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*Your Local News*

Community News for the Wakefield Area

## Wakefield Football Club

*by David Emerson*

While the weather over the last few weeks has seen searing temperatures, there has been a hive of activity at the Wakefield Football Club with the long awaited deck being completed. Although planned for completion a couple of seasons ago, with a number of obstacles to overcome the sizable deck will be seen as a great addition to the growing aspirations of our local football club.

A number of members of the club's committee along with local builders, McPhersons and Bashfords, have tirelessly worked at getting this project to completion. We commend the efforts by those individuals who have contributed to the deck.

The committee have also been busy getting ready for another season, and with the prospect of four teams competing this year and greater interaction between the senior and junior club's, there is plenty to organise.

With the support of our awesome sponsors, the Wakefield Hotel, Tall Poppy Real Estate and Carter and Sons Concrete, the club starts the new season aspiring to continue from last season where all three teams achieved a number of good results including reaching the semi-finals of their respective knockout competitions, with our masters team reaching their final.

The teams will also start the new season in new playing kit and with a new website [www.wakefieldfc.nz](http://www.wakefieldfc.nz).

Last week the club had its AGM voting Chris Olaman as the Club President for his 24th consecutive year. He is one of three life members at the club and a foundation member.

The Wakefield Football Club is proud to provide football for all levels of ability whether you want to play competitive or social football.

Our first preseason kick around is set for the 8th February at 6.30pm. Any new or returning players welcome.



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# The Way We Were

## WAKEFIELD SCHOOL - 175 YEARS ON THE OLDEST SCHOOL IN CONTINUOUS USE IN NEW ZEALAND

### PART II EARLY DAYS 1855-60

Prepared for the Waimea South Historical Society by Roger Batt

In 1855 Mr Smith decided it was time for a change. He had served the school well for ten years and placed it on a sound foundation. More recently he had become a "man of means" after the death of his mother in England.

Wakefield's next head teacher, Mr John Squire, was the first government appointment. He was also the second local postmaster. A London trained chemist, he brought with him his wife Eliza and four children (six were to follow) as well as new standards to the village. "They always took high tea at four o'clock and dinner at eight."

The following extract is from his first report on the school:

"This school is large and lofty and comfortable and there is a good dwelling house for the teacher attached to it. There is a day school and an evening school. The number of children on the books of the day school is 36 (18 boys and 18 girls). The average attendance is 25. The ages of the children range from 4 to 14, but most of them are very young. At the evening school 15 attend pretty regularly, most of them lads or rather young men. The payment in the day school is seven shillings and sixpence a quarter, but some parents are subscribers and pay less, sending as many children as they please. The school is supported by the payment of the children and has received in addition the sum of £12-10s as a half-yearly payment out of the fund voted by the Provincial Council. The Bible is read once daily in the morning, and the church catechism is used. The teacher states that no objection has been made to religious teaching in the school. The school is indifferently provided with books

Meanwhile, the population of the Waimea South district (Brightwater to Belgrove) was growing. The Electoral Roll for 1855 lists 164 men with a diverse range of occupations from horse-breaker to land surveyor – most with wives and large families. There was also an influx of people from overseas and refugees from the land wars of the North Island.

The Provincial Government saw an obvious need for a new school building on a site which allowed for expansion. A sunny terrace of level land was chosen just west of the original school site and closer to the village. It had, however, one grave defect not obvious at first – below the surface was a hard ironstone layer which greatly impeded drainage, making the sports field boggy in winter and creating puddles around buildings - but these were problems which were overcome in time.

Work was started on site and included an imposing two-storey school house. Detailed design features were overseen by the local Provincial MP Mr Saunders who stipulated that: "...windows should be placed as high as possible" so that there would be plenty of space "for the children's benches, maps, pictures and diagrams." And for the desks, "An allowance of 18 inches each (45.7cm) will suffice for the junior classes, but not less than 22 inches (55.8cm) for the senior classes." These, of course, were not built separately but in long rows.

When completed, the new school building and headmaster's house were much admired and at the end of the year a special 12th Anniversary school concert was held on Tuesday 11th November, 1856, with an admission fee of one shilling and sixpence (15c). The school roll by this time had reached 44.

During the next three years as the roll continued to expand, the Provincial Government built another classroom which became the girls' room. Mrs Squire became the teacher for 28 girls and Mr Squire for the 27 boys. This segregation seems to have been a matter of expediency driven by the availability of suitable teaching staff rather than of conviction and it would not continue forever.

The thinking of the time was expressed by Mr J D Greenwood, the School Inspector: "Everyone is satisfied that boys are improved by the presence of girls; a wholesome restraint is evidently felt. It is not so apparent that girls are improved by the presence of boys, but we believe it is mutual, though not so obvious."

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John Squire and his wife Eliza. He was the first Government appointed teacher, and Eliza taught the girls for a short time.  
Photos courtesy of Bernice K. Adams.

