this can be 4-6 weeks after he's been at home isolated while waiting to be fully vaccinated and safe to go out for walks – that is a big chunk of a puppy's life to miss out on this important stuff.

Unfortunately dogs that aren't adequately socialised with other puppies or many different things in the environment such as children and people, the result can be a fearful or anxious dog when they become older, and quite often these dogs will end up behaving aggressively towards these things that make them fearful or anxious.

- Training classes provide dog owners the skills and knowledge for dealing with common, normal dog behaviours, starting with puppy behaviours such as housetraining and chewing.

- Training provides dogs with the basic good manners that we all want, from a polite greeting when guests arrive, to walking nicely on the lead, to coming when called.

- A trained dog is a fully participating member of the family, he joins in the fun when company comes, accompanies the family to the kid's sports games, goes with you to visit friends and family, goes for hikes, swims, and everything else the family does together – well almost!

- Training has been shown to be the single most important thing that keeps a dog in his or her 'forever' home.

- Training builds a bond between both owner and dog, and enriches the relationship that you share with your dog.

- Last but not least, training is tiring for your dog, it is like us doing maths, we have to use our brain, and they have to use their brain to figure out what you want and what may just bring them some sort of reward. And what dog owner doesn't want a tired dog?



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Paul's Past and Present Picks

NEW RELEASES

Heading towards Christmas and the school holidays, we will start to see a whole raft of new releases including exciting titles such as:

5th December - The Croods, The Worlds End, Forbidden Ground, Last Passenger, The Human Race, Sammy's Adventures, and White Lies

11th December - Eden, McCanick, Only God Forgives, Peeples, V/H/S/ 2, Dino Time, Elysium, Grown Ups 2, The Way Way Back, Admission, Now You see Me, and The Heat

18th December - We're The Millers, Gambit, Imogene, Man Of Tai Chi, Mortal Instruments: City of Bones, Saving Santa, Smurf's 2, The Frozen Ground, Kick Ass 2, and Pain & Gain

30th December - 2 Guns, Allegiance, Errors of the Human Body, Nature Calls, The To Do List, Red 2, Vikingdom, Chihuahua Too

The Croods

An animated film which is often sweet and very amusing, these heavily boned prehistoric characters in their cave dwelling need to have their full attention, even with the most basic day to day necessities of living. Even when the family gets breakfast it means the whole family need to work together which is a mix of hunting and gathering that can be related to a game of rugby and dodge ball mixed together. The voice talents of Nicolas Cage, Ryan Reynolds, Emma Stone and Catherine Keener work together in a brilliantly choreographed movie.



Nicolas Cage who is the dad "Grug", wants his family to stay safe in a cold dark cave and warns his family with statements like "never not be afraid" and "fear keeps us alive". However, his daughter "Eep" (Emma Stone) wants to go and explore the world outside the cave and meets a stranger named "Guy" (Ryan Reynolds) who has amazing new ideas like shoes and tools and a monkey who is his belt. Kids will love this movie as it is the kids who outsmart the adults in this delightful family movie filled with spectacularly imagined vistas and gorgeous vegetation and there are some good mother- in- law jokes as a bonus.

The Heat

Starring Sandra Bullock as FBI Agent Sarah Ashburn, who teams up with a Boston police detective Shannon Mullins (Melissa McCarthy). These two don't hit it off right from the start as they even fight to see who opens a door. They are forced to work together to bring down a Boston drug kingpin and all they can do is bicker over who's case it is and what interrogation style to follow and who has the most knowledge. From all of this comes excellent slapstick comedy.



It is a pleasure to watch a film that is completely silly from one moment to the next. In one scene of lingering laughter they both struggle in a death grip with a door unable to move forward, unable to retreat, both willing to look foolish in order to be the first one through that door. This movie is violent, with some pretty gruesome moments and some questionable police work that is part of the fun. When they finally do join forces they go rogue with a gusto that is refreshing.

Sarah Ashburn (Bullock) lives alone, is a workaholic and kidnaps her neighbours cat periodically in order to get some affection. She is after a promotion at the FBI but she doesn't work in well with the local agencies and comes across as arrogant. Her boss tells her she needs to work on her people skills and as a test he sends her to Boston to work a case. On the other hand is Mullins (McCarthy), a Boston Detective who wreaks havoc amongst her neighbourhood of small time thugs and drug dealers and prostitutes. The rest of the department lives in fear of her, and within two seconds of spending time with Mullins you can see why. Ashburn is buttoned up both emotionally and physically and Mullins lets it all hang out. Each are equally horrified by each other. They both come into contact with some strange characters including crackpots and weirdos, an albino DEA Agent, a nasty drug addict named Tatiana, and a white haired police sergeant - all great cameo roles. This is a laugh out loud comedy not to be missed.

