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Wakefield School's Legendary Sue McLaren Retiring

by Peter Verstappen, Principal, Wakefield School

All teachers make a difference in children's lives, some have the extra skill to discover the best in children, but only a few can be said to be truly transformational in their influence on students, their profession and the community. Sue McLaren, Wakefield School's long-serving new entrant teacher and Deputy Principal, is one of those rare few. On Friday 13 April (a Black Friday indeed for our school!) Sue will leave her classroom for the last time and say goodbye to Wakefield School, her colleagues, students and the community she has served for nearly 30 of her 43 years in teaching. Sue's retirement brings to an end a working life that has seen education transformed from blackboards to ipads, from rote learning to student-led inquiries, from Education Boards to Communities of Learning.

Sue arrived at Wakefield School from Havelock in 1990, her appointment the final one made by the Nelson Education Board before its abolition to make way for the Lange government's radical Tomorrows Schools model. The momentum of change in education has rarely faltered since, with massive curriculum changes in the 1990s, the rapid growth of Wakefield School in the 2000s, the rise – and fall – of National Standards, the revolving door of special education provision and the rapid moves in recent years towards collaborative teaching in open-plan classrooms. Sue has met and responded to every change and challenge with an open mind, a powerful commitment to children's learning and a passionate devotion to the most vulnerable children and their families. As one of her long-serving colleagues remarks, "some people are takers, others are givers. Sue is a giver – always."

Sue's own reflections capture the breadth of change: *There are huge differences in the job between then and now. The major difference is that we are a lot more accountable and we teach the kids more individually than we did in those days. We look at where the kids are at and work out the next steps for each individual child. We know the kids better now. Back then we were very much into one-teacher, one-class; basically we shut the door and got on with it: there were no modern learning environments and team teaching. Teachers did everything by hand; there were no laptops, no internet, no student management systems, you wrote everything by hand, all the children's reports, and if you made a mistake you had to start again. Another huge change is there was very little computer technology when I came to Wakefield. We are a lot better resourced now, both with materials and with people; more support staff and outside experts like specialist teachers.*

Not all the changes are positive, however, as Sue notes: *"Another huge difference is that there are a lot more challenging children now, for various reasons: a lot more health issues, social issues, behavioural issues. That's partly a society change, I think: kids then did what adults told them and didn't challenge it."*

Sue's influence has extended beyond the classroom. She has always understood that success in education depends on more than what happens during lessons, and she has taken a genuine interest in supporting the lives and well-being of the children in her care, particularly in her role as special educational needs coordinator where she has been a compassionate, articulate and tireless advocate for the most vulnerable. Nobody but Sue will ever know how many times and ways she has helped to improve the lives and education of these children and their families: by securing funding for a teacher aide, access to a specialised programme or resource, or simply by listening, counselling and encouraging.

To her colleagues Sue is the person who arrives every morning with a smile on her face and a bounce in her step; who mentors, encourages and cajoles us to improve; whose baking is legendary; who is always the first to volunteer and the last to leave; who is on every committee and picks up every new idea with the energy, curiosity and optimism of a beginning teacher, but with the perception and sagacity of a master.

Sue's ability to get the most from her career is captured in this comment: *"While I have got older I actually enjoy teaching more and more as time has gone on. I think it's because we do it so much differently now; we teach the individual child now and we're far more collaborative, so it's a much more enjoyable job. I've got over 40 years classroom teaching and it's a job I love to do."* With this attitude it is unsurprising that Sue was rated Nelson/Tasman's Top Teacher by popular vote in 2016, an accolade she accepted with modest reluctance but which her colleagues resoundingly endorsed.

On her retirement Sue will leave not just Wakefield School but the Nelson region, as she moves to Christchurch to be close to her daughter and her two young grandchildren. And is she really hanging up the chalk forever? *"I'll be honest, the thought of retiring is a bit scary, so I think I'll find a nice school or two in Christchurch to do some relief teaching - just when it suits me."*

Sue will be farewelled with a community event at the school hall on the evening of Saturday 7 April. Contact the school office if you want to join us in celebrating an extraordinary teacher and an exceptional person.



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The Way We Were

WAKEFIELD SCHOOL - 175 YEARS ON, THE OLDEST SCHOOL IN CONTINUOUS USE IN NEW ZEALAND PART IV VILLAGE LIFE IN THE EARLY 1900'S

Prepared for the Waimea South Historical Society by Roger Batt

The following is an abridged extract from "150 years of Wakefield Schooldays" by M J Stringer, pp30-34, which provides us with some interesting details of life in Wakefield and the school at this time.

Dan Baigent started school in 1917 and can remember bonfires on Tytler's Hill on Guy Fawkes Day. He also recalls the school being closed for six weeks after the end of the war, probably during the influenza epidemic of 1919. He learned to print on a slate, sitting in a double desk, and remembers deliberately breaking pen nibs to make darts with folded paper and with other children throwing them up to stick in the high ceiling. Boys always had a shanghai and a catapult in their pockets to aim at unwary birds or rabbits and played football, marbles (often in the dusty roads), and Bar-the-door ("Bullrush") in the playground.

There was a circus in the hotel paddock each year, recalled Dick Martin, who started school in 1924. Wakefield was a busy township then, with all the traffic (horses or cycles), coming through from Dovedale and the train stopping at the station twice a day. He and Dan could remember over twenty shops in the area, all of which they used to visit. There was Billy Belfit the saddler, Miss Young sold cakes and lollies as did Mrs Bayliss, and there were two bakeries run by Sam Hault and Charlie Johns. Miss Pitt ran a dress shop and Mrs Telenius a drapery, while Scott McPherson was the local undertaker. (McPhersons also made the coffins.)

There were two bike shops run by Arthur Baigent and Billy Gibbs, and two blacksmiths, George Wilkens and George Robertson. Bill Newth had a planing machine and also owned one of the few cars around called a Detroit. Dan Burn had a tin-smith's shop, Roy Sutton cut everyones hair and Jack McPherson built their houses. Eliab Baigent ran a boot-shop, while Tom Savage and Arthur Baigent repaired the well-worn boots. Everett, and every family bought their meat from Martin's butchery, and their groceries from either Hoopers or Hodgsons stores.

Most children walked to school. Mr Phil Gibbs walked two and a half miles each way, and Wednesday was a highlight as Hooper's grocery cart driven by Hedley Wilkens often picked him up on the way home. He began dog-trialing while still at school and later became Champion Dog Trialist of New Zealand three times. Mr Mont Gibbs walked to school with his cousin Phil. They had just started home one day when along came the traction engine towing a threshing mill, a chaff-cutter, a coal truck and a saw bench. Many children lined up to watch outside the school, but it was a magnet for the two young boys, who could not resist trying to hitch a ride on the draw bar. Phil jumped on then off safely. Mont slipped, and was being dragged along when Phil pulled him away to safety. Although more than half a century has passed this frightening recollection is still crystal clear to both men who used almost identical words to describe it.



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Was this the model that Bill Newth bought in 1924?

