

Residents News

February 2024

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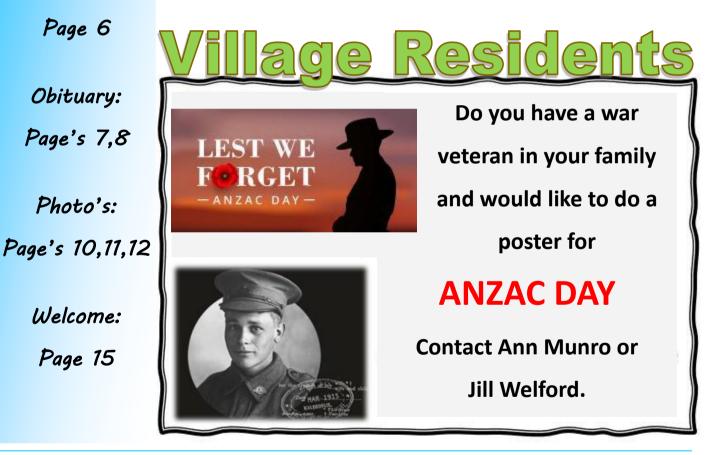
The Trustees are delighted to see the goldfish are thriving along with the water lilies and acknowledge the ongoing care of the goldfish pond by Angela Kerr and Kaye Cuthbertson.

The next part of the project, the installation of the seat on the community centre side of the path has now been completed.

2,3,5,9,14,15, Signage for the Community Centre is to be installed on Monday so that will minimise any confusion for visitors as to where it is.

Enjoy the last month of daylight saving.

Helen Carter Chairman



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NEXT MEETING Friday 5th April 2024 @ 9.30am

Kia Ora.

What a fabulous effort by Kaye C and Angela in getting the fish pond alive and looking great, (with a little help from Matt). There are now over 30 fish of various sizes. It is great to see the fish using the 'tower'. WELL DONE!

COMMITTEE

Convenor **Tony Kerr**

Members Pam Dunwoody **Ron Paulin** Colin Smith Jill Welford

We had our first meeting for the year on February 2nd. We are organising a trip to Trotts Garden in Ashburton on April 10th. \$34 for a light lunch and tour of the gardens. Transport costs will depend on numbers attending. There is a notice on the

Community Notice Board in the Community Centre to add your name. If you have other ideas for trips away, get in touch with one of the Committee members (we will not organise, but willing to assist those who wish to).



We are also introducing: **'Have a Go'.** We will select one activity per month that we will support with minor prizes for new participants. For March we are supporting **Golf Croquet on** Wednesday 6th at 10.30. No experience necessary, training will be given.



Don't forget, HOUSIE has recommenced, 2.15pm on Thursdays.

Tony Kerr Convenor



Chi+Movement Group CANCELLED Until further notice Pamela Dunwoody

RATES REBATES

If you have previously been eligible or think you may be eligible for a Rates Rebate, please call



at the Village Office, forms are now available. **Thank you!**

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NEXT MEETING Tuesday 5th March 2024 @ 4pm

Hello to you all,

Entertainment Committee meet earlier in February and we planned a lot of the years activities with associated dates. If you have any requests please advise a committee member -and we can see if it is already happening.

COMMITTEE

Convenors Valerie Fahey Angela Kerr **New Years Eve Entertainment**. **'Breakthru'** / Phyllis & Gavin Prentice was a great night. sing-a-long and dancing occurred . Supper was also enjoyed. They will come and play in the middle of the year at an extended social hour – more info nearer the time.

25 February Sunday. High Tea—By the time you get this newsletter this event would have occurred.

Members Marie Dey Noeline Farr Jim Kroening Dianne Paulin Helen Thickett

UPCOMINGEVENTS

1 March — Jan Prestige on Piano. 5.30 – 6pm

15 March – Lets celebrate St Patricks Day (actual date of 17 March) by joining together to eat an Irish stew with veggies plus entertainment. Come dressed in green or orange – depending upon your preference!! Noel Burns has been sing for

us. A notice will go into your mail box shortly.