NEWS FROM VIDEO EZY BRIGHTWATER

Please note that we now have a drop off point back in WAKEFIELD at the good folks at CHATEAU RHUBARBE, 6 Edward Street. During opening hours you can pop your movie back at the counter and after hours there is now a drop slot on the right hand outside window. I want to personally thank Shari and John Lawson for allowing people the choice to still drop movies off in Wakefield. Thank you very much.

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Wakefield Welcomes

James and Emma Nicholson and their two daughters Maia (6) and Laylah (3) have recently moved to Wakefield from Brightwater. They were looking to buy their first home and an unexpected twist in the road led to them purchasing their property on Bird Lane.

Although Maia still attends Brightwater School, the family are settling into the Wakefield community, enjoying Calder Tennis Training and socialising with friends and family in the village.

Whilst Emma says they like the location of their new house, particularly being out of town, Laylah sums things up succinctly – the best things about living in Wakefield is... "The pies!"



Congratulations & Commiserations

On the 1st of November
Alan Eden
turned
80

This milestone was celebrated by a large gathering of family and friends at a sumptuous lunch, held at the Wakefield Village Hall.

Alan was born in Brightwater in 1933 and has been a lifelong resident of Wakefield.

He took over his family's dairy farm which has been passed through the generations since 1856.

Alan can still be seen out and about on the farm, shifting the cows, assisted by his dog Cash.



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IT'S A BOY!

BOUSTRIDGE, Daniel, Kerri (nee Robinson) and big brother Conrad, wish to welcome to the family...

JAXSON Pace Boustridge

Born 18 September, weighing 8pd 1oz.

Many thanks to Lynda Smith, Jean Horn and David Leadbetter for all their support and the many visitors who helped over the school holidays, Thank you, you know who you are.

We are all doing extremely well.



KASE Anthony Goodall

... made his entrance into this world on 24th October weighing 5lb 7oz .

His two big brothers Logan and Lucas are very proud and can't wait to teach him to ride.

Matt and Rea would love to say a big thank you to Glenda Baigent, Dr Kevin Hill and the maternity unit for the fantastic care they gave.



Wakefield Community Council

It is true – we do meet on December 11th for the December meeting. We do have a bit of humorous banter at times, as we consider our village's wellbeing.

The Village Green plans seemed to meet with almost unanimous approval, as circulated in the last Window on Wakefield edition. The plan was accepted and moved on to the TDC consultation process. A wheel park meeting was held and basic fundraising has commenced. There was some discussion about whether maintenance by council is a little lacking of recent times. Discussion was held on whether a small island on Edward Street and Main Highway intersection could aid traffic.

Sadly the postal sorting office has moved to Brightwater, and noted that the Nelson sorting office closed, as this is done in Christchurch now (so the letters get all shaken up).

One member raised his view that the Council is top heavy, and needs to stick to the basics, but it was also noted that voters had made their decision on representation just recently. We discussed diverse issues such as: the former Spooner's Range Lookout, the replacement of the community notice-board, and the need for seating maintenance outside the pharmacy. Be pro-active in your community and come along to the Worship Centre 7.30pm December 11th, and tell us what you would like to see happen! Rev.d Allan, Chair.



With the summer on our doorstep, we would like to inform Wakefield businesses about our Official Partner Programme – a promotional and marketing collaboration for Tasman's Great Taste Trail and Nelson's Dun Mountain Trail.

As an Official Partner you will be eligible for a number of benefits including:

- website listing on the Heart of Biking and National Cycle Trail website
- use of the National New Zealand Cycle Trail Official Partner logo and the Heart of Biking logos
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- priority advertising on community signage
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HIGGINS HERITAGE PARK

Thursday 2nd January

We always have a Steam Day to coincide with Wakefield Craft Day. Therefore no steam day on the first Sunday in January.

Saturday and Sunday 1st & 2nd February (Nelson Anniversary Weekend) will be the Nelson Vintage Engine & Machinery Club's 40th Anniversary Show. Don't miss it!

First Sunday in March, April and May will be regular Steam Days.

Later in May the Army Men will have another action day.

Early in the new year a new large building will be going up that is to house the "Ray Winn Collection" of Jowett cars, Bradford vans and historic Speedway Motorcycles. This is going to be a great addition to the collections at the Park.

NELSON VINTAGE ENGINE & MACHINERY CLUB INC

by Baden Biggs

On Saturday 1st February and Sunday 2nd February 2014, the Nelson Vintage Engine and Machinery Club are having a vintage and veteran machinery show at Higgins Park, Pigeon Valley, Wakefield to mark their 40th Anniversary.

