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## A WAKEFIELD MELODRAMA REVEALED - Part Two: The Healing Hand of Time

by Christine Grieder and Peter Verstappen

In last month's Window on Wakefield we introduced the photograph below, taken in 1904, of Johnson's Saddlery on Edward Street split in two by local builder John McPherson as the result of a boundary dispute between warring neighbours, Ernest Hodgson and Thomas Hunt. Our story continues...

With the shop carved up like a side of beef on the main street Ernest Hodgson, whose wife Alice owned the section on which the greater part of the building stood, claimed that he ordered the amputation because Hunt refused to let him push the building entirely onto Alice's land. Hunt must have copped some ridicule from the locals for his apparent unwillingness to compromise, because a few days later he is compelled to defend himself in the Colonist newspaper, where he denies any interest in seeking rent for the building, as claimed in an editorial in the same paper a few days earlier, and hands responsibility for ruining a perfectly serviceable building squarely back to Hodgson.

It therefore became necessary to deal with this building and permission to remove it not being obtainable, the vendor settled the difficulty from his point of view by having a portion sawn off to clear the line.

Hunt's argument sounds a little self-serving: after all, whose permission but his own was needed for Hodgson to shift the building? If the same situation arose today we'd have lawyers all over it, along with engineers, planners, the District Council, Uncle Tom Cobbley and all. But in 1904 you'd have thought a handshake and a heave-ho would have settled the problem without resorting to McPherson's handsaw.

Hunt may also have felt some cheek from another, less likely, source. Close scrutiny of the photo of Johnson's shop taken after the unkindly cut reveals a small hand-drawn poster advertising a forthcoming performance in Wakefield of the Magpie Minstrels (or "Magpie Minntrels" as it seems to be written).

The Magpie Minstrels and Comedy Company had run a successful season in late September at the Theatre Royal in Nelson, their performance, according to the Colonist, featuring "the usual minstrel order – coon melodies, choruses, comic songs, jokes etc." They played two shows in Wakefield on 4 and 5 October and must have worked some jibes about the asundered saddlery shop into their act because reference is made to this in another story in the Colonist on 10 October which reports, with some satisfaction, that a few nights earlier the "amputated portion of Johnson's saddlery" had mysteriously collapsed, and speculated if this was the work of Mr Bones of the Magpie Minstrels, who had "commenced cutting prices as he promised to do."

And what of George Johnson the saddler in this saga? His voice remains unheard. As tenant of the Hodgsons he had no legal interest in the building but his business must have been badly disrupted: one report has him manfully leaping the gap between the two parts of the building to get to his workbench. His demeanour in the photograph is nonchalant, even amused, and one hopes he dined out on the story for many years. He obviously was a man not to be distracted by the small matter of his livelihood being cut in half, for on 12 October he is reported in the Nelson Evening Mail leading a "wagon-loading drill" during an Ambulance Corps training session at the Temperance Hall.

Maud Hunt and Alice Hodgson are the other silent voices in the tale. The legal owners of the two properties in dispute, what did they make of their husbands' wrangle? Did they take sides, perhaps exchanging sharp words across the flour barrels in Hodgson's general store? Or did they roll their eyes at the antics of men and quietly get on with business?

And sharp businesswomen they were: by November 1904 McPherson is reported to be well on the way to rebuilding the truncated end of Johnson's shop, while Maud Hunt constructed a small confectioner's shop on her new property adjacent, and both businesses continued side by side for many years.

And then a curious thing began to happen: these two small shops on either side of the disputed boundary, along with the Temperance Hall, began to grow together.

The Hall saw service as a dentist's rooms, a sample room for commercial travellers, a band hall and Plunket Rooms and eventually was joined up to the saddlery shop with the construction of a second storey over the two buildings.



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Johnson sold the saddlery business in 1912 and some decades later that part of the building was home to Roy Sutton's barber shop, with the small gap across the offending boundary line, although still marked on a 1924 town plan, now roofed over to combine the barber shop with the adjacent confectioner's.

After further service as a book exchange, TAB, tearooms and Salvation Army store, the entire structure at 30 Edward Street, still incorporating much of the original buildings, was bought in 1988 by Richard and Rose Shepard, and is today a private residence in the rear and vacant shop space in front.

The location of the offending gap can still be quite clearly seen inside the building and is identifiable on the façade by an attractive little mural of the Wakefield town centre. Next time you are passing this shop between the Four Square and the pub, pause for a moment by the mural and imagine that morning in 1904 when McPherson's handsaw brought notoriety to our small village.

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## Apple Fair 2016

### Fundraising opportunities at 2016 Apple Fair

After a the huge success of our last Apple Fair, planning is underway for this year's Apple Fair 17th April 2016.

We are inviting Wakefield Community Groups to run fundraising stalls or activities at the fair.

Last year's fundraising activities were food and drink stalls, children's games and vintage studio photos. All groups really enjoyed themselves and made an excellent profit.

We welcome creative suggestions especially activities that follow either apple or heritage themes.

Christine, Sylvia, Amy, Meredith

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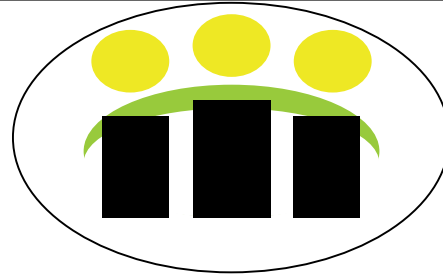
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## Spring Grove Church of Christ - 150th Celebration

Both Rex Brooks and Garfield Ellery are long time members of the Spring Grove Church of Christ. They are both involved with the planning for the church's 150th celebration in a few weeks time on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 March.

The Spring Grove Church of Christ was first established in 1866 in the Spring Grove area with the present hall first used for the church in 1878. The church which is used today for our services was built in 1913.

Rex has been involved with the church since he was 20 yrs old and apart from working in Australia for two years, has been an active member for 54 years. He met his wife Marion there. Rex was there for the 100th year celebration and has seen many changes in the church and community since that time. "The church and its activities has been a huge influence in my life and my families over the years." Rex has been in youth and church leadership plus has had responsibility for buildings and maintenance as well as being a regular speaker at the Sunday services. Spring Grove has been his spiritual home and he has cherished every moment with past and present members. "Each day is a blessing when you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ".

Garfield, who has family connections way back to one of the original founding families (Higgins), remembers Sunday School at Wakefield from the age of four or five yers and then going along to church after that. He was baptised and became a church member in 1963. He continued as part of the church until 1975 when he moved to Nelson, then Australia, returning permanently in 2008. There is a small but supportive church family at Spring Grove and he welcomes anyone to join in each Sunday at 10am.

