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Community News for the Wakefield Area

Wakefield School Gala 2014 *by Sonia Emerson*

Well another gala has been and gone, and we were lucky this year to have a superb day of sunshine. The Wakefield School PTA would like to extend a huge thank you to all the families and staff who supported the gala. Thank you to everyone who donated items, sponsored activities, provided prizes and assisted with set up, clean up and on the stalls during the gala. Without all of this support the gala wouldn't have been possible. Also thank you to everyone who turned out on the night and brought along family, friends and neighbours. This contributed to the relaxed, enjoyable, welcoming atmosphere that helped turn the gala into a fantastic community event. A special mention must be made of the wonderful band Parallel who donated their time to entertain us for the event.

Due to the wonderful generosity of families, community and businesses, we were able to raise just over \$28,000 for Wakefield School. The money raised at the gala will just about cover the PTA's contribution towards building a kitchen just for the use of our students - a place where teachers can teach food technology and the children can learn how to cook, all while developing other core skills such as reading and mathematics.

Entertainment was once again provided by local band Parallel, in conjunction with dancers, singers, and rock bands from Wakefield School itself as well as ex-pupils. The addition of a climbing wall this year, courtesy of Wendy Pearson - Heyward Realty [who also sponsored the bouncy castle], was great with queues of children lining up. The Town & Country Vet petting zoo also proved popular as always, and the pick the poo spot was a lot of fun.

There was a huge range of food on offer with the Ultraspec hot chips and hot dogs, Harte Distribution & Freighting milkshakes, Marine & Industrial Stainless real fruit ice creams, whitebait patties, pork sandwiches, cafe and kids food all proving popular. If you attended, we hope you took the opportunity to try the awesome hamburgers, bacon sammies, and quality sausages that were on offer all generously processed by Lindsay and Bruce from Wakefield Butchers, so if you are in need of a homekill service or quality ham or sausies give them a call.

This year for the first time a couple of parents got together to arrange a gluten and dairy free stall which was a great new variation for the gala and was kindly sponsored by the Wakefield Health Centre and Nelbay Solutions.

Other activities on offer to take part in or view the results included the Craig Hamilton - Mike Pero chicken wheel, the Wakefield 4 Square Supermarket cake baking competition and the Programmed Property Maintenance childrens competitions. Other key sponsors included Sue Ketel - Travel Broker, Wakefield Preschool, and Gardiner Building Contractors as well as the large list included on page four so please support these people who have supported us.



[More photos of the gala on pages 3, 4 and 6]

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Wakefield School Gala News & Thank You's

Gala Success

by Blake, Year 6

It was a sunny day in the small village of Wakefield, where a very successful gala took place. Thousands of people showed up to the fun-filled event.

One of the hit stalls for community was the haunted house, which was earning hundreds of dollars within the first few hours of the gala. With the Wakefield PTA setting up a gluten and dairy free stall as well as many other food choices from burgers to bacon sandwiches it meant that there was food suitable for everyone.

All of the money raised will be going to funding a new kitchen behind rooms 9 & 10 at Wakefield School, giving the students at the primary school the opportunity to participate in food technology.



To read more Wakefield School news check out our school blog <http://www.blogspot.wakefield.school.nz>

Wakefield School would like to extend their thanks to all of the following businesses and individuals for their generous support of the Wakefield School Gala:

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And a special thank you to everyone who assisted on a stall or with the gala on the day – staff, parents and community members.



Cryptic Clues

by Derek Evans

Back to Cryptic Clues this month, of famous film stars:

1. Reborn Saint
2. Throw an old nail into a hole in the ground
3. This Robin should be able to mend water pipes
4. Worker in an office at the end of the house
5. Cambridge University Official's winged house pet
6. Drake liked to get close to this but it all turned sour?
7. Mickey's friend's chauffeur.
8. A noise made by spring on the piano shouldn't frighten the bird away.
9. Bill's car.
10. Owned a heavenly choir and a Sky Pilot

Last months "Name these famous dogs" clues and answers:

1. In 'The Adventures of 'Tin Tin' - Snowy
2. In 'Sputnik 2' - Lica
3. Stephen Kings rabid St Bernard - Huga
4. Doctor Who's dog - K9
5. Bill Sykes - Bullseye
6. In 'The Call of the Wild' - Buck
7. Hagrid's "cowardly" Boarhound - Fang
8. Three headed hound of Hades - Cerberus
9. What was the dog Nipper famous for? HMV early Logo.
10. Odysseus's faithful hound - Argo
11. Enid Blytons in 'Famous Five' - Timmy
12. BBCTV's first dog - Petra
13. Lord Byron's - Bosun
14. Bulldog in Tom & Jerry cartoons - Spike
15. Barack Obama's dog - Bo

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Growing Things

JASMINE by Jenni Komarovsky

As I step out of my front door, I get a strong scent of jasmine, wafted on the breeze from a neighbouring garden.

White Jasmine (*Jasminum polyanthum*) grows in many gardens in Wakefield. Wikipedia says that "It grows fast and easily, and flowers nicely". In fact it grows so fast and so easily that it has become listed as an invasive weed in New Zealand.

The Weedbusters brochure "Plant me instead" says that it is "capable of seriously damaging native forest" when it escapes from gardens into the wild, and suggests planting Star Jasmine instead.

The builder who checked out our new home decreed that we should get rid of the jasmine growing up the side of the house as soon as possible.

The vines had travelled more than 15 metres under the house to find a purchase in soil on the other side. It had also grown up into the roof cavity, where stems can cause damage and allow water to enter, resulting in a jasmine-induced leaky home.

So if you have it in your garden, keep it under control and don't put it in the compost as that will only spread it further.

Such a pity, as it has a lovely sweet smell that is so evocative of summer.



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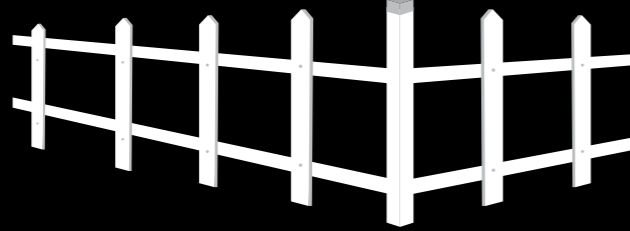
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Medical Emergency Hastens Plans

by Caraline Dyson

In recent months Focus Wakefield and Wakefield Four Square owner Stuart Hore have been considering the purchase and siting of a new public defibrillator that would be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Following a medical emergency on Edward Street last month, the two parties, along with the Wakefield Health Centre Committee, swiftly accelerated the discussion and agreed to proceed with the plan.

Focus Wakefield Committee members voted unanimously to purchase the new public defibrillator and it will be conveniently sited at Wakefield Four Square, benefitting from the security systems already in place to safeguard against vandalism.

Wakefield Health Centre Committee has generously undertaken to maintain the public defibrillator, and members Bob Croy and Eloise Fry were instrumental in cementing the plans.

Four Square owners Stu and Jacqui Hore have researched this subject and are delighted they can help with such an important tool for the community.

Thankfully, the Health Centre defibrillator was available although not required last month, but the new constant access defibrillator will be available around the clock, even when the Health Centre is closed. Every minute counts in such emergencies, as all involved will attest. The gentleman taken ill is now recovering and would like to thank everyone concerned who assisted.

Funds raised from advertising in Window on Wakefield mean Focus Wakefield can make this purchase, so we would like to thank our wonderful advertisers for their continued support, and also like to remind readers to 'shop local' and support our advertisers in turn.

Further news about the new public defibrillator will be promoted on Focus Wakefield's Facebook page, on the village notice board, and in Window on Wakefield.

Craft Group

by Judy Hutchings

The Craft group celebrated four years on the 11th of November and was celebrated with a pot luck finger food lunch at one of our members home, after our craft morning.

Photos:

Top Right - Array of lovely food

Middle Left - Blowing out the candles

Middle Right - Two original members, Judy and Janet, who started on the first day back in November 2010

Bottom - everyone who attended our four year celebration [some of our members were sick and unable to attend]



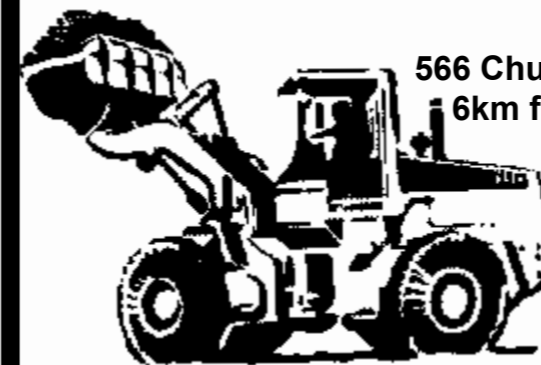
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Wakefield School Pool Opening

by Emma, Year 5

On Sunday November 1st, children excitedly ran around the entrance to Wakefield School's community pool waiting for the doors to open for the very first time this summer. In poured a crowd of cheerful children followed by a group of flustered parents. The pool committee had gone through a brain twisting amount of work, cleaning the water, scrubbing out the slimy green weed and setting up the huge snake bouncy obstacle course.