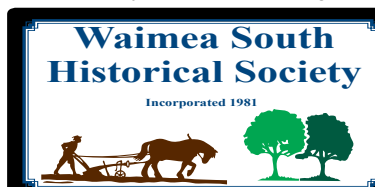


Second from top: The Old Wakefield Schoolhouse, (Destroyed by fire Easter Monday, 1934)

Second from bottom: Wakefield School 1900 looking NW

Bottom: Wakefield Girls and Boys Schools (n.d.)

(Boys school on the left, Girls on the right)



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# The Way We Were [continued]

However, it would be 40 years later, in 1896, that the Board's Chief Inspector Harkness, after some disappointing examination results, would recommend that the girls and boys schools, which had been operating with separate head teachers, be amalgamated, believing that this would produce better results. After some heated discussion the Board agreed to pass the recommendation on to the Wakefield committee. Initially, both teachers and parents resisted the idea but it was achieved two years later.

By 1860 the new school buildings and the school house were completed. The original cob building near the church was then used as a vicarage and Sunday School.

The pupils were now very well housed on a new site where there was opportunity for expansion and much greater space for recreational activities – all this in five years - but even greater changes would come in the years leading up to the 20th Century.

## Acknowledgements:

*I am indebted to Marion J. Stringer for the detailed information she has provided us on this topic in her book: 150 Years of Wakefield Schooldays ISBN 0 473 02137 4 pages 8-13 from which the references and quotations for this article have come.*

*Photographs from the Wakefield School collection on Tasman Kete*



Wakefield School 1912 (Looking east)

*On the left the headmaster's room for Stds 4-6, to the right the school house with the room for Stds 1-3 behind it, technical block far right*

## Pet Tips

*by Sue Mott, Animal Behaviourist, willowsprings@slingshot.co.nz*

We are now well into summer and some very challenging weather, worldwide. Here in New Zealand we have had consistently high temperatures and it never fails to amaze and disappoint me that some people are still leaving dogs in parked cars in full sun. It seems inconceivable that anyone who has a loved pet would put it in an oven and walk away and yet that is what happens when dogs are left in cars. The temperature inside can rise to over 50C very quickly and dogs can suffer and die a horrible death. Even if the window is wound down a bit, it is still cruel. I have come across several dogs barking in a distressed way in this situation and always alert the store to put it over the loudspeaker to get the owner to return to their car. Surely it is possible to find a cool safe spot at home or with friends if shopping is needed? Many stores have areas at the front outside where a dog can be tied for a short time.

Dogs do not sweat, they pant to try to keep cool but need a lot of water to allow for extended panting. The other consideration is the length and type of their coat. Many breeds do not originally come from countries with very warm temperatures and have double coats, so extra care should be taken to see they have adequate water and shade. This of course applies not only to dogs but paddocked animals. I often see horses with big heavy rugs on them standing in paddocks with no shade. The same goes for sheep who will always seek out shade and shelter if available.

Animals cannot tell you when they are distressed, so it is very important that owners watch body language and behaviour. Our human needs do not always translate to our animals and owners should be aware of how it is affecting them. I have been to many horse shows where horses are left in full sun, still with their saddles on whilst their rider goes and gets a cool drink and sits in the shade.

Our beloved animals do so much to help and please us and it is little wonder that some of them get a bit cranky when they are not treated well. Owning an animal is a big responsibility and all animals should be treated with respect and understanding particularly when conditions are challenging. To all those people who do the right thing, you understand how you will be rewarded with a happy, comfortable, calm animal companion.

I am always happy to help animals with people problems.





# Health

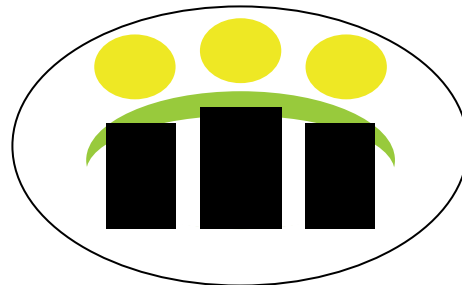
## Farewell Pete...

If you are a patient of Pete's you should have received a letter letting you know that he is retiring from Wakefield Health Centre at the end of March this year.

Pete and his wife Jane came to Wakefield in 1988, having bought the practice from Dr John Davis. The Wakefield Health Centre opened in August 1990 when Pete combined practices with Ted Bassett and Tony Eames. Later, when Ted retired, Audrey joined the Wakefield practice team.

Pete has been at Wakefield Health Centre for 30 years, and although he is retiring from general practice Pete will be continuing with his muscular skeletal specialist service in Collingwood Street, Nelson.

We will be holding an open afternoon tea on Thursday 29 March from 3pm here at the surgery to say farewell to Pete. You are most welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you here.



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## Hello Richard ...

The health centre has recently been evaluating the health needs of the community, taking into account the expanding role of the GP within the health system and the increased demand for appointments.

