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Your Local News

Community News for the Wakefield Area

Wakefield School Gala a Huge Success

by Chris Gaul

The weather was extremely kind to us considering the predicted forecast. Despite the few light showers, masses of people arrived ready to grab a bargain and enjoy themselves.

The food court created a hub of great smells and good vibes, with the food team offering something for everyone. The fantastic addition of the sponsored bright Coke van organised by Phil and Ruth from the Four Square, The Lions Club making candy floss and our local Fresh Bake baker hosting the doughnut stand, all contributed to the massive community effort which helped to make this a successful gala. Huge thanks also to the Coffee Guy who took on the challenge of aiming for a zero waste event by using washable mugs and for the dedicated recycling team who were non stop in collecting, cleaning and sorting.

Young and old enjoyed the activities held on the back field - thanks to Dan and Joel for their passion and enthusiasm in providing motorbike experiences. Huge thanks also to BCL Byrne Carriers Ltd for loading and unloading trials gear, Fence It Nelson for the use of tractor to help with wet weather set up, and JVS Ltd for sponsoring the trials display. Mr Hurley's tractor rides were a blast from the past and it wouldn't be a country fair without pony rides, kindly organised by the Wild Oats team - these were all real hits! For the younger children, the toddler zone in the school library run by volunteers from the Play Centre and Toy Library was a buzz of excitement.

Let's not forget the amazing Haunted House organised by Jen and her team from Country Players. It was the first time I had been through it this year and WOW! The use of space, the make up and costumes, the actors dedication to their individual roles was fantastic - well done!

The usual favourites:- mystery bags, adopt a pet, and lucky dip were busy with streams of children ready to part with their coins. The teams running the face painting, gingerbread decorating and crazy hair did an awesome job, resulting in many smiling faces.

Plants were the biggest earner on the day with a fabulous choice of fresh produce and plants, gratefully donated by local companies. The books, toys and garage sale stalls remain popular for anyone wanting a bargain - and bargains there were!

The school hall hosted a cafe, ran by our team of volunteers, Wakefield Kea leaders and the Wakefield community bus drivers. The bake sale looked amazing with many delicious delights on offer - thank you to all of the parents who kindly baked and donated.

The main event in the hall though was the silent auction. Thank you to all and everyone that sponsored, donated, placed bids or won one or more of the 200 items!

The gala was a huge success this year, with a profit of

\$31,211

which will go towards the Wakefield community pool solar power project!

This was achieved by the many, many volunteers involved and the generous donations from many local companies - a warm and very grateful

Thank You!



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Diwali Celebrations

Diwali Celebrations at Little People Preschool

by *Maretta Burbidge*

At Little People Preschool in Wakefield, we value the importance of cultural events and enjoy celebrating festivals together with our children and their families. We make it a priority to acknowledge the cultures of the children who attend our centre. We aim to be a family friendly, supportive and culturally inclusive environment for all of our children and their families.

Recently we had the opportunity to celebrate Diwali thanks to a tamaiti in our centre, Arnav, and his mum Bhawana. Diwali is a festival of lights celebrated by millions across the world.

Diwali coincides with the Hindu New Year, celebrates new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. During the lead up to our celebration children made and decorated diyas for candles and they made colourful lanterns. Bhawana spent the morning at preschool showing us how to create rangoli (traditional art), we also shared some traditional Indian treats.

Te Whāriki (our curriculum) states that children and families feel a sense of belonging and feel comfortable with the routines, customs and rituals. We foster 'ako' (teaching and learning) and 'tuakana-teina' (shared learning).

While preparing for Diwali, we encouraged the children to 'give new things a go' and supported them in every possible way to gain confidence, to achieve goals, to learn and to grow to their full potential. We had a wonderful morning with our children and we are looking forward to our next celebration!

Little People Preschool is located next to the Villa Café on Whitby Way; we welcome local families to come and visit us.



Use It or Lose It!!

by *Ian Viapree*

The Wakefield Community Bus is entering its fourth month of service. It is quickly gathering momentum and we now have regular passengers taking the Thursday run to Richmond, proving that it is an asset well worth keeping.

The Monday service, though, has not attracted the same number of passengers and we'd like to improve on this. Is another day more convenient for you? Perhaps we can do a run to Nelson on occasional Saturdays (subject to bus availability) and catch the markets. Or a run to 185 the veg shop, Hope.

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On the right is our current timetable.

Mondays and Thursdays

9.47 am	88 Valley Road
9.50 am	Wakefield Village Hall
9.52 am	55 Pitfure Rd
9.57 am	Whiting Dr (Shuttleworth Reserve)
10.05 am	118 Lord Rutherford Rd
10.11 am	6 Wanderers Ave
10.14 am	12 Waimea West Rd
10.16 am	59 Ellis St (opposite shops)
10.19 am	206 Main Rd Hope (opposite dairy)
10.30 am	Sundial Square Richmond (or Nbus Stop if requested)
1.00 pm	Departs Sundial Square

WAKEFIELD STOPS

BRIGHTWATER STOPS

Solar Heating Project Nears Its Target

by Peter Verstappen

Swimmers at the Wakefield School and Community Swimming Pool are already enjoying the benefits of our fundraising project to convert the pool heating from diesel to solar energy. Stage one has been completed, with three new heat pumps now warming the pool water, using power from the grid.



Stage two, the installation of solar panels generating electricity to drive the heat pumps, will happen in early December, this stage being brought forward because of the success of our fundraising.

Eight months ago we set out to raise \$120,000 for this project. We are within sight of our target, thanks to generous support from grants and donations from funding agencies, businesses and our community. Our latest success was the Wakefield School gala and the Pool Committee congratulates and thanks the Wakefield School PTA for their hard work in putting on a brilliant event, and to all the businesses and individuals who donated to the gala silent auction.

If you have donated to the solar energy project we appreciate your support and are grateful for it, with a special mention to our major supporters:

- Rātā Foundation
- Harcourts Foundation
- Network Tasman Trust
- Richmond Lions
- Wendy Pearson Tall Poppy Real Estate
- Foodstuffs Community Grants



We continue to sell tickets for our quilt raffle. These can be bought at school, \$3 each or 4 tickets for \$10. The quilt is a beautiful piece of handwork by Sue Burrowes and Marilyn Gibbs with input from Lorna Gourley and Rikki Unterberger. The raffle will be drawn at the school awards assembly on Monday 16 December.

And of course you can support our community pool by purchasing a pool key for you and your family to enjoy a summer of excellent swimming and recreation. Pool keys are sold at the school office.