Our celebration starts at 3pm on Saturday 19th with remembering times past, as well as a Worship and Communion Service on Sunday 20th at 10am, with Jack Stuart, a past youth minister as our speaker.

We would like to see people still living in the area who came through Sunday School, bible classes, Kids Club and camps, as well as Boys and Girls Brigades, come along and be a part of this event. We do have people registered and coming from other parts of NZ and Australia.

Also if anyone has any photos or memorabilia about the church we would be happy to display them.

We are a church who is interested in missions and our local community needs here in the Spring Grove, Wakefield area so we invite you to let us know of your interest to attend.

Please let us know by contacting Church Secretary Margaret Clark with your details and number attending at [m.r.clark@xtra.co.nz](mailto:m.r.clark@xtra.co.nz) or PO Box 1, Wakefield by February 28.





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## THE PATH TO RECOVERY

by Kate West, Physiotherapist (BPhy) at Wakefield Physio

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- 2
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- 3
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# Town and Country Talk

## BARBER'S POLE WORM (Haemonchus Contortus)

by Brenda Halliwell

We are already seeing lamb deaths caused by Barber's Pole worm this summer. Barber's Pole is a roundworm but rather than causing scouring and slowed growth, the worms suck blood from the gut lining and cause blood loss/anaemia.

It can seem to strike without warning, mostly in late summer and autumn, and usually after a spell of hot dry weather followed by some moisture. Sometimes a few heavy dews are enough to set off an 'outbreak' and irrigating paddocks will also have an effect.

With the right environmental conditions and in the absence of effective management, 'outbreak' conditions occur where larval numbers on pasture rise rapidly. Their ingestion by grazing sheep results in the sudden appearance of ill-thrift, lethargy and deaths – all due to blood loss.

Anyone who's been caught by a decent Barber's Pole outbreak can be forgiven for thinking it's not worth taking the risk of leaving stock unprotected. However this can result in drench over-use.

Considering we want to minimise the use of long acting drenches for sustainability reasons, how can we better assess the situation on your farm?

- A faecal egg count (FEC) of lambs, even while still on their mum, can be a guide. Egg counts of unweaned lambs can vary enormously, and very high FECs could point to Barber's Pole being present. (We can't distinguish Barber's Pole eggs from other roundworm eggs – sending a faecal sample to the lab to grow larvae from the eggs is necessary for this.)
- If you are handling lambs, look for paleness of gums and eye membranes and/or 'bottle jaw'.
- If you do have lamb death/s, a post mortem is useful for identifying Barber's Pole worm in the gut.
- NB there may be no scouring to indicate a worm problem.
- If you carried more lambs into winter than normal last season, contamination could be higher.
- Other things to consider include drenching history of hoggets and ewes over the last year, grazing history, feed levels and presence of wild goats.



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Phone Mike, Danny or Roger at the clinic on 544 1200 if you would like more information or need to discuss drenching options for your property.





# The Way We Were

## George Lawrence 1859 - 1946, Part I - The Quiet Hero

Prepared for the Waimea South Historical Society by Roger Batt

Recently our society has been fortunate to have gifted to us by Doug and Sally Lawrence a photograph album kept by their grandfather George Taylor Lawrence when he was living at "Laurel Bank" at the entrance to Wakefield Village in the 1920's and 30's. The album contains some unusual items, two in particular, of elephants bathing in the Wai-iti River and penned beside the Methodist Church on the corner of Arrow and Edward Street.



This month's article looks at the man behind the camera lens whose courage in the face of great danger eventually enabled him to move from Invercargill to Wakefield in 1919 to live the life of a retired country gentleman.

George Taylor Lawrence was born in Invercargill in 1859. His father, William Taylor Lawrence had emigrated with his wife from Herefordshire in the 1850's. As a relatively well-to-do settler William was able to purchase 300 acres of land on the outskirts of Invercargill, 13 acres of which became devoted to fruit growing that provided the raw ingredients for jam making. Here he raised a family of three daughters and five sons. The Cyclopaedia of New Zealand published in 1905 describes in some detail the jam making business which the sons established in 1891 with an annual average output in 1905 of 25 tons of jam, marketed under the "Lion" label with specially produced jars imprinted with the name. The jam became well known throughout the South Island.



George was a religious man and a keen amateur astronomer. In the sprawling farm house he built on the Maple Grove estate behind his father's house he constructed a central tower - a place to meditate and pray but also to see the stars.

In 1881 when he was 22 years of age he was a passenger on the steamship *Tararua* which ran aground on a reef at Waipapa Point while on a regular journey between Port Chalmers and Invercargill and later sank with a large loss of life. It was 4.20 am on the 29th April. The point at which the ship grounded was three quarters of a mile off shore, although it appeared much closer. After two unsuccessful attempts to get passengers off the ship it was decided once more to send a boat but also with a strong swimmer with a rope to reach the shore. George volunteered.

Towards half-past six, the Captain ordered the Second Mate to take charge of a boat, and at the same time he called for volunteers from among the passengers.

"I want four young fellows who can swim to go on shore and send a message," he said.

The response was immediate, for the Captain picked out four passengers; but then he hesitated.

"One life is enough to risk at this stage," he said, and turning to George Lawrence, who stood beside him, he asked, "Can you swim?"

"Yes. And I'm willing to go ashore."

The boat was still hanging in the davits and the boat's crew to take this one volunteer towards the shore were the Second Mate, Maloney, and crew members Barnett, Johnstone, Charles Stewart, and Nicholson. Lawrence joined them and the boat was lowered to the water. From the decks of the *Tararua* came three cheers.

The onus was on Lawrence alone to get ashore somehow and alert someone, somewhere, of the *Tararua's* predicament.

"Try to find a landing place," the Captain called. No other directions or messages were given. The boat went within 300 yards of the shore, backing in slowly.

"I'll give the word when I think there's a break in the surf,"

called Maloney to Lawrence, who was crouching, ready to go overboard.

"Now, go!" he shouted, and Lawrence plunged into the water. He swam strongly, probably for about 100 yards, and had little difficulty until he reached the surf, which tossed him about. Over and over he rolled, then glimpsing the sand ahead, he plunged through a breaker and staggered ashore, his limbs numb and cold. He stood up and rubbed his thighs to restore circulation, then scrambled as best he could through the tussocks to the top of the sandhills.

The Second Officer and crew, seeing Lawrence go up the slope and move off quickly, pulled their boat back to the *Tararua*.