Water flew everywhere as the first person jumped in the pool until it was fully crowded with energetic kids of all ages, from toddlers to teenagers. Key after key sold, as adults willingly handed over their money in exchange for a pool key to keep for the rest of the season. Minutes turned into hours and soon it was time for the pool to close. It was a day to remember!



Big Picture Day

by Paige, Year 5

Wakefield School recently held a "Big Picture Day" to plan how business would be for our school in the future. Different groups attended; children, parents, teachers, the Board of Trustees, education experts and people in the Wakefield community.

The day started with Dr Brian Annan from the University of Auckland, an education expert, talking about schools in the future and involving children more in making decisions. Next we talked about the new modern learning environments and a speaker spoke about democratic learning. Then some pupils presented a speech to the audience about what they liked, disliked and would like to change to help their learning at school. In the afternoon, we moved to different workshops and then everyone gathered into the hall and together created a future plan. The future plan included more modern learning environments, involving children, parents and the community more in decisions, continuing environment education and maybe bringing our own computers and laptops in the future.



Swimming Lessons

by Aria, Year 5

Wakefield school is lucky to now have swimming lessons. Parents only had to pay \$20 for ten lessons. An anonymous donor and a Kiwi Sport fund initiative paid for the rest. All ages from five to eleven get two half hour slots every week. The instructors are Karyn Young, Jemma Taikato, Ellie Gaging and Sharyn Simpson. The kids really enjoy improving their skills and are also enjoying their lessons. Swimming is a very important skill that everyone should learn to do so they can survive in water. So a big thank you to the donor and the Kiwi Sport funds initiative.

Wakefield School Staff Support a Better Plan

by Paula Rowland, NZEI Representative

You may be aware that the Government has initiated an Investing in Educational Success plan. It is an initiative where schools are brought together in Communities of Learning and some teachers and principals are paid to 'mentor' other schools and teachers. Large amounts of money are paid to these selected staff; the initial offers are executive principals an additional \$40,000 a year, \$20,000 more for expert teachers and \$10,000 more for lead teachers. In a recent vote the staff of Wakefield School, along with 93% of primary school colleagues nationwide, reject these initiatives.

"A Better Plan for Kids"

We are not interested in pay rises for teachers and principals who would be taken out of classrooms for up to two days a week 'mentoring' other schools. Collaboration and support for teachers in our own and other schools is already happening and could be strengthened without spending large amounts of money on a few staff.

\$359 million! How could this be better spent?

We feel the money could be better spent on:

- * Smaller class sizes to ensure individualised learning. The introduction of a 1:15 ratio for five year olds is estimated to cost \$50 million a year.
- * Better funding for children with special needs to support 20,000 more kids at an estimated \$180 million.
- * Funding for teacher aides in classrooms so teachers can focus on teaching and learning.

We will continue to support this 'better plan'. Should you wish more information on our stance please go to www.standupforkids.org.nz/better-plan.

Town and Country Talk

HAPPY HOLIAYS!

by Brenda Halliwell

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 regular treatment is important. We have many options available so pop into the clinic for advice on what's best for you and your pet.

How do I know if my sheep are flyblown?

Yes it's summer and the flies are back! Affected animals can be seen nibbling their wool, stamping their feet and twitching their tails before becoming depressed. Dark patches may also be seen on white fleeces.

Maggots can be difficult to find amongst wool on sheep. So if you see symptoms, the wool should be systematically parted and checked especially in the commonly affected areas:

- around the tail end
- on the back line
- on the belly where feet touch when the sheep lies down and around the pizzle in males
- between the ears of rams after fighting and head bashing



Treatment

Clip wool around the affected area to about 5mm and destroy the clippings. Apply Cyrex Liquid to the area. Do not use flyspray. Sheep that are sick/toxic due to flystrike may also need more intensive treatment including antibiotic and pain relief medications.

Prevention

There are a number of available products which come under many names and with a variety of application methods. Some products treat lice as well. Meat withholding periods must be considered if treated lambs are being sent to the works. So read the instructions before use!

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STOP THE WATER WORKS! HOW TO TRAIN YOUR PELVIC FLOOR MUSCLES FOR WOMEN AND MEN

by Kate West, Physiotherapist

Do you avoid the trampoline? Do you have to cross your legs when you sneeze? The chances are you have weak pelvic floor muscles. Your pelvic floor muscles are vital for maintaining good bladder and bowel control. And the good news is that they can be retrained and strengthened so no more embarrassing leakage.

WHERE ARE YOUR PELVIC FLOOR MUSCLES LOCATED?

Your pelvic floor muscles extend from your pubic bone in the front to your tailbone at the back (picture one). These muscles form the 'floor' of your pelvis.



Picture 1. Pelvic Floor Location
 Adapted from
www.pelvicfloorfirst.org.au

WHAT DO YOUR PELVIC FLOOR MUSCLES DO?

These muscles support your bladder, bowel (and uterus or womb in females) and they help prevent leakage.

HOW DO THEY GET WEAK?

Typical causes are:

- In pregnancy and childbirth the pelvic floor muscles are stretched to make room for the baby which can lead to weakness
- After some prostate surgery
- Persistent straining to empty the bladder or bowel
- Heavy lifting
- Chronic cough
- Being overweight
- Lack of general fitness

HOW DO I KNOW IF THEY ARE WORKING PROPERLY?

Start by sitting in a chair and breathe calmly. Relax your bottom, stomach and leg muscles. Now imagine you are trying to stop the flow of urine or are holding in wind. Do this by gently squeezing and lifting up around your front and back passage. Remember don't hold your breath or tighten your bottom or leg muscles. You can do a self test to check you are using the correct muscles the next time you need to pass urine. Try and stop mid-flow and then restart. Please note that this is only a test and is not a way of training your pelvic floor muscles.

TRAINING YOUR PELVIC FLOOR MUSCLES

The first thing to know is that with all strength training you need to persevere to see results. Training your pelvic floor muscles is no different. Start off small, and as you get stronger increase the time of your holds.

- Sit or lie down, relax your breathing and allow the rest of your body to relax
- Strongly squeeze and lift your pelvic floor muscles and hold for 3 – 10 seconds
- Relax for 3-5 seconds
- Then repeat your squeeze and lift 8-12 times – this counts as one set
- Repeat this exercise so that you are doing 3 sets per day

Remember to make sure that you continue to breathe throughout this exercise and don't use your bottom and inner thigh muscles. You should see results within 4-12 weeks depending on your circumstances.

If you are pregnant, make sure you start doing these exercises now and continue to do after birth to reduce the chances of leakage (as one in three women suffer from urinary leakage after birth – NZ Continence Association).

If you are having difficulty finding or contracting your pelvic floor muscles then don't give up. Try the exercise in a different position such as lying on your back or on your side.

If this still doesn't work then please seek help from a qualified pelvic floor physiotherapist.

If you want more useful information about incontinence then visit www.continence.org.nz and www.physiotherapy.org.nz (search pelvic floor).



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Focus Wakefield

by Emma Marshall and Jason Preller

After more than two years of planning and consultation, the Focus Wakefield project for Beautification of the Village Green has finally received approval from the Tasman District Council.

The project has been planned to be implemented in several stages as follows:

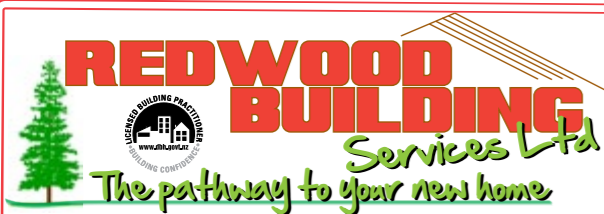
1. Establishment of the planted area within the green and the planting of the new cedar tree (with the involvement of the School).
2. Organisation of litter bins, bike racks, tables, seating and drinking fountain (and a water feature **).
3. Laying of brick paving at the end of the car park forming the additional planting area around the toilet and plant up. This would follow on well with the establishment of the bike racks (we may even combine these).
4. Construction of the raised beds in the central area.
5. Construction of the two raised beds by the main entrance to the Green followed closely by the central raised flower gardens.
6. Construction of the water feature**.

We had hoped to commence Stage 1 this Spring 2014 but due to the timing of TDC's approval we are going to commence with Stage 2 (sourcing litter bins, bike racks, tables, seating and water fountain) in January/February 2015 and come back to Stage 1 in Autumn 2015.

We need:

- people to assist with construction and manufacturing of the bike racks, tables and seating
- donations of or towards these items (you or your business will be recognised with an appropriate plaque on or near the item)
- donations of raw products e.g. steel piping, wood, concrete
- furniture makers, woodworkers, engineers & manufacturers, pavers and bricklayers, and steel-workers
- we are also going to need general assistance and volunteers

** note: a water fountain installation is included in the original design plan but TDC's approval of this aspect of the plan is still pending.