The past few months have been exceptionally busy at the health centre – so we are asking patients to bear with us while we work on increasing our GP hours.

From 5th April Dr Richard van Gelder Horgan will be joining us to look after Pete's patients.

Richard will initially work on Thursdays, and from the 20th of August will be increasing to four days a week. We hope that the additional days will help to ease the pressure on appointments, and we are looking forward to welcoming Richard to our practice.

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# FAQ re Beginning Tai Chi

by Fran Nicoll

## Tai Chi sounds interesting but where can I see it in action?

The website [www.taoist.org](http://www.taoist.org) provides links to the NZ branch which includes a demonstration video of masterly Tai Chi. Any existing class group would welcome a visit from you to see what a class looks like and answer questions.

Here at Wakefield, there is an open invitation to observe our continuing class in the village hall any Thursday between 6.30–8.00pm. Alternatively the website lists other class times in Nelson, Lower Moutere, Mapua and Motueka.

## How do I get started?

You join a beginners class where a qualified instructor gradually introduces you to the moves. This class which lasts six months is a very reasonable cost.

## How will I ever remember it all?

Believe me, this is a common concern of many at the beginning. No need to be anxious. Each class is supported by members from the continuing levels so that you always have someone to copy. Also, importantly, it is the body that has to build the memory of the moves and this takes as long as it takes. Two years on and I still could not complete the set without visual prompts. No worries, I just love my Tai Chi and how it gradually is developing some iota of nuance.

## How long before I see the benefits?

After the first year, each one in our Wakefield group was reporting individual benefits from increased feelings of calm to “I have stopped falling over and I can now cut my toenails.” Please note that we have a fair proportion of men in our group! Again the website provides links to extensive coverage of individual cases as well as research findings of Tai Chi’s many benefits.

## When are the beginners classes?

Our Wakefield beginners class starts on Wednesday, 7th February from 10.00–11.30am. Other daytime classes are listed on the website.

## What if I work during the day?

If you work there are evening beginner classes starting in Nelson, Monday 5th February 6.00–7.30pm, or Saturday 11.15am–12.45 pm on 3rd March. Otherwise there is another in Mapua 7.00–8.30pm starting 7th March. So sorry, yes, you will have to travel out of the area.

However, having completed the beginners class elsewhere, of course you can then join our continuing evening class in Wakefield on Thursdays if you wish. We would welcome you.

Once you have joined the Taoist Tai Chi Society as a continuing member, you can attend as many classes as you wish anywhere in NZ or elsewhere (ie 800 locations in 26 countries).

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# Wakefield Mural Group

by Stuart and Heather Watts, and Evie-Joy South

Firstly we would like to express our appreciation to the team of ladies; Maxine McKean, Paula Aldridge, Avis Blowers and Gill Burson who did a magnificent job on the 2nd January Craft Fair Day fundraiser for our mural and presented us with a donation of \$600. Also our gratitude to the "team" at the Steam Museum who on the day also donated a further \$400. We are humbled indeed by this generosity.

The Mural Group also ran a raffle and raised another \$117. The lucky winner of the basket containing a locally made New Year fruit cake and preserves was won by Sandra of Nelson, who I can report was delighted.

"Our Mural.....AND....."

I am sure you will be noticing that it certainly is evolving and changing and in its creation causing a lot of interest not only from locals but many just passing through. Fantastic for our wee village.

However we have also been fielding the question – "What are you doing at the northern end window?" We have kept this a tad under wraps as it was going to be yet another project to give further historical insight to what our mural actually is depicting and also a wonderful opportunity to further display aspects of Wakefield's past. It had to be a process, firstly to gain permission for its use from both the tenant and the owner, then to have the integrity of the window checked and reinforced.

Sincere thanks to Tony Meek for his workmanship and giving that bit of extra knowledge so we got it right the first time and as can be seen our local likely lads – Peter Ladley and Stuart Watts kept an eye on him, with a bit of cheek flying in the mix. So at that juncture the "neat" stuff happens, historic research, photographs (some as yet not seen outside of the family albums) and much more.

Then enter the designer, Matt Arps from Matty's Signs Richmond who has visited the site, made recommendations, talked with our artist Pete and been delighted at the concept and to further enhance our ideas to best suit for this undertaking.

We have recently had an opportunity to view a rough draft and even at this stage it is certainly going to add yet more magic to our mural wall.

And yes we are still actively fundraising and again must express our sincere appreciation to all those who have contributed and supported us in this venture.