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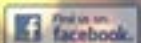
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Quiz

by Derek Evans

1. What is converted into alcohol during brewing?
2. What was Elton John's first US No 1 hit?
3. What word can go before bath, shower and delight?
4. Who drew Felix the cat?
5. In which English city was Cary Grant born?
6. What is Hexakosioihexekontahexaphobia the fear of?
7. According to the Old Testament, how many days did it take God to create the world?
8. In what year was Google launched on the web?
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10. Where is the world's most expensive wool obtained from?

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Wakefield Playcentre

by Elle Tibbs

It has been another busy month at Wakefield Playcentre, and we would like to start off by saying congratulations to Roshanna on the safe arrival of her baby girl Megan at the end of October. We are loving having a new baby join us on session, and also watching Maddison take on her new role as a big sister.

We have also said goodbye to our friend George who has started on his school journey at Wakefield School. We wish him all the best.

Wakefield Playcentre was lucky to receive a grant from Peter Malone at Network Tasman allowing us to purchase some new bark to top up the areas underneath our play equipment, and also some new sand for our sandpit. The children loved helping the adults move the bark and it was great to see everyone on session involved and helping to get the job done.

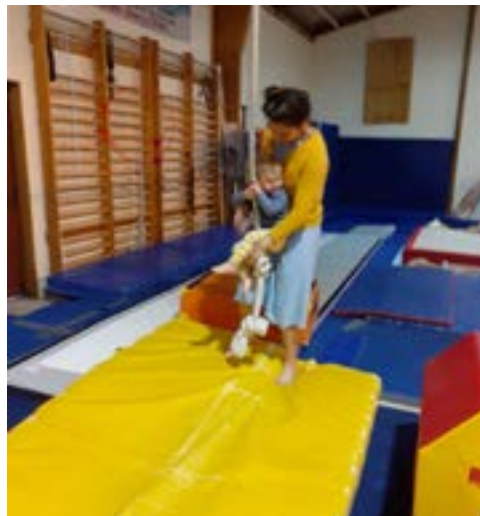
We were also lucky enough to get to go on another trip to Nelson Gymnastics, were we had a fantastic morning. It was awesome to see how much confidence the children had gained on the equipment, and how much their gross motor skills had improved since our last visit.

This year Wakefield Playcentre has been hosting Space on a Tuesday afternoon at 12.30 (straight after the Playcentre session finishes). Space is a great programme where you can connect with other new parents and their babies, as you explore parenting and children's development in a safe facilitated environment. Space is now changing the way that it operates in that you can start whenever you feel you and your baby are ready to (as opposed to waiting for the start of a new course). If Space is something you may be interested in feel free to contact Fiona Mildon on 027 202 6797. She would love to hear from you.

Wakefield Playcentre will be closing for the year on Thursday the 19th of December and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful Playcentre families, friends and the wider community who have helped make sure our tamariki have had an awesome fun-filled year at Playcentre.

We would also like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year on Tuesday the 4th of February.

Remember, parents and children are welcome to visit Wakefield Playcentre any weekday from 9-12. We love meeting new families, so come down and say hi, and see how awesome Playcentre is.



Live Well Stay Well

by Margaret Clark

The "Live well Stay well" group has finished for 2019. We have had an interesting year and learnt a lot from visits out and about, plus our visiting speakers.

Our final meeting for the year, was an Old Railway trip following the route of Nelsons Railway from Kohatu "Flat Rock Cafe" through Tapawera, Kiwi and the Dry Weather Rd to Kawatiri Junction. Here 25 of us managed the Kawatiri Tunnel walk, then we headed back to the old Glenhope Railway station that has just been repaired with help from local volunteers and DOC.

All in all most interesting and a great day out. It reminded us all of the local history of our railway. Brian McNamara, a Wakefield local who was with us that day, was on that last train in June 1954 at about five years of age. He was glad to see the Glenhope Station's progress (see photo).

The "sit in" on the line at Kiwi, spearheaded by Sonja Davies, an MP and several local women, who tried to stop the line being removed, was well documented with excellent story boards both at Kawatiri and Tapawera.

"Live Well Stay Well" is a health and social group that meets two weekly in Wakefield or Brightwater from 9.45 - 11.00am.

All interested are welcome to attend especially if you are new to the area.

Our coffee and chat sessions are popular and give us all a chance to get to know each other.

For 2020 we plan to start our fortnightly get togethers after the Easter Break.

Any enquiries or to go on our email list to let you know what's happening, please call Margaret 541 9693, Yvonne 542 2235, Sandra 541 8124 or Sonja 5418176 for information.



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So to all our brigade members of the Wakefield fire brigade (22 members) thank you all for the sterling work you have done over the last 12 months for our community and the wider communities as well.

From all the Wakefield brigade members we all would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please be safe over the Christmas period, drive carefully, think smart over the fire season and enjoy the break from work.

Christmas Trees

- Make sure your tree has lots of water – treat your Christmas tree like your favourite pot plant. You should fill the water container every day. This will prevent the tree from drying out and make a healthier looking tree.
- Select a place in your house that is cool and away from busy areas, stairs and doors – especially doors leading outside.
- Secure the tree so it cannot be knocked over by children or pets.

Christmas Tree Lights

- Remember your lights have been stored away in their box since last Christmas. Check the lights carefully before placing them on the tree. If any of the wires are frayed or broken, throw them out and buy a new set of lights.
- Make sure all the connections are tight and that the bulbs/cords are in good condition. Loose connections and frayed cords can cause a short circuit.
- Test the lights before you place on the tree. Once installed, you should be able to turn the lights on and off without having to crawl under the tree.
- Never leave the tree lights on overnight or when leaving the house.
- Never use candles near the Christmas tree or as tree decorations.
- If your tree becomes dry and starts shedding needles you should remove it from the house. Don't take the risk!
- Check that your artificial tree is made from flame resistant materials.
- Lights should never be used on artificial trees with metal frames.
- All tree ornaments should be flame resistant.

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Town and Country Talk

by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

Getting Prepared for Summer!

As we all prepare for summertime holidays, barbecues and Christmas, remember to make arrangements for your pet/s if you are going away and watch out for our common summertime pet hazards:

- Are your pets' vaccinations up to date? Vaccinations for respiratory viruses in cats, and Parvovirus plus Canine Cough in dogs must be up to date in order to stay in boarding facilities. Call us for advice if you're not sure and don't leave it until the last minute!
- If you are going away leave contact numbers for your vet as well as your mobile phone number with your pet carer. Have a chat so it's clear what your expectations are for your pet if something goes wrong, especially if you are not able to be contacted.
- Beware of novel objects which could be swallowed by your pets such as Christmas tinsel, strings from the roast, kebab sticks from the barbecue, fish hooks and potentially obstructive food such as chop bones, corn cobs and peach stones.
- Most of us know that chocolate is poisonous for dogs. There is definitely more chocolate around at Christmas so remember to keep it out of reach of your dog. Remember dogs are very good at finding the wrapped chocolate under the tree!
- Take care giving your dog leftovers from the BBQ or roast – bones, large amounts of fat and onions can all cause serious internal problems for dogs.
- Another food-related hazard is old food that your pet might find in compost heaps, rubbish bins and out on walks. There are millions of weird microbes growing in these places that if eaten by your pet (especially dogs) can cause all sorts of symptoms from tummy upsets through to poisoning and seizures.
- Toxic algae are a warm weather hazard in our rivers. It's safest to avoid the rivers in summer and head to the beach instead.
- Heatstroke is common over summer particularly in larger dogs. NEVER leave dogs in the car on a hot day, even in the shade with windows down. Offer frequent drinks/stops on journeys. Restrict exercise to cooler parts of the day. Limit the length of walks especially for young energetic dogs, old dogs and dogs with medical problems. Provide shade for dog kennels and rabbit/guinea pig cages.