22 March — Cheryl Blanchard on guitar and singing. 5.30 – 6pm.

For payments from Residents for activities run by the Entertainment Committee such as meals and High tea etc payment can now be made by cash and via Internet Banking as per The Treasurers agreement in December 2023. A notice will go out regarding this in March 2024.

The Entertainment Committee is completing all bookings for entertainers including pianists.

For future bookings - Mid year meal is on 23 June 2024 - Christmas meal is on 8 December 2024.

Val Fahey & Angela Kerr Co-Convenors

Thank You!

"Thank you to all the village residents who supported me in the Charity Bike Ride. The total amount collected was over \$123,000. Almost \$700 of that came from the village as sponsorship for me. I am aware people from the village could well have sponsored other riders as well. All together a very of



village could well have sponsored other riders as well. All together a very generous effort by the people of the Central South Island and especially the Mountain View Village. A big thank you from me."

Ron Paulin

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Library Notes

Changeover with the Public Library has been successful. Only one book not accounted for.

COMMITTEE

Joint Convenors Trish O'Brien Lorraine Watkins

Members

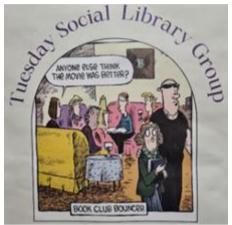
John Gresham Margaret Hartley Jeeves Jeevaratnam Doug Kelly Lynne Kroening Shirley Malthus Jeananne McInnes Beverley Ward Trish and I have been chatting about new folk coming into the village and believe that we need to introduce them to our wonderful library. So when we are aware of newcomers we can meet them in the library and give them a run down on how our

library works. We believe that this also gives them the chance to ask other questions involving the village.

Coffee table books are now below NZ nonfiction. Relabelling faded book labels is being done.

We had an enquiry regarding earlier book reviews. Book reviews are in the green folder in the library.

Lorraine Co-convenor





12 MONTHS TO LIVE by James Patterson and Mike Lupica

Reviewed by Cathryn Gabites

Jane Smith, a tough-as-nails defence lawyer who's never lost a case, is diagnosed with terminal cancer just as she's preparing to represent Hamptons real estate mogul Rob Jacobson in a murder trial. He's been charged with slaughtering three members of a Suffolk County family, and Smith is far from convinced of his innocence, misgivings exacerbated when she learns midtrial that Jacobson has been lying to her about his relationship with the victims. Meanwhile, Smith agrees to help with an inquiry into a different triple homicide being funded by the victims' family, and embarks on a romance with a veterinarian. As the cases wear on, she begins receiving threatening notes that urge her to drop her defence of Jacobson—or die.



THE BONE TREE by Airana Ngarewa

Reviewed by Kaye Cuthbertson

The story of two brothers in the shadow of Taranki Maunga (mountain).

Kauri and Blacks mother had been gone now for 6 months. Their dad is barely hanging on and child services are threatening to take the younger, Black. Kauri does his best not to let that happen but he is only 19. When their father dies, Kauri looks into the family's past. When Social Services eventually arrive Kauri has to fight to save his brother from being taken into care.

AIRANA NGAREWA

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Library Notes Cont...



THE SUGAR PALACE by Fiona McIntosh

Reviewed by Lorraine Watkins

This is a delightful book. It took me a couple of chapters to settle into reading this book but once I did I didn't want to put it down.

An interesting take on a Sydney story of how to develop your dream of making sweets and the tribulations involved. There are a lot of twists and turns in this book. It is worth the read.

Review by Lorraine Watkins

SISTERS UNDER THE RISING SUN by Heather Morris

Reviewed by Trish O'Brien

This is a story of women in war. A group of Australian nurses and others, mainly British who fled Malaya to Singapore to escape the Japanese. As the Japanese Army moved into Singapore, they reluctantly fled again on the merchant ship Uyner Brooke. Two days into the voyage the ship was bombed and sunk. For those who survived and eventually made it to Mantok, there followed three and a half years of internment in Sumatra. Women and children were separated from the men.

Based on a true story, this novel follows Nesta and Margaret through their lives as prisoners under Japanese rule.