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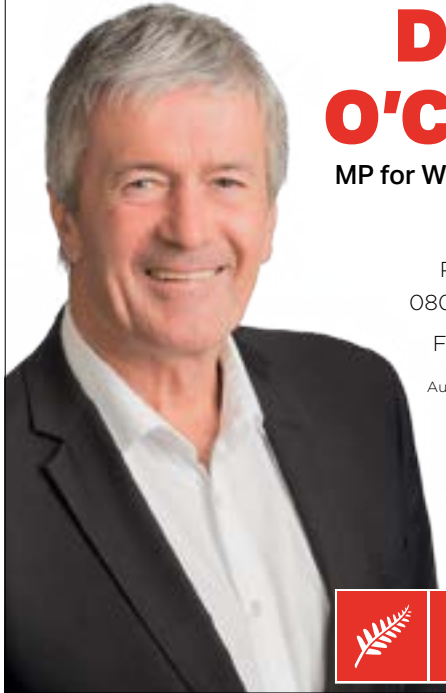
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# Wakefield Bowling Club

## Wakefield Bowling Club

by Tony Eames

The New Year Tournament was sponsored by Tall Poppy Real Estate, thanks to Wendy Pearson. It was won by Barbara McGregor, Margaret Eames and Nick Riordan. Second place was Chris Longman, Carolyn and Arnold Mason and third place Tony Eames, Di Holland and Don Sixtus.



### COMMUNITY BOWLS

Social evening bowls will be held on Tuesdays from 6 February 6.00–8.00pm.  
Fun for all ages and abilities.  
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### NELSON CENTRE TITLE

The Wakefield team of Margaret Eames, Linda Sisterson and Di Holland has won the Nelson Centre Women's Triples.

They won three of four games on Saturday beating NZ Black Jack internationals Kirsten Edwards and Amy McIlroy in the last game to qualify for post section play then had three comprehensive wins in the knockout post section play to win the title, playing great bowls and dominating their opposition in all three games.

They qualify for the regional play offs against the other centres in the top half of the South Island, the winner of that going to the National play off in Auckland in April.

Margaret has also qualified for post section play in the Women's Open Singles to be played on the Nelson Anniversary Monday.

Wakefield has hosted centre events on successive weekends in January, one section of qualification for the Women's Open Singles, one section plus the post section play for the Men's Open Singles and the Women's National Interclub 7s with top players from around the region and great bowls being seen.

The Wakefield green is recognised as one of the best playing surfaces in the region with thanks to green keeper Kevin Galvin assisted by Don Sixtus and Les McJarrow and the hospitality of the club is renowned with special thanks to Vicki Sixtus and Avalon Nettleton running the kitchen.

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - LATEST RESULTS

Men's Open Singles - Kevin Galvin

Men's Triples - Peter Sisterson, Kevin Galvin and Tony Eames

### NELSON REPRESENTATIVES

Margaret Eames and Barbara McGregor have been selected for the Nelson team to play in the annual games against Marlborough on 17 and 18 February.

Linda Sisterson and Di Holland have been selected for the Nelson Development team (eight years and under) to play Marlborough.

### NEW PLAYERS

It has been great to welcome a number of new players over the summer. Anyone interested please call in to the club whenever there is activity there or contact Tony Eames on 5418316.

Website: [www.sporty.co.nz/wakefieldbowl](http://www.sporty.co.nz/wakefieldbowl)

*Top: Nick Riordan, Margaret Eames and Barbara McGregor.*

*Bottom Right: Di Holland, Margaret Eames and Linda Sisterson with the trophy for the Nelson Centre Triples.*



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# Wakefield Community Craft Fair 2018

by Paula Aldridge, the Village Gallery

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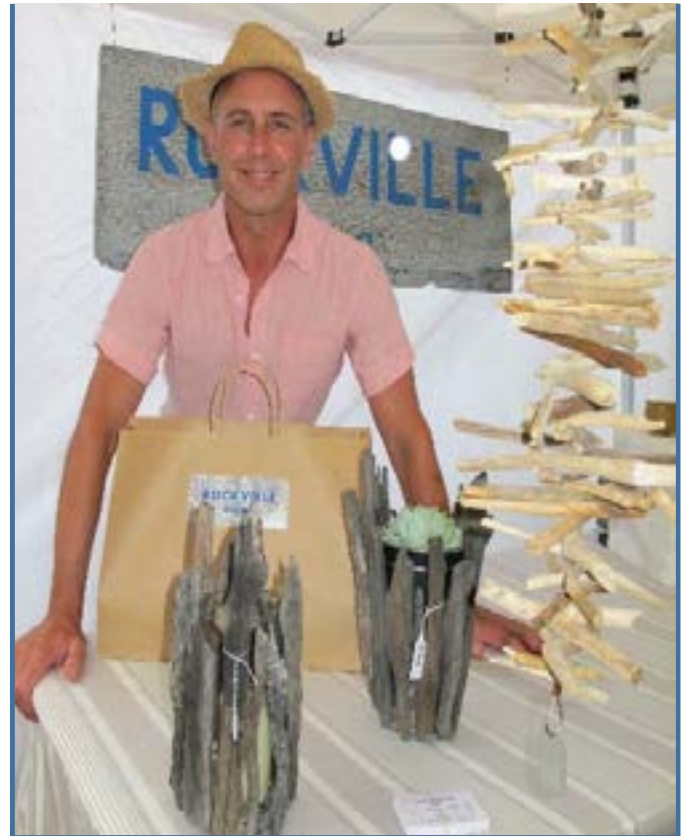
The weather co-operated intermittently but this never seemed to actually dampen the spirits of those attending as all the FUN of the FAIR was evident throughout the entire day.