There will be all sorts of family entertainment as well as live demonstrations and static displays of old machinery. The steam traction engine and trailer will be giving rides as well as the railway jigger. Plenty of food and cups of tea and coffee.

This show we would like to invite crafts people with their stalls to sell their goods on Saturday or Sunday, or if you prefer both days.

Please phone Baden or Marian Biggs on 542 3121 to book a site. There isn't any charge for sites. Watch your next Window on Wakefield for further show details.

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THE VICAR WRITES... "WHAT IS THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS?"

Well we are now heading up to what for our children, is often, the most exciting night of the year - Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning. The deep question it raises for us, is whether Christmas is really a time of promoting a culture of "stuff" which we buy for our kids, then wait till they break down or get superceded - or a time to recover the truth that it should be a time of generous giving. If we are to teach the concept of Generosity, of giving to those who are struggling with world disasters or unfortunate situations, then perhaps we need to shift from multiple gifts, to a single and simple gift for children. We could then get our children and youth to engage with those in need of love at Christmas. They could be challenged to set aside some of their pocket money etc, do extra chores, and plan how they can recover the spirit of generosity to those in need. To do this, it can help to look at the websites of aid agencies like Tear fund, World Vision, Oxfam etc, and give something to help those in desperation.

Christmas generosity started with God's wonderful gift of His Son Jesus Christ, to redeem us from our own shortcomings, and to fill us with hope, love, joy, peace, and goodwill to all people. Attending Church services at Christmas, helps us re-engage with the amazing gift of the Christ-child, the generosity of the 'wise men', and our challenge to be better people when we look beyond ourselves, and take that love out to those in greater need. Dig into the spiritual significance of Christmas, and remember it by celebrating the birth of Christ at a local Church. Rev.d Allan Wasley, Wakefield Anglican Church.

The 2013 Annual Christmas Pageant

Making Christmas decorations to go on the outdoor Christmas tree? A Sausage Sizzle! Videos? A real Donkey (sort of), Guest Stars?? Interactive drama, bringing you the True Story of how Christmas actually started!! Plus a huge shared lunch afterwards!?

If you think that sounds like too much fun to be church, you'd be wrong! Edgy producers, Richard de Hamel (aka Captain Blunderbuss), Pip de Hamel (his First Mate) and all their helpers at St John's Anglican Church are in production mode for the 2013 Annual Christmas Pageant, on 15 December starting 10.30am at the Worship Centre, top of Edward Street.

This is great kid's stuff and we invite kids of all ages to bring along your crooks and tea towels and join in the Journey. Its not an onerous journey, mainly you lounge around in one of 'the villages' along the way, adding ambiance to the proceedings. And you don't really have to have a shepherd's crook or a tea towel to come. Just roll up! Questions? Ring Rita @ 0272288902



Some will know about the **Holistic health classes at the St Johns Centre**. At the end of last term, there was a special event, for which a few participants dressed for, called the "Jane Fonda Gig". Participants gave donations towards the Wakefield Youth Group, and it bought in \$130 which Lynda topped up to \$200! It was great fun, but since then people have looked sideways at the Vicar in his vivid yellow top and red shorts aka Richard Simmons!

The Youth Group led by Hayden Stevenson has gone through some difficult transitions of late, but is continuing on in a new stronger form on Friday evenings. Phone hayden at 5449632

Wakefield Auto Motoring Tips

Good Old Kiwi Holiday

Kiwi holidays are the stuff memories are made of - packing the car, hitting the road and heading to your favourite holiday spot to unwind. Whether you stay in a motel, bach, tent or caravan, long easy-paced days spent exploring the area and relaxing on a nearby beach create family memories to treasure. There's usually sun, sand, jandals, BBQs and plenty of ice creams at the service station. Everyone wants to enjoy the summer, so the one thing you don't want is a vehicle that breaks down, or worse still, suffers a mechanical failure that might put you, your passengers or even other road users at risk.

Vehicle failure or problems often come when a vehicle is under stress. In summer that usually revolves around heat - either as a result of high ambient temperatures, a heavily loaded vehicle or stop-start driving when stuck in a queue. Not surprisingly, summer often sees some motorists caught up in all three at the same time.