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- Check your dog's paws, ears, 'armpits' and groin daily for grass seeds. This is particularly important for fluffy dogs especially spaniels, poodles and all their crosses. It may seem a hassle to do this but it can be an expensive, time-consuming and painful process to find grass seeds once they are inside your dog!
- Warm weather accelerates development of flea eggs and larvae so flea prevention is important. We have many products available to suit your pets and their lifestyle including oral tablets, topical treatments and long-lasting collars. Some products now last six months or more so it's easy to keep your pet and house flea-free.



Wakefield Bowling Club

by Tony Eames

The November Tournament was sponsored by Wakefield Autos and won by Ernie McKnight, Tom and Ann Carpenter from Tahuna. Second place was Wakefield's Jim Stringer, Chris Longman and Al Dudley and third was John and Mary Orbell and Les Morris from Stoke.

Club Champs:

Men's Veteran Singles - Tony Eames
Women's Vet Singles - Carolyn Mason
Men's Open Pairs - Tony Eames and Kevin Galvin

Centre Events:

*Town vs Country - the Wakefield team of Kevin Galvin, Trevor Woodbury, Alan Robertson and Tony Eames won all of its three games for the country clubs.

*Men's Centre Fours - Tony Eames, Kevin Galvin, Nick Riordan and David Cartwright reached the semi final losing to the eventual winners from United Bowling Club.

*Women's Centre Fours was won by Wakefield resident and associate member Barbara McGregor with her team from United, this being Barbara's 35th Centre title.

Community Bowls continues on Friday evenings at 6pm until 20 December and will recommence in January. All welcome.

Social Events

The Bowling Club is available for hire for groups, such as work or family events. Bowls and instruction provided. Bar facilities available. Phone 541 8556.

The Christmas Tournament will be held on Wednesday 18 December sponsored by Wendy Pearson, Tall Poppy Real Estate.

Gala Day, social evening and Christmas raffle draw - Saturday 21 December.

Further Club Champs and centre events will be held over the summer.

Social roll ups are held on Monday and Friday afternoons 1pm.

Please feel welcome to come along to any of these events or contact Tony on 541 8316 to arrange another time for an introduction to bowling. Website: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/wakefieldbowls>



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POOL HIRE

After careful consideration, the Wakefield School and Community Pool committee has decided that the pool will no longer be available for hire for private parties.

This will take effect immediately. It will still be available for hire to recognised community groups.

For all information regarding pool hire please contact the school office at admin@wakefield.school.nz.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the school and wider community for their continued support in using the pool and in our recent fundraising endeavours.

We would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday period.

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Waimea Plunket Playgroup

by Amby Cowe

2019 has almost come to an end already and with it Waimea Plunket Playgroup are losing two of our amazing volunteer supervisors! Melissa and Tania have been a part of Playgroup for many years, first joining when it was run in Wakefield.

These lovely ladies have had three children each all spend time at playgroup and this year their baby boys both turned five and now attend school.

Melissa and Tania will be missed greatly for their welcoming and caring nature, and all of the work behind the scenes that makes Waimea Plunket Playgroup such a fun and relaxed place for families to meet up every week.

Next year we will have two new volunteers running playgroup with continued support from Emma and myself. On behalf of all playgroup families I want to thank Melissa and Tania for all of your hard work, organisation and care you have both given to Waimea Plunket Playgroup.

The last day for playgroup this year will be December 11th. We will run again from February 12th 2020 and every Wednesday morning 9am – 12pm during term time.

Waimea Plunket Playgroup is held in the creche room behind St Paul's church hall right next to Snowden Bush in Brightwater. For more information, find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Waimeaplunket-playgroup/>



Pop along to the Higgins Heritage Park on the 2nd January and look out for Tony's Rustic Garden Art.

Tony & Margaret Woollett are coming up from Greymouth and are bringing their barbed wire & wooden creations for all to see.

Look for Tony's Rustic Garden Art

South Pacific Benchrest Rimfire Championship

by Michael Kidson

This last weekend, November 8-10, four local shooters, Tony, Bev, Ian and Michael took part in the championship with competitors from Australia, Christchurch, Auckland, Nelson and a large contingent from New Caledonia. This was their second visit so much was expected of them. They did not disappoint.

The competition covered three disciplines. The first, on Friday involved precision shooting at 25 yards in the TSN Saxton Field indoor range. Several of our local Benchrest Club joined in for that competition and it was won by a local woman, with a visitor second. It was a good display of accuracy, although no-one achieved the possible on the second target.

The rest of the competition was held at the Packers Creek range with Ian and Michael taking part. Unfortunately the weather did not co-operate and the anticipated test of skill turned into one of second-guessing the speed and direction of a constantly changing wind. The rain did not help either. The three 25 shot targets did produce some fine results with the winner dropping only six points out of 750. Ian was in 13th place with Michael in 19th.

The competition on Sunday involved shooting five groups of five shots, firstly at 50m and then at 100m. The morning was fairly calm. As the afternoon progressed, the breeze turned into an inconsistent wind and trying to find a consistent pattern of flow to fire five shots and sighters in seven minutes was quite a matter of chance. Ian was placed 8th in the morning and 5th in the afternoon (5th overall) and Michael was placed 19th and 6th to finish in 12th place.

The three days results were collated and announced. A less comprehensive victory to New Caledonia than they achieved last visit. The fine trophy, crafted in New Caledonia for the championship, was presented to the team leader (who also won the aggregate). It was handed back to the organiser for safe-keeping in New Zealand. It was not a walk-over for the visitors as new Zealanders finished in second, third, fifth and eighth with Ian in 10th and Michael 17th. Despite the weather, we all enjoyed the camaraderie, the competition was far less important.

The organiser did a great job producing the targets, registering shooters, organising the ranges, marking targets, collating and printing out progress results. His wife managed the catering for some thirty plus hungry people. Simple food, thoughtfully done and much appreciated. The range set up involved heavy target frames and supports and these had to be in place by 8am both days then changed and moved the next day. Also collected up and put away and the range left tidy. Great work and thank you to the two involved. Bring it on again, next year.