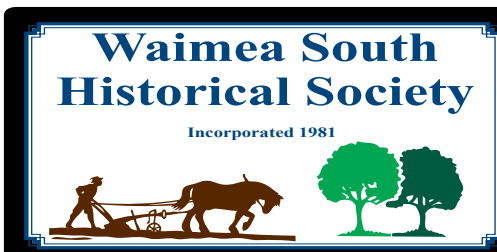
Eddie Shuttleworth had a garage, as did Bert



Left:
J. McPherson's
Carpentry,
Wheelwright and
Coffin Makers
Shop

Top Right:
Lawson's Brewery
and Butchery beside
the domain

Right:
Wakefield Railway
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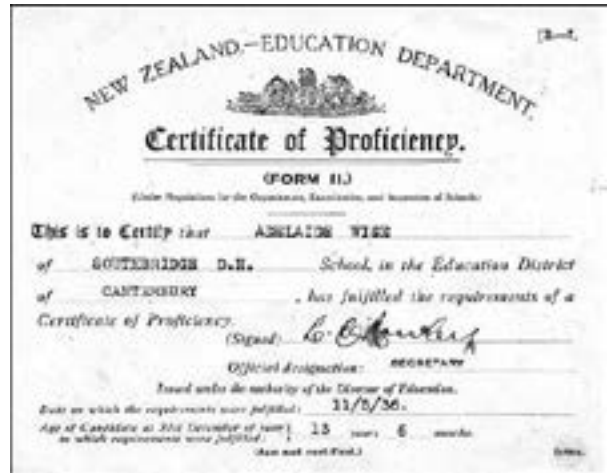
The Way We Were [Continued]

After the First World War the depression hit hard in the 1930's so some of the girls and most of the boys went barefoot. The result was hard feet which took little notice of gravel roads or cold weather. Unfairly, a boy who wore boots as Graham Kerr did (not many wore shoes in those days) was regarded as a "sissy."

Many mothers spent long hours picking hops and some families lived beside the garden in tents for the season, (the novelty of being away from home made it seem like a holiday.) The payment was three pence (about three cents) a bushel, and a good picker could pick 100 bushels a day (1 bushel = 24lbs dried apples) – a real contribution to the household expenses.

Each year the standard six children had to sit an exam to try to gain a Proficiency Certificate, and many tears were shed over failure, as it was necessary for scholars wishing to go to college.

A Dental Clinic was built at the school in 1928. The clinic had a pedal-powered drill (and there were no anaesthetic injections!) It was called "The Murder House" or "The Torture Chamber". Many were the blood-curdling tales told to small and gullible children by the older ones. June Walsh remembers one small boy being so frightened when it was his turn that he bolted. Hours later he was found under the Pigeon Valley Bridge, brought back and the nurse had the task of reassuring him. Later, another boy almost wrecked the clinic in panic when the drill slipped."



Acknowledgements

Stringer, Marion J. 150 Years of Wakefield Schooldays 1843-1993
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Top Right: You may be interested in following this link which explains the background to the Proficiency examination (http://www.nzine.co.nz/features/national_testing.html)

Right: A dentist's foot drill c. 1910

Bottom Right: James Thomas' Boot Shop (corner Edward and Arrow streets)



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Live Well Stay Well Group

by Margaret Clark

"Live well Stay well" is a health and social group that meets two weekly in Wakefield or Brightwater from 9.45-11am on a Tuesday morning. All are welcome to attend especially if you are new to the village. We are a friendly group and would love to meet you if you are interested in joining in with our activities.

Coming up this month:

Tuesday April 17 at 9.45am - This is our first outing for the year meeting for coffee at the The Villa, Wakefield then visiting The Butterfly Farm in Hope at about 10.30am.

Tuesday May 1st at 9.45am - Coffee at HQ Brightwater then off for a walk somewhere for the more energetic

Any enquiries for transport or to go on our email list to let you know what's happening, please call Margaret 541 9693, Yvonne 542 2235 or Sandra 541 8124.

Health

SHINGLES

Are you between 65 and 80 years of age?

If you are, you are entitled to a FREE vaccine against Shingles.

From this April onwards, all 65 year olds will be offered this vaccine free of charge.

For the next two years only, those aged between 65 and 80 years are eligible. Don't miss out as after this time only 65 year olds will be eligible. You can have the vaccine even if you have already had Shingles.

Can everyone receive the vaccine?

No. Some people will not be able to receive the vaccine due to conditions they have, or medications they are taking. This will be discussed with you prior to any vaccination being given.

What is Shingles?

Shingles is the common name for the herpes zoster virus, which is why the vaccination is called Zostavax. After contact with chicken pox, the virus lies dormant in nerves near the spine. When the immune system is not able to control the dormant virus, it can travel along a nerve to the skin; the infection erupts on the skin as a localised, painful, blistered rash.

Shingles symptoms often appear when you are experiencing stress or illness and have a weakened immune system.

What are the symptoms of Shingles?

- Pain or altered sensation, such as burning, itching or tingling for a few days prior to the rash, followed by acute throbbing or burning.
- Fatigue, fever and headache may occur
- Localised rash on one side of the body (in the area associated with the affected nerve)
- Fluid filled blisters at the rash site
- Sometimes shingles can also be debilitating, both before and after the rash has appeared
- Even relatively mild herpes zoster (shingles) can make every day activities much more difficult for a couple of days
- The pain and discomfort lasts for days or even weeks for many people

Who is at risk of Shingles?

Almost everyone! If you have ever been exposed to chickenpox, even if you had no symptoms, the chances are you are at risk of shingles.

Vaccine Side Effects

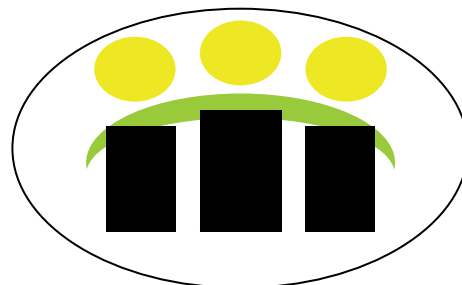
All vaccines can have side effects, however Zostavax is generally well tolerated.

Some common responses include: redness, itching and/or pain around the injection site, headache. Very rarely a more severe reaction can occur.

If you would like any further information please give us a call or come in and talk to a nurse.

At Wakefield Health Centre, we are offering Zostavax for our over 65 – 80 year olds from this April onwards.

Once the vaccinations arrive we will publicise it on our Facebook page and website, or you are welcome to phone us on 03 541 8911.



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Quiz

APRIL QUIZ

by Derek Evans

1. Who was the legendary Benedictine Monk who invented champagne?
2. What is the meaning of "lexophile"?
3. How was the distance of a metre first calculated and what is it now?
4. Where is The Angel of Christian Charity?
5. What is the approximate fuel consumption of the QM2?
6. Who invented Squash?
7. How did Birdseye Peas evolve?
8. Where or what is the 49th Parallel?
9. Who said "Last words are for fools who haven't said enough"?
10. What war did The Peace of Breda end?



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Physiotherapy

by Kate West, Physiotherapist at Wakefield Physio

What Is A Good Posture, And How Does Having A 'Bad' Posture Affect Me?

Your spine is a complex structure, responsible for a range of important functions. It is made up of numerous vertebrae stacked on top of each other forming an 'S' shape. In between the vertebrae are circular discs that act as shock absorbers for our spine. A good posture consists of maintaining this shape as best as possible.

A good posture consists of an upright stature, with your shoulders back, your stomach 'sucked' in and your bottom tucked in. When a good posture is maintained the weight of our body is evenly dispersed between each vertebra and disc.

If this shape isn't maintained however, the muscles and ligaments that surround our spine have to work harder to keep us in this position. Over time these structures get overworked and the result is pain.