If there is a minor problem with your vehicle, there's a much higher probability that it will develop into something more major when the temperature rises. A car engine usually operates at around 95°C, depending on the make and model of course. When that same vehicle is loaded with people and camping gear, is caught in a long line of stop-start traffic, and is crawling its way up a steep hill on a hot summer's day - if problems are going to occur, it will often be at a time like this. So, when you head out for your few days away this summer, make sure that your vehicle is fully prepared for those warmer temperatures. Some simple steps can help save you time, money and headaches during your trip:

- * Consider a pre-trip inspection by an MTA technician; repairs can be more costly on the road. Ask them to check things like the air conditioning, cooling system, drive belts, hoses and clamps, brakes, along with the fundamentals like fluids, oil and water. High temperatures can be hard on your battery - get it checked to ensure it will last the distance.
- Check the condition and air pressure in all tyres, including the spare, to make sure they are roadworthy. Remember, heat is a tyre's biggest enemy.
- Replace ragged wiper blades, and make sure the wash reservoir tank is full and you've added proper cleaning agents - not dishwashing liquid.
- Check all your lights are working. In the summer you may not use your lights very much, so that blown bulb can go unnoticed - until you need it.
- Make sure your sun visors are doing the job; glare from the sun, either directly or from other vehicles, can blind you temporarily.
- Be aware that you might need access to your spare at the most inconvenient time - so if you need to get to it, plan the stowage of luggage and gear to minimise any problems - and remember, it might not always be dry when you are trying to change your tyre.
- If you are towing, ensure your towbar and braking capability is up to the load you are hauling. Because of the strain towing can place on your car, it's vital your cooling and lubrication systems are in top condition.
- * It's also a good idea to have an emergency kit in your car, just in case you need it. It should include: jumper cables, a jack and wheel-brace, torch, water for both the radiator and yourself (around two litres), blanket and towel, and emergency reflectors.

Summer is often the time people choose to try roads that are off the beaten track. By all means, enjoy the journey and take time to appreciate New Zealand's scenery. Keep in mind though, that if you are trying to avoid those queues of fellow holidaymakers, the scenic route may not be the quickest, and if you do strike a problem, there may not be too many passers-by and your cell phone may not work - so plan your trip accordingly. During the summer break, everyone wants to take advantage of the great weather. This means the roads are busier than ever so drivers need to be even more aware of the risks. Remember to take regular breaks during your trip. By driving to the conditions, planning your journey and having patience with other road users, everyone can stay safe on the roads this summer.

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Village Sports News

Wakefield Bowling Club

Club Championship Veterans Pairs has been played this month.

Winners:
Women – Rona Vessey & Margaret Eames
Men – Don Sixtus & Jim Bonnington
See photo attached

Congratulations to Margaret Eames, Julie Hall, Barbara McGregor, Gavin Closey and Stu Peterson being selected for Nelson representative teams to play in a quadrangular tournament in Westport on 23/24 November and against Marlborough in December. Several of our Junior players have been selected to trial for Junior Reps.

Various Interclub competitions continue.

Wakefield had three men's teams and one women's team in the interclub 5s with all teams finishing third in their respective sections. A commendable effort given the strength of club bowls in the Nelson region.

Over labour weekend several Wakefield members played in the invitation tournaments at the United (men) and Nelson (women) Clubs. The latter has individual entries with teams drawn for the tournament. Margaret was drawn to play with Jo Edwards, the No 1 player in the world, and played against another world champion Val Smith.

What other sport can you play with and against World champions?

Community Bowls has gone well through November with new players being involved. It will run again in February for four weeks commencing Thursday 6 Feb from 6-8pm, all welcome for a fun time experiencing bowls. Get a team together with friends or neighbours and come along. Contact Tony on 5418316.

Social roll ups are played every Monday and Friday over summer – 1pm.

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The Adventures of Uncle Harry and Hardtop Farm

Written by Peter Verstappen

Episode 1: Gladys Diversifies

Uncle Harry stood on the river terrace with the evening sun on his back. Below him the plains stretched out in a green and gold jigsaw to the distant ocean, a crayon-stroke of blue at the edge of the world. It was the grandest spot on the property.



"Pity we put the dead sheep hole up here," Harry remarked to Rufus. "The smell spoils the effect, don't you think?" Rufus wagged his tail. Harry gathered up the last of the twisted waratahs and barbed wire and threw them into the hole. They landed with soft puncturing sounds, releasing a new wave of stench into the evening air.

Harry headed for the ute. "Knock off time, Ruf. The new fence around this hole will have to wait a day or two. We've got guests to entertain." As he drove home Harry pondered Gladys's new scheme. "We've got to diversify," she had said. "We can't rely on lambs and wool. 'Broaden the income stream' the accountant told us." So Gladys established Hardtop Farmstays and yesterday the agency delivered Mr Kurozawa.