Santa's Grotto

'Twas the month before Christmas,
That's November to you,
Santa wandered the workshop,
With nothing to do.

He looked at the presents,
Wrapped up with a bow,
And saw in the corner,
His mobile Grotto.

His eyes had a twinkle,
His merry grin spread,
As he hitched up his trailer,
Behind a new sled.

It was then in a flash,
He knew just what to do,
He popped down to Nelson,
For something brand new.

Now, wherever you need him,
Your backyard or farm,
Call up Santa's helper,
For a bit of a yarn.

So, before Christmas Eve,
And you'll have to be quick,
Get your Mummy and Daddy,
To ring up St Nick.

For the first time ever in New Zealand, kids of all ages can meet Santa wherever they want thanks to local man, Shaun Lines, and his creation of New Zealand's first, 'Santa's Mobile Grotto'. This Christmas season, instead of having to go to the mall and fight your way through the throngs of shoppers for a 30 second chat, families within the greater Nelson region can enjoy a personal experience with one of Santa's helpers.

Whether it's a Christmas party at home, for work, or even just a small gathering, Santa is able to be there with the same festive attitude, photo opportunities, and décor as you would get from any stationary Santa experience. When asked why he started it, Shaun said, "It's about time Santa left the malls. It's hard enough dealing with kids when they get excited about Christmas, but having to take them to the mall and line up for hours is a nightmare."

As a father, and an ex Santa himself, Shaun knows the demand of mall Santa's this time of the year, and how busy it can be. His intention is to lift some of the burden on both mall staff and families by bringing the experience wherever people want it. "It's a way to spread Christmas cheer throughout the city, and not just have it in the big shopping centres."

Shaun has been heavily involved with Country Players, Dramatix Theatre Development Trust, and almost every other community theatre group in the region for almost 50 years, and even having played the iconic anti-Santa, 'The Grinch', on several occasions, Shaun has decided to don the beard and suit and bring the joy of Santa to homes all across the city.

"Christmas was always hectic in our family, and meeting Santa was as much tradition as putting up the tree. Being able to give the same smiles and memories my own kids got to other kids is something I couldn't pass up."



Portrait of an Artist - Mr Johnny Johnston

by Sonja Lamers

At the spritely age of 98, Mr Johnny Johnston drives weekly to Wakefield to take part in the Wakefield Art Group*.

Johnny, whose name by birth is Alec Fraser Johnston, came to join the portrait workshop given by Des Whymann over a year ago and has kept coming ever since. Johnny mainly paints portraits of friends and family.

Johnny was born in Dunedin in 1921. After he became proficient in telegraphy Johnny was enlisted in the Airforce as a trainee Wireless Operator. He was posted to the United Kingdom during the second World War. Later he was posted to the airforce radio station in Ghana, West Africa and then on to Maiduguri, Northern Nigeria. He was joined by his wife and two children during a two year overseas posting to Fiji in the Airforce.

After 30 years of service in the Airforce as a Squadron Leader and as Deputy Director of Signals, Johnny took on a career with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade for the next eight years. He was stationed in USA, San Francisco for 2 ½ years as well as in Moscow, Russia. Moscow left a lasting impression during the Cold War days, so say no more.... Johnny learned to speak, read and write Russian and keeps up his practice by reading Russian frequently. Johnny also loved being in San Francisco, where he was Vice-Consul in the NZ Consulate. He called San Francisco a place full of life where he met so many interesting people.

In retirement he took classes in silversmithing, calligraphy and Maori carving to name a few. Just a couple of weeks ago Johnny received a book called "Life On Our Own Terms", written by Angela Robertson, in which she interviews men and women, who flourish in the second half of their lives. Johnny's story is in there and it is a fascinating read. Johnny you are such an inspiration.

*Wakefield Art Group meets every Thursday from 9.30am-noon apart from during Christmas period in the Wakefield Village Hall; the group started in 2012 with a few members and now has 15 regularly attending. For more information about Wakefield Art Group please contact Fiona 027 767 7909 kahurangicottage@gmail.com or Sonja 027 374 0500 or sonjal@ts.co.nz. Wakefield Art Group will have a stall with paintings from members at Higgins Park on 2 January 2020.



Future is Looking Bright for Young Golfers

by Mike Hryniw

Never too old for golf and certainly never too young. As a primary schoolboy golfer Rory McIlroy used to practice at home chipping into his mother's washing machine. Here in Wakefield there's no need to dent the washer as the excellent facilities at Totaradale Golf Club have ample room to practice for young and old.

Recently all the children from Hope School came out to Totaradale on a gorgeous Wednesday morning to enjoy a coaching session with Tasman Golf executive officer and PGA coach Nick Loach aided by Chris Pugh [Tasman Golf], school staff and some of our volunteer members from the club. Nick's rapport and engagement with the kids is a joy to watch and the golfing activities are second to none.

I'm sure some watching may have thought 'this may be golf but not as we know it' as the children tried their hand first with throwing balls and then hitting and putting with specially designed SNAG [Starting New at Golf] golf clubs. The equipment has been designed with the aim to develop basic golfing skills using games which contain all the elements of golf but in a modified way. These are fun activities that are easy to learn and can be played anywhere and the children are actually learning skills whilst they are playing.

If you have children who may be interested in giving golf a try please get in touch with us as we are planning some junior programmes to start in the New Year. Call the clubhouse on 541 8030



Wakefield Football Club

by Grant de Joux

The end of the 2019 year is near for everyone including Wakefield Football Club, and what a great year 2019 has been. With pre-season starting in early February, the season running through until late August, and end of season tournaments in September in Reefton and October in Golden Bay, the last nine months have been very busy. For the first time in Wakefield's 36 year history, the club entered four senior teams, one in each of the Nelson Senior Men's Divisions. With the bulk of the first division side made up of players under twenty, and the fourth division side made up of mainly more senior gentlemen approaching fifty (and a couple approaching sixty), the club offers an opportunity to anyone of any level to be able to participate. With the club also looking at the possibility of amalgamating with Waimea Plains Junior Football Club, there is a sense of excitement that both clubs will continue to go from strength to strength, with a pathway for juniors to continue their football experience through the senior club. With more senior players already involved in coaching within the junior ranks, and further possibilities for advanced training qualifications on offer, the level of football within the area will continue to improve.

With last year's alterations including an 80m2 deck built by McPherson & Bashford Builders, and adjoining stairs and pathways completed by Carter & Sons Concrete, this year the builders returned to include the addition of a roof that covers the majority of the deck, the clubrooms at Wakefield Domain are becoming an asset not only for the club but also the community.

