

# WINDOW ON WAKEFIELD

*Your Local News*  
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Another Year of Mainly Music in Wakefield  
by Wendy Milson



On Monday December 16, 2013 we celebrated the Christmas season with a session filled with Christmas songs, a Christmas Tree Tale, and It's the Story, all themed around the birth of Jesus.

The Christmas Tree told the tale of Jesus birth, which the children contributed to by bringing up laminated pictures of the characters within the tale. The children loved being a part of the story.

We had heaps of fun and ended with a scrumptious morning tea. It was a great end to the year.

Next year we will begin on Monday 10 February 2014. Any questions please phone Wendy 5447596.





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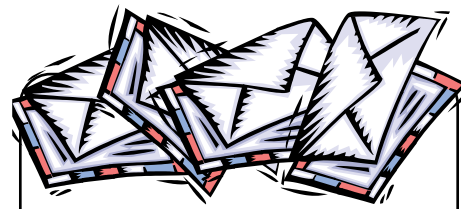
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# News from Wakefield School

## FORT HALDEMAN

by RonanThompson and Ivan Gordan

Have you ever wondered, while you walk past Wakefield school, what the new building next door is? Well, we have! And so, Ivan and Ronan, Wakefield school reporters, set off to find out all about it.

We began by approaching their company and booking an appointment by speaking with a staff member through the intercom. We arrived nervously on Friday but they were very busy so we made a new appointment for the following Monday at 10:30am.

Monday arrived and we were led inside. We were asked to sit on a nice leather couch to wait. It was a beautiful room with a big chandelier, a painting on the wall, with floor boards polished to perfection. In the adjoining rooms we could see plush wool carpets and finally we were led by a woman called Kayla, to her office. We sat down and proceeded on with our questions.

Kayla told us the company is a publishing company. They make documents for people, like information booklets. They run a website and help people get jobs in the mining industry. It took them a year to build the building and there is still work going on inside and outside with the development of a lake and garden at the back of the building.

At Fort Haldeman they have seven staff who work Monday to Friday and one person who comes in the afternoons who is still at high school. At the front of this big building, the business happens, the back is used by management who do things like running websites.

She told us the company is not a chain so we should not go looking for other similar buildings. However they have moved around the country a lot.

The staff at Fort Haldeman do many things. They have staff working in orders, sales, auditing and management. If you work in management you must have background experience and you need to know how to deal with customers.

If you are going into the sales area, you need good English skills like good reading writing and grammar skills.

The statue in their front yard is of Richard Nixon, a former American president, and it's there because he was an achiever. No matter what he did he always achieved it.

Underneath the statue is written:  
"The greatness comes not when things go always good for you, but the greatness comes when you are really tested, when you take some knocks, some disappointments when sadness comes. Because only if you have been in the deepest valley, can you ever know how magnificent it is to be on the highest mountain."

They picked Wakefield for their company because it was nice and quiet and it had space for a lake and a garden.

Last came the dreaded question from us; "How do you find working next to a school?"

The answer was good! Kayla said it can get a bit noisy, especially at lunchtimes but we are not too noisy and it's quite nice really getting the occasional nosey question about Fort Haldeman from kids like us!

Finally we had a pronunciation lesson. Fort Haldeman is actually pronounced Fort Hald-er-man.

Thank you Kayla for letting us have the opportunity to find out more about what happens next door to our school




  
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## RURAL RAMBLERS REPORT - LAKE ROTOITI

9 December 2013

A group of 25 set off from Wakefield in fine weather with a slight wind and cool temperatures for a day at Lake Rotoiti.

We arrived at 10.15 and assembled at Kerr Bay where we caught up with each other briefly and had a look at the eels that live under the jetty.

We had decided to walk the Peninsula walk which takes 1.5 hrs and to walk back over Black Hill, easy walking with a slight climb, but a good stretch even so.

There is a new complex being built in the village at Rotoiti behind the general store and it comprises a lovely cafe called 'Clinkers' and a nice souvenir shop with quality goods and a huge boat shed for people to store their boats. Eventually there will be a museum as well housing the history of Lake Rotoiti and its environs.

We enjoyed a delicious lunch, which we had pre-booked, and we all got served together which must have been a marathon for the staff!

Afterwards we took ourselves outside and various members read out funny poems and jokes. A group photo was taken to remember this lovely day. We will convene again in January 2014.

Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year.

If you would like to join our group, for more information please call:

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## THE AMAZING PIGEON VALLEY STEAM MUSEUM

by Jade [Year 3 Student] and Piper [Year 4 Student]



On the 4th December Arrow Syndicate went to the Pigeon Valley Steam Museum for their end of term trip.

First we went to Morris the blacksmith; he came from Sheffield in England. He melted the metal in the forge and dipped it in the water to cool it off. He used tools that he had made himself. When we were just about to leave, Morris started singing a song that we had never heard before. It was an old folk song about blacksmiths. What a great singer. Morris should go on 'New Zealand's Got Talent'.

Next we went to Allan with his model steam engine. Allan put in a little bit of fire. While we were waiting for the steam to come out Allan showed us a real steam engine and we tried to find all the parts on it. We found the fly wheel, the boiler, the crank, the piston and the valve. Soon steam and smoke started to come out of the little chimney of the model steam engine. It started to wiggle and jiggle then vibrated across the table. We thought, "Is it meant to do that?" It was the cutest little steam engine.

After that we went to the trucks and toy vehicles shed where we met two super cute puppies; one was black and white and one was brown and white and their names were Basil (which was the black and white one) and the other one we named Cheese (which was the brown and white one).

At the trucks and toy vehicles shed on our activity book it said that we had to find 'Crust and Crust'. I thought "who could Crust and Crust be?" But then I heard people calling "I found Crust and Crust! I found Crust and Crust!" so I ran over and when I got there I found a yellow truck and at the top of it in big letters it said "CRUST AND CRUST" as clear as day. We had to find out what the truck was for. First we thought it was a bread truck, then a delivery truck. After we had finished guessing we asked the man and our second guess was correct.

Our friend, Jed found his great granddad's truck. Jed's last name is Solly and they still have trucks today. Jed's great granddad's coffin was taken on the back of the truck when it was his funeral. On the front of it there was a hand made of metal and it was used to indicate. It was really old. Up the stairs from the trucks there were models of cars. The person who had made them must have been so clever.



Next we went to the rural life shed where we had to find two incubators. Joseph found one, Jade and Bridie found the other. They were for keeping chicken eggs warm so that they would hatch. In the rural life shed there was also a slipper potty (which is just a potty shaped like a slipper). It was funny looking.

Then we went to the tractor shed where there were lots of tractors that we liked. The man called us over and he talked about them. We spotted some Oliver tractors. We thought that was funny because Oliver is in our class.

Finally it was lunch time. We ate our scrumptious sandwich, ohh how yummy they were. After that all one hundred of us played tug of war and fell in a great pile. We laughed hard out.



After lunch we had jigger and tractor rides. The gates closed, we started moving. We went past the playground and the crazy hairy llamas, we went past the saw mill and then we went up a small hill. When it stopped we went on the tractor ride. We all started singing Dynamite as we drove around the grounds.

That was the end of our fun trip. We learnt so many things and we can't wait to go again.

If you want to go, it is open on the 2nd January 2014. You really should go along.