Mr Kurozawa – elderly, Japanese and not a happy chappie. "He's been sent to New Zealand by his doctor," Gladys whispered – she'd taken to whispering in the house since Mr Kurozawa's arrival. "He needs rest and good food. He's with us for a week." "A week!" "Don't make a fuss, Harry Clout. We're diversifying."

As Harry pulled up in the ute Gladys appeared at the back door. "Harry, take Mr Kurozawa out to look at some sheep while I get the dinner on." Mr Kurozawa scooted out from behind Gladys's ample frame and waited patiently while Harry cleared a space for him on the passenger's seat.

Twenty minutes later Gladys was startled from her potato peeling by a frantic Mr Kurozawa running across the back lawn. "Mrs Gladys! Mrs Gladys! You must help! Big, big problem!" "What's the matter, Mr Kurozawa?" "Mr Harry. He need wayback." "He needs what?" "Mr Harry very angry. He stand in field looking to dog and shouting 'get a wayback! get a wayback!' I run to you for help. You must have wayback." When his mistake was explained Mr Kurozawa laughed heartily. "Rufus, clever dog. His English better than mine!"

Mr Kurozawa's appetite, however, was not so hearty. Gladys tempted him with her finest recipes: lamb's fry, corned beef salad, steak-and-kidney pie, spanish cream and tinned peaches. "It all look good, Mrs Gladys, but my stomach..." and he patted his skinny belly with his skinny hand. All his stomach could handle, it seemed, was boiled rice and a bit of silverbeet. Uncle Harry didn't mind. He tucked into Mr Kurozawa's dinner, heaping spanish cream onto his plate. "Harry, there's no need to be greedy" Gladys cautioned. "I'm just diversifying, Glad," Harry replied, his mouth full of pudding and peaches.

The following evening Harry invited Mr Kurozawa to admire the view from the river terrace. Up on the terrace Mr Kurozawa produced a small digital camera. "Mr Harry, you take photograph of me." Harry aimed the camera but Mr Kurozawa was not satisfied. "Too close," he waved at Harry. "You must go back, get bigger view." Harry, camera poised, stepped back. "Further. Further back," called Mr Kurozawa. Harry took another step back - and toppled into the dead sheep hole.

Harry's fall seemed to happen in slow motion. He could see the waratahs and barbed wire, rusted spikes and tines reaching up to impale him. He felt he had all the time in the world to avoid injury but his body stubbornly defied the will to move out of harm's way. Mercifully his fall avoided all the sharp objects, landing instead among the bloated corpses of his dead sheep, which softly deflated on impact. Uncle Harry lay dazed among the rotting carcasses and blinked up at a small patch of sky. Mr Kurozawa's face appeared.

"Mr Harry? You need help?" "I need help, Mr Kurozawa. Go and get Gladys." "No. I bring truck and rope." "Don't try to drive the ute, Mr Kurozawa. The gearbox is shot." But Mr Kurozawa was gone and Harry could hear the ute grinding into life. He stood up uncertainly, expecting the vehicle to topple into the pit at any moment. But Mr Kurozawa was true to his word. He carefully backed the truck to the edge of the hole, dropped a tow rope down to Harry and hauled him out. Harry stood on the edge of the hole and grinned. "Mr Kurozawa, you're a genius."

"Mr Harry, you stink!" They both roared with laughter. Harry slept in the caravan for the next couple of nights until the stench faded. Then Gladys dropped a bombshell. "Harry, I've got my CWI meeting tonight so you'll have to cook Mr Kurozawa's tea." "Cook! Me?" "Yes you. Goodness knows, you couldn't do any worse than me. He turns his nose up at everything I prepare."

Later that night as she returned from her meeting Gladys passed an ambulance pulling out of the drive. "Harry!" she called as she scrambled into the house. "What's happened?" Harry was in the kitchen washing dishes. "They've taken Mr Kurozawa to hospital to pump his stomach." "What on earth did you do to him, Harry?" "Nothing, Gladys. I just made him some mushroom soup. He liked it too. Wolfed it all down before I could have any. Only problem is, I used the wrong mushrooms." "We didn't have any mushrooms in the fridge." "I know. I picked some of those big red ones by the dog kennel. The ones with white spots on."

"Harry! They're poisonous." "Yeah, apparently. Sorry, Gladys. I guess that's the end of Hardtop Farmstays." "Oh, hang the farmstays. I've got a better idea for diversifying." Gladys began rummaging through the kitchen drawers. "We had a talk tonight from a woman who's earning thousands selling grape jellies made from her grandmother's recipes. Ah ha! I knew I had this somewhere." She flourished an ancient cook book. "Nana's old recipes."