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The Way We Were

Uncle Dick's Story - Part II 24 April 1916 - 3 September 1917

Prepared for the Waimea South Historical Society by Roger Batt

It is towards the end of April 1916, Douglas William Batt has left the heat of the Egyptian desert for the western front. With "many Nelson boys" he is billeted out with a French farming family and "trying hard to learn French." He has seen "many wonderful places" and wants to go to Paris. What amazes him is the way that the people carry out their daily work with no heed to the fighting that is going on close at hand. His concern continues to be with his family at home. Karl is told to "...help Dad all he can as he is the only son he can now depend on."

By May 3rd he has received six letters and two parcels since Christmas. The big guns are "very noisy." In December he is due for ten days leave and has had to cable home for some money to enjoy it. (He hopes to get to England.) Asking after the Coles (a local family) he supposes the baby has grown a little. The cold has come and they have had several snowfalls. Christmas has been spent out of the trenches in a little French village and he has had a good time.

The Battle of the Somme had raged from 1st July to 18th November and he supposes that they "got a fright to see the casualty list of NZ boys" but that they were "spoken well of wherever we go." (This was the first and largest battle faced by NZ troops in WWI. Out of 15,000 men in the division, 2,000 were killed - 1 in 7, and 4 in 10 were wounded.) He hopes to be home for next Christmas and thinks the Germans have had enough.

By 18 January 1917, and with only one oblique reference to the carnage of the Somme, he was thinking of home. "No doubt the spring must be lovely over there I often wish this old war would end and I were home. I never want to see another day like that one." Then his thoughts turn to more familiar things: "You will soon be in the thick of the fruit picking...how I wish that I were there for the fruit. I haven't seen any decent apples since I left...I hope to be home by next Xmas if I am lucky."

On February 6th his letter includes thanks for the pound note that was sent to enable him to go on leave. Once more he focuses on the positive aspects of his situation. "I have had a wide experience out here more than money could buy and I shall never regret it. With America about to enter the war he reflects that he is "fed just as well as if there was no war on: meat, butter, vegetables, a meal of eggs and chips for a franc...I can get a hot bath and clean clothes within four miles of the firing line."

June 4th in France is "lovely and hot." He is near a "nice swimming hole. We spend a good deal of time in it although it is close to the trenches and we often have to run for our lives."

Even in the midst of a great war he can see beauty among the carnage. "I was out motoring last night all around the front and it was a pretty sight to see all the different coloured lights and rockets going off and the big guns hammering all the time." But the risks he is taking daily and the uncertainty of his situation compared with those 12,000 miles away doesn't go unnoticed.

"Thelma tells me that old R.E. has a car. I think it is about time he came out hear, it is very hard to see what our boys put up with out hear and hundreds of them are loafing around there homes. And the worst of it is they will be thought just as much of as the ones that came out hear and died for there countrie."

However, it is not in his nature to remain bitter or bemoan his situation for very long. In the same letter he adds: "Tell (Dad) I am having a great experience out hear and am very pleased that he made no fuss about me coming away." (To be continued)



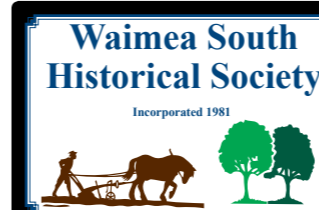
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Top Right - Working in a dressing station

Middle Right - Helping the wounded

Bottom Right - Stretcher bearers at work

Left - Battlefield of the Somme

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Wakefield Health Centre

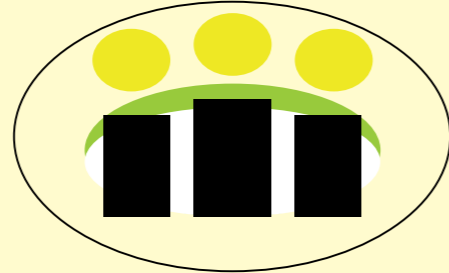
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Please check your regular medications and ensure you have enough to get you through the long breaks.

You may require an appointment to get your repeat medications so please arrange for the appointments well in advance ie early in December if possible.

There is always a rush and not enough time close to Christmas so getting your health sorted early saves a lot of stress for everyone.

New Year resolutions often involve lifestyle changes so please remember the Health Centre is available and willing to help you with quitting smoking, dietary advice, exercise programmes, alcohol and gambling issues.



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we wish you a merry Christmas,
we wish you a merry Christmas,
a safe, healthy and happy New Year.**



Rural Ramblers

LAKE ROTOITI - Monday 10 November 2014

Fourteen people met at Lake Rotoiti. Eight members made an attempt on Mt Robert and returned via Bush Line Hut. We set off at 10.30am, everyone in good spirits and setting a great pace. Four of the party made it to the half way point up Mt Robert and then returned to the carpark for lunch with the rest of the party making it out onto the tops and back via the circuit. Others from the group had managed to catch the boat up the lake and walked back and reported a lovely trip.

Our next meeting is for Xmas Lunch which is booked at The Honest Lawyer for 1 pm on 8 December 2014. We will meet at Wakefield as usual as some people may want transport and then will travel to Monaco and meet at the Honest Lawyer for 10.30 am to take in a walk around the peninsular and returning for lunch by 12.30 pm, a nice easy day for us. Everyone is welcome to join us; partners, friends etc, just let us know your numbers so we can book. It might be a good idea to choose your lunch and advise the restaurant before we head off on the walk as we will be such a large party.

You would be welcome to join our happy band and can obtain information from any of the below members. We have people from Tapawera, Wakefield, Brightwater and Nelson. We meet second Monday of each month at Wakefield carpark, so call any of these numbers to find out more; Carolyn Mason 541 9200, June Johnston 542 3588, Louise Baker 522 4909.

Three of the group on Monday had an easier walk. We left the DOC office and went to see the time out cottages and the Chapel. These cottages by the Chapel are for people who need to recover from sickness or tragedy and can spend time in a really peaceful place. They are magical! The Chapel is a lovely place. People going through St Arnaud should stop off there for a few minutes too. Then, to check out the eels at the lake and a chat with a carver who was sitting working beside the lake. What a peaceful atmosphere to do creative work!

Then to the walk planned. Hamish the water taxi driver who knows our group came over. He suggested dropping us off up the lake at Rata Bay to walk back. It wasn't in the original plan but a watertaxi ride as well, we had to accept (the price was right). We enjoyed the trip up and then to return through lovely bush and have the sight and sound of the lake by our side made us feel good. Picked a nice spot for lunch and arrived back later at the DOC office to meet up with the others from the Mt Robert trip. Great day out!

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Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade

Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade held a farewell function for the retired Senior Constable Peter Cobbledeick a few weeks ago. Peter served the Wakefield community and outlying district for 16 years, 1998 to 2014, whether on duty or off duty. Peter earned respect from both sides of the fence. He was known to be a hard man but fair and this attribute alone earned him respect.

Peter also played a big part in the Wakefield community, being a member of the Wakefield Community Council, the local soccer club and the local Xmas light "put it up" man.

Peter was always there for the brigade when we needed help or guidance when we were doing our job. Peter would turn up at all ungodly hours, even when he was off duty. Even if it was pouring with rain Peter would be there to help.

At Peter's farewell function the brigade gave Peter a New Zealand Fire Service Plaque as well as making him our first Life Honorary Member of the Wakefield Fire Brigade from outside the brigade itself, a big honor for the brigade and Peter but well deserved.

This month Nigel and myself have completed a four day course in Rotorua doing the Fire Investigation Course. From now on when we go to a fire we have a better understanding of what we are looking for, where did the fire start from, what was the source of ignition, was it suspicious and what to protect for evidence for further investigation if needed.

Call outs for Nov so far

- Bonfire Brightwater
- Person inhaled pool chemicals
- Cardiac arrest Wakefield

In total this year 80 calls so far as at 24/11/14

As always take care
Fritz Buckendahl
CFO WVFB



Children's Christmas Pageant

by Rita Bell

There are a lot of expectations about now aren't there? A lot of hurrying. A lot of preparation. A lot of tension, even. There's shopping, presents, special meals, visitors, garden, work, decorating, the tree, the house, inside, outside, newsletter, Christmas cards...how am I doing? Haven't got to the money part yet.

How many of those things bring your family real joy and delight? Would you like them to have a genuine Christmas experience this year? Every year St. Johns Anglican Church presents The CHILDREN'S PAGEANT just before Christmas. You know, with the angels and the shepherds and sometimes a live Christ child. We have stories and gifts and singing and Christmas goodies.

The children love it, (the adults too), and we are all reminded that there is a real reason for this special celebration, and real joy and delight. All of us at St. Johns; children, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, friends you haven't met yet, pastors, we all invite you to join us in our combined Children's Christmas Pageant service on 14 December at 10.30am in the large Worship Centre.