The pain caused by poor posture is commonly felt:

- directly on our spine, they may even feel bruised in places if you press on them
- in the muscles around our neck, and in between our neck and shoulders
- in between our shoulder blades
- our lower back

The good news is that postural related pain can be overcome. Here are a couple of tips to help encourage good posture:

- Stand with your back against a wall. Are the back of your shoulders touching the wall? If not, squeeze your shoulder blades together to move your shoulders closer to the wall. Be careful not to stick your neck out to achieve this. If you are finding this difficult then you may need to stretch your chest muscles.
- Ergonomics are important for your computer set up. Poor placement of the monitor or keyboard will encourage poor posture.
- When driving try to keep your shoulders back and your chin tucked in. Ensure that you can feel shoulder contact with your seat back. You may need to adjust the seat position to achieve this.
- When sitting it is easy to 'slouch'. Have a think about your posture when you sit on the sofa or when eating a meal. You may need to change to a firmer or more upright chair, or place a pillow behind the small of your back to maintain your lower back shape.
- While you are focusing on your shoulders try to also think about your stomach muscles. Think about bringing your tummy button towards your spine while you keep breathing normally. Hold this for 10 seconds and then relax. Repeat again several times.

Correcting your posture takes patience and perseverance.

Make the change and you will feel better, have more relaxed muscles and you may even get a little taller!

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Wakefield Bowling Club

by Tony Eames

The March Tournament was sponsored by Wakefield Bakery. It was won by Neville Turner with Diane and Dave Merritt from Stoke, second was Les McJarrow, June Lines and Don Sixtus and third was the Richmond team of Colleen Lankshear (ex Wakefield), Monica Kennedy and Wendy Nossman.

Social Bowls continues to be popular with good turnouts on Monday and Friday afternoons at 1.30pm for bowls and a get together after play. Anyone welcome, names in by 1.15pm, \$5 green fee for casual bowlers. Winter season commences on 12 May with Wednesday and Friday afternoon bowls at 1.00pm and social after.

Regional Triples

The women's triples team of Margaret Eames, Linda Sisterson and Di Holland, having won the Nelson Centre championship, has progressed to win the Bowls NZ Region 5 playoff and qualify for the National Final on the North Shore in late April.

Centre and Interclub Events

Margaret and Linda won the women's Champion of Champions Vet Pairs for their second centre title this year, Margaret also making the final of the Vet Singles. Kevin Galvin and Tony Eames reached the semi final of the men's Vet Pairs and Peter Sisterson the semi final of the men's Vet Singles.

Steve Goodfellow and John Oakley reached the semis in the Junior Pairs Champion of Champions and Steve the quarter final in the Junior Singles. Steve partnered with Phil Johnson for the Wednesday evening Interclub Junior Pairs and won their section play but lost the play off final by one point.

Club Champ Fours

The final Club Champs to be decided were the fours:

Men - Peter Sisterson, Kevin Galvin, Doug Adams and Don Sixtus.

Women - Margaret Eames, Linda Sisterson, Marion McIntosh and Diane Holland.

Nelson Reps

Di Holland and Linda Sisterson played for the Nelson women's team in the Development Intercentre in Auckland. Peter Sisterson was the coach/manager for the team. Margaret Eames played in the Nelson senior women's team at the National Intercentre in Christchurch.

For further information or to arrange a time to have a go, please phone the clubrooms on 541 8556 or check the website www.sporty.co.nz/wakefieldbowls.



Wakefield School & COMMUNITY POOL

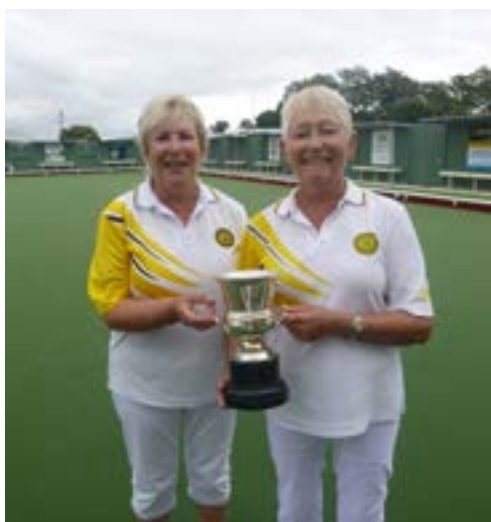
END OF SEASON POOL PARTY!

TUESDAY 3RD APRIL 2018 2PM - 4PM

The Pool Committee invites all key holders to an end of season pool party!
Giant inflatable obstacle in the main pool
Sausages & soft drinks available for purchase

All children **MUST BE ACTIVELY** supervised by parent/caregiver

The Wakefield School and Community Pool committee takes this opportunity to thank the volunteers who helped with pool testing.
We would also like to thank Bruce for all his hard work again this season.



POOL KEY RETURN

The Wakefield School and Community Pool will be closing on Tuesday 3rd April 2018. Keys can be handed in either at the pool party or to the Wakefield school office by Friday 12th May to receive your \$20.00 bond as in accordance with the key holders contract. Any keys returned after this date will relinquish your bond.

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE:

Edward Street, Wakefield Phone: 03 541 8332 Email: admin@wakefield.school.nz

In the Bush

Our Society is very happy to report that we were able to go back into our maintenance and weeding regime at The Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve.

This March being the first time we have been able to safely go back in for approximately three years. There was a good turnout of volunteers and everyone was extremely pleased to re-enter and reaffirm our commitment to this particular Reserve. Just one downside, the toilet on the river side track entrance had been vandalised, but we have requested that this repair work be done.

Hopefully by the time of reading my article the topsoil will have been delivered by Tasman District Council so that we can start spreading in preparation for sowing the grass seed. Our previous request of the community for top soil unfortunately only resulted in four trailer loads.

We are actually needing between 70-80 cubic metres so we can effectively repair the damage caused by the "car" park gravelling and have it like the "days gone by" as the picture shows. At present volunteers are still working at removing small areas of gravel by hand pick and wheel barrow to protect the root system of trees close to the gravel line. So the restoration process is well under way!

It is also pleasing to note that we seem to be back on track with having this area regularly mowed, giving it a much more cared for look, however we are still in the process of spraying to tidy up from the long period it was not maintained.

On Monday 5th March many members of the Baigent family from various locations within New Zealand and overseas visited Wakefield and particularly wished to check out this Reserve. With permission from the Tasman District Council Reserves Department and working in conjunction with our society, the family enjoyed a private family picnic there.

The added bonus also being that the weather was certainly in their favour and I know that they enjoyed themselves immensely with lots of memories of their many previous family gatherings that had been held there spanning many years and generations.

Special thanks to Doug Donaldson for being the "gate keeper" for the family on that day, as we could not leave the gate open for any period and older members of the family needed vehicle access.

Faulkner Bush has had maintenance work done at the lookout viewing area, mainly with removing graffiti. Spraying to keep tracks and drains clear and also the mowing happening here again, all round giving a much tidier appearance, than in months past.

It seems we may be heading into a 2000 weather pattern with a very dry autumn and very cold winter as in that year we had severe bush damage and lost many trees within the Reserves.

Again my sincere thanks to all of our volunteers but do spare a thought for our efforts and join us - it is only one weekend a month from 10am to noon, with a cuppa and eats provided afterwards. A great way to give back to your community and our Scenic Reserves.

Thank you, Doug South
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My name is Chris and I am married to Simon (a local, stemming back five generations!). We have two children who are both at Wakefield School. I am a Registered Nurse with over 20 years nursing experience but have always had an interest in complimentary therapies. Three years ago I was fortunate to be invited on a trip to China to see first hand how traditional Chinese medicine was delivered alongside western medicine. This was truly a life changing experience.