"What did your nana cook that would tempt today's market?"

Gladys looked up triumphantly from the tattered pages of the book. "Stuffed pig's head with walnuts. Buy some weaners, Harry. We're in business."

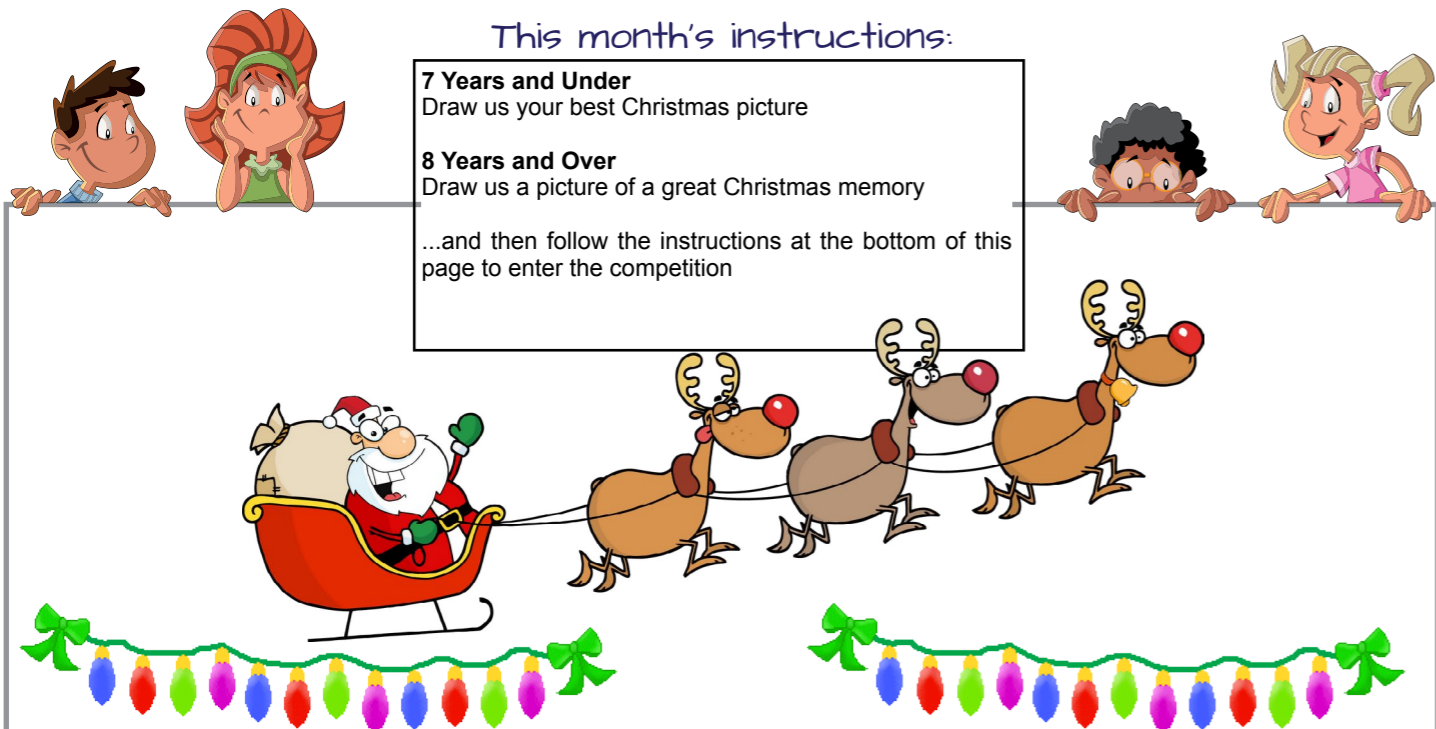
For the Kids

This month's instructions:

7 Years and Under
Draw us your best Christmas picture

8 Years and Over
Draw us a picture of a great Christmas memory

...and then follow the instructions at the bottom of this page to enter the competition



... and the winner of last months **Word Find**,
in the **8 Years and Over** category is
Jack Campey

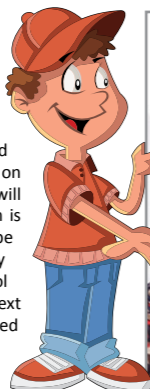
Congratulations to you Jack!