## THE LAST MONTH OF THE YEAR AT WAKEFIELD SCHOOL

by Kacey McNamara, Tayla Briggs and Saskia Guymer

The month of December has been rather busy for the whole of Wakefield School, with many more fun activities planned for the last few days, as we write this article.

On December 4th, Arrow Syndicate made their way up to the Steam Museum, for a day of interesting and fun activities. They learned an enormous amount about steam engines and how they work as well as having heaps of fun.

On Friday the 6th Ashburton College Choir came to visit us. It was thrilling to listen to. They sang in a variety of styles, with a little bit of opera, some Christmas songs with a toe tapping beat and a memorable special solo.

Our own school Christmas choir, under the direction of our principal Mr Verstappen, is practising to perform for the Wakefield Rest Home on December 17th. The choir recently gave an impressive performance of four Christmas carols for our final assembly.

The final assembly was hosted by Year 5 students on Friday December 13th. At this assembly many students were congratulated for having earned their STAND awards. The prestigious Stringer Writing award was also presented to Natalya and Ronan for memorable pieces of writing.

The juniors in the Clifford Syndicate had a fabulous fun day on Friday 13th December, with a rotation of fun activities on the back field, followed by a walk up to the look out and many exciting Christmas craft ideas in their classrooms later in the afternoon. They had just about enough energy left to attend our final school disco that night, which had a 'Christmas on the Beach' theme.

The Whitby syndicate are very excited about the Rabbit Island trip for the whole Syndicate on Monday 16th December. There will be a sausage sizzle, lots of beach fun activities and a water fight that we are really looking forward to. The Whitby Syndicate triathlon is planned for Thursday December 19th and will include a run, cycle and a swim in our swimming pool. Two days earlier, Arrow Syndicate will have their bikes and running shoes out on show when they will have their own triathlon.

We will sadly farewell our Year 6 students at the leavers' assembly on Wednesday, December 18th. Our Year 6 students will share some of their memories of Wakefield school with us and this will be followed by a morning tea with their parents. The Year 6 students will then be treated to an inspiring movie "Mount Zion".

Clifford Syndicate are also busy practising for their Christmas performance which will be held on Thursday December 19th. Parents, caregivers and relatives are all invited along to see our talented younger children perform some fun Christmas carols and dramatic presentations.

So December has been a really fun month for all the students at Wakefield School. We would like to wish a merry Christmas to all our teachers and the Wakefield community who have helped out at our school this year.

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500g plain flour  
160 – 200g butter  
Approx 220ml water  
This dough can be used to make pies or samosas.

## Filling

Any leftovers (if not too soggy). You can add frozen peas as filler.



**1**  
Measure flour and cold butter.



**4**

Wrap finished dough in cling film and leave for about 1 hour in the fridge.



**7**

Fold the edges of the dough over the filling and press the sides down with a fork. Brush the samosas with egg, oil or cream.



Finished samosas can be frozen: **baked or unbaked.**

**2**

Put flour and butter into a food processor and pulse till mixed. If you don't have a food processor rub the flour and butter by hand till bread crumb consistency is reached.



**5**

### For 4 samosas:

Cut the dough into 6 pieces. And roll one of these pieces out on some flour. The dough can be rolled out **very** thinly.

**3**

Add mixture to a bowl and add water and mix with hands. Don't over-mix. This dough doesn't need to be kneaded.



**6**

Cut the rolled out piece into 4 squares. Add on each square some filling. Brush each side of the square with a little bit of water.

## Baking approx 25 minutes at 200oC

The other 5 pieces of dough I put between baking paper and freeze them in a labeled container. Each piece of dough will make 4 samosas. It takes about 2 hours to defrost one in room temperature.



# Country Players Update



Shenanigan's Wake surprised many this year. It was such a fun show with the audience singing to songs such as Oh, Danny Boy and It's a Long Way to Tipperary along with the cast, and members of the audience also becoming the cast! With such audience participation, many commented that this show was one of the best they had been to in years. There were also a few surprises in this comedy; one being the similarity between the 'mystery' lady's baby and the minister, and the body in the coffin not actually being dead. Ah the shenanigans.

Our caterer Glenys Devine got in to the spirit of the Irish theme and produced a menu of afternoon tea type sandwiches, Irish stew in a bread basket and a brandy basket with fruit and ice cream for dessert. It was a fun meal to match a fun play. As usual Playcentre did a fantastic job of cleaning and setting up tables for each dinner show.

If you have not been to a show before then you'll have to wait until mid-year 2014 for our next one, yet to be decided. In order to get notification first you could join our email database or mail out list. Phone Dixie 5418862 to give your address details or email enquiries@countryplayers.org



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## Christmas Papers Past

Prepared for the Waimea South Historical Society by Roger Batt

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS The Colonist, 24 December 1913

Regiment and Citizens Bands will play selections in the streets of the city this evening. Tomorrow the usual Christmas services will be held.

On Boxing Day the chief attraction will be the Waimea Athletic Association's sports at Wakefield. A capital programme has been drawn up, and as good entries have been received for the various events patrons may expect an interesting day's sport. A special railway timetable has been drawn up, particulars of which have been advertised.

The Anchor Company announce marine excursions for Boxing Day and New Year's Day. The steamer has been fixed to afford excursionists a full day's outing at Motueka. Special holiday programmes will be screened at the Theatre Royal on Christmas night and on Boxing night, details of which are advertised in our amusements column.



Some things change, some things stay the same. You be the judge after reading this report on Christmas 100 years ago in Nelson..

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - Nelson Evening Mail - 27 December 1913

Perfect weather conditions prevailed for the holidays. The city streets were crowded on Christmas Eve, especially in the evening, and business appeared to be very brisk. On Christmas morning the usual services were held at various churches, which were appropriately decorated for the occasion.

The 12th Regiment and the Citizens' Bands visited various portions of the city and played carols, which were greatly enjoyed. There was a large influx of visitors, the Patea from Wellington on Christmas morning being a full ship. The train traffic was heavy, the late train on Christmas Eve carrying nearly 650 passengers. Yesterday about 700 left the Nelson station.

The bowling greens were engaged on both days, a good many visitors being present. Yesterday a large number of private picnics were held, the usual resorts being crowded with holiday-seekers. The picture shows were crowded, at all performances. A representative cricket match between Nelson and Tapawera. was played at Trafalgar Park, resulting in a win for Nelson on the first innings by 18 runs.

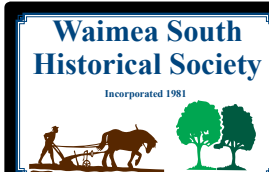
At the hospital it was very jolly and not morose as outsiders might expect. On the afternoon of Christmas Eve a willing band of helpers was kept busy decorating the wards. The men's ward was artistically arranged with yellow flowers and yellow lamp shades, and the women's ward was as nicely arranged to give it a red effect. Tea with delicious cakes followed, followed by a drive to town (thanks to Mr Mellet) and on returning a good supper was provided. As soon as the clock struck twelve, just when the bells were breaking the news of Christmas Day, the nursing staff, carrying lanterns of varying soft shades, wended their way through the wards and around the grounds singing carols all clad in their uniforms, the white aprons and caps making a very impressive picture and one which will never be forgotten by the patients.