When he went over the rise in that early dawn, passenger Lawrence looked out across a lonely area known to the few residents there as Otara Point (on marine charts, Waipapa Point). About half a mile away he could see a building, and he forced himself towards it. He was in luck, for the rough hut and barn were the out-station of a runholding, and the men there were having breakfast. Immediately they gave the soaked, exhausted Lawrence a change of clothes; and he, recovering with a cup of blessedly hot coffee, questioned them:

"What place is this?"

"Brunton's station."

"Where's the nearest telegraph?"

"That would be over at Wyndham—about thirty or forty miles. There's only a post office at Fortrose."

Turning to one of the station hands, Lawrence asked, "Would you ride there and telegraph to the Union Steam Ship Company that the *Tararua* is on the reef and to send help immediately? Do you know the reef? I don't know it."

"I'll go at once!" a young man replied, "Are there any people drowned?"

"No. I'm the first one ashore. I swam ashore from a life-boat."

(The Wreck of the *Tararua* Macintosh Reed, 1970 Engraving from the Illustrated NZ Herald of 14th July 1881.)

When the ship first struck the reef all 151 passengers and crew felt no fears for their safety. The sea was calm and the *Tararua* seemed settled firmly...all they had to do was wait patiently for dawn, for soon after that rescue ships would arrive. But the ships were to come too late, and as the day dragged on the seas came up and the anguished watchers on the shore saw wave after wave sweep the victims off the vessel's deck, until in the middle of the night there were the last cries for help. ...continued on next page



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# The Way We Were [Continued]

(From The Wreck of the Tararua Reed, 1970. Engraving from the Illustrated NZ Herald of 14th July 1881.)

Altogether 131 people perished in this shipwreck. George Lawrence was one of the 20 fortunate survivors. He had risked his life in getting a rope to shore and raising the alarm yet ironically it was that act of courage which ultimately saved him. One wonders how he felt and what lessons he drew from this traumatic experience. As a religious man it probably strengthened his faith, feeling that God had spared his life for a purpose. But how did he cope with the thought of the 131 souls, several of them women with babies and young children, who had perished?

George continued on with his life at Maple Grove working in the family industry which he and his brothers had established. Although a very sociable person he did not talk much about his dramatic swim on that autumn night in April. As he neared retirement the warmer weather of the north beckoned and when the opportunity arose he moved to Wakefield and purchased a house at the entrance to the village which he named Laurel Bank.



"Maple Grove" in 2013 - the house that George's father built.

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*Southland Times (on-line) 06/02/2013, for photograph of Maple Grove homestead*



The house that George built at Maple Grove farm showing the central tower.

# Wakefield Craft Fair 2016

## Saturday 2nd January 2016

by Brittney Turner

It was a wet day on the 2nd of January but the Craft Fair still went ahead. Most of the stallholders came and braved the weather to showcase their goods. It was the first rainy day that the Craft Fair had seen in many, many years. It was a bit annoying that it had to rain on the 2nd of Jan!

On offer this year was a great selection of jewellery, plants, kids food, soap, signs, pillows, oils, hand knitted clothes, fruit and even dog biscuits plus many other goodies.

Glenn Turner who runs the Craft Fair said stallholders were pleased with the day despite the weather and many had a good day considering. Many locals came out to support the fair with umbrellas and raincoats. We hope next year it will be a bright and sunny day.





# Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade

Happy New Year everyone, I hope all went well for you while on holiday but unfortunately its back to work for most of us. Some days I wish I was still a school boy so I could get all the school holidays off.

The start of the year has not been good within our district due to a number of motor vehicle accidents and small vegetation fires that had the potential to become large uncontrolled vegetation fires.

Due to one of our members leaving last year there is one position available to anyone who wishes to join the brigade in Wakefield. If you are interested please give me a call, 027 22 44 162 or come down to the station one Wednesday night to have a chat.

As always take care  
Fritz Buckendahl  
CFO WVFB

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| • Medical assist   | Wakefield Rest Home |
| • Veg fire         | Teapot Valley       |
| • Car on side      | Kohatu              |
| • Veg fire         | Brightwater         |
| • Car over bank    | Korere              |
| • Medical assist   | Wakefield Rest Home |
| • PFA              | Wakefield Rest Home |

Running total for 2016 = 10

## Nelson Vintage Car Club Swapmeet

by Kevin and Ruth Mercer

Nelson Branch of the Vintage Car Club are approaching their second Swapmeet in the region after hosting the largest seen in this region last year. As the momentum grows we see the number of sites increase and also the public buyers. Each of these increases assist the other giving a wider variety of items on offer for the buyers and making it more viable for the site holders to go to the effort to bring out their wares.

Originally based round the buying, selling and swapping of vintage car parts, the Swapmeet has evolved into a major market day to cater for all interests and the sale of almost anything, plants, crafts, garage sale and of course CAR PARTS and tools from all eras and speciality clubs, for all enthusiasts from the oldest to the newest (cars I mean).

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As a swapmeet gets established in a new region we see VCC members from far and wide arrive to swoop on goodies which may have been in the area un-noticed for many years. Last year saw buyers from as far north as Whangarei and south to Invercargill arrive in our region and we did not talk to anyone who was disappointed.

So if you have need of a cleanout or are looking to buy then this may be the place for you. This is the only fundraising event for the Nelson Branch of the Vintage Car Club, so the earnings from this day assist us to run and maintain our club and clubrooms each year.

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# Wakefield Venturers

by Keeley Smith

2015 was a good year for the Wakefield Unit. One of the highlights was the Amazing Race held in Christchurch that Justin, Jamie, Sarah and Keeley attended and won by half an hour despite being out of towners with no idea where we were going.

We arrived at Halswell Scout den and were given our bus passes which we certainly needed the next day as we headed into the city to chase clues and roadblocks. We had challenges to complete along the way which included getting a member of the public to act in a one minute trailer we had to film for a movie in a shopping mall, countless photos were taken throughout the malls, botanical gardens and city centre to prove where we had been. We ended up out at New Brighton beach making a sandcastle after meeting a stranger in the mall who handed over the shovel. We sure got some looks as three teenagers sauntered through the packed shopping mall with a shovel over their shoulders!



We did some service at a shelter for rescued dogs and throughout the weekend we bought items of clothing for our teddy. At the end of the race we went to the Children's Ward at Christchurch Hospital and donated our teddies to the sick children. Another Christchurch event was the Rover Mudbash; we had to do up an old car without spending more than \$500 and be able to race it on grass and mud tracks over the weekend. Our little V6 Eunox was stripped out, kitted out with roll bar and harnesses and painted black. We attached two mufflers up the back and named her MudMax. We had a fantastic weekend and will be back to do it all again in 2016.