Along with the usual after match celebrations, this year they also held both Senior and Junior end of season prizegivings, along with being used by Tasman Wheelers Cycling Club as a sign in area and prizegiving for a round of the Calder Stewart Elite Series cycle race. And more recently the Wakefield Community Council used the buildings as a base for the community picnic, to celebrate the TDC's purchase of an area between the playing fields and Edward Baigent Reserve. The two football clubs are hoping that some of this land will be used as future football playing fields to further bring the senior and junior teams together.

Many thanks to the volunteers of the two clubs who allow the nearly 180 players to enjoy the game, along with the many spectators, and also to our three main sponsors, McPherson & Bashford Builders, Carter & Sons Concrete and Tall Poppy Real Estate.

If you find yourself looking for something to do during the winter months, whether some serious fitness activity or something more of a social nature, the beautiful game may well be the answer for you. Contact Hayden Ingham 027 278 7741 or Grant de Joux 027 383 2435 or email: wakefieldfootballclub@gmail.com



Dark Sky

by Ralph Bradley

Dear Neighbour, we invite you to join the Star Party and BBQ on December the 6th to celebrate with us at Wai-iti Recreation Reserve. (details below) This is a free event, no entry fee.

The Top of the South Dark Sky Committee (The Committee) formed in 2015 with the idea of creating if possible an official internationally recognised Dark Sky Park at Wai-iti Recreation Reserve and Tunnicliff Forest behind it. After four years of negotiations with TDC a document has been signed in June this year (2019). It is called a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the TDC and the Committee. This makes it possible for the committee to apply to the International Dark Sky Association (IDA) for a Dark Sky Park to be established there.

We have made contact with most immediate land owners, and they have been invited to join the park area if and when it is established. If they join you may be able to join as well. Before this comes to more public attention we wanted to let you know what has been done and what is planned next, and how it may affect you. The Committee has two years to make application to IDA for the designation over the Council land. The process of application has started. If we are successful you would be living close to a Dark Sky Park.

TO CELEBRATE our progress, meet you and for you to meet your neighbours, we are inviting YOU to an information and community event at the reserve. Entry just on the north side of the Wai-iti Bridge on the State Highway 4.5km south of Wakefield.

We are planning a Star Party on December 6th (weather permitting). We have booked the reserve on the 6th, 7th and 8th from 7:00pm to 11:00pm or so. To ensure a clear sky on one night, hopefully the 6th. If raining or heavily clouded the event is postponed to the next night ie 7th then 8th.

7:00pm meet and greet.

7:30pm BBQ - we expect to provide sausages on bread @ \$2.00, patty and bun @ \$3.00 each. We will have cans of drink and or cordial. (as a little fund raiser for us and make it easy for you to attend).

As dusk approaches there will be viewing of Venus and Saturn then later the moon and other stars. We expect to have several telescopes and operators for you to view the stars as it gets dark. A gum boot throwing fun completion will be held. As telescopes are to be set up, cricket soccer and football would be discouraged, but we would encourage smaller activities and events. Bring your gear along.

Come along, meet your neighbours and have some fun along with viewing the stars.

RSVP by phone 03 541 8859 or email ralphbnz@gmail.com by Tuesday 3rd December (for catering needs).

Please contact Ralph at 03 541 8859 for any more details.

A Matter of Accounts

Tax on Christmas Presents and Parties

by Sonia Emerson, CA, BBus

[I have run this article before but this time of year it is a handy reminder].

If you're holding a Christmas function or giving work gifts, you may be able to claim tax back. If you don't hold a function but give your employees some sort of entertainment – like a voucher that they can use at any time – you may need to pay FBT (fringe benefit tax). You can generally claim 50% of your party expenses in your GST and income tax returns. Party expenses can include things like venue hire, food, drink and entertainment. You can generally claim 100% of the cost of gifts, such as food, wine or event tickets.

Tax deductions on gifts for employees

If you give your employees a gift you can claim the full cost as an expense, as long as it doesn't fall within the business entertainment rules, but you may have to pay FBT. You won't have to pay FBT on the gift if it's less than the general employee exemption and maximum employer exemption.

If you file your FBT returns quarterly there's a \$300 exemption per employee per quarter if you provide free goods, or subsidised or discounted goods and services. If the value of the benefit for an employee goes over \$300 for a quarter, you must pay FBT on the full value of the benefit.

For example, Charlie and Sam are given gifts of mystery weekends. One is valued at \$250 and the other \$350. The \$250 gift is not subject to FBT but the \$350 gift is.

The maximum employer exemption you can claim is \$22,500 per annum. If the total value of benefits for all employees goes over \$22,500 for the current quarter and the three previous quarters, you must pay FBT on the total value of the benefits in the current quarter.

If you file annual or income year returns there's a yearly exemption of \$1,200 for each employee, with the maximum employer exemption for all employees of \$22,500 per year. If the period covered by the return is less or more than a normal income year, an adjustment per employee is needed as: $(\text{Days covered by return} \div 365) \times \$1,200$.

Tax deductible party and entertainment expenses

If you provide your employees, clients and suppliers, or prospective clients and suppliers, with any of the following items you can only deduct 50% of the cost because they're counted as 'entertainment expenditure'.

Entertainment expenses that are 50% deductible include:

- * corporate boxes, corporate marquees or tents, and similar exclusive areas (whether permanent or temporary) at sporting, cultural or other recreational activities that take place away from your business premises, this includes tickets or other rights of entry
- * accommodation in a holiday home, time-share apartment or similar, but not accommodation incidental to business activities or employment duties
- * pleasure-crafts, such as a corporate yacht
- * food and drink provided or consumed
- * at any of the three types of entertainment above, such as alcohol and food provided in a corporate box
- * away from the taxpayer's place of business – like a business lunch at a restaurant
- * on the taxpayer's business premises at a party, reception, celebration meal, or other similar social function – like a Christmas party for all staff, held on the business premises
- * at any event or function, on or away from your business premises to build staff morale or goodwill, such as Friday drinks at the pub
- * in an area of the business premises reserved for use by senior staff, such as executive dining room for entertaining clients.

GST adjustments

If you claim a 50% deduction for a business entertainment expense you'll have to make a GST adjustment so you're only claiming 50% of the GST, if you previously claimed 100%.

This information is intended as a guide only - it is not intended as legal advice. For more detailed information please refer to the legislation or seek legal and/or accounting advice.

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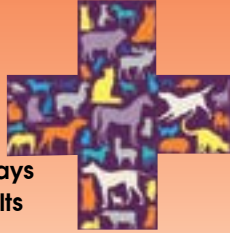
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A Short Story...

My greatest dismay so far...

by Annamarie Kidson

I must have been between 45 and 50 years of age – and I looked in the mirror (as one does when one is getting ready for work and applying make up) or as “The Man of the House” prefers to call it - “visiting the paint and panel department”.