I was motivated to pursue my own studies into complimentary therapies and on my return I enrolled in a Diploma in Reflexology course at Aromaflex Academy based in Nelson. The Diploma has taken me two years to complete and I can now proudly say that I am a qualified Registered Integrated Reflexologist. But what does that mean?

The qualifications gained are both NZQA approved and internationally recognised. I am registered with the New Zealand Reflexology Board which means I am able to practice reflexology as an independent practitioner under strict standards of practice and codes of ethics. The integrated bit means that I can perform reflexology not only to the feet but also the hands and ears (more about the ears later).

Reflexology for those who have not come across it before is based on the principle that our whole body is represented on our feet (and also the hands and ears) at specific reflex points. By applying pressure to these reflexes, the body's function can be positively influenced. Benefits can include reducing stress, improving circulation, offering relief of pain and increasing the elimination of toxins from our body.

Reflexology of the ear, often referred to as auricular therapy, works by applying pressure to specific points on the ear. It is similar to acupuncture but without the use of needles. Areas of imbalance are identified either from the foot reflexology or by the client presenting with a specific need, ie pain. The corresponding point is located on the ear and using a blunt probe, the precise area is identified. This usually feels like a hot sensation. Once the exact spot is confirmed, a small metal ball is attached with adhesive tape (known as an ear seed). This applies a constant amount of mild pressure which serves to correct the imbalance. In the example of using ear seeds for pain, the client can apply further pressure to the seed as they begin to experience any pain. The seeds stay in place for around 3 – 5 days and can be removed by the client.

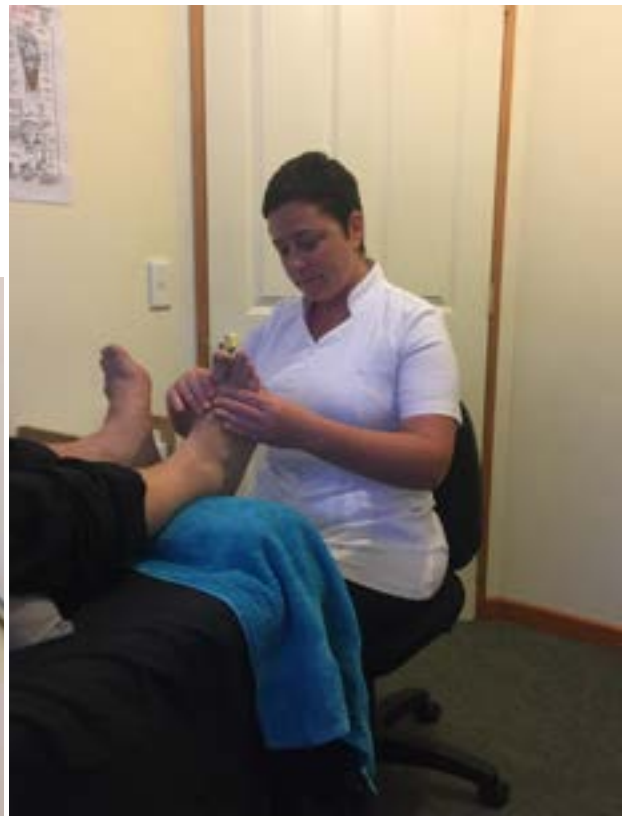
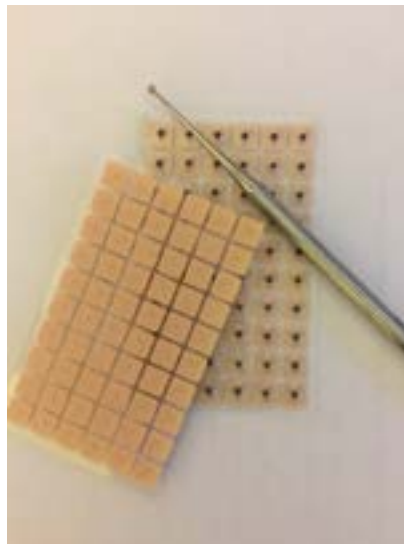
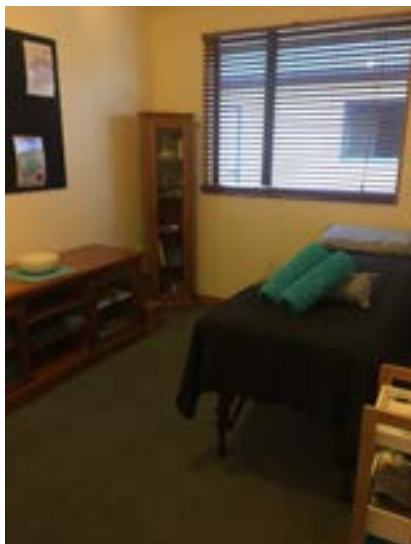
BEYOND FEET is the name of my own home based reflexology practice – named so because the benefits of reflexology go beyond your feet! My nursing background and knowledge has been a huge benefit in helping me understand links between the numerous imbalances that can be identified through reflexology. I offer 20 minute "give it a go" sessions for those that are unsure or who are time short, and 60 minute sessions for a full treatment. The full treatment includes a relaxing foot massage and a take home sheet indicating specific points on the hand that may also provide further benefits. The auricular therapy is an additional session which works well following feet reflexology, or can be performed on its own for specific problems. This is usually around 15 minutes.

Success stories of my practice to date range from reducing pain associated with tendonitis in the knee, reducing the severity and frequency of migraines and relieving the suffering of regular constipation in a toddler. The use of ear seeds alone have successfully helped a client overcome travel sickness (tested out on the road to French Pass!) and reduce arthritic pain in another clients hands.

I truly believe that reflexology can work alongside western medical practices and certainly do not see it as an "alternative therapy", but very much a "complimentary therapy". If you think reflexology could benefit you or a loved one, then give me a call!

Chris Gaul BEYOND FEET

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Coast to Coast

by Karen Eden

The Kathmandu Coast to Coast is an iconic New Zealand multisport event run over one day (the longest day) or two days. The competitors start on Kumara Beach on the West Coast of the South Island and cycle, run and kayak 243 km to the finish line at Brighton Beach on the East Coast.

In the early months of 2017, three like-minded local women decided to enter this gruelling event as a team in the 40+ three person team category. The team Splash (Anne Thomson), Flash (Sue Mathews) and Dash (Karen Eden) was born and with eleven months until race day, training began.

Sue, a New Zealand representative at the Commonwealth Games in Auckland in 1990 (cycling road race), began with guidance and a program from her son who is a qualified Personal Trainer.

However Anne, (Coast to Coast in '89 and '92), and Karen, (NZ Masters hockey representative) linked up with local Wakefield personal trainer Berne McNaughton at Berne's Bodyfit in 88 Valley. Training included a 2 – 3 day a week strengthening and conditioning program over the winter months as well as individual specific (kayaking and trail running) done by the girls another 2 – 3 days a week.

However in September disaster struck. Paddles Thomson managed to dislocate her right shoulder while out on the ocean kayaking in rough swells. With the help of local physiotherapist, Kate West, and a strengthening/mobility rehab program in the gym with Berne, Anne recovered in time for race day.

Training also involved a 'dummy run' of the event where the team and support crew (John, Jim and Berne) went south for a weekend to familiarise themselves with the area and their chosen legs of the race. Anne competed in the Waimakariri Classic kayak race and finished a creditable second in her age group. Karen and Berne ran the notorious Goat Pass while Sue practised the opening leg of the cycling race. The weekend went very well for all and the confidence to do well on race day rose.