We biked to Hanmer Springs with the new Tamaha Venturer Unit and one Iron Duke Sea Scout Venturer. We were invited to dinner at Mark Inglis' where he presented Justin's Gold Venturer Award. The Venturers cooked the bbq and Mark told us some amazing stories of his adventures climbing Mt Everest as a double amputee and his even more harrowing trip back down. He got so caught up in the tale that suddenly the smoke alarms went off and the hash browns he had put in the oven became hash blacks!

Recently Justin and Jamie did their Gold Award camp at the Wakefield den inviting some Scouts to attend to see what Venturers is all about. A Rover came out and helped with a module then with some heavy rope and the couch he made us a hanging couch to swing in. Awatea ended up sleeping on it. The next day we went out to Group Leader Nick Law's place where he took us through the Road Safety Module, changing tyres, checking brakes, fixing tail lights and testing batteries.

We are looking forward to another great year in 2016 which we will start off with a Jamboree for Venturers called Inferno, we have been fundraising for. It is just under two weeks in Rotorua with some amazing expeditions on offer including building a race car, sailing Whitbread Round the World Yachts, Master Chef and Bilbo's Quest along with caving, rafting and tramping.

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# Celebrating the Rain

by Jenni Komarovsky

As I write this, the air feels soft and damp and the garden is quite soggy. The hills behind us that were brown and brittle last week, are now turning khaki as the new grass pops up through the dry stalks. After so long without rain, a proper deluge just after mid-January has brought welcome relief to gardeners and farmers.

Last night I was talking to a relative who lives in Africa. Their region is in the grip of the worst drought in 45 years. Some towns have run out of water – the dams and rivers have just run dry. And as no rain has fallen for months, there will be no crops this year and food will have to be imported.

In this part of the world we pride ourselves on our fantastic weather and high number of annual sunshine hours. But how wonderful it is to have rain to wet everything in between those sunny days, to get things growing again!

I'm sharing a couple of poems that always make me chuckle, to celebrate and welcome the rain. The first is written by that prolific author Anon and is apparently about the West Coast of the South Island. The second is by Spike Milligan.

*It rained and rained and rained  
The average fall was well maintained.  
And when the tracks were simple bogs  
It started raining cats and dogs.  
After a drought of half an hour  
We had a most refreshing shower  
And then most curious thing of all  
A gentle rain began to fall.  
Next day but one was fairly dry  
Save for one deluge from the sky  
Which wetted the party to the skin  
And then at last the rain set in!*

*Pennies from Heaven*

*I put 10p in my piggy bank  
To save for a rainy day  
It rained the very next morning  
Three cheers, hip  
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# When Travelling Slowly

by Diana Gabric

It's very interesting what you see and smell when travelling slowly - a whole new world opens up. This doesn't happen when speeding along the roads encased in metal! We have also met so many friendly people, often dog walkers, on our rides or walks. The hour and a half Wakefield circuit walk can turn into a whole morning of socialising with the people we meet on the way and consequently our circle of friends and acquaintances is ever widening.

After a two week break from cycling it felt good to get back on our bikes and work off those yummy Christmas excesses! We did one of my favourite rides through the Wairoa Gorge and down to a picnic area on the Lee River for our coffee break. When we set off I could hear an ominous creaking sound but it turned out to be my knees getting used to spinning the wheels and it soon subsided.

At this time of year the species and colours of wildflowers I see on the verges amazes me. On another ride a small patch next to the Appleby Bridge caught my attention. There must have been at least a dozen types of plants with blue, white, yellow, orange and red flowers - just so colourful. Most people would call them weeds but they provide our ever decreasing bee population with nectar and pollen. Our monocultural farming methods means that the bees are lacking variety and these wildflowers can help. We should be encouraging these plants, some of which have probably escaped from gardens.

Over his years of cycling Iain has found on the roadside lots of stuff that has fallen or blown off vehicles. He could easily furnish a tool chest with the hammers, chisels, screwdrivers and spanners. He has found a coal shovel, buckets and good clothing plus many types of hats. My tally is also growing - once I found a large beautifully packed lunchbox - whoever lost that would have been annoyed and very hungry! A friend of ours once cycle touring on a low budget found a packet of half-eaten, still warm packet of fish and chips which he promptly demolished. Luckily we have never been reduced to doing that! We always carry lots of snacks when riding and try to arrange our rides so we are never very far away from food outlets.

The downside is all the rubbish we see dumped on the roadsides. It sure tarnishes our "clean green" image - drink bottles, cans and empty takeaway containers all tossed out of cars. Mother Earth is our true home, not the little boxes we live in, so why litter your home - everything we do to this planet we do to ourselves. However Iain is very good at recycling some of the aluminium cans he picks up and has created lightweight stoves out of them for tramping.

So, if you're feeling lonely or are new to Wakefield, go for a walk or ride and I guarantee you'll find someone to pass the time of day with. Mind you if you do the circuit the hill can be challenging, and when it finally defeats us we will get electric bikes so we can keep spinning the wheels for as long as possible. For the time being we regard it as muscle and character building.

# A Matter of Accounts

by Sonia Emerson, Chartered Accountant, BBus

## Financial Planning for Business

You may have heard the saying: "If you aim at nothing, you will hit it every time" by Zig Ziglar

Well this saying applies to financial planning for business as well.

Often people talk about the fact that in life, it's not about the destination but the journey and that may be true for life in general. However, when we are talking about your business, if you don't know where you want to go or end up, how can you know what steps you need to take in order to head in the right direction. Of course, there will be bumps along the way which will mean that changes and deviations are necessary, but you need to have a starting point in mind.

If you want your financial results to improve, then you definitely need a target to aim for and a way of measuring your success against that target. It doesn't have to mean a complex piece of software or complicated spreadsheet, but a method that works for you.

Here are a few questions that you might ask yourself if you were interested in setting targets and monitoring your performance:

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

Detailed financial planning should be completed at least once a year to enable you to make good business decisions about the financial resources your business needs to continue its operation and help it grow. It can be difficult to find the time to consider these issues when you are busy running a business, but a small amount of time spent now can make a big difference to your results next year.

My next three articles are going to cover off this major topic of financial planning by breaking it down into three sections which will be titled:

### 1. The Here and Now - Breakeven

It can often be quite daunting initially to try and predict the financial future of your business. This is especially true if you are starting a business and do not have a trading history. So, as a starting point, you should at least know what your breakeven point is. In simple terms, breakeven is the point where you are making enough sales to cover the fixed costs of the business. My next article will talk more about break-even, what it is and how you work it out.