At 9.30 am a very impressive service was held, conducted by Rev. Baumber. A full choir of friends to the Hospital made the singing of the usual Christmas hymns very enjoyable, while Mr Wood, who organised the organ fund a year ago, played it for the service. After the service, the choir sang carols. All at once a motor horn was heard, and lo! there was Father Christmas once more in our midst, carrying, as usual, his heavy bag, out of which he found a present for everybody. Mistletoe was Father Christmas' wand, and many were his victims. His arrival was the signal for great cheering. The choir then sang more carols and after the greeting of the day was exchanged by everyone, quiet reigned for a short time.

Then followed the Christmas dinner, consisting of all the good things that one imagines on Christmas Day, among them the lighted-up and burning plum pudding surrounded with holly crackling like a bush fire. All the patients who wished to do so were permitted to smoke, a privilege which was gratefully taken advantage of by these who worship at the shrine of My Lady Nicotine. Before he departed, Father Christmas expressed the hope that when he again came next year he would see only the doctor, matron and the staff, his wish being that all the patients would be well by then. He also hoped that a nurses' home would be an accomplished fact before another year had passed. This sentiment received hearty support from the staff.

The children were especially delighted at the arrival of Father Christmas, and the way their little faces lighted up with anticipation of good things to come brought joy to the hearts of all and was a fitting reward for those who had arranged the time-honoured custom.

Visitors were allowed at the institution all day and many took advantage of the occasion to speak a word of Christmas greeting to the inmates. It was a bright and happy Christmastide for the patients and all those who assisted were amply rewarded for their labours by the many expressions of grateful appreciation expressed by those for whom the festivities were intended. The Doctor, Matron, staff, and all who assisted are to be congratulated on their efforts.



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# Health & Wellbeing

## Bone Types And How They Grow

Take a look at a skeleton and you will realise just how many bones we have in our bodies. This month I will talk about the different types of bones in our bodies and how our bones grow.

There are many different shapes and sizes of bones in our body. We can classify bones as long, short, flat, irregular or sesamoid. Long bones are found mostly in our arms and legs; short in our wrists and ankles; flat bones form our skull; and lastly sesamoid bones are in our feet.

The components of a long bone can be seen in picture one. The shaft of a long bone is called the diaphysis and the two ends of the bone are termed the epiphyses. The junction between these is termed the metaphysis. The composition of the metaphysis differs in an adult to that of a child/adolescent. In an adult this junction is made of strong rigid bone. In children and adolescents there is an epiphyseal plate (or growth plate) made of cartilage between the bone ends and shaft. This is what allows our bones to lengthen as we grow.

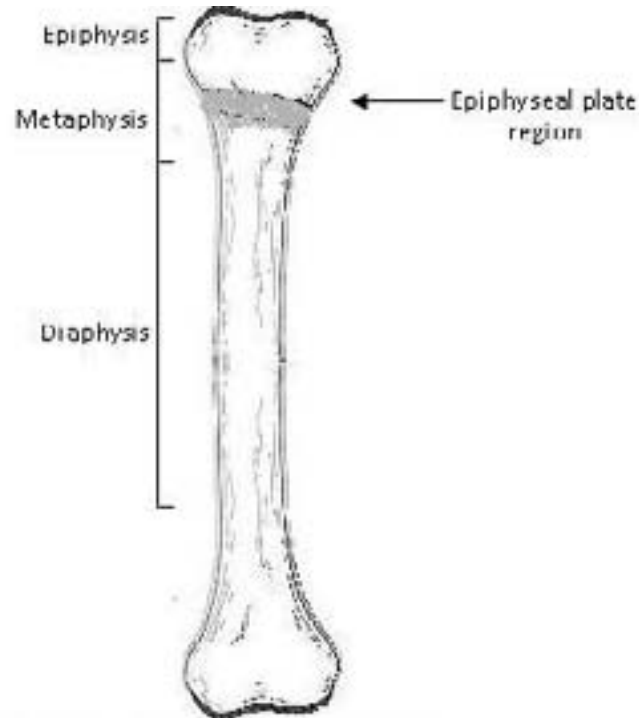
New bone is formed between the growth plate and the shaft of the bone. As the growth plate grows the area closest to the shaft is changed from cartilage into bone. This is achieved by the bone building cells found in our body.

Some of the differences between an adult and child/adolescent bones are:

- ▶ Children and adolescents are more susceptible to damage at the growth plate or metaphysis junction.
- ▶ When injured, adults are more likely to sprain a ligament or strain a muscle or tendon. In comparison a child or adolescent is more likely to damage cartilage or bone or to suffer an avulsion fracture. An avulsion fracture is where the cartilage attachment site of the ligament becomes detached from the bone (as the cartilage is a weaker attachment site than bone).
- ▶ Children and adolescents are at risk of 'growing pains' during times of rapid growth. This is because muscles and tendons are unable to stretch as fast as the bone grows, therefore causing pain.
- ▶ Children and adolescents tend to have greenstick fractures (imagine when you try to break a green stick).

Children and adolescents may sometimes look as robust as an adult, but their bones are still growing and have not fully formed. As a result, they may injure themselves in a completely different way to what an adult would in the same situation.

Kate West  
Physiotherapist (BPhty)  
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Picture 1. Components of a long bone



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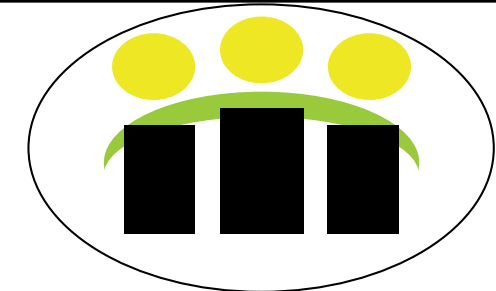
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## On The Beat

### THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT DURING THE LAST YEAR

We trust that you all had an enjoyable and safe festive season, and those like the writer, who worked right through will be looking forward to your upcoming holidays. I hope the weather gods dish out the fine sunny days... for us.

While out and about please keep a look out for any suspicious activities; be it cars or people in the wrong places in our rural areas. Grab the registration numbers and let us know at the Police Station. As we are now in the middle of the cannabis growing season, the growers are out tending their crops. We have had some good information given to us so far, so please keep it coming in.

We are still having some of our kids/youths doing dumb things around the Village. They are wrecking letter boxes, real estate signs, breaking down tree and shrub branches, and leaving heaps of litter lying about. Can you guys please have meaningful discussions with your kids and encourage them to change their ways and to start respecting our Village and other people's property.

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In the last year we have trained three recruits who are now able to ride the appliance and gained one fully trained fire fighter from the Richmond brigade. This has given us a full complement however we are always looking for suitable members to join as some of our current members at times leave the Wakefield area.

New equipment we received last year were the pedal cutter that was donated by the Richmond Lions Club and a new station standby generator which is now fully installed and ready to go if needed.

From the brigade we wish you all a Happy New Year and please drive safely on the roads during the holidays as well as every other time you are on the road.

### Call Report for December

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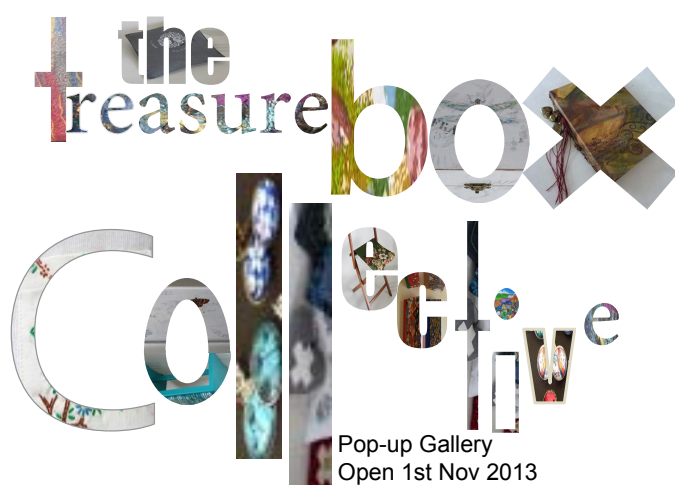
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## AllFit Fit Tips

This year I'm gonna.....