In the months leading up to race day the team was training up to ten hours a week in their individual disciplines. This included long endurance based training of up to five hours for kayaking and running and interval training for speed (continual high bursts of energy).

Before we knew it race day had arrived. After a long drive to Hokitika on the eve of the race the following morning was a 5.00am start for both competitors and support crew. Sue headed out to the beach at Kumara for the 7am gun while Karen and crew drove to Aickens Corner.

Day 1

The first leg consisted of Sue running 2.2km from the sandy shores of Kumara Beach to her bike and a 55km undulating ride to tag Karen at Aickens. Conditions were cool and fine and Sue arrived a stitch after 9am where Karen took the race transponder and started off across the Deception River on a 33km mountain run with full kit.

This "run" is a scramble over rocks, river crossing climb up to the hut at Goat Pass and down the other side running on the river rocks all the way to Klondike Corner. Karen crossed the line to finish the first of the two days in just under six hours with the team holding first place in the women's veteran category.

Day 2

The support crew and kayaker (Anne) headed to the river after a 4.00am wake up call for a compulsory gear check and preparation. Sue started the second bike leg in a staggered start (groups of 10) at 7.50am. This leg was a short 15km ride to where she tagged Karen for a one km run down and over the Mt White Bridge and set Anne off on her 70km kayak stage down the Waimakariri River through to the gorge bridge. The support crew headed out to meet their kayaker ready for the next leg. "Paddles" Thomson arrived in under five hours, an exceptional time seeing as the fastest time on the water for the day was four hours 30 minutes.

Karen was tagged again, ran from the river bed and up the hill to send Sue off on the final cycle leg to Brighton Beach, a mere 70km away. After feeling a little disappointed in her first two rides Sue put her head down and arse up and knocked out the 70km in a little over two hours, averaging nearly 35km/h. This included a crash in the streets of Christchurch 10km from the finish line where her helmet was cracked in two and both skin and blood was lost.

Sue met with Anne and Karen in the finishing chute for the last 50m to cross the line together in a combined time of 15 hours 38 minutes and 7 seconds to finish first in the two day vet women's section.





OUR COMMUNITY MURAL

By Stuart Watts

Artist Pete Madsen signed off our mural with a flourish of his brush and his ever present grin on the 3rd March 2018, with only three of his biggest fans present, Stuart and Heather Watts and Evie-Joy South “The Wakefield Mural Group”.

What a masterpiece and well worth the wait with more than 300 hours of dedication, but as Peter says with his ever present humour “who was counting?!” I do not think we could come up with enough superlatives to express our gratitude to Pete Madsen our Artist Extraordinaire! Or even come close to describing his dedication and professionalism to this project for our village.

Matty Arps of Matty’s Signs Richmond provided the design for the historic plaque window and like Pete spent “extra” time fine tuning and getting it just right. His dedication also shone through and again we are so grateful for his supreme effort.

THANK YOU ALL - We have greatly appreciated the many donations from the community and further afield as well as from the extended Baigent family. Without this financial support, the project would have struggled to survive. On Monday the 5th March many members of the Baigent family descended on Wakefield, for a catch-up with family arriving from overseas and saw the opportunity of a “mini” family get together.

This also worked in well for them to have a private blessing/dedication at the mural followed by a family picnic at The Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve which many had fought to save. Then through the kindness of the present owners Phil & Robyn Lovegrove a visit to Section 92 – their old family homestead “Glen-iti”.

Stuart Watts welcomed the Baigent family to Wakefield and in the absence of Reverend Allan Wasley (The Vicar of St John’s) read his prayer and blessing to this mural.

(Abridged) “We remember Maori who travelled through here, and Pakeha who saw its potential as a settlement for their families, and their children’s children. We give thanks for all the wonderful memories depicted in this mural.”



The spirit of our village is truly alive and again our sincere thanks for ALL your encouragement and donations.

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Future of the Wakefield Health Centre building

It seems to be a particularly well-kept secret that the Wakefield & Districts Community Health Centre building is owned by a separate, community Trust. In the 1980s a group of concerned locals got together and decided to build a medical centre to ensure that residents from Wakefield and the surrounding district would always have local medical services. With the population growing and changing, the Trust wants to ensure that the building is fit-for-purpose so that the health and medical services that the community need, are able to be delivered from it.

The Wakefield and Districts Health Trust need your feedback to help us plan for the future.

Please complete the survey or you can go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/WakefieldHealthCentre to complete the survey online. We encourage you to help us share the message so as many people as possible complete the survey.

Completed survey forms can be dropped off to the Wakefield Pharmacy, Wakefield School, Tapawera School or Nelson Lakes DOC Visitor Centre by **Monday 30 April 2018**.

We appreciate your time and support in helping us work with the medical centre to best meet your needs.

Wakefield Health Centre building survey

1. How old are you (please circle one)?

0 – 14 years 15 – 24 years 25 – 39 years 40 – 54 years
55 – 64 years 65 – 79 years 80+ years

2. Gender (please circle one).

Female Male Other Prefer not to state

3. Please describe your family/who lives in your house (please circle one).

Sole parent with 1 or 2 children Sole parent with 3 or more children
Couple with 1 or 2 children Couple with 3 or more children
Couple with no children – not retired Couple with no children – retired
Sole occupier – not retired Sole occupier – retired
Shared occupancy/flatting Rest home occupant

Other: _____

4. Whereabouts do you live (please circle one)?

Brightwater Glenhope Golden Downs Kohatu/Motupiko
Richmond St Arnaud Tapawera Wakefield
Stanley Brook/Motueka Valley Other: _____

5. Where is your medical centre (please circle one)?

Richmond Wakefield Stoke Nelson

Other: _____

6. If you don't go to Wakefield Health Centre, what is the main reason/s.

Distance from home Distance from work Range of services Existing relationship

Other: _____

7. On average, how often do you visit the Wakefield Health Centre and which services do you use (please tick)?

	Weekly	Fortnightly	Monthly	3 - 4 times a year	Annually	Less than annually	Never
Blood tests							
Dietitian							
District/Hospice nurse							
Doctor appointment							
Lifestyle advice e.g. diabetic, cardiovascular							
Minor surgery e.g. skin							
Nurse appointment							
Physiotherapist							
Podiatrist							
Prescription repeat							
GP service (Tapawera)							
Nurse clinic (Tapawera)							
Other (please state):							

8. If they were available, what other primary health services would you use at the Wakefield Health Centre and how often might you use them (please tick)?

	Weekly	Fortnightly	Monthly	3 - 4 times a year	Annually	Less than annually	Never
Acupuncturist							
Counsellor/Psychologist							
Dentist/Dental hygienist							
Gymnasium							
Hearing services							
Hospital specialists							
Maori health worker							
Midwife							
Oncology							
Optometrist							
Osteopath							
Pharmacy							
Social worker							

9. What other health services would you like at the Wakefield Health Centre or in the Wakefield area?

10. Do you have any other thoughts or suggestions for the future of the building, whether it needs to be expanded to allow for more services and what those services might be? Please feel free to attach another piece of paper.

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING OUR SURVEY.
 If you have any other queries please email Judene Edgar at Judene.edgar@gmail.com.

Waimea Plunket Playgroup

by Amby Cowe

Waimea Plunket Playgroup in Brightwater has had a fantastic start to 2018! We have some great plans so far this term and are always keen to hear what parents want to do.