MEET YOU AT THE MAIN DIVIDE By Justine Ross with Geoff Ross

Reviewed by Rob O'Brien

This book is written in the first person and has colourful language at times. It has its moments, some of the accounts are quite blunt. When the family bought Lake Hawea Station in 2017 it was in a rundown state. They worked hard to upgrade the station and set it up as a tourist stop and education centre. They have also worked to improve the wool quality of the merino sheep and are driven to be carbon free on the station.



It is with regret that I have had to make the decision of resigning as Convenor of the Garden Group. As a result of isolation during Covid and then the loss of existing members and lack of new residents joining, numbers have become much smaller.

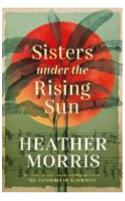
Garden Group If anyone is willing to step up and take over as Convenor and would like more information, please feel free to make contact with me. In the meantime, regretfully the

Garden Group will be in recession for the time being.

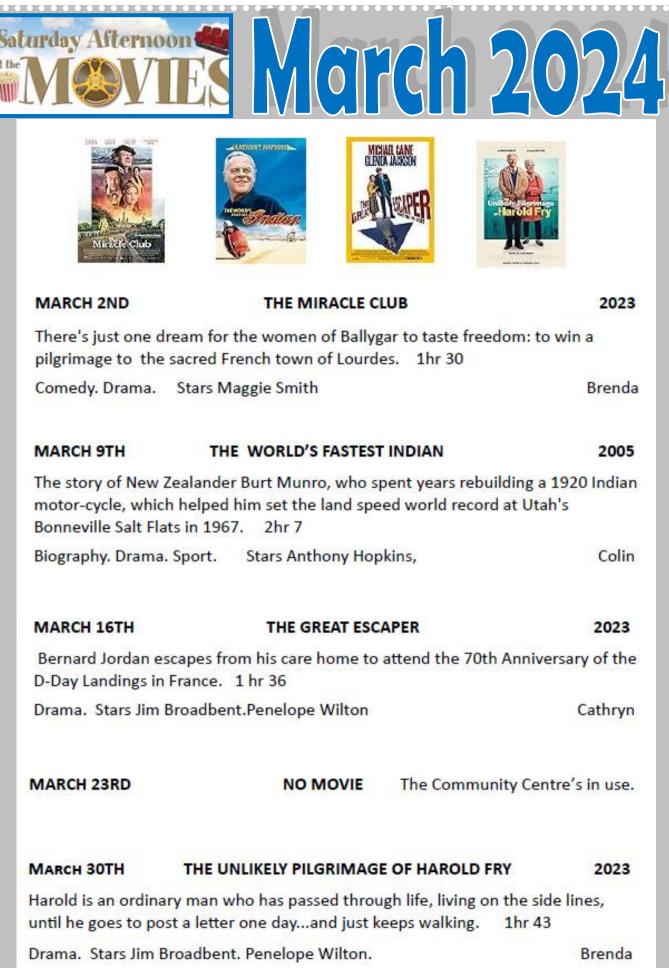
Cathryn Gabites

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I met Agnes eleven years ago at the craft group of the Village and have many memories of our time together.

Agnes was a wonderful women in our craft group, knitting jerseys, slippers and beanie hats for children in need.

One of Agnes's proudest achievements was the two shawls she knitted for her new grandbabys. They were knitted in 2 ply wool from a very intricate pattern, the result was absolutely beautiful.

Agnes loved to dance and after John died she was sad and lonely. They always enjoyed Friday happy hour dancing to the pianist. One Friday night at happy hour a new man attended and Agnes said 'I wonder if he can dance', so I said 'before you go home ask him'. A very happy romance began and every Saturday night they would go to the RSA and dance away. They also enjoyed the Sunday dance sessions and Friday night happy hour. Sadly Agnes had a fall and hurt her back.