Happy New Year Everyone.

I hope you have all had an enjoyable and happy Christmas and have managed to give yourself some much needed you time.

With the niceties over..... Time for a serious look at the year ahead!

Now I'm not going to get all heavy handed, but the New Year does offer the opportunity to take a fresh look at things. Time to work out what is important to you and your family. So take a deep breath, find a nice quiet spot and have a think.

Before you get carried away with a long list of 'I WILL NOT', try to look at things in a positive way. For example "This year I am going to try and be more active" or "This year I am going to try and see the silver lining in every situation".

Note that I say TRY. Most people slip up very quickly on their New Year's Resolutions. If you aim to try then it's not the end of the world if you slip up on occasion. Keep trying and you will be surprised how quickly you start making a difference.

The other thing to consider is how many Resolutions you make. It is a good idea to only make one or two really good ones. That way you can be more focused on what you are trying to achieve. If you make too many you run the risk of losing sight of your goals.

How you keep track of your goals is up to you. You might want to start a new journal and write your resolution at the front of it. You can then write about how it's going, how you are feeling, plans for how to tackle situations, whatever works for you. Some may want to stick it on the fridge as a reminder.

Another plan may be to tell as many people as possible. This can be a really good idea as it enables you to stay strong when you are around your friends as they know and can support your goal. Just make sure that those you tell help you positively and encourage you rather than drag you down with negative comments.

So whatever your goal / resolution is, and however you have chosen to achieve it, keep it in the back of your mind, stay positive and keep moving forwards towards it and by the end of the year (which I have no doubt will get here very quickly again) you will be amazed at what you have achieved.



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# Town and Country Talk

## IS YOUR DOG ITCHY SCRATCHY?

Summertime is the time of year for itchy dogs. Itchiness is just a symptom – there are many possible causes.

The most common cause is fleas. This doesn't always mean a plague of fleas on a pet as some have sensitive skin and may react dramatically to only one or two bites from a flea. There may therefore be little evidence of their presence. However fleas multiply quickly when weather is warm and humidity is high, resulting in flea infestations in your house and garden.

There are very effective flea treatments available which kill fleas and stop the flea lifecycle so in turn the itchiness is avoided. Prevention is always best – don't wait to see fleas.

Another common cause of itchiness is contact with plants especially grasses and Wandering Willy/Wandering Jew (also known as Tradescantia). This is a low growing plant with a small dark green pointed leaf and tiny white flowers, usually found among weeds, on banks and in shade. Just walking through these plants can cause a skin reaction which dogs then aggravate by scratching and licking. Prevention by avoidance is the best approach!

There are many, many other causes of itchiness – some can be diagnosed on examination, others require further testing. Many itchy pets will need some medication to settle the skin to prevent further damage from licking and scratching, as well as treatment of the underlying cause.



## FACIAL ECZEMA – NOT JUST A DISEASE OF THE SKIN

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There is little that can be done once cows/sheep start showing symptoms because liver damage has already occurred. Blood tests can indicate the severity of liver damage and herd/flock exposure.

Doses of vitamin B12 can help in the acute stages. Zinc supplementation is essential to prevent further damage.

Prevention – always better than cure:

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# A Matter of Accounts

## KEEPING GOOD BUSINESS RECORDS - WHY BOTHER?

It doesn't matter what type of business you have, it's important to be able to see what you have paid for, and how much you are owed by clients, so that you can forecast for the future. In addition, your bank manager, accountant or investors may also need to see your business records at some time to keep track of your progress and help plan your business's future.

Several government departments also require you to keep records by law, especially for statistics and tax reasons.

### Benefits of Keeping Accurate Records

#### • Better control of your business or organisation

Keeping accurate records will enable you to determine whether you are making enough money to cover your expenses. They should show you where your money is coming from and what you are spending it on. This will help you with decision making, and to make budgeting decisions. For not for profit organisations, they also enable you to keep track of grants and other income and how these funds are spent. Often this is a requirement of receiving the grant, and you are required to advise the grant provider what the grant was spent on.

#### • Increase your chances of getting finance or funding

Without keeping good records, it can be difficult to approach others to invest in your business, or provide you with funding. It is much easier to prepare the appropriate documentation when applying for loans or grants, if you have got accurate records to support the figures. In addition, keeping good records, and being able to provide information when requested, is good evidence that the business is being run professionally. This is true whether you are looking for investment, or even thinking about selling the business. It is generally expected that potential buyers can check your performance by gaining access to your financial records.

#### • Save time and money

If you keep your records up to date, and in good order, then you are likely to get your tax returns and other paperwork completed more quickly. It therefore follows that if your records are tidy, and there is less work for the accountant to do, then you are likely to be charged less for the services provided as well. This will mean that you can then use your accountants services to provide you with advice and assistance with being proactive and improving your business, rather than just historical reporting.

#### • Audits will take less time

If you are in business, you can expect that at some stage you could be audited by the Inland Revenue Department. Less time will be required on the audit if you have kept good records which are easily accessible.

Perhaps you could make it your New Years Resolution to get your records in order and set up a system that works for you for the coming year.

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

## SARBIES

by Caraline Dyson

I've often wondered how Sarbies Hair Salon got such unusual name. I originally supposed Sarbie was the family name of Jess, the owner and chief stylist. Or maybe I thought Sarbie was a Kiwi colloquialism, meaning scissor-smith or something like that.

It turns out that the name comes from a child's mispronunciation that the original owner found amusing, and has nothing to do with hair or style or Jess. So now we know what Sarbies actually means, but what does it really mean to the army of happy clients who love it?

Sarbies means great hairstyling on your doorstep. It means good value - Sarbies is a place where you can look a million dollars without spending hundreds of dollars. It means a relaxed friendly atmosphere, where you have a coffee and a chat with a friend who also happens to transform your hair at the same time. It is a place where your child can play happily in the toy box whilst you have some much needed 'me time'.

One of the greatest things about Sarbies is convenience, being right here in the heart of our village, making it easy to fit into your routine. Many of Jess' biggest fans have regular appointments around their other commitments, and several mums plan their visits after school drop off.

Why go into town to have your hair styled when you can save some travelling time and get it done at Sarbies? Make the most of the early afternoon and book in for 1:30, and you'll be a new woman by the time you collect the kids at 2.55!

Nelson girl Jess has been here in Wakefield snipping and styling, cutting and colouring for seven years. There have been several times when she has thought about uprooting her family from Stoke and living out here. But Jess is a part of our community, she works here five days a week, and with the stories she hears each day, she probably knows as much as anyone about the village.

Apart from a brief stint in Christchurch, Jess has been cutting Nelsonians hair for eighteen years, and she loves her hometown too much to leave it again.

With fellow stylist Tracey and on site Beauty Therapist Cheryl Roach, the girls have years of experience to offer you.