So many folks came out to assist; the team at the Wakefield Steam Museum, the Wakefield Mural Group, the Wakefield Community Council, the Wakefield Community Librarians, South Stamps and Postcards, Jill O'Brien our RD1 contractor, Avalon, Doug and Mary Donaldson, the local businesses and many more whom we are so grateful to.

Also in all this mix the most amazing musical direction from our very own Shane Clayton, who organised not only all the musical gear but the MC and entertainers as well, which included a special guest performance from Pete Madsen of Bee Gees fame.

Adding more WOW also the duo Anaglypta (Shane and Ang), Matt Werner and our very talented young classical piano musicians. This entertainment was indeed icing on the cake.

On balancing up we made \$800 in total, \$50 of which was for miscellaneous expenses (paint, cleaning etc), \$600 donated to the Wakefield Mural Group and \$150 to the Wakefield Community Librarians to use locally as they wish.



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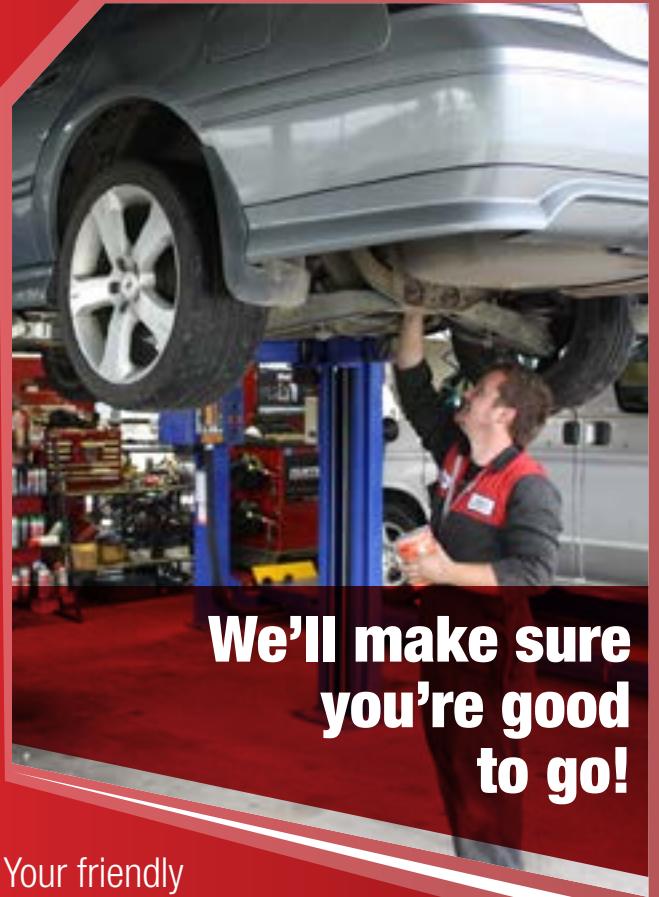


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# Webby Family Reunion

## MEDIA RELEASE

### NELSON FIRST SETTLER FAMILIES TO GATHER FOR MARCH 2018 REUNION

Members of the Webby family, who trace back to foundation Nelson settlers Edward Whibbey/Webby and his wife Mary who arrived (respectively), in 1841 on the Whitby and 1842 on board the Lloyds, will gather for a joint family reunion in Nelson in March 2018.

Edward and Mary Webby were foundation settlers in Nelson and although they lost their first and third born sons from sickness en-route to New Zealand on board the Lloyds, plus another son in England prior to leaving the country of their birth, the pair, who emigrated from their native Somerset, went on to have a further 11 children following their arrival in Nelson.

Jacquie Webby, reunion convenor and author of the book "The Webby Family – tracing the history of one of Nelson's founding families", which was released in mid-2017, said representatives of most of the 11 families will attend the reunion to be held in mid-March.

"There has been a fantastic response to the first-ever combined reunion of the Webby Family," Miss Webby said.

"We have people coming from the United States of America, Australia and both the North and South Islands of New Zealand," she said.

"Although Edward and Mary's children were all born in Nelson, some later migrated to the North Island, and there are still Webby descendants in Nelson/Tasman and Marlborough.

"Those attending the Reunion will meet other members of the family, many previously unknown to them, apart from on family records, so I am sure there will be a lot of talking and reminiscing over the three days."

A variety of activities are planned for the reunion.

"Activities planned include visits to places of special interest and association with the first settlers," Miss Webby said.