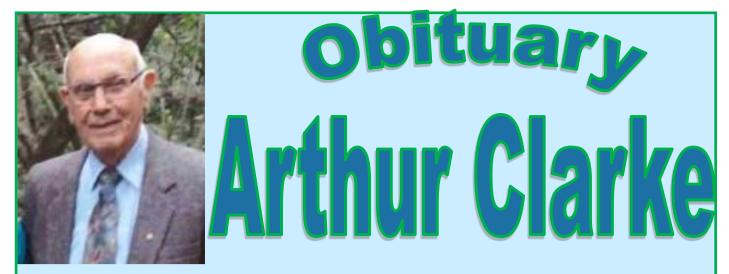
Des and Agnes married and had a very happy few years together, with Des taking care of her after her fall.

The above photo of Agnes and Des was taken at a Village BBQ – best hat evening in March 2020.

Esther Bailey



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Arthur and Margaret Clarke shifted into their new home, at 10 Peel View Place in 1999. The following years whilst enjoying good health, Arthur took an active interest in Village Life. As an ex policeman he

became in charge of security. He also was on the Welfare Committee and the Vegetable Garden Committee. Arthur's allotments produced many a fine carrot and a good variety of other vegetables.

He thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie at Wednesday afternoon bowls, with other village men folk. Petanque was another favourite outdoor sport. 500 card evenings were not to be missed if possible. Friday's Happy Hours were a time for good discussions with other residents.

Travel, Bookaramas, stamp sales and Royal Doulton collecting were favourite interests outside Village life, each interest he enjoyed sharing with his neighbours.

Arthur purchased a bicycle and joined other cycling residents most mornings. The highlight was one chilly morning on his birthday; he arrived at the Water Tower to find a birthday spread awaiting him. The hot soup and scones were shared with others walking past. With birthday balloons attached to his bike, Arthur rode home in style with a huge smile.

Purchasing any plant, with red flowers for our garden was always given the thumbs up. With his experience in retail prior to the Police force, Arthur always noticed when one was wearing something new and commented favourably. A sharper eye than some husbands....

At Street BQQ's Arthur joined the chefs cooking the tasty meats upon the grills. "Crap!" Arthur would say when he did not agree with a comment or statement. His dry sense of humour, once understood caused much merriment, and cemented good friendships with

his neighbours. Laughter often rang out over the fence to John Kelliher, then living at the adjoining property.

Until the last few months Arthur could crack a witty comment to bring smiles to others. Thank you Arthur, for all the good fun times shared in Peel View Place, and importantly, your friendship and the special memories. R. I. P.

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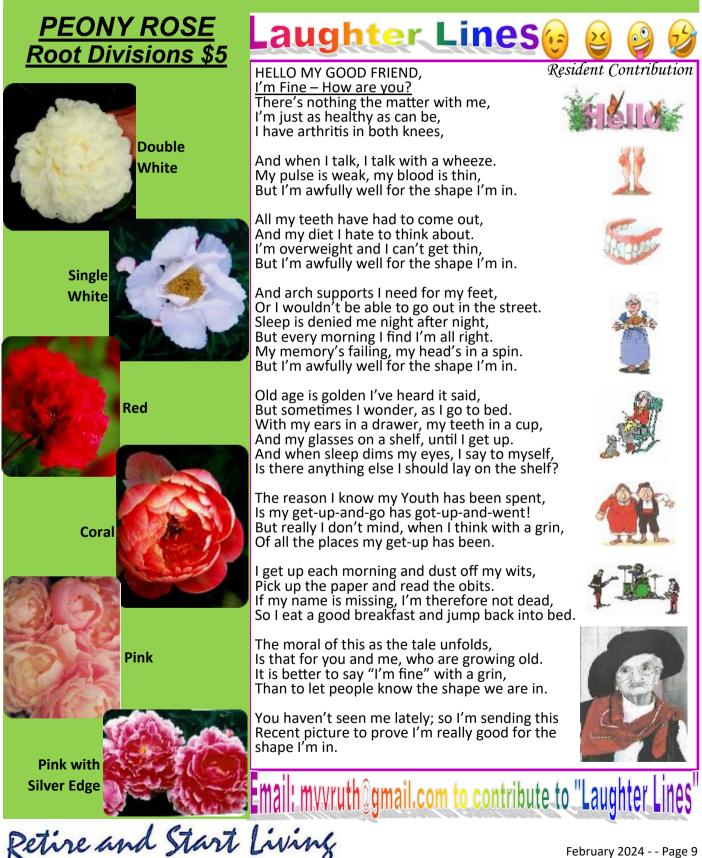


Peony Rose Root Divisions

Grown out of allotment

\$5 per Root Division - Available from Tuesday 5th March 2024 *All proceeds donated between St Johns Ambulance and Mountainview Village Social Group for Entertainment purposes <u>Contact</u>: Fi Elworthy (not before Tuesday 5th March),21 Grange Close,

Phone 6129809, Growing Instructions supplied with purchase.