Relax for the morning, put it all out of your mind, and let someone else do it. Even better, after the service stay for a shared lunch with us. Bring only your smiles, there will be plenty of food.



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On The Beat

Hi everyone,

With the end of the year fast approaching and work or social functions underway, I want to let everyone know of the change to the law on drinking alcohol and driving. These laws come into effect on the 1st of December 2014.

There is advertising currently running on this subject through national media outlets, so the more aware we make you the less chance that you will get caught out. Here is an extract which outlines the new levels and penalties:

DRINK DRIVE LAW CHANGE

The Government has introduced new legislation lowering the alcohol limit for drivers aged 20 and over from 1st December 2014.

The breath alcohol limit lowers from 400mcg of alcohol per litre of breath to 250mcg of alcohol per litre of breath.

The blood alcohol limit lowers from 80mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood (0.08) to 50mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood (0.05).

The big question for most people is how much can I drink and legally drive?

The answer isn't straightforward. It will depend on your gender, your size, how much you have eaten, how tired you are and how your body deals with alcohol. We're all different!

Alcohol contributes to about 30 percent of fatal road crashes and even small amounts of alcohol affect your driving. The simplest solution is if you drink, don't drive. Make a plan before you go out to get a sober driver, a taxi or stay the night.

If you've had a big night you need to be aware that you could still be over the 250 limit the following morning. Make sure you get a good sleep and eat before you get back behind the wheel.

One thing you can guarantee over the coming months is that you are highly likely to be stopped and breath tested while driving. When you are stopped you will undergo a roadside breath screening test. If you register 250 or less you will be allowed to drive on. If you are over 250 you will be required to undergo an evidential breath test. This will usually be done at a police station or booze bus. If your result comes back between 251 and 400mcg you will receive a \$200 infringement fee and 50 demerit points. You will not be allowed to drive for 12 hours. If your test shows more than 400mcg you will face criminal charges.

The legal limit for drivers aged under 20 the alcohol limit remains zero.

My advice to all drivers is don't take a risk and don't stand by and let your mates drink and drive. We want everyone to get home safely.

That is the message everyone, enjoy the festive season, and drink alcohol in moderation and be aware of the above message.

We have a great community spirit in this area so let's keep it going, so keep the information coming to us.

Enjoy the rest of the year, be safe, drive safe.

Cheers
S/Const Marty Tutton
Wakefield



Thank You - Focus Wakefield Youth Grant

by Annie McMiken

Hi my name is Annabelle McMiken (Annie). Last month I was lucky enough to be awarded a Focus Wakefield Youth Grant of \$200.

I love to dance and perform. I learn jazz, ballet, hip hop and contemporary with Fargher Academy of Dance as well as tap dance with Tasman Tappers.

The first weekend of November I travelled to Auckland, with my dance teacher Trudy Fargher, for the New Zealand Academy of Dance Scholars weekend. I qualified to attend the weekend by getting 100% in my jazz dance exam.

The minimum age to attend the weekend is 13, and the senior grades of dance. As I am only 13, I was very young to attend, with most of the dancers being around 16, and some 21.

To qualify for the tap scholars you have to be grade 7, I am only grade 5 so was blown away by what the older tap dancers could do (and their costumes.)

I had a great weekend, saw some amazing dancers, and really enjoyed the workshop and watching the finals. I had a fantastic weekend. Thank you very much Focus Wakefield.



Wakefield Art Group

by Sonja Lamers

2014 has been a great year for the Wakefield Art Group. From small beginnings two years ago we now have a steady group of eight to ten participants and we are enjoying each others company as well as painting and drawing.

In October/November we had two of our own members giving workshops. Gary Gibbens demonstrated colour mixing and Des Whymann gave a workshop on drawing. Both workshops were well attended and we learned various new skills.

Our last three sessions of the 2014 year are 27 November, 4 and 11 December 2014.

The Wakefield Art Group will have a break over summer and be back early February on our usual Thursday morning 9.30am.

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Wakefield Foodies

by Rita Bell

Wow, here we are at the end of 2014, and what a lot of learning and laughter has passed under the bridge of the Wakefield Foodie Group. We have sampled many old favourites and we have challenged ourselves with lots of interesting new foods or methods. We have made sausages, choux pastry, preserved lemons, and made our own Christmas fruit mince. It's been a great year.

We are a small group of about 13 who enjoy looking back to how food was preserved and prepared long ago and in different cultures, and trying out current food interests. We have a facilitator but no 'teacher', we learn from each other and at the end of each session, usually while munching the spoils, we work out the plan for the next session or two.

If one session we are having interests you, you are welcome to come along just for that topic. If you have a food interest let us know, we always welcome new ideas. We are also looking at a crèche for some sessions, particularly the first two preserving sessions. We are keen to make ourselves available to those who would like to learn, or become more confident at preserving fruit and vegetables.

Our programme for 2015 is slowly taking shape. Suggestions have been made for making 'real' risotto, fermentation and doing more with slow cooking. These are the firm sessions for 2015 so far:

Jan	no meeting
Feb	fruit preserving, jam, compotes
March	vegetable preserving, chutneys, pickling
April	sushi

We meet at 1pm on the second Wednesday of each month at the Anglican Worship Centre kitchen on the hill. Please join us, and have a safe but fun, blessed Christmas. Phone Rita 027 228 8902.

Country Players



Country Players' presents Last Tango in Little Grimley and Last Panto in Little Grimley.

Rehearsals are in full swing for what promises to be another fun filled night at the Village Hall. This year we present Last Tango in Little Grimley and Last Panto in Little Grimley, written by David Tristram. These two one act plays show Little Grimley at its worst and at its best.

Last Tango in Little Grimley sets the scene with the local amateur drama group struggling to get audiences. They are in their dying gasp and the desperate group of thespians are willing to stoop to anything to keep theatre alive. Is there nudity? Almost. Is there laughter? Absolutely. Are there tears? Only from the director...and blood and sweat.

This comedy is lots of fun. You'll meet a banana addicted 'everything' man who works the stage, lighting, sound and he's the back end of a horse, Margaret who fancies herself as Meryl Streep and Joyce who loves musicals but can't sing to save herself. Is it any wonder the director, a 'Peter Jackson wanna be', is harassed?

This year we are doing things a little differently when it comes to food. Our first two shows will be picnic theatre shows (\$15pp) where the audience bring their own meal and sit at our tables. Like a picnic, you bring your plates, glasses and utensils and your food. What people bring range from casseroles and quiches to fish 'n' chips and pizza. Some people decide to just bring nibbles. Whichever you choose is fine by us and bringing your own liquid refreshment is also encouraged.

Our second weekend will offer dinner and a show (\$38pp) and we can cater for all dietary requirements. We offer three courses and you bring your own drinks. We expect that as usual this option will be popular, so don't delay in making your booking.

Something we haven't had in a long time is a matinee show, so we are doing this also. With our matinee show we are also offering tea or coffee and cake (\$15pp).

Show nights: 28th, 29th November (picnic)
30th matinee
5th, 6th December (catered)

Look in your mailbox in November for our promotional flyer and get in quick to book a table or just a seat, it doesn't matter, we cater for all group sizes.

If you would like to book or to be part of the crew for this show: building the set, applying makeup, doing hair or wardrobe phone Dixie 5418862 and leave your details on her answer phone or email enquiries@countryplayers.org.nz.

Wakefield Plunket Playgroup

by Wendy Wadsworth

During the month of November at Playgroup the children and parents made grass heads, sent a letter to Santa and made Christmas creations.

Grass heads: We decided to make grass heads for the children to take home and watch grow. Outside the children put a teaspoon of grass seeds in the bottom of a stocking, then potting mix was put on top, then it was tied off. Once the children had their round stocking filled with grass seed and potting mix they went inside to create people. They added eyes, ears, mouths, glitter and foam shapes to their grass heads. It was a fun day seeing how the grass heads turned out after they got shaped and decorated to the way the children wanted them to look.

Letters to Santa: The children wrote a letter to Santa to let him know what they would like Santa to bring them on Christmas morning. Some children drew pictures to go along with the items they would like. All the letters were posted away and now the children are waiting to see if Santa has time to write back to them. They do know he is very busy at this time of year getting toys ready to deliver on Christmas morning.

Christmas creations: For the remaining playgroup days the children are doing Christmas creations. The children have coloured in a 2015 calendar to hang on their bedroom wall. Snow men have been decorated in the children's own unique ways.

Come along, have a hot drink, a chat and meet mums and grandparents from the district. Playgroup's last day for 2014 is the 10th December.



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A Matter of Accounts

by Sonia Emerson, Chartered Accountant

PREPARING AND PROCESSING PAYROLL

In the last few editions of Window on Wakefield we have looked at different accounting software options, so now I would like to talk a little bit about payroll options.