### 2. Looking Back - Reporting and Reviewing

Once you have set a budget, it shouldn't just be filed in the drawer and never referred to again. A budget requires regular review and analysis to be effective. It is important to make sure that you compare the actual results against your budget and/or forecasts. Then you can examine why the variations have occurred, take any remedial action necessary to correct the problem, and plan for them accordingly in the next budget.

### 3. Looking Forward - Forecasting – Cashflow

Forecasting often includes the forecast of cash in and out. It is important to make sure you have a plan that projects your cash flow for the upcoming year so you know what resources you may need, and when you need them. The lack of planning and control of cash resources is the reason often given for the failure of many small businesses.



More on these three topics in my coming articles.

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# Quiz

by Derek Evans

## A New Year Quiz

1. Where is the world's largest New Year's party?
2. What was the nationality of the man who made "Auld Lang Syne" the official song of New Year's Eve? - Scottish, English or Canadian?
3. France is the world's largest producer of sparkling wine. Who is number two?
4. What is the longest distance on record that a popped champagne cork has ever flown?
5. In Mexico, it's traditional to express your New Year's hopes by wearing a brightly colored garment. Which one is it?
6. When do the Chinese celebrate their New Year?
7. The ball which drops to indicate the New Year in Times Square New York is made of what?
8. In the ancient Roman calendar when did the New Year begin?
9. When was the first New Year holiday observed?
10. Which country save all of their unused dishes and plates until the 31st of December when they affectionately shatter them against the doors of all their friends and family?



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# Waimea Plunket Playgroup

by Liz Ashburner

## What is Playcentre?

At the time of writing this we are moving towards the end of the summer break, so instead of writing a monthly update I thought I would write a little about the Playcentre philosophy.

If you haven't been to Playcentre before you may wonder how we are different from day care or a play group. There are many differences in how Playcentre operates but the basic difference (from day care in particular) is that Playcentre sees parents as the first and best educators of their pre-schoolers.

What this means in practice is that Playcentre is a cooperative where all parents or caregivers are encouraged to take an active part in the management and running of the centre. Our management committee is made up of parents who are also invited to attend planning meetings where we discuss the needs and interests of our children. Our sessions are led by trained supervisors with the assistance of all parents who attend.

Like other Early Childhood Education providers we must adhere to strict Health and Safety and Educational policies and are visited and assessed by the Education Review Office every three years.



Our most recent ERO report in 2015 stated that:

Children are happy and highly engaged as they play with each other. The centre philosophy is very evident in the ways that children have uninterrupted play in mixed age groupings.

Parents have a strong sense of ownership and support each other and all children. The supervisor provides good modelling and demonstrates effective ways to extend children's learning for new parents. The learning environment is thoughtfully prepared to invite children to fully participate.

Workshops are available to parents who want to increase their knowledge or skills and cover topics such as Te Reo Maori, child development and child behaviour. Those that are interested can work towards the Playcentre Diploma in Early Childhood and Adult Education, a free NZQA recognised qualification.

The other huge benefit to parents is the sense of community that results from educating children together.

There is a well known saying that "It takes a village to raise a child" and Playcentre is an excellent way of creating that village.

Our children build relationships with each other but also with the other parents and supervisors and many parents have chosen to join Playcentre after moving to a new town or area as a way of getting to know other people in the local community, to share parenting advice or simply as a place to play with their children without messing up the house!

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# Household Management

## HOUSEHOLD IN THE 1950'S

by Gracie Marsden

I recently asked the general public what would like they like to see more of, and the reply I got was 1950's household cooking and cleaning, so I thought I would dedicate my final article to this subject.

Life in general is very different now from the 1950's; dad got the pay checks, mum stayed at home and cooked and cleaned, children were children and unemployment was non-existent.

In the late 1950's, after the war, things started to change dramatically and would never be the same again. Not only did males get paychecks but females were braving the employment side too. There was a massive baby boom at this time so this brought the record of babies born through the roof. People in general were much more relaxed and starting to enjoy the life they had. Females still remained doing the cooking and the cleaning so here is some information on what these women did in the 1950's to sustain a healthy household.

### Cleaning:

Back in the day there weren't any chemical agents on the supermarket shelves, so families would use vinegar, baking soda, ammonia, lemon, castile soap, borax and of course elbow grease.

The entire cleaning routine involved about three hours each day. The beds were made and bedrooms tidied. Bathrooms, kitchen, living room, laundry, and floors were cleaned.

Bathrooms were cleaned daily so no scrubbing required. A quick brush in the toilet, a wipe down of all surfaces and mirror, empty trash, shake out carpets, sweep, then mop. There was usually only one bathroom, so with just ten minutes, the bathroom duties were done.

Cleaning the kitchen was also done daily, with a thorough cleaning of the refrigerator at least weekly, and a wipe down of all cupboards inside and out at least every few weeks. Other items didn't exist at all, like the microwave.

Next, on to tidying the living room, dusting all furnishings, and tidying away all clutter. Again, this was done daily, so this entire process didn't take very long.

Lastly, there would be a quick shake out of the area rugs, sweeping and mopping the floors, and that would complete the morning cleaning.

### Cooking:

After the war the popularity of tuna noodle and green bean casseroles, frosted meatloaf, and basically anything grilled...though mostly red meat...on the barbeque was a popular new trend. Family meals were accompanied by frozen vegetables, with lots of butter or sauce.

Pre-packaged and canned foods were also popular. Women were suspicious of the new foods and this took some time to adjust. They introduced many technologies to keep foods fresh longer, from freezing to dehydrating. This was all very different from pre war as they would make everything from scratch and only consume meat and three fresh vegetables for dinner.

Themed meals became popular in the 1950s. Such themes as Hawaiian buffet, Entertaining in Hollywood, After the Concert, Fashion Luncheon, Mother Goose party, Campfire or Girl Scout Cook-Out and backyard barbecues.

The 1950's didn't just consist of cooking and cleaning though there were extra duties that made the household a happy and content home.

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# Hints from Beaver Creek

by Merv and Trish

## Hint One: Potato Towers

For some years now, Merv and I have been planting potatoes. Initially we started planting them in the ground - which worked well; but it takes up a lot of room, which we didn't have, and I got sick of all the baby potatoes coming up the following year.

I am also a fan of minimal slog, and digging over the potato bed and then digging up the potatoes at the end of the season was a bit of a drag.

This is where good old Pinterest comes to the fore. This is a fabulous forum for great ideas and we get lots of our projects from this source. For those who don't know about Pinterest - google it. It is like a search engine for images; you can save images in folders of your naming and Pinterest will regularly send you emails of more stuff you might be interested in.



So what did we find on Pinterest? Potato Towers! As can be seen from the photos, a cylinder of wire mesh is required - not too high otherwise you can't reach into it to build your tower. I would suggest one metre is maximum. You will need soil, compost, pea straw, potato fertiliser and potatoes.