So if you're thinking of a new look for the New Year why not try a new stylist and give Jess a call?

Tell her your budget and which styles you like and leave it up to her. It could be a great resolution.

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# You and Your Dog's Yabber

## Watch what your dog eats!

Being the festive season there are additional foods around the house, some of which we need to be careful if we have a dog or puppy in the house. They have super noses on them and are very good at tracking out food (as I'm sure most dog owners have experienced). Here is a handy chart to refresh yourselves of what is toxic to your furry family member!

<b>ALCOHOL</b> COMA DEATH INTOXICATION	<b>AVOCADO</b> CONTAINS PERSIN: VOMITING DIARRHEA	<b>RAISINS CURRANTS</b> KIDNEY FAILURE
<b>COOKED BONES</b> STOMACH LACERATIONS	<b>WALNUTS MACADAMIAS</b> NERVOUS SYSTEM AND MUSCLE DAMAGE	<b>ONIONS GARLIC</b> BLOOD CELL DAMAGE ANEMIA
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<b>CAFFEINE</b> VOMITING DIARRHEA TOXIC TO HEART & NERVOUS SYSTEM	<b>XYLITOL</b> (GUM, CANDY ETC.) LIVER FAILURE HYPOGLYCEMIA DEATH	<b>CHOCOLATE</b> TOXIC TO HEART & NERVOUS SYSTEM DEATH
<b>MEDICATIONS</b> (XYLITOL, ADIVIL ETC.) KIDNEY FAILURE GI ULCERS	<b>If you think your dog ate something dangerous, CALL YOUR VET</b>	



Toxic Blue-green algae

The other one to watch out for with your hounds that isn't listed on this poster, but is worth a mention is the toxic 'Blue-Green algae' which is very common in Nelson and Tasman region. This algae grows on our river beds during summer and as the name has it - is very toxic to dogs if they ingest it or drink the water that is surrounding it. The colour of this toxic algae is actually dark brown or black and sticks to the rocks on river beds.

Algae mats that come loose from the river bed can wash up on the river bank or form floating 'rafts' in shallow areas. Where exposed, the mats may dry out and turn a light brown or white colour. They may also produce a strong musty odour.

Blue-green algae differ from harmless bright green algae, which often form long filaments. Mats of light brown or olive green algae are also harmless.



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## Congratulations & Commiserations

### WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

by Gillian Etherington  
 [On behalf of the Library team of volunteers]

On a Tuesday morning between 10.30 and 11.30 am (except in January), and on a Friday afternoon from 2.30 to 4pm there is a big white sign which says 'Library Open' on the building next to the War memorial, facing the village green.

This is the Wakefield Community Library. It is run by a team of volunteers who enjoy meeting people, being able to help them choose and find books, both from those which belong to the library and from the selection that comes from the Tasman District Library in Richmond. The latter are changed regularly and both selections include large print books for those whose 'arms are getting shorter' or who have difficulty in reading ordinary print.

There is also a selection of good children's books. And there is no charge for the use of the library!

The volunteers were saddened recently by the death of **Alexa Langford**, who was a very long term and willing member of the team, and served for many years as team leader. She was always willing to take over someone else's turn if by chance something occurred to make this necessary and was always available to help the newer members of the team when needed.

A quote from Tui France, who took over from Alexa some years ago:

"I have very fond memories of Alexa and the library and the difficulty Alexa found allowing the library to be just a little updated! I'll never forget the day the pair of us attended an auction and bought the new desk, chair and filing cabinet for \$20! She did love the library and I know you will all miss her. Please give my love and best wishes to the library volunteers when you do see them and tell them that I miss them all".

For those who like to borrow books, but are not always able to get them back on time, after the three weeks reading time allowed, the lovely lady, Tania, at Hair Raisers, the hairdresser next to the Chateau Rhubarb café, is willing to have them left there. The volunteers on duty collect them regularly so they are registered as having been returned.

This library is staffed by volunteers, but with the death of Alexa, and other willing helpers less recently, we now find that there are rather few of us to go on the roster. We would love to have some more volunteers.

This is not an onerous or big commitment, perhaps one duty in five or six weeks, depending on how many of us there are. And duties can be changed if necessary when something comes up for the day one is rostered on.

If you think this might be something that you would enjoy doing, and it is enjoyable, then please ring either Wendy Gibbs 5418490 or Pam Dick 5418392 who are our current team leaders.

We look forward to adding new members to our team.

**Can we celebrate your special event or help remember someone dear to you?**

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Alexa Langford

### RUTHERFORD MEMORIAL HALL FOXHILL - A SPARKIES JOY!



Bill Ashton at work on the upgrade to 3-phase 30 amp power at the Rutherford Memorial Hall, Foxhill.

The installation of phase 3 power marks a new era in the life of the hall.

This iconic community asset is undergoing further upgrades as funds are available, for a refurbished kitchen, and water supply, all with the intention of creating a great space full of character for weddings, family parties and community gatherings.

With a great tradition behind it, the committee looks to restoring the hall to a bright future for residents of the Wai-iti, Foxhill and Belgrove and beyond to Kohatu. Or anyone who loves the experience of the past.

If you'd like to hire the hall for an occasion, or event Contact Helen Pullan 541 8058 or other enquiries contact Secretary/Treasurer Erica Short 541 8882.

### THE VICAR WRITES...

The Census was delayed somewhat, due to its shaky start, but now at least we have new figures, including the religious question, to which answers have changed markedly – no real surprise to me I confess.

Catholics superseded us Anglicans, as the largest Christian Denomination. Bigger! ( kidding) Also there was a stunning rise in a new religion know as "No Religion" which rose from 1.297million, to 1.635 mill. In fact in this new category, it's adherents are more than the total number who identified as Christian. In 1956 more than 90% of NZ census respondents identified themselves as Christian!

This makes me think, why are so many of the baby busters and gen x and y leaving Christianity in droves, and what attracted earlier residents to adhere to the faith? One could point to: the introduction of new technology, such as TV then the internet, the end of the 40 hour working week, penal rates leaving families less weekend thus less time together, and perhaps a different mindset directed by the clearly secular nature of many educational institutes. Individual choice is a high value particularly in the European segment of our culture, verses the high values of belonging to family, whanau, and church, in other cultures.

One clear upshot for some, is the loss of a sense of belonging, a loss of religious roots and origins, and a loss of the sense that they are part of a much bigger picture. Christians look to the meta-narrative, or big Picture, that is found in Scripture. Churches have sometimes exacted a high price for membership, with their expensive building structures and Spiritual leadership – some of whom fly the globe in jets! That is as far away from the Jesus of the Bible's lifestyle, as flying to Mars. Yet what people forget is the tremendous cost of having no deep spiritual foundation to life. No meta-narrative in which they can base the meaning of their lives. Prayer to a loving living God in Jesus, grounds one in a bigger reality, and centres one's vision of what life is all about.



It is not all about the individual, it is more about living sacrificially and environmentally well, that others may feel loved and that they belong. We need somewhere and someone to whom we belong. Christian faith has provided that for many years, and it has influenced policies of our health and welfare, our attitudes and our worldviews.

To lose this spiritual base, seems to be to be a high price to pay, seen in increasing isolation of individuals, polarisation of families, and in particular a lowered respect for human life. Choice is a great value to uphold.

Yet, I am firmly of the opinion that spiritual values and a big picture, like that found in the Bible, gives us a firm foundation on which to base family life, communal life, and a means to look beyond the material and physical, to get in touch with that part of us, we call the soul.