Now there are millions of products on the market that a girl can choose to purchase in order to keep herself looking younger and wrinkle free and I have been known to purchase my share of these products over my lifetime, which can be attested to from the contents of my somewhat commodious beauty bag.

However, I am not sure that the difference between ownership and application has always been to the forefront of my mind, hence the reason for my great dismay...

I have developed wrinkles on my earlobes!

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Team Heyward Property Talk

by Lydia Heyward

What to consider when looking for the lifestyle dream.

Moving to the country is a kiwi dream, and as rural and lifestyle specialists we are seeing more and more buyers making the move to lifestyle properties. It was once the opportunity to be able to have a pony, some chickens and a pet sheep or two. However, we are now seeing an increasing shift for buyers looking for properties with generous shedding or outbuildings suitable for conversions as home offices and hobby spaces.

It is no longer so much about the animals but more an opportunity for buyers to get that work life balance. The house can often take the back seat when buyers find the perfect work/hobby space that matches their needs.

So, what do we need to consider when making the shift to a lifestyle property? As always it is important to do your research. Finding a skilled lifestyle or rural real estate agent is key in making the search as seamless as possible. Rural agents have specialist skills and knowledge of the area and can give you information to make well-informed decisions. Things like internet and cellphone coverage are becoming increasingly important. If working from home it is important to be able to keep connected. Chorus provide a simple online broadband checker to see what broadband is available at an address.

Like all real estate a property may have easements on the title. A lawyer will check the title for easements and let you know what they are. Water, access and sewerage are three main items to check. These are things all urban buyers often take for granted and can sometimes require more involvement in the rural sector. Checking the water source, understanding any restrictions on the amount of water that can be drawn from it. Understanding the sewerage system, do you have the sewerage tank left clean as a condition of sale?

Access in rural areas can mean you share a right of way or private road with others. Knowing the costs of maintaining this and how others use the roads can be helpful in deciding on choosing which property to buy.

There can be tax implications when planning to use the property for business purposes. Generally speaking, if the property is currently used as a business that is GST registered then the seller often adds GST to the sale price. A lawyer and real estate agent will be able to discuss this with you.

If you are looking at a rural lifestyle, get in touch with your local rural agent now. Rural agents understand the market and can help navigate your property pathway to find the perfect lifestyle property for you.

Wakefield School

The senior students at Wakefield School have been busy this term working on their best piece of writing for the Stringer Writing Competition. The Stringer Writing Competition was established through a bequest to the school by ex-Wakefield teacher and local author, Marion Stringer. The winner is announced at the awards assembly at the end of the year. Here are a few of the stories from Karearea 9 that have been entered into this year's competition for your enjoyment.

There is one way you can describe my Dad. He loves pranking us. Thing after thing after thing after thing. The other night he tried to tip Mum and my sister's chairs over at the dinner table. He was luckily unsuccessful. The most common prank is hiding behind doors and leaping out to give us frights. It doesn't matter who it is, he just needs the satisfaction of us jumping up and screaming. I'm pretty sure his favourite trick is pushing Mum off the back of the boat. Mum says living with him is like having another child. A 3-year old to be exact.

If I had to write a list of all the pranks Dad's played, I'd either end up with a dud pen, writer's cramp or no paper left. Probably all of those things actually. That list would be full of things like when we get home, we trip over coming through the door because Dad had strung a piece of fishing line through the main entrance. These sorts of things wouldn't just happen to us, they'd happen to anyone who met Dad, so right now, there are heaps of people wanting to get Dad back, but never got the chance, or when they did get him back he got really annoyed about it.

On March the 31st my sister and I decided that we must do something to him for April fools day, after all the things he'd done to us. So we decided to put a tiny bit of water in the bottom of his football boots, after that they went in the freezer. We got so excited that we would finally be getting him back to the extent that we were sneaking out of bed all night and checking them, to make sure that they were freezing, but in the morning when Dad found a thin layer of ice in the bottom of his football boots, he told us off really badly, especially because he couldn't get the ice out. I think his feet got a bit cold when his football game started.

Like I said earlier in this story, Dad loves pushing people into the sea - especially when they're fully clothed. I could swear that it is his favourite thing to do. You always hear a splash, and then you see a really annoyed person in the water, and then you see Dad standing there laughing, that is normally how it goes. Sometimes, you even see a really annoyed dog in the water! But this trick is different than all the other ones he plays, which is probably also why it is his favourite, no one is ever successful when they try to do it back to him. All until our yearly boating trip.

It was New Year's Eve and we were all sitting peacefully on the back of our boat having a conversation, all except for David, one of my Dad's friends. He was sitting in the corner, half listening, fiddling with a piece of rope. This seemed normal to us. David was ALWAYS making things. Suddenly, David chucked the rope in Dad's direction. Dad threw his hands up to try and stop the lasso, but instead, it fell straight over his arms and around his waist. David leaped up and pulled the slipknot tight before yelling so the whole world could hear "I've got you now! It's time to go for a swim!" Dad resisted David's yanks as much as he could, but that only made the rope tighter. All of a sudden David leaped into the water dragging Dad in with him. He looked so uncoordinated. I think it was the way he stumbled before falling waist first. We all cheered, crying with laughter. It was the funniest thing we'd seen in a long time. The guy who pushes everyone in had finally gotten a taste of his own medicine.

My teeth were gone. In a bag. On the bench. Gone. And, oh, was it eventful. Here and now I have two holes in my mouth. There and then I still had both my teeth intact. Here is my story.

It was raining that day which kinda made the whole thing worse. My mum was rushing around the house while I was sitting in the car thinking, "Wow how is she so late for things when she literally had two hours to get ready". When we finally set off, I managed to get myself all worked up. Mum noticed. "Don't worry Matilda". She reassured me.

When we got to the dentist it was raining cats and dogs. Thunder was booming and lightning was shooting down in streaks of light. Me and mum huddled under the umbrella, trying to stay dry while walking the short distance to the building. When we got inside, the butterflies in my tummy got worse. I looked around the room. The walls were white, there were grey fabric chairs and a bookcase filled with magazines and books. There was a desk in the far corner from the door. The lady behind looked very bored. Mum and I walked over and mum stated my name and what I was here for. Then we went and sat down. There was a girl crying beside us. As soon as we had sat down we had to get up again.

As we got taken into the room the butterflies in my tummy got worse. I lay on the seat and waited. The dentist turned around and my eyes widened. He had a needle as big as my hand. Thunder boomed and lightning flashed. I was terrified. I looked at mum, she was pale. So was I.

"Right, stay very still". He said. "And open wide". I followed his instructions. Not wanting to anger him. He seemed scary enough. When the needle went in I wriggled in discomfort.