"We will have a wander around Wakefield which leads to 88 Valley where the family initially settled then visit Beacon Hill, which was owned by Edward Webby before he sold it Major Robert Paton.

"Saturday's programme will conclude with a reunion dinner and centennial cake cutting on Saturday evening with representatives of each family giving a short speech.

"On Sunday, the programme will include the unveiling of the gravestones on the graves of Edward and Mary Webby at the Richmond Cemetery.

"The weekend of celebrations will end on Sunday, with a visit to the Early Settlers Wall and Settler's statue and afternoon tea at a restaurant overlooking Nelson Harbour where the Whitby and Lloyds arrived after their long journey from England all those years ago.

"We also have a few other surprises which we will share closer to the date," Miss Webby said. "It is going to be a fantastic weekend."

Note: Edward and Mary Webby's surname was originally spelt Whibbey, but was changed for an unknown reason, on arrival in Nelson.

Further details please contact: Jacquie Webby [photo above], 0274 769 750, 03 434 2530, Email: jacquiewebby@gmail.com

Photos: Edward Whibbey/Webby and Mary Whibbey/Webby





# Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade

The rain has come and come some more so our rural fire danger has now been lowered to the level of "Green" status so that's the good news. The bad news is that we have attended a large number of motor vehicle accidents (MVA's) this month with the majority of them being only minor.

And yes we did get called out on Christmas Day to fight the grass fire above Bourke's Bank in Brightwater, so thanks to all the members who went to that fire. Both our appliances attended, and I also thank the wives, husbands, partners and all the other family members for their understanding and support.

Currently we have a full muster of brigade members of 20 fire fighters at the Wakefield station but we are always looking for any members of the public who are keen to join the brigade who are around the village from around 8am until 3pm during the working week. We sometimes struggle to get the fire appliance out with a full crew as a lot of our members work away from Wakefield, on shift work or even out to sea, so always keen for anyone who is around during the day.

A big thank you goes out to all the craft ladies from all the brigade members for the generous gift baskets we each received for Christmas, thank you all again.

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CFO Wakefield  
027 22 44 162

## Call outs for January

Medical	Wakefield
Car vs car	Brightwater
Fire in backyard	Wakefield
Truck roll over	Wairau Valley
Campervan roll over	Hope Saddle
Medical	Hoult Valley
Car hit bank	Kawatiri
Car over bank	Gowan
Truck roll over	St Arnaud
Tree over road	Golden Downs
Vegetation Fire	Wakefield
Car in ditch	Stanley Brook hill
Chemical spill	Brightwater
Medical	Wakefield

Total calls for the year to date 2018 = 14  
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# Quiz

## JANUARY QUIZ

by Derek Evans

1. What is the national currency of Romania?
2. How many sides has a tetradecagon?
3. Which of London's theatres is the oldest to still be operating on its original site, despite being rebuilt four times?
4. DLXVII is what number in Roman numerals?
5. "There was no possibility of taking a walk that day." This is the opening line of which classic work of literature?
6. In Sergei Prokofiev's 'Peter and the Wolf', which instruments represent the wolf?
7. Who sang "Well, my Daddy left when I was three and he didn't leave much to ma and me..."
8. Where were the Bee Gees born?
9. Sarah Palin was the first female governor of which state?
10. To what country does the island of Elba belong?

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# In the Bush

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As you can imagine all of our reserves have suffered from our long dry spell, which in turn results in the lowering of the water table. All of our bush reserves have dried out and this year we have sadly seen the loss of many of our intermediate growth trees. With a temporary reprieve and some heavy rain a revitalisation has taken place, albeit temporary. It was sincerely welcomed and long overdue.

Do be mindful of our dry spells and the need to be vigilant in case of fire, or folks thinking that BBQ's are okay in the shade directly under the trees, in any location within the reserves. Sometimes not realising they must only use the gas barbecues provided and the harm they could cause to themselves or others, so if seen a gentle reminder does not go amiss.

Always remember you are most welcome to contact me direct should you see any unusual activity or folks trying to camp within our reserves. Concerns can also be directed to the Tasman District Council Reserves Department, phone 543 8400 or our local Wakefield Police Station staff phone 541 8210.

## The Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve

Since the closure to all camping activity on Monday 18th December 2017, there have been very few problems. Also the Tasman District Council Reserves Department has recently installed a lot more signage to make it very clear NO CAMPING etc.

Two break-ins have occurred - one reported by an early morning walker at 6am (thank you to Ron for the message you left on my phone). The vehicle and three young men were caught and fined, having kicked in the fence to the side of the gate to gain access.

The other person(s) took the gate lock to pieces so as to gain entry. But as so many of our local people are now using this reserve as a walk way or place to sit and relax then we have many eyes watching and reporting in. Which in turn keeps this Scenic Reserve safe.