Recently we celebrated Little Heart Day to raise awareness and funds for children born with Congenital Heart Defects. 1 in every 100 babies born in New Zealand have a Congenital Heart Defect, so this affects many local families, including a few at Playgroup. We all wore red and the children made cute heart cards and decorated heart cookies. One of our amazing mums, Tania, raised an incredible \$165.40 for HeartKids!

On 7th March we had local Karitane nurse, Debbie Harvie visit us to answer any questions we had about our babies and preschoolers. Debbie always has great advice and reassurance, which is helpful as our tamariki get older and Plunket visits get further apart.

Some of the Brightwater Volunteer Fire Service men brought the fire truck to show the children, we all had fun using the firehose, some of us got very wet!

We also had one of our brilliant 'swap' days, where we bring along any clothes or household items we no longer need and swap them. This is always very popular and we end up with a massive pile of clothes at the end which we usually donate to local school galas.

There are many more fun plans on the playgroup agenda. Our families are always coming up with new things that the children and the parents would enjoy.

We welcome all families; mums, dads, grandparents, newborns, toddlers and pre-schoolers.

Waimea Plunket Playgroup is run every Wednesday morning (during term time) from 9am-12noon in the crèche behind the Brightwater Anglican Church, beside Snowden Bush.

It's FREE to come along and we provide morning tea to children and caregivers. Come along and make some new friends for both yourself and the kids.



Playgroup is fun for all!





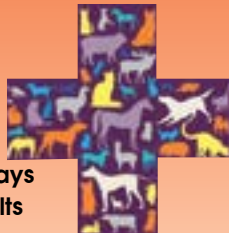
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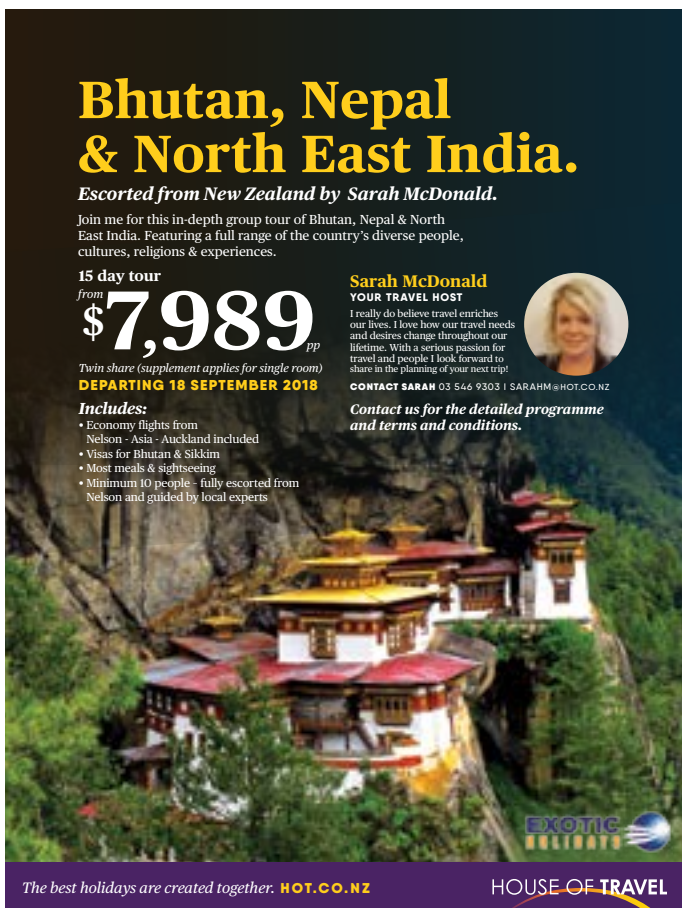
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Wakefield Playcentre

by Liz Ashburner

It has been a busy start to the year at Wakefield Playcentre and it is hard to believe we are nearing the end of term one already. This month we have had some exciting sessions with a wheels day, a visit from the Wakefield School new entrants class and a Teddy Bears' Picnic at Faulkners Bush.

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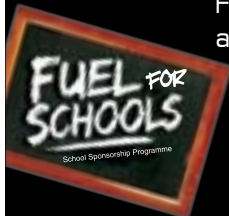
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Webby Family Reunion

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Members of the Webby family travelled from all parts of New Zealand, plus Australia, the United States of America and Vanuatu, to take part in the first ever Webby Family Reunion, which was held in Nelson last weekend. On Saturday, March 17, the group, all direct descendants of Edward and Mary Webby, met at the principal venue, the Brightwater Motor Inn, where a surprise exhibit awaited them. A Fowler combine traction engine, sister machine to that imported in 1905 by George Edward Webby, grandson of the first settlers, took centre stage for several photographs. It also attracted the attention of several other visitors to the hotel.

Family members then visited Wakefield and Eighty Eight Valley where Webby Cottage/Farm is located. This property is now owned by Andrew and Jacqui Conway, and still has several original features of the cottage which was built by a Webby son, Alfred James, replacing an earlier structure.

The next stop on the reunion itinerary was Beacon Hill, another property which has close links to Edward and Mary Webby. Edward Webby built a cob cottage at Beacon Hill, and later sold 653 acres to Major Robert Mercer Paton, who had returned from India with his family. Current owners Roger and Rebekah Bay, are descendants of Major Robert Mercer Paton and their spectacular homestead incorporates parts of the original cob cottage built by Edward Webby.

A reunion dinner at the Brightwater Motor Inn on Saturday evening offered plenty of opportunities to chat and mingle and to hear short speeches from representatives of each attending family line. A reunion cake was also cut by family representatives.

The reunion wound up on Sunday with a visit to the Richmond Cemetery and the unveiling of gravestones for both Edward Webby and his wife Mary, and in the afternoon, unveiling the new signboard at Webby Way, Richmond, which honours George Edward Webby as a local agricultural contractor. George's grandson, Ernie Webby travelled from Auckland with his daughter Lyn Throll to attend the reunion and unveil the plaque, where he was assisted by Mayor Richard Kempthorne. Webby Way replaces an earlier street, Webby Place, which was lost when development was undertaken in the area.

The Webby Family Reunion concluded with an afternoon tea at the Styx Restaurant, fittingly overlooking Nelson Harbour, the Settler's Memorial Wall and Statue and Wakefield Quay where Edward Webby arrived on the *Whitby* in 1841 and Mary Pike/Webby on the *Lloyds* in 1842, minus their two sons who had died at sea.

Reunion convenor Jacqui Webby said the whole event was rated a success by those who attended. "It has been fantastic meeting people I had previously only known through telephone or email contact. We have had a great weekend and many thanks to those who contributed towards the success," she said. "It was certainly something those who attended will remember for a long time."

For further details please contact Jacqui Webby, 0274 769 750, email: jacqui.webby@gmail.com

Photos - Left: Ernie Webby unveils the Webby Way interpretative panel; Middle: Beacon Hill - Jacqui Webby (centre) with Rae Frankland and Ernie Webby; Right: Webby reunion cutting the cake; Bottom Right: Traction engine at Brightwater Motor Inn



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Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade

The outdoor temperature is slowly cooling off as autumn sets in and winter is not that far away. I hope you all have your firewood in by now so it can dry in time for the winter.

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The wetter your firewood is the quicker your chimney will clog up. In addition, it will mean that you have a very inefficient fire going.