"I said stay very still". He said. He then put it in the bottom gum. The next side was a little less painful. But still, I wriggled. After a couple of minutes, the top half of my mouth went completely numb. Then the dentist was nice. It was a bit of a shock, but I wasn't allowed to say anything.

When he started taking my first tooth out, I heard a little crack. It made my insides churn. The first one came out easily. Then he started on the next one. He started pushing up the gum as he had done on the first one, then he began to pull. And twist. And pull again. The tooth just wouldn't budge. He called for backup. The tooth wouldn't budge. The backup called for more back up. The tooth wouldn't budge. More backup came. The tooth wouldn't budge. Then I heard a loud CRACK! The tooth had snapped in half. I was quite glad that I didn't feel any pain. The dentist looked horror-stricken. He then put the tooth in the bag with the other one and with shaking hands, started on the other half. He pulled and pulled and pulled. Then the tooth popped out. Then all the backup all fell down and the dentist went flying. I heard the window smash open. I sat up just in time to see the dentist go flying out. When the dentist had recovered, he gave me the other half and said the teeth were in the bag on the bench, and that we could take them and leave.

"What a way to get your teeth pulled out". I said to mum.

On the Beat

by Constable Jamie White

Kia ora everyone. Well another year has flown by and Christmas is nearly here. What a year to remember! We have certainly been through a lot this year and it is not one many of us will forget anytime soon. I would like to acknowledge our village and commend you on the kindness, generosity and resilience I have witnessed first-hand. Sometimes it takes something like the Pigeon Valley fires to bring us together and remind us what is truly important in life. With Christmas not far away we are in the busiest time of year for postal deliveries and there is a higher chance for your presents and packages to be stolen. Thieves will take any opportunity to steal, and parcels left on front door steps or in common areas are an easy target.

My advice to help prevent this is:

- * Get packages delivered to a place where someone will be home to receive them, or to a work address.
- * If you do have deliveries made to your home, make sure you're going to be home to sign for them, or have a secure location where they can be left.
- * Make sure your delivery instructions are clear, and ask for packages not to be placed at your front door.
- * If you're not going to be home when the parcel is delivered, arrange to collect your parcel from the depot, or have the parcel redirected to the address of someone you trust.
- * Be smart when disposing of packaging, so passers-by can't see what you've been buying.
- * Report any suspicious behaviour to Police - eg if you see a car following a courier van, or an unexpected visitor knocks on your door asking for someone you don't know.

Make sure your gifts get given to your loved ones this Christmas and not thieves.

As we head in to the holiday season we would like to remind you to be careful and responsible on our roads. The extra traffic and foreign drivers can cause drivers to become frustrated but it is far better to take five minutes longer to get to your destination than not at all. In order to keep you safe on our roads our focus this summer is on the four types of behaviour that contribute most to road trauma:

- Going too fast for the conditions
- Unrestrained vehicle occupants
- Impairment from alcohol, drugs, and fatigue
- Distracted drivers - especially mobile phones

If you are traveling with somebody who is doing one of the above things call them out on it – it could save both your lives. We want to see you all get to your destinations safely and you can expect to see us out and about on the roads this summer ensuring that our roads are safe. Remember, if you witness something on the roads you think Police should be aware of please call *555.

Christmas means different things for different people but most of us get the opportunity to have a holiday at some point. Don't forget to take the time to enjoy a break from "normal life," spend time with friends and family and focus on what is important in life. I encourage you to look out for those around you, who may not have family or friends, and invite them to spend Christmas with you. I also encourage you to have a technology holiday at some point too and get out and enjoy the fantastic things the Tasman District has to offer – we truly do live in paradise.

On behalf of myself and PJ we wish you a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Take care and be kind to one another.



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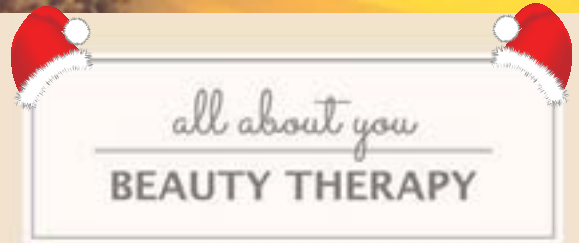
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Higgins Heritage Park & Community Fair

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**9AM TO 3PM AT THE PARK
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Please Note That EFTPOS availability is limited on the day so bring cash if you want to purchase food or crafts. CASH machines are available at Wakefield Village.

John Hurley reports that this event is definitely no way just the same old, same old! The small committee has worked tirelessly to create that little bit special & different – something for everyone of any age.

Complementing this total package is again the many & varied local & regional craft sites & food vendors. All bringing their own uniqueness which adds a great dynamic & added colourful twist to The Park Venue & their own On Steam Day. Never a dull moment and loads of “interaction” to be had for all ages.

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Health Centre

NEW FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR CONTRACEPTION/MIRENA

by Dr Kim Hurlow

Recently the government has agreed to fund the Mirena, an intrauterine device used for heavy or painful periods and for contraception. This previously cost \$350 for the device, so many of you might have wanted one but not had it due to cost. Now the device is funded, there is just the insertion charge to pay (around \$150, which is a bargain for five years contraception and better periods).

Some women will also qualify for this to be funded (women with community services card who normally live in Nelson/Tasman area, some other women are also eligible). For these women the whole procedure would be free. And if the Mirena is not for you? Women with a community services card are also able to have a free doctor's consultation about contraception. Feel free to make an appointment to discuss your options.

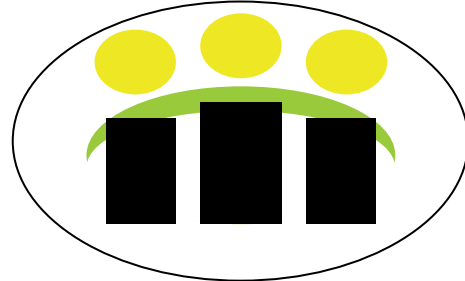
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES

by Gavin Drummond, Practice Manager

The festive season is upon us again. Please note the following changes to our normal opening times and services:

- We are closed for the statutory holidays 24th and 25th December and the 1st and 2nd of January.
- We will be closing early on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.
- We will be running a limited service through the short weeks and will only be booking appointments on the day they are required.

The Medical and Injury Centre, which are our normal out of hours service, are open throughout the period including the statutory holidays.



Wakefield Health Centre

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Wednesday 8am – 7pm

New Enrolments Welcome

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12 Edward St Wakefield



(Just ring our normal number 03 541 8911 and this will automatically divert to them). We will be back to our normal service from the 3rd January 2020.

It is important that you make sure you have the medications you require for the holiday period. Please make sure you contact us in good time for these. We have a 48 hour turnaround time.

The team at the Health Centre wish you a happy and peaceful festive season and a happy and healthy 2020.