When we start out in business or our business is small, we may only have one or two employees. When this is the case, it can be relatively simple to calculate how much to pay them each period and to keep a track of their holidays owed either manually or in a payroll book using the payroll tables provided by the Inland Revenue Department.

Others may do the same function using an Excel spreadsheet and/or the online PAYE calculators that are available on the IRD's website at www.ird.govt.nz and type "PAYE calculator" in the search field.

However, once you have a few employees, the prospect of trying to manage all of this including kiwisaver, student loan and other deductions, can seem a little daunting and you may start to think about other options.

You could outsource the job to someone else who does this type of thing on a more regular basis, like your Accountant for example, or a range of online providers. This service is often provided for a relatively low cost and means that you can leave that job to someone else.

You could also decide to purchase some payroll software and manage the payroll yourself. It is important if you do this that you obtain the relevant training, and make use of all the tools available to you including the IRD website mentioned above, and the Department of Labour website which I mention below as these tools can assist you to understand what you are and aren't legally allowed to do.

If you decide to purchase payroll software, there are a huge number of options available but some of the more common ones are:

- MYOB
- IMS
- SmartPayroll
- Crystal
- Ace Payroll

Make sure you do your homework, research the products on the internet, speak to your Accountant and make sure you choose a package that works well for your situation, or your industry and can grow with you if you need it to.

There is often an upfront cost with payroll systems and then an annual charge, or you can pay a monthly subscription. Whichever payroll system you choose, they will usually provide annual updates when the tax rates change or there are other changes to the employment legislation. It is important you understand if these upgrade costs are included in the price you are paying or if they are additional.

At this time of the year you may also want to clarify leave entitlements or the legalities of paying out holiday pay in advance etc. A good place to look for this information is <http://www.dol.govt.nz/er/holidaysandleave>. This website has a host of other information which is valuable to employers as well so you might like to spend some time having a good look around the website.

Information taken directly from software providers websites. This information is intended as a guide only - it is not intended as legal advice. For more legislation or seek legal and/or accounting advice.



We would like to wish you all the very best for the festive season and good health and happiness for the New Year.



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Wakefield's Newest Family Attraction

by Joanna Smith

Have you ever wanted to have a go at blacksmithing or knife making? Well now you can – right here in Wakefield. And even if it doesn't appeal to you, it may prove a very useful Christmas present for the hard-to-buy-for men in your life, or for those summer visitors who are looking for a local activity.

Simon and Rebecca Whittaker and their two sons have lived in Wakefield for the past eight years. Simon is a practical man – he has run his own carpentry, joinery and building business for over twenty years. You may be familiar with Silver Summit – many of us in the village have had alterations, renovations or commissioned a piece of bespoke carpentry courtesy of Simon's skills. With a passion for the great outdoors Simon is expanding his business ventures, and putting to good use his array of skills and experience, which was the inspiration for his new "Make a Knife" venture.

Simon made his first knife over twenty years ago, and has a particular interest in the traditional skills used by craftsmen over the generations. There are other places in New Zealand that offer day activities in knife making, but it is the traditional element of Simon's venture that makes it stand out. The traditional blacksmith tool kit of forge, hammer and anvil are used to forge and shape the knife blade, and so the knife you create under Simon's guidance is unique to you. Knives are made from recycled metal.

Opening a new business in Wakefield is an exciting prospect for the Whittaker family. As a close family themselves, they are proud to be able to offer a family orientated activity within the village (although for safety reasons children must be at least ten years of age and accompanied by an adult).



The Whittakers hope that "Make a Knife" will become an additional attraction for Wakefield Village in conjunction with the cycle trail development.

Simon has based "Make a Knife" at Higgins Park which already comprises of several small museums that are relevant to the local area. As part of the "Make a Knife" experience, you are welcome to explore the museums and facilities at Higgins Park. During the day, lunch is provided by Wakefield's Chateau Rhubarbe, and Simon is happy to be "keeping it local".

So, whether you are into hunting and want a personalised knife, are looking for a family activity or simply want to try something new, give Simon a call and try out Wakefield's newest family attraction!

To make a booking or for more details about "Make a Knife" visit www.makeaknife.co.nz or see them on Facebook.

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Wakefield Playcentre

by Amby Cowe

In November we had a family fun day at Playcentre which many people from the community came along to.

It was great to see some familiar faces as well as meet new families from Wakefield and beyond. The bouncy castle and face painting were popular and the Pestell's sausages were delicious!

I am spending my evenings editing photos from the mini-sessions in order to get all of the galleries up in time for Christmas.

Christmas excitement has begun at Wakefield Playcentre! This year we decided to make a big Christmas tree using cardboard.

The tamariki have been having a merry old time at the craft table coming up with their own creations to stick to the Christmas tree.

We have also made some decorations using salt dough and have plenty more Christmas themed activities planned such as making a cardboard snowman to stand with the tree, baking Christmas cup cakes and of course the Christmas party!

As summer moves in we will be increasing the water play. Children (and a few brave parents) love it when we get the black plastic sheet out to make a water slide on the sloped grass. Each time it comes out the shy tamariki get a bit braver and it's such an exciting moment when they give it a go for the first time!

Lastly, we would like to wish Wendy, Tim, Abbey and Payton all the best for the arrival of their new family member early next year. We will miss having Wendy and Abbey at Playcentre and look forward to having them return with an extra Playcentre member in Term 3 next year.



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH SPOONERS TUNNEL & THE CYCLE TRAIL?

by Jo Leyland, Cycle Lead, Tapawera Promotion Association

Cycle Trail Update & Social at the Belgrove Tavern, Tuesday 9th December 6pm

Those of you at the Tapawera BGAC Show last month will have seen the wonderful information and mockup of Spooners Tunnel created by members of the Tapawera Historical Society on the old railway line route at the back of the school. The Historical Society currently holds the custodianship of Spooners Tunnel. Our 'Explore Tapawera' map was also given out to many of the Show's visitors. It has been developed by the Tapawera Promotion Association and funded both by local businesses, the Community Council and Farmlands. The map covers the section of the Cycle Trail that is scheduled for construction from Belgrove to Woodstock commencing within next year's Tasman District Long Term Plan.

This month the Belgrove Tavern, which is on the map, has kindly offered to host a get together for those Wakefield to Tapawera organisations and businesses interested in Tasman's Cycle Trail and progress on passing through Spooners Tunnel. It's also a chance for those organisations on the 'Explore Tapawera' map to get together and think what next for promoting Tapawera alongside the cycle trail. The Nelson Tasman Cycle Trail Trust has been applying for funding for the Belgrove - tunnel section and we should have news on the funding at the meeting – so hopefully something to celebrate!

Don't forget that Spooners Tunnel will also be open on the following Sunday 14th December at the same time as the Tapawera Christmas Fair. If you haven't been, the tunnel is a special landmark and well worth a visit. It's an historic railway tunnel built in 1891-93 and over 1352m long. Being the longest disused railway tunnel in the country, it is arguably the jewel in the crown for the Cycle Trail.

This is an opportunity for those keen to be involved in and/or informed of the next construction phase of the cycle trail from Wakefield through Spooners Tunnel and on down the Motueka Valley. All welcome. Kindly call Jacqui at the Belgrove Tavern on 5418105, or email Jo at spacenotpace@gmail.com by Friday 5th December if you would like to attend. Looking forward to the next phase of the cycle trail!

Higgins Heritage Park News

by Allan Palmer

The last six weeks or so have been busy at the Park. The Vintage Club's Tractor Shed extension has the roof almost finished this week. New member Grahame Atkins is happily working away on the recently acquired Farmall A. He says that he learnt to drive on one of these. Also on the restoration front, Merton Brown, Fred Wassell, Don McDowell, and helpers are well on the way with the assembly of the Binder. Barry Cook is making a beautiful job of the Ransome Crawler. Fred Wassell showed some photos of it to the old farmer in Motueka who donated it, and he was just rapt.

The 1st and 2nd November saw the Steam Museums Logging Weekend, with a record of 12 teams competing on the Saturday. Rex Kelly and I were talking today about next year. If more enter we may have to race three teams at a time. Two traction engines running, and Dave Walker driving a pair of horses and timber wagon all going at once was great, but caused the occasional 100 year old traffic jam. Rex had arranged for a local tree surgeon to put on a demonstration. He climbed a tree using spiked boots and a loop of rope at the waist, limbed the branches on the way up using a small chainsaw on a rope (a Stihl of course) topped the tree and abseiled down. The weekend proved to be the best yet, even though we had no beer tent this year, as the licence is now too expensive.

We now have a great new sign at the park entrance. The old moss covered traction engine hulk from by the back railway line has been sandblasted, given a coat of fishbone rust inhibitor, three coats of paint, a plastic drainpipe chimney, and steel box section posts to support the name. The old timber Higgins Park sign was cut in two and an extra section with the word Heritage added in the centre. John Hurley has been busy cleaning up the old pieces and painting it all white with black lettering. Now people won't miss the gateway.