Fritz Buckendahl
 CFO Wakefield



Call outs for March

Unfortunately, another big month for the brigade with call outs

MVA car roll over	Spring Grove
MVA car roll over	Tapawera
Medical	Wakefield
Vegetation fire	Wairoa Gorge
MVA car off road	Brightwater
Medical	88 Valley
PFA	St Arnaud
Medical	Wakefield
MVA motorcycle fall off	Tapawera
Medical	88 Valley

Total calls for the year 2018 = 42

(PFA = Private Fire Alarm

MVA = Motor Vehicle Accident)

Total calls for the year 2017 = 132



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A Matter of Accounts

Preparing for End of Tax Year

by Sonia Emerson, CA, BBus

Well the end of the tax year is here, and you may be starting to think about making sure that you have all of your information available for your Accountant to complete your end of year accounts and file your tax returns.

If you are using accounting software, I suggest that you:

- Make sure all of your bank transactions have been entered and finalised
- Reconcile your bank accounts to 31st March
- Perform a review of your general ledger entries to look for miscoded items and other potential errors
- Take a back up of your software once you have finished entering and reviewing everything and store it somewhere safe. Do this before you rollover the financial year if your software requires a rollover.

Your Accountant may have slightly different requirements, and many will send you a checklist to assist with compilation of your documents, but here are some suggestions for the type of paperwork to get together for your Accountant:

- Bank Statements – for all accounts that cover the full period ie 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 inclusive. This is important, especially if your bank statements don't necessarily start on the 1st of each month.
- Loan Statements – if you have borrowing, make sure you provide the statements which show the transactions, repayments, interest added and closing balances as at balance date
- Resident Withholding Tax certificates – often sent out by banks two or three weeks into April, or available through your internet banking
- Dividend Statements – if you received any dividend income during the year
- Stock on hand or cash on hand – perform a stocktake or count, as at 31st March. This should be at cost, not retail. For livestock, it will be simply a count of the physical stock numbers, with no value associated.
- Copies of GST and PAYE returns that have been filed during the year and working papers that were used to prepare these returns
- A list of invoices that you have sent out but that haven't been paid including the amounts outstanding – your outstanding debtors
- A list of the invoices that you have received but haven't yet paid including the amounts you owe – your outstanding creditors
- A vehicle logbook if you needed to complete one
- Home office expense information eg interest on your mortgage, telephone, power, rates etc



You also need to think about your needs for the coming year and discuss these with your Accountant. Give your Accountant as much information as you can – let them know:

- What has changed, how do you want to go forward for the next year, is business likely to improve, stay the same, or are you forecasting a decline?
- Has your home situation changed? Have you now got children, partner stopped work or working in the business more?

Remember, the more information that you can provide to your Accountant, the less chasing around they have to do, the easier it will be for them, and therefore the less additional cost you are likely to incur.



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Town and Country Talk

by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

Rabbits and the New Strain of Calicivirus

The Ministry of Primary Industries has approved the release of a new strain of calicivirus or Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease virus (RHD) to help manage the pest rabbit population.

It is going to be released in Canterbury, Otago and Marlborough in autumn 2018 but is expected to spread beyond these areas over time as one of the main ways RHD is spread is by flies which can travel long distances. It is also going to be released in Nelson, specifically St Arnaud, Redwood Valley and Kina Peninsula - in the next two weeks!

RHD is also easily passed between infected rabbits, exposure to dead rabbits, on food bowls and bedding and through fly 'spots' (faeces). Only a tiny dose of virus is necessary to cause disease in rabbits. The virus is difficult to kill and survives in the environment for months.

Symptoms: The main symptom we see is sudden death. A normal healthy rabbit can die within hours. Rabbits can be unwell for a longer period of time but still usually die.

Treatment: There is no specific treatment for affected rabbits. Supportive treatment such as fluids and warmth may help a milder case.

Prevention: Cylap vaccine is available for vaccination against the older strain of calicivirus (v351). The manufacturers do not claim that it is effective against K5. However information from Australia indicates that Cylap will protect rabbits against K5.

For rabbits 12 weeks and older: one vaccination followed by annual boosters

For rabbits less than 12 weeks old: first vaccination at 10-12 weeks old then a booster four weeks later followed by annual boosters. (This protocol can also be used for rabbits living in high risk areas eg living rurally with wild rabbits.)

Other ways to reduce the risk of calicivirus infection:

- * Control insects especially flies and fleas indoors and outdoors
- * Remove uneaten food and clean out soiled bedding daily
- * Consider keeping pet rabbits indoors
- * Rabbit-proof your garden to keep wild rabbits out



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544 1200 24 hours



- * Regularly clean cages, hutches, bowls with 10% bleach (10 minutes contact time is required then rinse off)

- * Limit contact with unfamiliar pet rabbits

- Wash hands and clothing after handling other rabbits/before handling yours

- Avoid cutting grass/weeds and feeding them to your rabbit if there is risk of contamination from wild rabbits.

NB: Please be aware that Cylap vaccine comes in 10ml vials which provides 1ml doses for 10 rabbits. Once opened the vaccine must be used within ten hours.

In our clinic we vaccinate rabbits on the first Tuesday of every month. However due to increased demand at the moment, we are doing extra days – please phone the clinic on 544 1200 if you would like more information.



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Quiz Answers

QUIZ ANSWERS FROM LAST MONTH

by Derek Evans

1. "Canine Coding" is an anagram of which popular ITV show?
Dancing on Ice
2. Which three letter word is the noun used for the young of a beaver?
A kit
3. Which two of Henry VIII's wives were executed?
Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard
4. A car with the international license plate code of IL comes from which country?
Israel
5. According to the proverb, when should you not change your horses?
Midstream (Don't change horses in midstream)
6. In which year was Concorde first flown?
1969
7. What was the codename for the evacuation of troops from Dunkirk?
Operation Dynamo - 338,226 allied soldiers were rescued from the beaches of Dunkirk, between May 26th and June 4th 1940. On 29th May, 47,310 British troops were rescued.
8. In which year was Concorde first flown?
1969
9. Approximately how many thousand tons above-ground gold (gold that has been mined) is there in all the world? 180, 280 or 380?
The best estimate at the end of 2011 is that around 181,881 ordinary tons have been mined in all of human history.
10. What is the English name for Sagarmatha or Chomolungma?
Mt Everest - most Nepali people refer to the mountain as Sagarmatha, meaning "Forehead in the Sky". Speakers of Tibetan languages, including the Sherpa people of northern Nepal, refer to the mountain as Chomolungma, Tibetan for "Mother of the World".

Community Notices

WILLOW BANK HERITAGE VILLAGE

Willow Bank Heritage Village is open every first Sunday in the month (September - May)

FREE ENTRY

The Victorian Cafe, Burger Bar and Milkshake Bar are fundraisers for the Willow Bank Heritage Village project.

We are serving food from different time eras and dress-up accordingly.

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

Bring any project - sewing, knitting, crochet. Learn to knit or crochet or just come for a look and join us for tea, coffee and company. Small donation

For more information phone Judy on 5418342

New season of

INDOOR BOWLS!!!

Wakefield Hall is the ideal place to play indoor bowls

Another season of Indoor Bowls is about to begin at Wakefield.

Last season was our most successful for a number of years and this year is promising to be better again, with most of our experienced players returning.

The Wakefield Hall is the ideal venue, being spacious and light with excellent facilities, warm in winter (the temperature is kept at a very cosy 23°C).

The Wakefield Indoor Bowls Club invites young and old to their 2018 season from 3rd April

***Tuesday afternoons 1 pm**

***Tuesday nights 7.15 pm**

A special offer to new players, FREE local subscription for the first year!