The internal area of the cylinder will be filled with soil/compost/fertiliser and potatoes, and the perimeter and top will be the pea straw, approx 5-8cm deep. You will be making layers like a sponge cake of about 20-30cm depth each. The perimeter will be pea straw and the internals will be a mixture of soil/compost and a sprinkling of fertiliser.

Place your seed potatoes (or part thereof, if you have cut them into small pieces, each with an 'eye'), around the edge of the soil mixture, up against the pea straw and with the eye facing outwards toward the pea straw. Then make another layer - pea straw around the outside and soil mixture inside and then place the potatoes in a circle around the perimeter. Keep doing this until it is well filled, place some potatoes onto the top layer and cover with straw. And voila!!

It is good to tamp the soil down a bit as you go - it tends to settle quite a bit over the next few weeks; and also water lightly as you go to make sure that moisture is available in the middle right from the start for the potatoes. This will need regular watering from the top allowing the moisture to percolate down through the layers. The potatoes will grow through the pea straw and you will end up with a column of potatoes!

Once the potatoes are ready, just start digging in from the top, or if you want all your potatoes at one time just push the whole lot over and pick out your potatoes. The resultant compost can be used elsewhere.

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## Hint Two: Arthritis and Joint Pain

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Quote of the month: "The best gardening tool is the gardener's shadow."

# Children's Learning & Development

## Take Time Out

by Nurture@Home

As parents we are constantly bombarded with well-intentioned advice and the latest trends in how to raise perfectly behaved children. Reading or watching the many and varied (and often contradictory) articles and programmes about parenting can often be confusing, leaving you feeling inadequate as a parent (or is that just me?).

When my children were younger I had the benefit of guidance from "Super Nanny" on TV. Super Nanny was confident, stern and in control at all times. It all seemed so easy ... simply put the disobedient child in time-out to think about their actions for one minute year of age. Although this approach initially seemed to work with my daughter, it did not work at all with my son, and ended up being just another opportunity for my children to rebel against me. All I had achieved was adding another battle that had to be 'won', which eventually led to a broken time out chair.



Over the years time out has been presented in a number of disguises ... the naughty step, time in, thinking time. When it doesn't work we give it another name. But if the technique is the same, it doesn't really matter. It isn't the name that prevents it from working, it's the technique.



Here are three reasons why time out often doesn't work:

- Time out is typically thrown at a child in frustration. A child who seems to need a time out more likely needs some instruction, guidance, role playing or re-direction.
- Time out usually involves isolation, causing a child to experience stress and discomfort. Isolation teaches nothing of value.
- Time out is rarely related to the issue of concern, and a child is unable to relate the discipline to the event that caused it.

### Why do we do it then?

More often than not it is the parent that needs the time out. Time away from the mind-boggling, irrational behaviour of young children. But what if we changed our focus to think "my child is not giving me a hard time, my child is having a hard time"? When we stop focusing on the problem and start focusing on the child we are better able to help them to manage their own behaviour through a difficult situation.

### Here are some tips to help you and your child:

1. Manage your emotions first – be a good role model to show your child how you can manage your own behaviour. Take a deep breath or instead of sending away the child, you walk away. Explain how you are feeling and what you are doing to manage your own behaviour: "I'm going to take a big breath so I can calm down.", "I'm feeling really upset right now and I need a quiet space to think."



2. Offer a hug. This one often raises a few eyebrows, "But the child is being naughty! Why would I hug them?" Offering a hug doesn't reward a child's behaviour. It acknowledges that you and the child are not connected in that moment and it communicates that you want to reconnect.

3. Call a re-do. The moment you realise things are going south, say, "Wait a second. I see we aren't connecting. Let's start over." This takes the blame off any one person and focuses on the two of you reconnecting. Teaching a child to call for a re-do empowers them to be mindful of when they need to reconnect to you.

At the risk of adding another name to the list of strategies you could be using I wanted to share one more with you. At Nurture@Home we promote positive guidance strategies for supporting young children and a Cuddle Corner is a technique we read about recently that has been successfully incorporated by some of our educators.

Again, it's not so much about the name but in the connected approach that is adopted to support the child. In simple terms a Cuddle Corner is an area of the home, near everyone, where a child can go when their behaviour is not acceptable. It's a place for us to learn to make ourselves feel better so we can join everyone again.

A Cuddle Corner works like this: a child may get upset and the usual re-direction wouldn't work, or, they would have a series of unacceptable behaviours. The adult suggests the Cuddle Corner and offers to go with them. A child isn't sent to the Cuddle Corner, they are invited to go.

Unlike time out, the child isn't sent alone; he/she can have company. They don't need to sit and wait; they can engage in comforting, soothing and appropriate play. When the child feels ready, they can re-join the group. Since you have already talked about the problem (as in "you are having trouble not hurting your friend and I think the Cuddle Corner might help"), you do not need to talk about it again.

The bottom line is that every parent and child is different and different approaches will be effective for some and not for others. The trick is to find the strategy that works for you and be consistent.

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According to Jerry Seinfeld, people's number one fear is public speaking. Number two is death. To the average person, this means that if you go to a funeral, you're better off in the coffin than giving the eulogy! How does one conquer this fear? The answer is by facing it; yes, actually standing up and doing it! Since most people don't do any public speaking aside from the occasional meeting or toast at a wedding, they can't see how learning the art of public speaking could benefit them. However, many people who have labelled themselves 'introverts' or lack social skills, can find that they rapidly improve their communication skills, confidence and self-image. And its fun!

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If you already have some of these skills, POWERtalk will enhance them. Not only that, POWERtalk makes it easier to meet people because there is a strong emphasis on being very supportive of the people around you, so it is a great place to make new friends.

In addition, learning the art of public speaking also helps members in their community service activities. For example, perhaps you would like to stand for your child's school board, or be on the committee of your local play-group or gardening club but feel you don't have the skills or confidence and so you miss out. However, using the speaking, leadership and organisational skills developed in POWERtalk, many members become more active within their community, schools, businesses, churches and charity organisations: some even become active in local or national government.

POWERtalk provides a supportive learning environment, including mentoring, where learning to speak is only a small part of a professionally designed, self-paced, educational programme that helps you build your poise, confidence, communication, leadership skills and gives you a better self-image.

So if you aren't sure about mastering the art of public speaking and the POWERtalk experience or just feel the need to gain self-confidence, come along as a visitor and check it out at \*POWERtalk Waimea. We meet between 7pm-9pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month with additional training on the 3rd Tuesday.