Jack wins a fantastic prize from Sue Ketel.
Next month YOU could be the winner,

so get your entries in!
[See instructions at the top of the page]



GENERAL COMPETITION INSTRUCTIONS: This competition is open to any child aged 12 years and under. To submit an entry, please ensure you include the name, age and contact details (phone and email) of the entrant on the back of the paper, and place in the drop box in the Wakefield School Library which is open Monday - Friday 8.30am to 3.00pm during term time (limited times during school holidays). Alternatively you could post to Nelson Travel Broker, Kids competition, PO Box 40, Wakefield 7052. Entries must be received by the 20th of the month in which the competition appears in the Window on Wakefield. There are two categories 0-7 years of age and 8 and over. Entries will be judged by Sue Ketel and an independent party, and the judges' decision is final. Some allowance will be made for the age of each entrant. There will be a prize for the winning entry in each category, and winners will be notified by phone or email. Prizes will be available for collection at the Wakefield School office during normal school hours. The winners will be announced in the next month's edition, and where possible, the winning entries or results printed too. We draw your attention to our general Terms & Conditions on page 2, especially point (d). We hope you enjoy these competitions.



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Please contact Carol on 03 541 9538 to chat about your requirements.

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Phone: Jethro 541 8005, 027 764 7444

WAKEFIELD BABY SITTER AVAILABLE

I am 17 years old and looking for local babysitting work.

Good references available,
please phone Laura on 541 9334

WORK WANTED

Experienced Accounts Person looking for 1-2 days per week office work.

References available.
Phone Claire 541 8686

WANTED

Ice-cream containers 2lt ,
with or without lids.
Drop off at strawberry patch Wai-iti OR
Wakefield trading

MONTHLY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2013

Tues 3	10.30 am - Wakefield Community Library open 7.30 pm - Wakefield Village Hall meeting
Wed 4	9.15 am - Craft Group, Wakefield Village Hall 9.30 am - Wakefield Plunket Playgroup, Methodist Church 6.30 pm - Country Players BYO Picnic, "Shenanigans Wake"
Thurs 5	6.00 pm - Circuit Class, Wakefield Village Hall
Fri 6	2.30 pm - Wakefield Community Library open 6.30 pm - Country Players Dinner Theatre, "Shenanigans Wake"
Sat 7	9.30 am - Wakefield Community Toy Library open 6.30 pm - Country Players Dinner Theatre, "Shenanigans Wake"
Tues 10	10.30 am - Wakefield Community Library open 7.30 pm - Wakefield Community Council, St Johns Church
Wed 11	9.15 am - Craft Group, Wakefield Village Hall 9.30 am - Wakefield Plunket Playgroup, Methodist Church
Thurs 12	6.00 pm - Circuit Class, Wakefield Village Hall
Fri 13	2.30 pm - Wakefield Community Library open
Sat 14	8.00 am - Market Day, Whitby Way Carpark 9.30 am - Wakefield Community Toy Library open
Sun 15	10.30 am - Annual Christmas Pageant, St Johns Worship Centre
Tues 17	10.30 am - Wakefield Community Library open 2.00 pm - Wakefield Rest Home Christmas Party
Wed 18	9.15 am - Craft Group, Wakefield Village Hall 9.30 am - Wakefield Plunket Playgroup, Methodist Church
Thurs 19	6.00 pm - Circuit Class, Wakefield Village Hall
Fri 20	2.30 pm - Wakefield Community Library open Last day of Playcentre for 2013 Last day of School for 2013 for Wakefield School
Sat 21	9.30 am - Wakefield Community Toy Library open
Sun 22	6.00 pm - Christmas Carols for families, St Johns Worship Centre
Tues 24	10.30 am - Wakefield Community Library open 9.00 pm - Midnight at Nine, St Johns Worship Centre
Wed 25	CHRISTMAS DAY
Thurs 26	BOXING DAY



JANUARY 2014

Wed 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Thurs 2	8.30 am - 36th Annual Wakefield Craft Fair Steam Day, Higgins Park
Fri 3	2.30 pm - Wakefield Community Library open
Tues 7	10.30 am - Wakefield Community Library open



Community Notices

WAKEFIELD CRAFT FAIR

Thursday 2nd January 2014

Wakefield Village Green
and
Wakefield Hall

Thursday 2nd January 2014 will be the 36th Annual Wakefield Craft Fair.

It will be held again on the Wakefield Village Green and in the Wakefield Hall.

Stall holders are now being sought from around the Wakefield and Brightwater areas.

Items must be of a handcrafted nature and not imported or secondhand.

If you would like any information or to book a site, please telephone

Glenn or Leanne Turner on 541 8306.