The Transport Museum new shed at the rear of the property is completed and their working-bee men are now fitting gates. An interesting group of Veteran Cars and Motorcycles called in last week. More of these types of visits are happening lately, especially since the Win Collection of Jowett cars, Bradford vans, and vintage speedway motorcycles has moved to the Park.



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1 & 2 November	Logging Weekend - Loggers Spectacular, Saturday, Action for the Public on Sunday, Logging workshop.
Saturday 15 Nov	Vintage Car Club - Veteran Vehicles on 2 Highways
Sunday 7 th December	'US Steam' - Tractor engines, steam machinery, sawmills, etc. Also cars, trucks, tractors.
Friday 2 nd January	'The Steam' - to coincide with Wakefield Club Day
21 st Jan - 23 rd Feb	Nelson Vintage Engine & Machinery Club Show.
Friday 6 th Feb	Antique Car Club - 90 year anniversary celebration approx 10-11am
Sunday 1 st March	'On Steam' - Tractor engines, steam machinery, sawmills, etc. Also cars, trucks, tractors.
Sunday 8 th March	Contra Top Golf for the G.H.C.
Saturday 14 th March	Historic Transport Museum Show.
Sunday 5 th April	'On Steam' - Tractor engines, steam machinery, sawmills, etc. Also cars, trucks, tractors.
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The Legacy: 100 Years Since the Great Christmas Truce

by Rev.d Allan Wasley, Vicar of Wakefield with Murchison Anglican Parish

The enduring legacy of this truce has been positive and it's looked upon today as a wonderful example of humanity during a dreadfully dark hour of man's history. It has inspired many songs, paintings, literature, films and other art works - too numerous to list. But it's greatest legacy must surely be the message of Hope.

One soldier wrote: " My dear sister Janet. It is 2:00 in the morning and most of our men are asleep in their dugouts—yet I could not sleep myself before writing to you of the wonderful events of Christmas Eve. In truth, what happened seems almost like a fairy tale, and if I hadn't been through it myself, I would scarce believe it. Just imagine: While you and the family sang carols before the fire there in London, I did the same with enemy soldiers here on the battlefields of France!

Just yesterday morning—Christmas Eve Day—we had our first good freeze. Cold as we were, we welcomed it, because at least the mud froze solid. Everything was tinged white with frost, while a bright sun shone over all. Perfect Christmas weather. During the day, there was little shelling or rifle fire from either side. And as darkness fell on our Christmas Eve, the shooting stopped entirely. Our first complete silence in months! We hoped it might promise a peaceful holiday, but we didn't count on it. We'd been told the Germans might attack and try to catch us off guard. I went to the dugout to rest, and lying on my cot, I must have drifted asleep. All at once my friend John was shaking me awake, saying, "Come and see! See what the Germans are doing!"

I grabbed my rifle, stumbled out into the trench, and stuck my head cautiously above the sandbags. I never hope to see a stranger and more lovely sight. Clusters of tiny lights were shining all along the German line, left and right as far as the eye could see. "What is it?" I asked in bewilderment, and John answered, "Christmas trees!" And so it was. The Germans had placed Christmas trees in front of their trenches, lit by candle or lantern like beacons of good will. And then we heard their voices raised in song. Stille nacht, heilige nacht . . . This carol may not yet be familiar to us in Britain, but John knew it and translated: "Silent night, holy night."

I've never heard one lovelier—or more meaningful, in that quiet, clear night, its dark softened by a first-quarter moon. When the song finished, the men in our trenches applauded. Yes, British soldiers applauding Germans! Then one of our own men started singing, and we all joined in. The first Nowell, the angel did say . . . In truth, we sounded not nearly as good as the Germans, with their fine harmonies. But they responded with enthusiastic applause of their own and then began another. O Tannenbaum, Then we replied. O come all ye faithful . . . But this time they joined in, singing in Latin. British and German harmonizing across No Man's Land!

I would have thought nothing could be more amazing—but what came next was more so. "English, come over!" we heard one of them shout. "You no shoot, we no shoot." There in the trenches, we looked at each other in bewilderment. Then one of us shouted jokingly, "You come over here." To our astonishment, we saw two figures rise from the trench, climb over their barbed wire, and advance unprotected across No Man's Land. One of them called, "Send officer to talk." I saw one of our men lift his rifle to the ready, and no doubt others did the same—but our captain called out, "Hold your fire." Then he climbed out and went to meet the Germans halfway. We heard them talking, and a few minutes later, the captain came back with a German cigar in his mouth!

In minutes more, there we were in No Man's Land, over a hundred soldiers and officers of each side, shaking hands with men we'd been trying to kill just hours earlier! Before long a bonfire was built, and around it we mingled—British khaki and German grey. I must say, the Germans were the better dressed, with fresh uniforms for the holiday. Only a couple of our men knew German, but more of the Germans knew English. I asked one of them why that was. "Because many have worked in England!" he said. As it grew late, a few more songs were traded around the fire, and then all joined in for—I am not lying to you—"Auld Lang Syne." Then we parted with promises to meet again tomorrow, and even some talk of a football match.

I was just starting back to the trenches when an older German clutched my arm. "My God," he said, "why cannot we have peace and all go home?" I told him gently, "That you must ask your emperor." He looked at me then, searchingly. "Perhaps, my friend. But also we must ask our hearts." And so, dear sister, tell me, has there ever been such a Christmas Eve in all history? And what does it all mean, this impossible befriending of enemies? All nations say they want peace. Yet on this Christmas morning, I wonder if we want it quite enough. Your loving Brother, Tom." (edited for space)

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As we remember the sacrifices, the horrors of face to face combat, of mustard gas, we remember the irony that two Christian nations locked in combat, dug into their shared childhood and their shared worship – because Jesus came to bring Peace On Earth – and decided not to fight on this holy day of the King of Peace. If only the powers that be, would seek such peace every day - we would not need wars that bring fear, insecurity, and even a sort of insanity.

May this Peace of Christ be with you this Christmas Day. I trust many will pause and worship the bringer of peace, and remember German's haunting words :

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by Jason Preller and Caraline Dyson

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Cornwall does remain dear to Jason Preller, his wife Ally, who owns and runs Wakefield Villa Tearooms, and their two daughters Kaylie and Nicole, but the family have happily called New Zealand home for the past ten years. Jason successfully established his own company Kernow Construction, and undertakes everything from design to construction of both your dream home and the landscape that it nestles in.

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Alongside Jason's professional building services, he is also a qualified landscape designer, even holding an advanced certificate in landscape design, a qualification he earned in the UK. Over the years he has grown an extensive portfolio of gardens that he both designed and constructed in the Nelson Bays region, and his understanding of our climate is an essential part of his work.

Last year Wakefield village benefitted from the first of Jason's volunteer projects for Focus Wakefield and Wakefield Community Council. We are fortunate to have a tradesman of his calibre donating his services to our community, and Focus Wakefield is most grateful for the donation of his time and skills to make our village a nicer place. Jason's simple yet stunning designs greatly enhanced the Old School Plaque on Edward Street, and after months of diligence TDC has approved the Focus Wakefield proposal to beautify the Village Green. Under Jason's guidance, we are recruiting an army of volunteers to bring the plans to fruition.

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Wakefield Bowling Club

by Tony Eames

The summer season has started well with several new members. There are social "roll ups" on Monday and Friday afternoons. Wakefield teams are playing in various interclub competitions midweek, daytime and evenings and weekends. Club Championships are played on Wednesdays and weekends between now and the end of the year. Community Bowls has been very popular through November and will recommence on Thursday evenings in February.

Of special note is the visit of Jo and Dave Edwards for Community Bowls on Thursday 13 November. Jo is the 2014 Commonwealth Games Singles Gold Medallist and the world's leading woman player and Dave is the Bowls NZ National Coach.

The first Open Tournament of the season was held in October sponsored by Queen St Pharmacy, Richmond with gift vouchers as prizes and was won by Barbara McGregor, Yvonne Closey and Margaret Eames. November's Tournament was sponsored by Cynthia Martin of Haven Realty and was won by John van der Laan with Les and Lesley Morris. A petrol voucher prize sponsored by Nelson Petroleum Distributors is held for visiting teams at each Open Tournament. Many thanks to all the sponsors.

Club Trophy matches have been held with drawn triples for the Ladies' Joan Eden Trophy won by Margaret Eames, Daphne Benjes and Helen Griffiths and the Mens' Baigent Trophy won by John van der Laan, Arnold Mason and Donald Gibbs. The drawn pairs Bonnington Memorial Trophy was won by Linda Sisterson and Bev Ashton and the Shuttleworth Cup by Ron Charles and Kevin Edwards. Congratulations to Julie Hall, Carolyn Mason and Margaret Eames who have been selected for the Womens' Nelson Reps training squad.

Our Christmas Open Tournament will be played on Wednesday 17 December and the annual two day Invitation Tournament for the Four Feathers Trophy on 1 and 2 January. Please call in and visit during any of the above events or any other time you notice activity in the Club.