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by Chris West

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### 100 years of New Zealand Cubs 1916-2016

This year New Zealand celebrates 100 years of cubs, so all this year we will continue to celebrate the 100 years of cubs with activities to earn the 100 years of cubs badge. This is a special year for cubs why don't you be a part of it!

### What's the term looking like?

We have a good looking term for cubs for term one. A highlight of term one will be Top of the South Founders Weekend camp up at Gilbert Lodge. The kids will be doing water activities such as kayaking, rock climbing, abseiling, meeting cub scouts from all over the top of the south. We also have our own kayaking session booked for a night, the annual egg challenge with Brightwater cub pack where we have egg challenges to see who takes out the overall trophy, camping in tents, swimming, cycle from the airport to the ASB aquatic centre for a swim and much much more.

18th February is our "Bring a friend GET WET Night". The cubs will be doing activities involving water for most of the night. We would like to invite any child who is keen to experience cubs to check us out; email Julian Eggers, Wakefield Cub Leader on [eggers213@gmail.com](mailto:eggers213@gmail.com).



Let's make this cub term a one to remember.

Thanks from Wakefield Cub Leaders.

## Thank you Lance Wakefield

*by Julian Eggers - Wakefield Cub Leader*

Lance Wakefield has been involved in Wakefield Scout Group for many years. Starting in 2011 being a parent help in keas and moving up alongside his children to cubs where he became cub leader for a few years, showing his skills and teaching the cubs life skills which would help them in the future.

Lance moved on to become scout leader moving his skills onwards. "Top of the South Founders camp is a highlight" said Lance. "It is a great way to work with other groups and to share ideas. Each year seems to improve on the last year. The Marahau camp was also great as they went floundering and ate them the next day and working with Julian in cubs."



Lance was also a huge part in the committee trying to move things forward. Lance had a vision to help move the group forward. At the start of the year Lance decided to move on and continue on with this scouting future with the Richmond Scout Group. His personality and will to move things on, will be gratefully missed by all. Your memories have touched us all and your scouting spirit will still be amongst the Wakefield scout group for many years to come.

Now your journey with us has come to an end but many great doors will open for you. From all of us past and present cubs, scouts and leaders, "BRAVO" and all the best for your future.





# Wakefield Bowling Club

by Tony Eames

Community Bowls restarts on Thursday evenings through February, 6 - 8pm. All welcome: Adults \$5, children no charge. It will incorporate Grants Corner to Corner on 4 and 11 February with the winners going into the club play off.

Wakefield teams took the first two places in the Nelson Region Umpires'/Coaches' Tournament for the Molly Lodge Trophy:

John van der Laan, Tony Eames and Graham Burrows won the Trophy with Stu Peterson, Margaret Eames and Don Sixtus runner up. Both teams won all three games played being separated on ends won.

In the Nelson Centre Fours, the Wakefield team of Stu Peterson, Kevin Galvin, Tony Eames and Mark Connor reached the final but finished runner up falling at the last hurdle to exceptional play from the skip of the Stoke team.

Congratulations to Wakefield players who have been selected in Nelson Representative teams to play Marlborough on 24 January: Margaret Eames, Rae Peterson, Carolyn Mason, Linda Sisterson, Di Holland, Stu Peterson, Tony Eames, Mark Connor, Peter Sisterson, Trevor Woodbury and associate members Barbara McGregor and Bruce Smith.

Wakefield continues to achieve well above its weight in these regional tournaments and rep squads.

Please feel welcome to call into the club anytime you see activity there, especially at social roll ups on Monday and Friday afternoons, Community Bowls on Thursday evenings, phone the club on 541 8556 or check the club website: <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/wakefieldbowls>

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Contact Dan on 0272 820 838.

## FOR SALE

Kayak - Mission Access 280  
Excellent condition, includes paddle, skirt and lifejacket \$350  
Phone 541 8604

## Dining Table

Round/Oval extendable size 160cm x 120cm  
6 padded chairs in very good condition \$300  
Phone 541 8604

## WANTED

Old pantyhose which would otherwise be thrown out.

Square cake tin 23cm by 8cm high that you don't want anymore.

Please phone Diana 5418950 evgs.

## WORK WANTED

Mature woman and 15 year old daughter urgently require weekend work in Wakefield/Brightwater area. Most jobs considered.

Please phone - Ange 541 8824 or leave a message.

## URGENTLY REQUIRED

Desperately needed accommodation, flat or bach for a student teacher in training.

Must be reasonable rent, have two well behaved dogs.

Phone Elaine 541 8612

## HORSE GRAZING AVAILABLE

For up to four or five horses  
Share the stables for hay and gear storage  
No spray used for over two years

33 Pigeon Valley Road South Branch  
Phone 021 980 024 or 541 8122

## MONTHLY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY 2016

Mon 1		NELSON ANNIVERSARY DAY
	10.00 am	Mainly Music, St Johns Worship Centre
Tues 2		First day of Term, Wakefield School
	10.30 am	Wakefield Community Library open
Wed 3	9.00 am	Waimea Plunket Playgroup, B/water Anglican Church
	9.15 am	Wakefield Craft Group, Wakefield Village Hall
Thur 4	6.00 pm	Community Bowls, Wakefield Bowling Club
Fri 5	2.30 pm	Wakefield Community Library open
Sat 6		WAITANGI DAY
	9.30 am	Wakefield Community Toy Library open
Mon 8	10.00 am	Mainly Music, St Johns Worship Centre
Tues 9	10.30 am	Wakefield Community Library open
Wed 10	9.00 am	Waimea Plunket Playgroup, B/water Anglican Church
	9.15 am	Wakefield Craft Group, Wakefield Village Hall
Thur 11	9.30 am	Wakefield Art Group, Wakefield Village Hall
	6.00 pm	Community Bowls, Wakefield Bowling Club
	7.30 pm	Waimea Area Quilters, Hope School Library
Fri 12	2.30 pm	Wakefield Community Library open
Sat 13	8.00 am	Wakefield Market Day, Village Green
	9.30 am	Wakefield Community Toy Library open
Mon 15	10.00 am	Mainly Music, St Johns Worship Centre
Tues 16	10.30 am	Wakefield Community Library open
Wed 17	9.00 am	Waimea Plunket Playgroup, B/water Anglican Church
	9.15 am	Wakefield Craft Group, Wakefield Village Hall
Thur 18	9.30 am	Wakefield Art Group, Wakefield Village Hall
	6.00 pm	Community Bowls, Wakefield Bowling Club
	7.00 pm	Wakefield Football Club AGM, Clubrooms
Fri 19	2.30 pm	Wakefield Community Library open
Sat 20	9.30 am	Wakefield Community Toy Library open
Mon 22	10.00 am	Mainly Music, St Johns Worship Centre
Tues 23	10.30 am	Wakefield Community Library open
Wed 24	9.00 am	Waimea Plunket Playgroup, B/water Anglican Church
	9.15 am	Wakefield Craft Group, Wakefield Village Hall
Thur 25	9.30 am	Wakefield Art Group, Wakefield Village Hall
	6.00 pm	Community Bowls, Wakefield Bowling Club
Fri 26	2.30 pm	Wakefield Community Library open
Sat 27	9.30 am	Wakefield Community Toy Library open
Mon 29	10.00 am	Mainly Music, St Johns Worship Centre
	7.30 pm	VUW Project Meeting, Wakefield School