I await the next census with interest.

Rev.d Allan Wasley, Wakefield Vicar.

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# Wakefield Guides

## GUIDING IN WAKEFIELD 2014

We have a change to our meeting times next term. Term starts second week in February. Thursday 13th will be our first meeting.



## PIPPINS ARE CHANGING TO THURSDAYS

(their old meeting day)  
at the Wakefield Scout Den, Treeton Place.  
Starting at 4.00pm and running until 5.00pm

**BROWNIES** will meet from 4.30pm until 6.00pm at the Wakefield Scout Den, Treeton Place.

Please contact (for both units) Veronique Law on 541 9190, 027222920 nvaslaw@gmail.com

We thank Veronique and Erin for their efforts this past year and for their help in making sure these two units run in 2014. This has been a big decision on their part as no one has come forward to run the Pippin unit and it is very much appreciated. A parent roster will be essential from a safety point of view so please make sure you know when you are rostered so any changes are made in good time.

We also thank Margaret Robinson for her great efforts with the Pippins over Terms 3 and 4 2013. Margaret has run both great fun and varied meetings for the girls over this time, culminating in a joint BBQ at Paretai lodge for both Pippins and Brownies in December. We thank you most sincerely for your time and energy!

Many thanks to these great volunteer ladies.  
Sue Burrowes, DC Twin Peaks

# Wakefield Scouts

## Wakefield Scout Group 2013 Summary

Well another year has past with all our Sections due to finish this week. Our youth have had some wonderful experiences which have both challenged and enticed them. Our annual Nelson Zone Founders Day camp and Mudslide Day was attended by majority of our youth and leaders. They participated in activities such as kayaking, compass course, tyre sumo wrestling and many others including the mud slide.

Our Keas have had a sleepover, a hike, visited the Reid's Helicopters, and Natureland to name a few. Cubs tried paint balling, had a great first aid session, won the egg challenge against Brightwater AGAIN! (maybe next year Brightwater).

Scouts have been attending leadership training courses, they came second in the Campers Cup for our region (Timaru to West Coast and all of top of the South). They have been caving, tramping and camping. Seven have been preparing for Jamboree which is on these holidays in Feilding. We have had Tim Green and Isaak Guyton achieve their Chief Scout Award. Venturers have been attending training courses, mountain biking, having formal dinners and assisting Todd Tudor to achieve his Queen's Scout Award. Congratulations to Tim, Isaak and Todd.

But it's not just fun for the youth in our organisation, our leaders get a lot out of it also. Two of our leaders have attended the Scouting Advanced Personal Development course (SAPD) held in Wellington earlier this year. Five leaders and two Venturers attended an outdoor first aid course in Picton. Some of us have attended conferences and forums in Christchurch which always involve an element of fun both in the journey to and from our destination and the free time we have while there. We are a very social group here in Wakefield. Two of our leaders are on the Nelson Zone Team which brings other rewards for the time we give. We have lots of laughs, assist each other's sections when needed and overall try to make it an enjoyable experience for all but mostly it's the satisfaction of providing life skill activities knowing you are making a difference in someone's life.

Our leaders would like to take this opportunity to thank our families for supporting us as we give our time to others. Thanks to Window on Wakefield for providing an opportunity for us to let our community know what we are up to. Thanks to our parents and businesses who have supported us throughout the year (Stuart at 4 Square, the ice-cream and pavlova were a hit with the kids at last years Christmas party). We simply couldn't run as well without this support.

For 2014 we are looking for leaders in the Kea and Cub sections to lighten the load on our existing leaders. It's the old saying of many hands make light work. Kea sessions are 4.30 to 5.30 on Tuesdays and Cubs are 6.30 to 8pm on Thursdays. Experience is not necessary as there are many training opportunities, some of which are approved by NZQA to go towards National Certificates. If you would like more information please contact Nick Law on 5419190 or Angela Burke on 5419223.

Lastly I would like to thank our wonderful team of leaders. Thank you to Nick Law, Angela Burke, Sarah Arnold, Sheryl Guyton, Debi Bongers, Lance Wakefield, Shannan Jones, Julian Eggers (PAL), John Amosa, Andy McKenna and Margy Wallace. Thanks also to our committee of Carena Scott, Tracy Gibbs, Julia Ducray, Roy Price, Brenda Grant and anyone else who assisted in some way. You are all priceless volunteers. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

ADVENTURE PLUS!



# Wakefield Auto Motoring Tips

## Paws for thought – planning a road trip with pets [From MTA website]

Now more than ever we consider our pets as family members, so when heading off on a summer holiday, they come too. But travelling with your furry friends can require a bit of forward planning to ensure the safety of everyone concerned. As you pack the kids and luggage into the car ready to head off on a holiday, most people seldom think twice about putting the pets in the back before motoring off. Here are a few simple steps you can take to make travelling with your furry friends a lot easier and safer this holiday season:

- **Secure your pets in a well-ventilated crate, carrier, or harness.** An unrestrained pet could be seriously injured, or injure other people in the car, if a crash were to occur. A dog sitting unsecured in the back seat can become a large furry missile, if the car stops suddenly in an accident. Unrestrained pets can also distract a driver and cause an accident if they get frightened or threatened by something. If involved in a crash, an unrestrained pet could escape and be hit by another vehicle, or cause another collision. And a frightened dog may attack strangers who are trying to help at the scene of an accident.

- As a pet owner you have an **obligation under the Animal Welfare Act to transport your animal in a safe and secure manner.** Cats are best travelling in a cage, and dogs should be restrained in a safety harness or crate. If you're travelling in a ute with an open deck, it is the legal responsibility of the owner to ensure that any load is secured in a safe manner, under the Land Transport Act. The best way to secure a dog on an open ute is to tether them to the middle of the front of the deck, right behind the cabin in the centre so the dog can't lean out over the side. The tether needs to be long enough so they can sit and lie down comfortably, but short enough so it can't lean out over the edge of the deck. If you were to go around a corner too quickly, and the tether is too long, you could hang your dog if it fell off the deck.

- **Make sure your pet stays within the vehicle at all times.** You wouldn't let your kids hang out of the windows, would you? Keeping your pet inside the vehicle not only keeps them safe from getting hurt by objects outside, but it also keeps passersby safe too. If you've stopped to get petrol, or you're caught in a line of slow holiday traffic and a pedestrian or cyclist passes, if your dog is able to stick their head out the window, they're not only going to give the person a fright, but might latch on.

- **Prepare your pets for a long trip by taking them on series of short drives first.** Pets can get car sick too, so be prepared – put some newspaper, a sheet or towels down so you can easily clean it up. Medication could work, but speak to your vet if your pet is nervous about travelling. Don't feed them just before a trip. Feed them when you get to your destination, or if you stop for lunch. Give them a bit of food then, and let them go to the toilet and have a bit of a run around. Most people know if their pet is a good traveller or not. Stick to what's tried and proven.

- **Take your pets with you when you park.** Never leave them unattended in a car. If you're going to stop and have lunch, make sure someone can stay with your pet. On a hot summer's day, the inside of a car heats up very quickly. On a 30 degree day for example, the temperature inside your car – even with the windows slightly opened or in the shade – will reach 39 degrees within 10 minutes. In 30 minutes it can climb up to 49 degrees, or even higher, and for any pet trapped inside it becomes like an oven. These conditions can easily mean death for the animal. It's not an offence to leave your pet in the car, but if the animal suffers from any unnecessary pain or distress, you can be liable for criminal prosecution.