Photo Above: Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist Jo Edwards (centre) with young participants at the Wakefield Bowling Club Community Bowls: Elliot & Findley Barker, Lachlan Greenaway holding the Gold Medal, Ava Turner & Jade Keir.



Totaradale 9 Hole Golf Club

As the 2014 playing season comes to a close it gives me a chance to review the past year. Our 9 Hole ladies golf group is the largest and strongest in the area. At a time when many clubs are seeing their membership declining we are lucky to be welcoming several new players. We live in an area surrounded by beautiful golf courses each one offering its own unique set of challenges, and we are lucky to be invited to play at these courses at the many regional tournaments during the season. Once an invitation goes on the notice board our ladies are eager to register. Not all are winners every time, but the real prize is the friendship and camaraderie we experience when we meet up with other club players. I can honestly say we are a true eclectic mix of ages, abilities and backgrounds and the level of noise in the clubhouse afterwards is testament to the friendly chatter that follows the game.

Our only disappointment of the season was the loss of the Tasman District Challenge Trophy, which we previously held but lost to Tasman Golf club at the end of last year. Despite gathering our best team we were defeated on two occasions and the trophy will remain with Tasman until next year, when we will have a chance to challenge for its return! To further enhance our bond with the other clubs in the area, we have organised an interclub Championship match. Each club is represented by their 9 hole champions A and B grade plus the two runners up. This will take place at the Motueka Golf Club at the end of November with the title "Best of the Best" going to the outright winners.

For the first time this year 9 Hole Ladies clubs were invited to send their club champion and runner up to compete in the prestigious Champion of Champions event held at Westport. This competition is open to the top of the South Island clubs. With much pleasure we can say that Pip Edwards our own Club Champion won the overall trophy. A worthy winner.

Back at our own club along the beautiful Pigeon Valley, we have managed to play pretty consistently throughout the year. Most weeks we are competing in qualifying rounds for our own trophies. Winners are determined by the best three of five rounds. Because of the handicapping process everyone gets an equal chance. The results were announced at our closing meeting last week. Congratulations to all our winners. At the same meeting we voted for our new committee and welcomed our new Captain Brenda Gibbens (left) who can be seen here presenting a trophy for the B Grade Champion, to our outgoing Captain Esme Lowndes (right).

For the next few months play slows down a little as we prepare for Christmas. The matches are more relaxed and planning is well underway for our popular Christmas Tournament on Monday 15th December, with fun spot prizes around the course, and a table full of presents and prizes. Players are encouraged to wear something festive and if the weather is kind a good day should be had by all.

There is still plenty of time to take advantage of our summer season 9 Hole membership deal. We welcome new ladies of all ages and abilities. We meet as a group every Friday morning for a game followed by coffee or lunch in the clubhouse. Contact myself, Verety on 541 9644 or Jackie at the clubhouse 541 8030.



Girl Guides

Twin Peaks Guiding District
by Sue Burrowes, DC Twin Peaks District



Our fourth term is one of the busiest in our guiding year with camps, outings, plays etc and getting ready for our Christmas festivities at term end. At the beginning of the month, 14 of our girls enjoyed helping at the annual Beach Clean Up and together with Arapiki district, collected ten large bags of trash in just their allotted area, which was marvellous. Our thanks to all the girls and parents for their help. Our new Pippin and Brownie programmes have gone down really well with both girls and parents. We look forward to the new Guide programme coming in Term One 2015.

A note to all parents and guardians that our Term Four invoices need to be paid to Jacqui so she can do our end of year reconciliation. Please contact her should you have any questions or concerns, jacqui.hore@xtra.co.nz

This is also the time of year when we say a 'BIG THANK YOU' to all our leaders, co-leaders, Treasurer and Mum volunteers for the tremendous job they do all year round to give the girls a busy, interesting and fun time. Without you there would be no guiding in this rural area and your efforts are much appreciated.

Good wishes for the coming festivities and enjoy the holiday break.

Mainly Music

Here are some photos of the children and parents enjoying a Mainly Music session and chatting afterwards.



La Vida by Candlelight

by Nicola Berthelsen

Old St Paul's Anglican Church on Waimea West Road, Brightwater will play host to an early Christmas treat this year and will be dressed for the occasion. On Sunday the 21st of December, at 8pm, La Vida, a vibrant, stylish and well-known Nelson based string quartet, will present a programme of light classical, meditative music chosen for the Christmas season. This is an opportunity to spend an hour immersed in exquisite music in the surrounds of a beautifully decorated, historic church well away from the rush and commerce of the shopping centres.

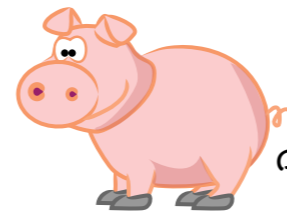
Entry to the concert is by a \$10 per person donation payable at the door. Following the concert, there will be a light Christmas themed supper. Any profit will be given as a donation from the Brightwater community to go toward the purchase of livestock and clean water supplies in a third world community.

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Live well Stay well Group

Our "Live Well Stay Well" group has now finished for 2014. For November we learnt the finer art of making flowering baskets with Anna with ideas on the best plants to use. Thanks to Hope Nurseries for the use of their premises. We also visited Pitfure house with its lovely old fashioned garden owned by Jo and Peter Donovan. The rambling roses were all out and the foxgloves were a wonderful display. As well we had a brief history of the house from Peter.

So we plan to start up again about Easter 2015. Anyone is welcome to our friendly group where we focus on being healthy and enjoying life. We have a variety of talks and activities two weekly on a Tuesday morning in Wakefield.



Cleaning Up Our Beautiful Valleys

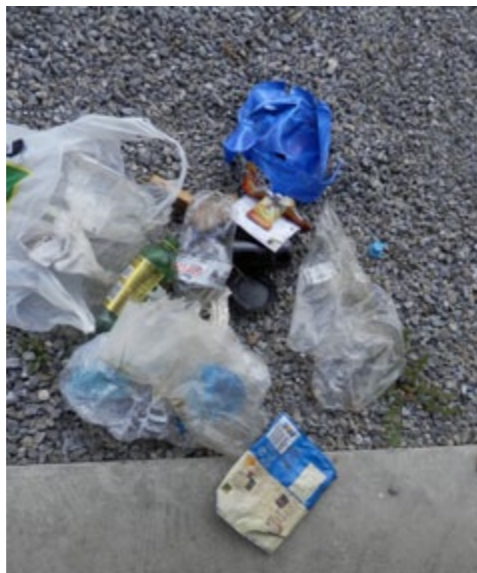
by Sonja Lamers

Do you walk around the village or further afield? I live in Pigeon Valley and along our road there is quite a bit of rubbish. So today I wanted to find out how much I could collect in ten minutes time (1km of walking) and this is what I found.

It included a plastic bag, which I put everything in. There were a few items to recycle. So if you go for a walk next time may I suggest you bring a plastic bag and some gloves to pick up the rubbish.

You may be surprised to find how much there is to collect. That is until a number of us have cleaned up our own streets and gradually the rubbish becomes less.

Better for the animals too as plastic and styrofoam blows into the paddocks.



We also have regular coffee dates at the Wakefield Villa Tearooms. Thanks to them for their friendly hospitality.

So if you want to know more or go on our email list to be kept up to date with activities please call Margaret 5419693 or Yvonne 5422235. You would be most welcome to join us.



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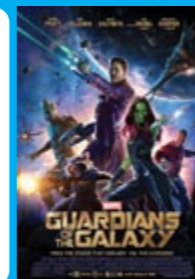
NEW MOVIES OUT IN DECEMBER

COMEDY	DRAMA	FAMILY AND CHILDREN	ACTION
And so it Goes	The Dark Horse	Planes Fire And Rescue	Outcast
Mrs Browns Boys the Movie	Son Of God	Pokemon The Movie	Lucy
A Merry Christmas Miracle	The Hundred Foot Journey	Maya The Bee Movie	Hercules
The Mule		Beethovens Treasure Tail	Guardians of The Galaxy
Inbetweeners 2		Dolphin Tale 2	Expendables 3
What We Do InThe Shadows		Earth To Echo	



What We Do In The Shadows

A very funny New Zealand film about a house of Vampires that quarrel over dirty dishes, discuss fashion and go to parties. featuring Jemaine Clement and Rhys Darby.

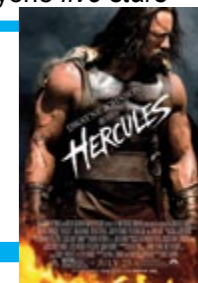


Guardians Of The Galaxy

this is a huge box office hit that include a gun toting raccoon, a tree like humanoid, and a brash space adventurer who steals an orb and has half the galaxy bounty hunters on his tail. with Vin Diesel, Zoe Saldana and Benicio Del Toro this is a must see movie for everyone *five stars*

Hercules

With Dwayne Johnson, John Hurt and Ian Mcshane as a greek demigod he has survived the 12 labors and now as a sword for hire must defeat a tyrannical warlord while helping King Thrace and his daughter.