### MARCH 2016

Tues 1	10.30 am	Wakefield Community Library open
Wed 2	9.00 am	Waimea Plunket Playgroup, B/water Anglican Church
	9.15 am	Wakefield Craft Group, Wakefield Village Hall
Fri 4	2.30 pm	Wakefield Community Library open
Sat 5	9.30 am	Wakefield Community Toy Library open
Mon 7	10.00 am	Mainly Music, St Johns Worship Centre

# Community Notices

## WEEKLY GOAL SETTING GROUP

Want to keep moving ahead on your goals, values and dreams?

Meeting together to hold each other accountable, and to motivate ourselves works!

Free weekly meetings, starting Tues 9 Feb 6-7pm  
at the William Higgins Cobb Cottage,  
170 Main Road, Spring Grove.

Phone Kathy 541 8441.

[Please leave a message and I will call you back].



Are you a beginner, or have never drawn or painted before?  
Come and give it a go.  
Join our very friendly group

Starting back in the new year on February 4  
Every THURSDAY of the School Term  
9.00 am – 12.00 noon  
Wakefield Village Hall – Supper Room  
\$3 per session/cup of tea included

For more information contact:

Fiona - Phone: 541 8910 or Sonja – Phone: 541 8176

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH LUNCHES

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

To assist with catering, please phone Caroline, 5418491 by Monday evening preceding, if possible, if you wish to attend.

## Wakefield Football Club Incorporated

Annual General Meeting  
Thursday 18th February 2016  
at 7pm  
Wakefield Domain Clubrooms  
All members welcome

## WAIMEA PLUNKET PLAYGROUP

The Brightwater Community  
Anglican Church,  
Waimea West Road, Brightwater

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

## WAKEFIELD MARKET DAY

Saturday 13th February

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

Come try out the good deal on plants,  
rain has made a difference to the ground.

Do you still need to give room to new prezzies,  
try and recycle the old ones.

Some lovely fresh veges if you aren't  
up to growing your own.

There is jam and BBQ.

Sites are available phone Jean 5418154

## FOXHILL TENNIS COURTS

658 Wakefield-Kohatu Highway  
(at rear of Rutherford Memorial Hall)

### FREE PUBLIC USE.

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

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

## MAINLY MUSIC

Now meeting at Wakefield St Johns Anglican  
Worship Centre  
Monday's 10.00am.  
Cost \$3.00 per family.

This is a time for parents and  
children to enjoy music, song, dance and lots  
of laughs.

Any queries please phone Wendy Milson  
544-5494.

## 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

\$2 per morning

Phone Judy on 541 8342

## WAKEFIELD FOODIES

Why not join us to plan the year's cuisine!  
Plus some great fruit treats from the regulars  
with a coffee.

Wednesday, 10 Feb 1pm  
St. John's Anglican Church Worship Centre  
Contact: Rita 0272288902

The Treasure Box will be closing on Saturday  
27th Feb @ 1pm. The co-op members would  
like to take this opportunity to say thanks to all  
our valued customers for their support over  
this season.

We will be having a promotion for Valentines  
Day and there will be some items on sale  
throughout February.





# Community Directory

**Citizens Advice Bureau**  
548 2117 - 0800 367 222

**Lord Rutherford Memorial Hall Foxhill**  
Helen Pullan 541 8058

**Pigeon Valley Steam Museum**  
Alan Palmer 027 319 7427

**Rural Ramblers**  
Carolyn Mason 541 9200

**Spring Grove Drill Hall**  
C. Pike 542 3904

**Totaradale Golf Club**  
Jacquie 541 8030

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

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

**Wakefield Football Club**  
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**  
wsg4kids@gmail.com

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

**Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade**  
DCFO Fritz Buckendahl 027 224 4162

**Womens Biz**  
Genie Bradley 541 9641

**Country Players (Drama)**  
Philip Calder 541 8442

**Junior Country Players**  
Dixie McDonald 541 8862

**Nelson Vintage Engine & Machinery Club**  
Allan 027 319 7427

**Pinegrove Kindergarten**  
03 542 3447

**Rural Women**  
Dawn Batchelor 542 3628

**St Joseph's Catholic Church**  
Sun 8am, Wed 10am  
Fr David Gruschow 544 8987

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

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

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

**Wakefield Craft Fair**  
Leanne and Glen Turner  
541 8306

**Wakefield Plunket**  
Donna Todd 541 8583

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

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

**Wakefield Rest Home Ltd**  
Pauline Coombs Manager 541 8995

**Wanderers Sports Club**  
542 3344

**Wakefield Physiotherapy**  
Kate West 03 541 8911

**Window on Wakefield**  
Advertising - 541 9641  
Genie & Lindsay Bradley

**Focus Wakefield**  
focuswakefield@gmail.com

**Just Gymnastics**  
Linda Mace 546 6013

**NZ Postcard Society Inc.**  
Doug South 541 8980

**Richmond Lions - Wakefield Rep**  
Ivan Burrowes 541 9689

**Spring Grove Church of Christ**  
Meet Sundays 10am  
541 8011

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

**Waimea Sth Historical Society**  
Jeannine Price 542 3033

**Wakefield Bowling Club**  
Margaret Eames 541 8316

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

**Wakefield Community Council**  
Sonia Emerson 541 9005

**Wakefield Indoor Bowls Club**  
Ren Olykan 541 8275

**Wakefield Preschool**  
Contact: 541 8086

**Wakefield School PTA**  
ptawakefield@gmail.com

**Wakefield Tennis Club**  
Ngaire Calder 541 9419

**Wakefield Village Hall**  
Rob Merilees 541 8598

**St. John's Worship Centre**  
Nigel Massey 541 8857

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

**Window on Wakefield**  
Articles & Content - 541 9005  
Sonia Emerson

## CIVIL DEFENCE - WAKEFIELD AREA COMMUNITY RESPONSE

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

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

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

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