So come along in your favourite soft shoes and join in.

Our experienced Trophy winners will be very willing to share their knowledge.

If you would like more information please phone Lionel 5418840 for Tuesday afternoons or Ren 5418275 for Tuesday nights

Car sharing can be arranged, so if you need a lift please let us know.



A Free Family Event

SUNDAY 15TH APRIL 11.30 - 3.30^{PM}

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Community Notices



Wakefield Art Group

*Everyone welcome. All levels of interest.
Our group has been meeting weekly since July 2012 during school term.*

Every THURSDAY of the School Term
9.30 am – noon
Wakefield Village Hall – Supper Room
\$4 per session - cup of tea/coffee included

For more information contact:
Fiona Ph: 027 767 7909
E: kahurangicottage@gmail.com
or Sonja Ph: 541 8176
E: sonjal@ts.co.nz

Dates for Wakefield Art Group are:
March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
April 5, 12

WAKEFIELD MARKET DAY

Saturday 14th April - 9am to 12pm

Welcome to autumn weather.
It's time to plant all those shrubs and perennials, vegetables for winter, so they can get well watered and settled in for spring.

Oh, did we mention bulbs?

We also need to shake the woollen clothes, get rid of the silverfish, and do they fit? We can recycle.

Come enjoy a friendly atmosphere and buskers to give us great uplift.

For sites ring Jean 541 8154.

MAINLY MUSIC

Wakefield St Johns Anglican Worship Centre

Monday's 10.00am. Cost \$3.00 per family.

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

Any queries please phone Wendy Milson 544-5494.

WAKEFIELD ANGLICAN COMMUNITY LUNCHES

The monthly community lunches will recommence on Thursday February 15th at 12 noon.

They will then be held monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month until November.

All welcome.

If you wish to attend, please phone Caroline 5418491 by the previous Monday if possible.

Come and enjoy a social hour of chat over a meal.

A small donation is appreciated to cover expenses.

WAKEFIELD SCHOOL PTA AGM

Monday 9 April
7.00 pm
Wakefield School Staffroom
Phone Laurel Ketel 027 545 2334

RAW FOODS

Meet up for a potluck lunch with people interested in raw foods.
Meet like minded people and learn more about this lifestyle.
We meet at people's homes
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BETTER THAN BEFORE GROUP

Meets monthly for an hour
Aim: to create better lives for ourselves by sharing our intentions, and knowledge.

Next meeting
Wednesday 18 April 6.30pm
Wakefield

Enquiries phone
Sonya 541 8176 or 027 374 0500
No cost. All welcome.

WAKEFIELD WOMEN'S CRAFT GROUP

Judy and Julie wish to thank the Wakefield Women's Craft Group for the making of the 21 Christmas hampers which went to the Wakefield Fire Brigade Volunteers.

WAIMEA PLUNKET PLAYGROUP

The Brightwater Community Anglican Church,
Waimea West Road, Brightwater
Time: 9.00 – 12.00 noon
Day: Wednesday morning
Cost: FREE

AMENDMENT TO LAST MONTHS THANK YOU

We would like to sincerely apologise for completely "mucking up" our thank you last month to our wonderful Window on Wakefield volunteers. Despite getting their names wrong last month, we are extremely grateful to Denis and Ellen Jordan for their tireless contribution to Window on Wakefield.

Since we restarted our village newsletter Denis and Ellen have very kindly delivered copious editions into the letterboxes of the Martin Ave area. Without volunteers such as these two lovely people, we would not be able to share the news with you in this way. They have decided that it is time for somebody else to take up the reins in their area and we wish them well.

Therefore if you are interested in helping us out, please make contact with Sonia on 03 541 9005 or Genie/Lindsay on 03 541 9641. Denise and Alan have been doing the Martin Ave area and deliver approximately 190 copies each month. It is not a large geographic area but there are a lot of boxes so if you think this might be too much but want to help, we could break the area up a bit for you. We estimate it might take 1-2 hours in the first week of each month to do.

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DOG WALKING *February*
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FOR SALE *March*
Winter Ponytail hats. Various sizes and colours. \$15.00 each.
Phone Deborah on 541 9045.

FOR SALE *March*
Leaf blower/vac WORX heavy duty model, only used twice, half price \$90.
Phone 541 9251.

FOR SALE *March*
Double sided lilo mattress with two sets sheets with footpump \$20

FOR SALE *March*
Black oak framed antique mirror, has some deterioration, 62cm tall x 51cm wide, quite heavy, originally from oak dressing table.
Phone Margaret 541 9181

FOR SALE *April*
Hay \$6.50 per bale, phone 541 8824.

WANTED *April*
Gardener required, would suit retired person. Regular maintenance on well established half acre section.
Phone 021 223 7922.

WANTED *April*
3-4 bedroom house required. Preferably with land in the Wakefield area.
Phone Rachael 021 107 1099.

CLEANER *March*
I am a reliable honest lady who can do housecleaning for you. Please phone Christine 541 9233 or 027 677 0080.

WANTED TO RENT *March*
Rural 1-2 bedroom cottage in the Brightwater/Wakefield area by single, mature, non smoking lady who wants quiet, private long term with some outdoor storage.

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Sue Mott, Please email:
willowsprings@slingshot.co.nz

FOR SALE *April*
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CALLING ALL COMMUTERS!

Public Meeting 15 April

Do you drive to work from Wakefield to Richmond or Nelson?

If so, please come to a public meeting on **Sunday 15 April at 4 pm** at **The Villa cafe, Wakefield**, to discuss other transport options.

If interested but unable to come, please ring **Hilary on 541 8995**.

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We are also still looking for help on some of the aspects of the celebration so would love to hear from you.

If you wish to help, for more information, or just to be kept informed, please phone the school 541 8332 or email 175wakefield.school@gmail.com

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548 2117 - 0800 367 222

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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
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Rev. Allan Wasley 541 8883

Wakefield Community Library
Wendy Gibbs 541 8490
Pam Dick 541 8392
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Friday - 2.30 - 4pm
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Wakefield Football Club
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Liz Ashburner 541 9453

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Allan 027 319 7427

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03 542 3447

Rural Women
Dawn Batchelor 542 3628

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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

Waimea Area Quilters
Sue Burrowes 541 9689 or 027 364 0773

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Mahala White - 541 8933 or
Chrissy Harris - 541 9596

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Doug South 541 8980

Wakefield Plunket Volunteers Group
Wendy Wadsworth 541 9272

Plunket Nelson Area Office
For appointments etc 539 5200

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Sue McAuley 544 7325
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Meets last Wednesday evening
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Sonia Emerson 541 9005

Wakefield Indoor Bowls Club
Ren Olykan 541 8275

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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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WAKEFIELD

6 McCrae Street

\$649,000+

The Jennian built, double glazed brick home was designed and built with families in mind - 4 bedrooms to accommodate everyone, two bathrooms, and two living areas, offering either the separate lounge with a view to the hills or the cosy living space next to the open plan kitchen and dining. You have the choice of either a logburner or a heatpump to keep warm, and the home opens up through bifolds and sliders on to the deck. Private, north facing 901m2 section.



WAKEFIELD

26B Martin Avenue

\$419,000+

Imagine yourself outside in the totally private BBQ area, complete with the outdoor pizza oven, relaxing in the afternoon sun, having spent some of your morning tending your raised vege beds. The kitchen has been modernised, extra ceiling insulation has been added, plus most of the wiring has been upgraded, as well as the the hot water cylinder.



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