To quote one local who is now once again a regular visitor;

*"This bush has now been returned to Mother Nature to heal and thrive again, as it was back in the day."*

And while on the subject of "back in the day", see photo above right of Edward John (Ted) Baigent (1893-1973) and Joseph Thomas Baigent (1895-1980) enjoying a moment in time at The Edward Baigent Memorial Park.

Regards Doug South  
President Wakefield Bush Restoration Soc Inc. (since 2000)  
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# Town and Country Talk

by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

## Ticks

The cattle tick is well established in New Zealand and this season we are seeing a lot of them on the farm and in the clinic. Cattle ticks need to feed off their host's blood before each stage of the life cycle to survive. They favour cattle but can also infest deer, sheep, goats, horses, rabbits, hares, domestic pets – and humans!!!

Cattle ticks spend most of their life cycle in the long grass, and only attach themselves to a passing host when they need to feed and complete their life cycle. They usually complete only one cycle per year, but in warm conditions may complete more.

The lifecycle consists of eggs, larvae, nymphs and adult ticks. A mature female tick has eight legs and can be up to 9mm long and 7mm wide – this is the stage that most people see.

There are several treatments for ticks available. For cats and dogs we recommend using a flea and tick product all-in-one. Bravecto for dogs and cats and Nexgard for dogs are two great products. If using one of these the ticks will attach, start sucking blood and then drop off and die. If you have not protected your pet with a tickicide and you discover a tick well-attached – do not try to remove it! If you do there is a chance you may leave the 'head' buried in the skin which can later cause an infection. The best thing to remove them safely is to apply Frontline Spray directly to the tick which will cause it to die and drop off. It is easy to mistake a fully engorged tick for a lump on your pet so if you are unsure call the clinic.

For farm animals, there are very effective pour-on treatments available but they work best combined with pasture and stock management. Talk to Mike at the clinic for more info.

## Fly Strike in Rabbits

Unfortunately it's the time of year when we see fly strike in our pet rabbits. This is a serious often fatal problem that can occur within hours. Flies are attracted to rabbit's damp fur, urine, faeces and they lay their eggs on or around the rabbit's bottom. Maggots will hatch within hours and quickly eat into the rabbit's flesh as well as releasing dangerous toxins.

Prevent fly strike by checking your rabbit twice daily to ensure its bottom is clean and dry. Remove soiled bedding as soon as possible and keep the surrounding environment clean. Ensure your rabbit is not being overfed or fed incorrectly which can lead to diarrhoea and soiled fur. If you find maggots on or around your rabbit's bottom, phone us immediately. We urgently need to remove eggs and maggots and prevent pain, infection and shock.



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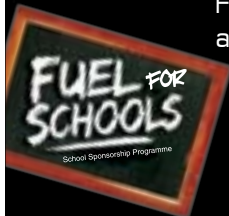




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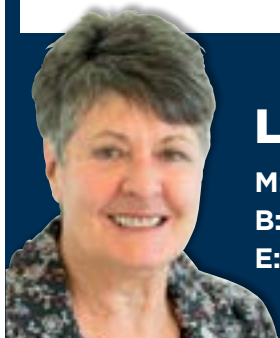
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## WILLOW BANK HERITAGE VILLAGE

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We encourage people to come dressed-up (Victorian/Steampunk, 1960s...) and have fun.

Stroll along the village street and visit the many different stores and establishments, each one an echo of New Zealand's past.

Willow Bank Heritage Village in Wakefield is part of Destination Wakefield.

## Wakefield Craft Group

Come and join the ladies Craft Group held on Wednesday mornings in the Fire Brigade Supper Room Pigeon Valley Road 9.00am - 12pm

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## WAKEFIELD NEW YEAR MARKET DAY

**Saturday 10th February  
9am to 12pm is our time**

Welcome everyone to your local village. Come meet your neighbours. It's a great chance to hear what is happening in the new subdivision, enjoy looking at the new ideas in the plant department, get lots of ideas on how to conserve water.

Did you get that unwanted Christmas present from Aunt Matilda? Why not recycle and put that money towards what you do want. Look forward to seeing you there, so don't be square. Make the most of 9 to 12 time and ring Jean 541 8154 for a site. Let's make the most of the holiday traffic.

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If you wish to attend, please phone Caroline 5418491  
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Come and enjoy a social hour of chat over a meal.

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## WAKEFIELD WOMEN'S CRAFT GROUP

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## WAIMEA PLUNKET PLAYGROUP

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One nanny and one whether goat, 5-6 years old.

Phone 541 8719

**FOR SALE** *February*  
Giant GSR Comfort Bike.  
In great condition, new tyres, trip computer.  
Ideal for cycle trail or town riding.  
\$200 or very near offer.  
Phone Ross 541 8447 or 027 782 5189

**WANTED** *February*  
Cleaner wanted in Wakefield.  
Two hours on either a Friday or Thursday.  
\$20 per hour. Small 60sqm home.  
Please call David or Lesley on 541 8699 or 021 035 3356.