- **Pet travelling kit** – things to take with you on your trip. Take the essentials with you; plenty of water, food, toilet bags, (don't leave it on the side of the road), grooming equipment, bedding, bowls, a leash, a familiar toy, and any medication that your pet may have. If you want to leave your pet at a boarding kennel or cattery, you'll need to have a vaccination card – vaccinations need to be up to date to get into boarding facilities. If you are planning on using a boarding kennel or cattery this will need to be booked well in advance if you're going to have any luck getting in.

- **Plan ahead and consider your destination.** The main thing to do is to take a moment to think about your trip. If you are going to take your pet with you, plan your journey accordingly. If you don't need to take your pet, then don't – leave them at home with someone to care for them. They're not going to thank you for sitting in a hot stuffy car for hours on end.

If you have any concerns about travelling with pets, consult your vet or local SPCA for advice.



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# Village Sports News

## Wakefield Bowling Club

It has been full on at the Bowling Club since the start of the summer season with new members, full tournaments and lots of interclub and Nelson Centre tournaments.

Club Championship Veterans Singles have been completed, winners being: Stu Peterson for the men and Carolyn Mason for the women.

January and February will see all the Open championships played, mainly at weekends so please feel free to call in and see what is going on.

Wakefield teams have done well in Centre Competitions. In the regional greenkeeper's tournament, the Wakefield team of Stu Peterson, Les McJarrow, Don Sixtus and Gordon Hope won its section and the President's team of Peter Sisterson, Tom Closey, John van der Laan and Margaret Eames won all its games but came second on points differential.

Several teams qualified for play offs in Centre Tournaments against the best players in the region with some reaching the finals: In the Junior Pairs, Peter Sisterson and Les Morris made the semi finals & placed third.

In the Open Mixed Pairs, two teams with Wakefield players made the semi finals but were drawn against each other; Margaret Eames and Mike Wilson edging a close, exciting game over Tom and Yvonne Closey. Margaret and Mike lost in the final and placed second overall, Tom and Yvonne placed third.

More Wakefield players have been selected for Nelson representative teams in addition to those mentioned last month. Yvonne Closey has been recalled to the women's senior team having been unavailable for the west coast tournament. Bruce Smith is in the Nelson Men's Development team.

In the Junior selections (less than five years playing), Wakefield has five of the ten men in the Nelson rep's team: Tony Eames, Mark Connor, Peter Sisterson, Dave Peterson and Trevor Woodbury, and three in the women's team: Rae Paterson and Mary Henley with Carolyn Mason named but unavailable.

Community Bowls has gone well through November with new players being involved and new members signing up.

It will run again in February for four weeks commencing Thursday 6 February from 6-8pm, all welcome for a fun time experiencing bowls.

Get a team together with family, friends or neighbours or come along as an individual and you will be very welcome. For more info please phone Tony on 5418316.

The Bowling Club is collecting old TV aerials, car batteries, old wire and any other metal objects you may wish to dispose of.

Please phone Trevor on 5418855 if you want these taken off your hands and he will arrange pick up or even remove the aerial from your roof.

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# The Adventures of Uncle Harry and Hardtop Farm

Written by Peter Verstappen

## Episode 2: Conversations on a wet New Year's Day

Uncle Harry and his neighbour, Clayton Piles, were sitting in the implement shed watching the rain fall steadily from a slate-grey sky. A carton of beer lay open between them. "Happy New Year, Harry," offered Clayton, raising his can.

"Yep, Happy blimmin' New Year," replied Harry gloomily.

A fresh squall of rain sent small rivulets of water splashing through rust holes in the spouting of the old shed.

"They say it's global warming that's causing all this rain," remarked Clayton.

"Global warming," spat Harry, "I've never been so cold in January. Or so wet. See that hay paddock over past the pines? I cut that a week and a half ago. I haven't got near it since." "And I'm picking you haven't had a lot of use out of that new irrigator," remarked Clayton.



Harry sighed. "It's funny, isn't it. For years everybody's been urging me to invest in irrigation. The moment I do, what happens? It rains for three months. I've got a hundred thousand dollars of rotor rainer rusting in the yard."

"I see Gladys has found a use for it at least," Clayton waved his beer can to where the irrigator was parked in the yard. It was hung with clothing, bed sheets and towels.

"Yep," agreed Harry. "On the couple of fine days we've had she's used it as a clothes line. She says it's the biggest Hills Hoist in the country. I was supposed to get that lot inside before the rain started. Gladys won't be happy." "Isn't she around?" "She's taken young Sam into town to get his ukulele fixed."

Sam was Harry's grand-nephew, a regular holiday visitor to Hardtop Farm and a bit of a handful. "A ukulele," Clayton laughed, "I didn't know Sam was a musician."

"He's not a musician, he's just highly strung," retorted Harry. "The ukulele was a Christmas present. Actually, it could have been worse; his first choice was a set of bagpipes. Imagine the little tike blowing those around the house for three weeks."

"And the ukulele's broken, you say?" Harry reached for another beer, looking sheepish. "Actually, that was my fault. I was doing a Jimi Hendrix impersonation and snapped a couple of strings."

The two men sat in silence for a while, watching the rain. A couple of gulls swooped into the yard and Harry's old dog, Rufus, growled at them from his kennel.

"Did you get any good Christmas presents yourself?" Harry asked.

"The usual stuff, socks, underwear, that sort of thing," replied Clayton.

"Do you notice the labels on clothing are getting more outrageous, Clayton? Gladys gave me a pair of flash y-fronts with more tags on than a prize bull. To read them you'd think you were buying a new car, not just a pair of undies. The funniest one was the label that said, 'warning: may contain traces of nuts.' It put me right off wearing them, I can tell you."

"I know what you mean, Harry. Joan gave me a pair of socks that claim they can turn me into a top athlete. There's so much design and engineering built into them they're even labelled 'left' and 'right'. Apparently it's crucial to get them onto the correct foot."

"You're kidding." "No way. According to the label, if I wear these socks correctly they'll help me reach my personal goals. Actually, I'm wearing them now. I'll show you." Clayton kicked off his gumboots. On his feet was a pair of new grey socks with the letters L and R stamped prominently on the ankle.

Harry peered at the socks. "Hang on, Clayton. You've got them on the wrong feet."

Clayton looked at his feet and pondered for a moment. "Crikey, Harry, you're right. No wonder I've been feeling unbalanced all day." "I noticed you were walking a bit strangely. I thought you must have been wearing some of those same undies as me."

"It won't have done my personal goals any good, having those socks on the wrong way around."

Clayton bent over to change his socks. "Speaking of goals," said Harry, "did you make any New Year's resolutions?" "Oh, just the usual: drink a bit more, smoke a bit less, improve my work-life balance, you know the sort of thing. What about you?"

"Nuh, I gave it a miss this year. Gladys was pestering me to get a hobby. She even offered to buy me a ukulele so I could take up music like Sam. I told her I already have a hobby." "What's that?" "Farming. I mean, it's got to be a hobby, hasn't it? We don't do it to earn a living." "Not this year, anyway."