Wakefield Physio's "How Well Do You Know Your Body?" Quiz

Answers:

1. Cranium
2. Mandible
3. Scapula
4. Sternum
5. Humerus
6. Rib
7. Radius
8. Ulna
9. Pelvis
10. Sacrum
11. Carpals
12. Metacarpals
13. Phalanges
14. Femur
15. Patella
16. Tibia
17. Fibula
18. Tarsals
19. Metatarsals

ST JOHNS CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Services at St Johns Church over the season:

8 December

9am, 10.30am Bishop Richard's visit

15 December

10.30am Christmas Pageant, all welcome!

22 December

6pm Christmas Carols for Families @ Wakefield Worship Centre. All Welcome. One hour long.

24 December Christmas Eve

Midnight at nine (pm) at St Johns

25 December Christmas Morning

9am Family Communion service

29 December

9am at St Johns with Methodists



Our Moutere Festival 2 February 2014!!

- Guest blackcurrant chef – Miles Drewery
 - Blackcurrant bake-off – get creative!
 - Photographic competition – start snapping
 - Moutere Artisans
 - Blackcurrant health information
 - Moutere History
 - Grown in the Moutere
 - Huge recycled book stall – save those books and bring them in
 - Loads to do and see for young and not so young!
 - Masses of stalls, and activities
 - Food, beer and wine,
 - Music and entertainment
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- Gentle Cycling ride 12km
 - Mountain Bike race 27km

Come along and support us as we work to fund our replacement MHCC

Keep up with all the exciting Festival news and competition details on www.saraufestival.co.nz or like us on facebook and keep up with our changes – we can't fit it all in here!

WAKEFIELD MARKET DAY

Wakefield Market, Saturday 14th December, 8am - 12. Would be great to see bricbrac, gifts galore, give local grown or made, or recycle something for everyone.

Sites available ring Jean5418154

YOUTH GROUP IN WAKEFIELD

St Johns church now has two different age range youth groups operating on Friday nights.

6pm for the intermediate age range, 7.45pm for the older and wiser mob
Contact Hayden 5418909

Wakefield Craft Group

Come and join the ladies craft group

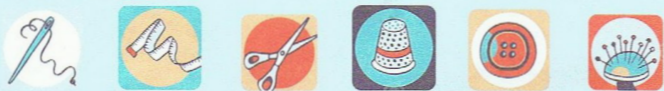
Wednesday mornings in the Village hall supper room

9.15am - 12pm.

Bring any project - sewing, knitting, crochet etc.
and join us for coffee and company

\$3 per morning

Phone Judy on 541 8342



Wakefield craft morning on a wednesday is still the same as above, 9.15am till midday. The cost is currently \$2.00 as long as we get at least eight people.

Community Directory

Citizens Advice Bureau
548 2117 - 0800 367 222

Guiding Co-ordinator
Sue Burrowes 541 9689

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 Brownies
Vin Law 541 9190

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
Richard Malcolm 541 9429

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
Sheryl Guyton 541 9178

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

Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade
DCFO Fritz Buckendahl 027 224 4162

Womens Biz
Justyne McGaveston 522 4488
Sonia Emerson 541 9005

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, Wed 10am
Fr David Gruschow 544 8987

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

**Wakefield Bush Restoration
Society**
Doug South 541 8980

Wakefield Craft Fair
Leanne and Glen Turner
541 8306

Wakefield/Brightwater Guides
Sarah Arnold 5419481

**Wakefield Methodist -Presbyterian
Church**
Meet 1st & 3rd Sundays 11am
Rev Paul Tregurtha 544 8394

Wakefield Plunket
Donna Todd 541 8583

**Wakefield School/ Community
Swimming Pool**
Contact Phill Platt on 027 231 7610

Wakefield Smallbore Rifle Club
Ian Hutchings 541 8342

Wakefield Village Rest Home
Gerri Harvey 541 8995

Wanderers Sports Club
542 3344

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Advertising - 541 9641
Genie & Lindsay Bradley

Focus Wakefield
Diane Blackburn 541 9725

Just Gymnastics
Linda Mace 546 6013

NZ Postcard Society Inc.
Doug South 541 8980

**Richmond Lions -
Wakefield Representative**
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 Community Council
Allan Wasley 541 9622

Wakefield Indoor Bowls Club
Ren Olykan 541 8275

Wakefield Pippins
Sue Burrows

Wakefield Preschool
Contact: 541 8086

Wakefield School PTA
Jeanette Mattsen
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03 541 8118

Wakefield Tennis Club
Ngairie Calder 541 9419

Wakefield Village Hall
Rob Merilees 541 8598

Way to Go Co-ordinator
Vanessa Mairs 027 511 8826

St. John's Worship Centre
Caroline Gibbs 541 8491

Waimea Plains Junior Football Club
Grant de Joux
542 4452

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**.

In the event of an emergency, for urgent public messages, tune in to:
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