The Nelson ARK

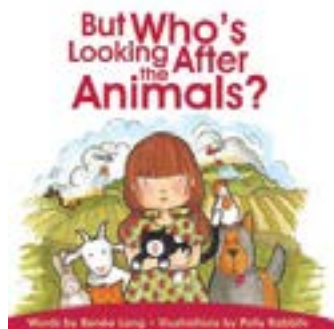
by Erica Short

Held at Foxhill Tennis Courts (at rear Rutherford Memorial Hall) on November 3rd, a beautiful Sunday afternoon, the Rutherford Hall Assn (Foxhill) Inc. hosted a community event involving The Nelson ARK with their dogs and trainers.

Meet two of the star ARK dogs, Toby on Daren Mitchell's lap and Lilly held by Polly Rabbits. Both dogs are rescue dogs trained by young people in the programmes offered by The Nelson ARK, a local organisation that at its core is an animal rescue shelter that brings together people, young and old, as participants or volunteers, to learn the value of responsibility and patience.

It was great to host this community event.

If you missed it, you missed a lot – and because it was so much fun, the committee may host another.



Quiz Answers

by Derek Evans

1. Which spacecraft set off for Jupiter in 1972? **Pioneer 10**
2. Which celebrity was born in Craighton Road, Eltham in 1903? **Bob Hope**
3. What languages were used in the original Bible? **Scholars generally recognise three; Hebrew, Aramaic, and Koine Greek.**
4. What were Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip given as a present for baby Prince Andrew while on a visit to the Gambia? **Baby crocodile**
5. From 1903 to 1958, every Pope, bar one, took which name? **Pius**
6. What is a Turkish Shower? **The act of putting on cologne to mask body odour, instead of showering or bathing.**
7. What was the name of the Italian cruise ship hijacked by Palestinian terrorists in October 1985? **Achille Lauro**
8. Which country does the airline Sansa come from? **Costa Rica**
9. Beside being a boat, what is a Punt? **The indentation in the bottom of Champagne or sparkling wine bottle which increases the strength and thickness a great deal, providing more surface so that it can withstand the pressure of the carbon dioxide gas, making it less likely to burst.**
10. What is "step on no pets"? **A palindrome - written in reverse it is still the same.**

Fast Driving - Is It Worth It?

One person raced his car to the office and announced to the staff that he had just knocked four minutes off his usual time. One person's simple remark was "what did you do with it"?

Lost in the Dark

by Ciaran Thompson

The day was sunny and warm at Willow Bank Heritage Village. Ironic really, considering the scary things which were going on you would have thought a thunderstorm would be more suitable. Yes, Willow Bank has just had their Halloween. Only in it's second year, in my opinion the horror was even better than last year. The dress ups from both the cast and the people turning up were spectacular.

Like last year we started at 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm with the trick or treating for the younger kids. There were food carts and guest Rob fire nix made a special appearance then from 8:00 pm till 10:00 pm was the horror round for the older kids. This was for the older kids for a reason as this year we even had one of the girls dressed up as Pennywise the Clown from Stephen King's book IT.

This year we had two chefs covered in blood, a nun, a vampire, a Grim Reaper, a scarecrow/zombie, a clown, someone with a chainsaw, a girl in a white dress, two boys covered in blood, Pennywise the Clown and plenty more. Having someone dress up as Pennywise was that little bit of extra scare factor that we didn't have last time. That instantly recognisable Pennywise clown costume and Georgie's yellow slicker (raincoat) and rubber gumboots were used by lots of people as a costume.

After everyone had gone home to have nightmares the team got together and had a brief run down on how the night went and whether there should be another one next year, we all agreed it had been a great night so... the answer? All of you should be worried... VERY worried!



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9.30 am – noon
Wakefield Village Hall – Supper Room
\$3 per session - cup of tea/coffee included

For more information contact:
Fiona Ph: 027 767 7909
E: kahurangicottage@gmail.com
or Sonja – Ph: 027 3740500 or 5418 176
E: sonjal@ts.co.nz

MAINLY MUSIC

Wakefield St Johns
Anglican Worship Centre

Monday's 10.00am.
Cost \$4.00 per family.

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Any queries please phone
Jill Stewart 541 8382.

WAKEFIELD BOWLING CLUB

Scrap metal.

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Children's Craft Chair



The Higgins Heritage Park
Community Craft Fair Event
2nd JANUARY 2020

Would like to invite children
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to have a "Chair" at our Fair.
Each chair site will cost \$2
and will be under cover
SO...

If you have some little **bits & pieces**
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We will provide a chair as shown.

They have a padded back & seat.
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www.higginsheritagepark.co.nz

December 15th 2019

MEMBERS SHEDS OPEN from 10am to 3pm

January 2nd 2020

Higgins Heritage Park & Community Craft Fair from 9am to 3pm

ON STEAM & ALL MEMBERS SHEDS OPEN *** *A FUN FILLED FAMILY DAY* ***

February 1st & 2nd 2020

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ON STEAM & ALL MEMBERS SHEDS OPEN *** *SOMETHING FOR ALL AGES* ***

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Friday 6 and Saturday 7 December, Wakefield Village Hall

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*Tess and Flo – by Marianne Gaston and Bruce Weston. A comedy about female inmates
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*Lucy in the Sky – by Tony Layton. Three women seek shelter in an inner-city hostel for the
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October

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October

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November

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES WAKEFIELD ANGLICAN CHURCH

Christmas Eve 9pm
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Christmas Day 9am
Family Service
Worship Centre

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

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The Pigeon Valley Steam Museum DO NEED YOU

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NOTICE OF AGM

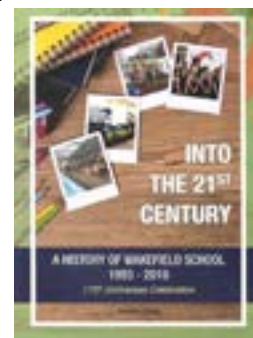
Wakefield Scout Group AGM will be held on the 20th January 2020 6pm at the Wakefield Scout Den

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Matthew ch 1 vs 21



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Pigeon Valley Steam Museum
Alan Palmer 027 319 7427

Higgins Park Community Fair
Evie-joy South 541 8980 or 027 907 2879
higginsparkcommunityfair@gmail.com

Rural Ramblers
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Totaradale Golf Club
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St Johns Worship Centre
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NZ Postcard Society Inc.
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Please note that the existence of a Welfare Centre does not absolve each individual from their **responsibility to be personally prepared**. You should ensure that you have your own **survival kit** in place, and that you are able to be **fully self sufficient for at least three days**.

In the event of an emergency, for urgent public messages, tune in to:
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*Wishing you all peace &
relaxation over the Christmas
& New Year holiday.*



**Many thanks for your support
this past year, and I look
forward to further supporting
our community in 2020.**

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