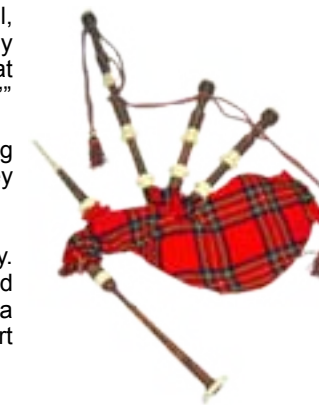
A skiff of rain blew into the shed and the two men moved their chairs back. Harry pulled the carton of beer closer and helped himself to another can. "Actually, I have got a New Year's resolution of sorts," he remarked. "I reckon if I can survive young Sam's visit I'll have achieved something." "Hard work, is he?"

"He's just a bit too keen, Clayton. Last week he offered to grub some thistles. I said that was fine. Well, the little blighter decided it was more efficient with the ride-on lawnmower. By the time he'd finished my paddock looked like a giant had scribbled all over it. Every weirdo in the district was out here looking at it and talking about crop circles. 'Crop circles, be buggered' I told them. 'It's more like crop doodles.'"

"And then there was the business with the water race, wasn't there?"

"Don't remind me," groaned Harry. "I was joking when I said if the rain kept up we could start growing rice. The next morning I woke up to find he'd dammed the water race, flooded twenty acres of barley and was running around with a sack of rice he'd grabbed from the pantry."

At that moment Harry's old Ford Fairlane splashed into the yard. "Speak of the devil," grumbled Harry. Sam shot out of the car. "Uncle Harry! Mr Piles!" he shouted, "guess what!" "I can't imagine," said Clayton. "They said my ukulele was stuffed. So Auntie Gladys got me this." With a flourish Sam pulled a large object from the car. "Bagpipes," groaned Harry. "Yeah, bagpipes, Uncle Harry. I can't wait to start playing them."





# For the Kids



This month's instructions:

**7 Years and Under**  
Write us a short poem about your summer holidays

**8 Years and Over**  
Write us a story about your summer holidays

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



... winners of the December and January competitions will be announced in next months edition

The winner gets a fantastic prize from Sue Ketel. Next month YOU could be the winner,

so get your entries in!  
[See instructions at the top of the page  
Wakefield School library is open  
Wednesdays in January, 12.30pm to 3.30pm  
to return entries]



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



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## MONTHLY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### JANUARY 2014

Wed 1		HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Thurs 2	8.30 am -	36th Annual Wakefield Craft Fair Steam Day, Higgins Park
Sun 5	8.30 am -	Aerobics/Pilates restarts, St Johns Worship Centre
Wed 8	9.00 am -	Combined Service, St Johns on the hill Church
Sat 11	9.15 am -	Craft Group, Wakefield Village Hall
Sun 12	8.00 am -	Wakefield Market Day, Village Green
Wed 15	10.30 am -	Combined Service, St Johns Worship Centre
Sun 19	9.15 am -	Craft Group, Wakefield Village Hall
Wed 22	11.00 am -	Combined Service, Methodist Church
Sun 26	9.15 am -	Craft Group, Wakefield Village Hall
Wed 29	11.00 am -	Combined Service, Methodist Church

### FEBRUARY 2014

Sun 2	All Day	Sarau Festival, Upper Moutere
Mon 3	All Day	Nelson Anniversary Day
Tues 4	10.30 am -	Wakefield Community Library open
	7.30 pm -	Wakefield Village Hall meeting
Wed 5	9.15 am -	Craft Group, Wakefield Village Hall
Thurs 6	All Day	Waitangi Day
	6.00 pm -	Wakefield Community Bowls restarts
Fri 7	2.30 pm -	Wakefield Community Library open
Mon 10	10.00 am -	Mainly Music, Wakefield Village Hall
Tues 11	10.30 am -	Wakefield Community Library open
	7.30 pm -	Wakefield Community Council, St Johns Church
Wed 12	9.15 am -	Craft Group, Wakefield Village Hall
Thurs 13	4.00 pm -	Pippins restart, Scout Den, Treeton Place
	4.30 pm -	Brownies restart, Scout Den, Treeton Place





# Community Notices

## WAKEFIELD CRAFT GROUP

Our craft mornings re-open Wednesday 8th January 9.15am till midday, now \$2.00 a session.

See you all in the new Year. Regards Judy

### ANGLICAN AND METHODIST COMBINED SERVICES OVER THE HOLIDAY PERIOD

**29 December**  
9am at St Johns on the Hill church

**5 January 2014**  
9am at St Johns on the Hill church

**12 January**  
10.30am at the Worship Centre, 120 Edward Street

**19 January**  
11am at Methodist church

**26 January**  
11am at Methodist church

It is great for the two congregations to share together to worship and Praise God as shared events in the village.

## WAKEFIELD MARKET DAY

Sites available, ring Jean 541 8154. Wakefield Market, 11th January, New Year, come join us for fun of fair.

Lots of plants to fill in the gaps, smelly lavender soaps, bric a brac and bbq too.

If you need a site ring Jean 5418154.

## Fundraiser for WAKEFIELD BOWLING CLUB

The Bowling Club is collecting old TV aerials, car batteries, old wire and any other metal objects you may wish disposed of.

Please phone Trevor on 541 8855, if you want these taken off your hands and he will arrange pick up or even remove the aerial from your roof.

## YOUTH GROUP IN WAKEFIELD

6.30pm on Fridays in School Term time, St Johns Church runs a Youth Group.

Of combined ages, led by Mr Hayden Stevenson. Phone 544 9632.

## Wakefield Craft Group

Come and join the ladies craft group  
Wednesday mornings in the Village hall supper room  
9.15am - 12pm.  
Bring any project - sewing, knitting, crochet etc.  
and join us for coffee and company  
\$3 per morning  
Phone Judy on 541 8342



### Our Moutere Festival 2 February 2014!!

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

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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  
nvaslaw@gmail.com

**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**  
Sheryl Guyton 541 9178

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

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

**Womens Biz**  
Justyne McGaveston 522 4488  
Sonia Emerson 541 9005

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Philip Calder 541 8442

**Junior Country Players**  
Dixie McDonald 541 8862

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

**Pinegrove Kindergarten**  
03 542 3447

**Rural Women**  
Dawn Batchelor 542 3628

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

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

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

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

**Wakefield/Brightwater Guides**  
Josie Macdonald 544 2660  
macdonald.josie@gmail.com

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

**Wakefield Plunket**  
Donna Todd 541 8583

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

**Wakefield Smallbore Rifle Club**  
Ian Hutchings 541 8342

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Doug South 541 8980

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Colin Gibbs 541 8435

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Margaret Eames 541 8316

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Allan Wasley 541 9622

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**Wakefield Preschool**  
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**Wakefield School PTA**  
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Rob Merlees 541 8598

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Caroline Gibbs 541 8491

**Waimea Plains Junior Football Club**  
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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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**4B WINDLESHAM**  
**\$299,000+**  
 4 bedrooms, log burner, fully fenced



**489 CHURCH VALLEY ROAD**  
**\$760,000 + GST IF ANY**  
 3 bedrooms, large shed, 21 hectares



**67 EDWARD STREET**  
**\$380,000**  
 Beautifully renovated 3 bedroom home



**150 EDWARD STREET,**  
**\$409,000+**  
 4 bed, 2 living areas, double garage



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 38A LORD AUCKLAND

## COMMISSION

**2.95%** + \$500 Base Fee + GST  
 on the first \$400,000 & thereafter by negotiation

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