**WAKEFIELD BRIGHTWATER BOOK CLUB**  
Contact Sue McAuley 544 7325  
sue.mcauley@ncc.govt.nz.

Meets last Wednesday evening of every month.

**FOR SALE** *February*  
Oak dining table and four leather chairs.  
\$650  
Phone 541 233 or 027 677 0080

**DOG WALKING**  
I can walk your dog for you if you don't have the time.  
Phone 541 9233 or 027 677 0080

## WAKEFIELD BOWLING CLUB

### Fun Evening Bowls 2018

Tuesday evenings: 6pm – 8pm

From 6 February

\$5 per player

Children no charge

Open to all.

Come alone or with a group and teams will be organised.

Flat soled shoes please.

Bowls and starter advice provided.

Meet some new people and join in a fun evening.

Snacks and drinks available.

For more details phone Tony on 5418316.



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or  
help remember  
someone dear  
to you?**

**Please send your  
obituaries,  
birth announcements,  
wedding stories,  
other celebration notices  
to us at  
windowonwakefield@gmail.com  
or ring 541 9005**

**FOR SALE**

**WANTED**

**FREE**

**HELP**

**WE NEED YOUR  
FOR SALES  
WANTED  
OR HELP REQUESTS**

**PLEASE CONTACT  
541 9005  
SOME LIMITATIONS APPLY  
PLEASE ASK**



# Community Directory

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

**Rutherford Memorial Hall**  
658 Wakefield-Kohatu Highway, Foxhill  
Bookings and enquiries:  
Sue White 027 474 6324  
Hire Rates & Conditions:  
www.lordrutherfordhall.org.nz

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

**Rural Ramblers**  
Carolyn Mason 541 9200

**Spring Grove Drill Hall**  
C Stratford 542 3992

**Totaradale Golf Club**  
Jacquie 541 8030

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

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

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

**Wakefield Medical Centre**  
541 8911

**Wakefield Pharmacy**  
5418418  
doug@wakefieldpharmacy.co.nz

**Wakefield Playcentre**  
Contact: 541 8866

**Wakefield School**  
Edward Street 541 8332

**Wakefield Scout Group**  
wakefieldgroupleader@gmail.com  
Louis Hornell 027 759 3006

**Wakefield Toy Library**  
Saturday 9.30-11.30am  
Liz Ashburner 541 9453

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

**Justice of the Peace**  
Katie Greer  
896 Wakefield/Kohatu Highway  
Ph 021 547 756

**Country Players (Drama)**  
Jen Amosa 541 8139  
enquiries@countryplayers.org.nz  
www.countryplayers.wordpress.com

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

**Pinegrove Kindergarten**  
03 542 3447

**Rural Women**  
Dawn Batchelor 542 3628

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

**Taoist Tai Chi**  
Deb Knapp 022 083 9332

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

**Wakefield Book Group**  
Mahala White - 541 8933 or  
Chrissy Harris - 541 9596

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

**Wakefield Plunket Volunteers Group**  
Wendy Wadsworth 541 9272

**Plunket Nelson Area Office**  
For appointments etc 539 5200

**Wakefield School/ Community Swimming Pool**  
Karyn Young 021 112 4203  
Libby Thomson 027 541 8202

**Target Shooting Wakefield**  
targetshootingwakefield@gmail.com  
Contact: Dot Ashton  
541 8989 or 027 543 0529

**Wakefield Rest Home Ltd**  
Lowreen Mani - Facility Manager  
Navya Solomon - Clinical Manager/RN  
541 8995

**Wanderers Sports Club**  
542 3344

**Focus Wakefield**  
focuswakefield@gmail.com

**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

**Waimea South Historical Society**  
Arnold Clark 544 7834

**Wakefield Bowling Club**  
Margaret Eames 541 8316

**Wakefield Brightwater Book Club**  
Sue McAuley 544 7325  
sue.mcauley@ncc.govt.nz  
Meets last Wednesday evening  
of every month

**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**  
Ngaira Calder 027 279 9938  
www.caldertennis.co.nz

**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

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

**Wakefield Physiotherapy**  
Kate West 03 541 8911

## AED DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS - AVAILABLE 24/7

Wakefield Four Square, Highfield Farm, Kohatu Flat Rock Cafe, Old Tadmor Store, Dove Nursery, Corner of Thornee Road & Wins Valley Road, 29 Moonlight Road Glenhope, Corner of Totara View Road and Kilkenny Place, Southfuels Spring Grove, Belgrove Cafe and Bar, Lake Rotoiti Fire Station

## CIVIL DEFENCE - WAKEFIELD AREA COMMUNITY RESPONSE

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

Please note that the existence of a Welfare Centre does not absolve each individual from their **responsibility to be personally prepared**. You should ensure that you have your own **survival kit** in place, and that you are able to be **fully self sufficient for at least three days**.

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