Expendables III

Yes thats right number 3 bigger brighterand even more stars. Add Harrison Ford and Mel Gibson, with Antonio Banderas, Wesley Snipes, with all the usual stars Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jet Li and Kelsey Grammer its a no brainer.



Have A Great Christmas and a Safe New Year
Paul and The Video Ezy Team



"The 4th Annual TAPAWERA CHRISTMAS FAIR" is coming soon!

by The Tapawera Christmas Fair Team 2014

Sunday 14th December 2014, from 10am to 3pm, will see the 4th year of the Tapawera Christmas Fair, held in the beautiful grounds of the "Hidden Sculpture Garden", 4854 Motueka Valley Highway. Entry is adults \$2, kids free.

Welcoming you this year will be over 60 stalls of fresh, new, local talent as well as some of your favourites from last year, including: local handcrafts and christmas gifts, pottery, skincare products, christmas decorations, candles, a great selection of jewellery, woodwork gifts, garden art, mens gifts, handmade toys, clothing, local produce, and much much more!

Bring the whole family and enjoy a fun, relaxed Christmas shopping day in the countryside. There'll be plenty of yummy fresh food stalls as well as specialty craft beer and ciders from The Moutere Inn, coffee from Pomeroy's and fun things for the kids, like henna body art from In-Q, (by Jewels of Wakefield).

This year we encourage you to come and support our local fundraising project stalls: The Tapawera Playcentre, The Matariki School Group and Trust Power top volunteer award winner; PROJECT BUTTERFLY. This is a Nelson group supporting families in our community that have lost a child. They will be selling fantastic little gifts, remembrance candles, screen printed linen etc... all made/created by the families of this wonderful team. Project Butterfly's long term aim is to offer practical, emotional and financial support to bereaved families who find themselves with huge costs to deal with in a time of immense grief. Joining information will be available there too.

The "Spooners Tunnel Cycleway" will also be having an Open Day on the 14th December. At 1,352 metres, it is the longest disused railway tunnel in New Zealand and well worth a visit. At the fair, there will be information and an update on progress of funding for the next stage of the cycle trail between Wakefield and Spooners.

So come on, grab a gift or three, a bite to eat/drink, have a seat on the hay bales and be entertained by the sweet sounds of our live band "The Uklectics" as well as the Peter Mellor group, throughout the day. You can stroll around the sculpture garden walkway and enjoy relaxing with friends and family in the stunning gardens.

The Tapawera Fair will definitely have something for everyone, quality at affordable prices, while helping our communities grow by "buying local" this Christmas! Bring your cash and small change - limited "cash out" will be available from the gallery on site. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Remember the date...Sunday 14th December from 10am.

For more information, check out our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/TapaweraChristmasFair.



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Services in Advent, a time of preparation for Christmas:

Sun 7th Dec: Communion at 9am on hill and 10.30 worship centre

Sun 14th Dec: Both congregations meet for our Christmas Pageant 10.30am service at the Worship Centre. A warm welcome to join in the celebration.

Sun 21st Dec: 9am and 10.30am communion

ALSO:

Sunday 21st Dec: 7 pm carols, readings and praise: a joyous Combined Churches gathering at the Worship Centre – all welcome, bring the family (and plate for supper).

Christmas Eve @ 9pm: St John's on the hill service (midnight HC at nine!)

Christmas Day @ 9am: Family Communion and carols on Christmas morning.

Sun 28th Dec: One service only at 9am up the hill at St Johns

Holiday Services: Sadly our Methodist brothers and sisters will be ending their meetings in Wakefield from 11 January, and Rev.d Paul Tregurtha has decided to take his retirement. God bless you Paul.

Joyfully we will join with the Methodists on the first two Sundays of January at 11am, with the second Sunday (11th) being Pauls last service at their building.

Other January services: 18th Jan @ 9am up the hill, then 25th January 10.30am at the Worship Centre, with Rev.d Dale Pomeroy as celebrant.

We trust you will share in this season of Christmas celebration at the birth of Jesus Christ at a local Church, or wherever you are on holiday.

Rev.d Allan Wasley

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I'm new in Wakefield and would love to start a social group that happens in the evening or on a weekend, possibly once a month.

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I'd also love to meet other musicians who play old timey, Irish or English traditional music.

And if I could find others to join me for some fun a cappella singing, I'd be over the moon! Contact Jenni 548 4107

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Do you have a couple of hours to spare once a fortnight? I need two kind volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels to recipients in the Wakefield - Brightwater area, one on alternate Monday's, and the other on alternate Thursdays.

Meals are picked up from the Wakefield Village Rest Home at 11am, and delivery takes approximately 1-1/2 hours. It would also be good to have a few more relief drivers, who can be called on to fill in when regular drivers are unavailable.

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MONTHLY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2014

Mon 1	10.00 am - Mainly Music, Wakefield Village Hall
Tues 2	10.30 am - Wakefield Community Library open
Wed 3	9.15 am - Craft Group, Wakefield Village Hall 9.30 am - Wakefield Plunket Playgroup, Methodist Church Hall
Thurs 4	9.30 am - Wakefield Art Group, Wakefield Village Hall
Fri 5	10.00 am - Modified Tai Chi, Wakefield Village Hall 2.30 pm - Wakefield Community Library open
Sat 6	9.30 am - Wakefield Community Toy Library open Country Players Production, Catered Show
Sun 7	Country Players Production, Catered Show Higgins Park "On Steam"
Mon 8	10.00 am - Mainly Music, Wakefield Village Hall
Tues 9	10.30 am - Wakefield Community Library open 6.00 pm - Cycle Trail Update & Social, The Belgrove Tavern 7.30 pm - Wakefield Community Council, St Johns Church
Wed 10	9.15 am - Craft Group, Wakefield Village Hall 9.30 am - Wakefield Plunket Playgroup, Methodist Church Hall
Thurs 11	9.30 am - Wakefield Art Group, Wakefield Village Hall
Fri 12	10.00 am - Modified Tai Chi, Wakefield Village Hall 2.30 pm - Wakefield Community Library open
Sat 13	8.00 am - Wakefield Market Day 9.30 am - Wakefield Community Toy Library open
Sun 14	10.00 am - Tapawera Christmas Fair, Hidden Sculpture Garden, Tap 10.30 am - Childrens Christmas Pageant, St Johns Worship Centre
Mon 15	10.00 am - Mainly Music, Wakefield Village Hall
Tues 16	10.30 am - Wakefield Community Library open
Wed 17	9.15 am - Craft Group, Wakefield Village Hall 9.30 am - Wakefield Plunket Playgroup, Methodist Church Hall Christmas Open Tournament, Wakefield Bowling Club
Fri 19	2.30 pm - Wakefield Community Library open
Sat 20	9.30 am - Wakefield Community Toy Library open
Sun 21	8.00 pm - La Vida by Candlelight, St Pauls Anglican Church, Bwtr
Tues 23	10.30 am - Wakefield Community Library open
Wed 24	9.00 pm - Midnight HC at nine, St Johns Worship Centre
Thurs 25	CHRISTMAS DAY
Fri 26	9.00 am - Family Communion and Carols, St John Worship Centre BOXING DAY

JANUARY 2015

Thurs 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Fri 2	8.30 am - 37th Annual Wakefield Craft Fair Steam Day, Higgins Park



Community Notices

MAINLY MUSIC

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WAKEFIELD SCOUT GROUP

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IF YOU HAVE A COMMUNITY NOTICE OR UPCOMING EVENT TO PROMOTE, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR MATERIAL BY THE 25TH OF EACH MONTH

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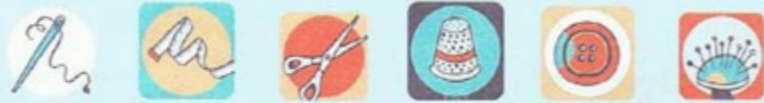
Wakefield Craft Group

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Guiding Co-ordinator
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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
Veronique Law 541 9190
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Wakefield Community Library
Wendy Gibbs 541 8490
Pam Dick 541 8392
Hours - Tues 10.30 -11.30am
Friday - 2.30 - 4pm
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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
Angela Burke 541 9223

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

Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade
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Sonia Emerson 541 9005

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Fr David Gruschow 544 8987

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Colin Gibbs 541 8435
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Wakefield Book Group
Mahala White - 541 8933 or
Sheila Kennard - 541 8860

Wakefield Bush Restoration Society
Doug South 541 8980

Wakefield Craft Fair
Leanne and Glen Turner
541 8306

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Wakefield Methodist-Presbyterian Church
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Rev Paul Tregurtha 544 8394

Wakefield Plunket
Donna Todd 541 8583

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542 4452

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

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

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