<u>STENHOUSE DRIVE LUNCHEON</u>

We had a great turnout for our **Stenhouse Drive lunch on Sat 3rd Feb**. Cathryn welcomed everyone and especially our new street residents. We all enjoyed an amazing variety of pot luck food and a good chat.



MINI GOLF COURSE



John Brooks enjoying the beautiful sunshine and a game of mini golf. (Hole in one?!?) Thursday 8th Feb.

It's great to see our wonderful Village facilities being used & enjoyed.







Good on you John!

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FISHPOND NEWS: We have been very lucky to get some "rescue fish" thanks to Angela hearing about some being given away. That brings our total to around 35 give or take.

Bob Marley joins Marilyn Munroe and is a rather big black and gold fish and we have Bob Jnr which is very similar but a bit smaller, lots of other interesting ones too. A couple of our first ones have changed from black to almost completely orange. The new fish are using the tower which is exciting and we are noticing some of the originals venturing in at long last!

The waterlilies are still going strong, I counted 13 flowers there one day! The clear out we did

has already grown over. I am hoping to add some pink ones soon.

The seat has been concreted in, over the path from the pond and will be ready to use soon. Take the time to enjoy the fish pond and maybe a chat. A big thank you to Angela & Tony and Lester and Chris for their effort.



Kaye



We shared the evening with Peg Watson to celebrate her birthday - 101 years young. Trevor Dawe played the piano for her. Angela



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The High Tea on Sunday was enjoyed by 43 residents and some enjoyable cakes were enjoyed. The residents had 7 tempting treats and tea or coffee to enjoy as well. A well-received afternoon and a great job by the Entertainment committee.



Courgette and Bacon Bake. Serves 4.

| 1 Tab oil | 1 onion finely diced | | | | | |
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| 5 cups grated courgette (abt 4 medium courgettes | | | | | | |
| ¾ cup self raising flour | 4 eggs | | | | | |

2 rashers bacon, finely chopped ¹/₂ cup grated tasty cheese ½ cup plain oil S&P

Preheat oven to 175 °C and line a 26cm x 17 cm baking dish. In a small frying pan heat the 1 Tab olive oil and brown the onion and crisp the bacon.

Squeeze any excess moisture from the courgettes. In a large bowl, combine the courgettes, cheese, and flour. Optional, add finely chopped mint.

In a separate bowl whisk the eggs, oil and seasoning. Add the bacon and onion, add to the large bowl and mix well. Spoon into baking dish and bake 20-25 minutes. Set aside before cutting.

Can use gluten free flour, add 1tsp Baking Powder and cook about 40 minutes.

Courgette Pasta **Otago Farmers' Market Recipe.**

Heat a little olive oil and add a smashed garlic clove, quickly add ribbons made from 6 courgettes. Once courgettes are glossy and softened, build sauce in same pan with -½ preserved lemon, 1 tsp mustard, juice of 1 lemon or a dash of white wine. Reduce sauce down until silky. Season with a scattering of parsley, and sharp cheese.

Resident Contribution

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Bloke's Morning Tea—February Report

Our 19th Year got underway with a great turnout of 26 'Blokes' and several apologies and long may we continue, as a standalone group making a contribution to Village life.

Thanks Jim K (Sun reminders), Fraser (Tea Stewards) Colin Videos and those Blokes who have unwittingly agreed to Chair Meetings, "Introduce Speakers & propose the Vote of Thanks". I'll try to find Speakers, Subjects of Interest etc and prepare Newsletter Reports.

Colin Smith showed an entertaining Video **"The World's Fastest Indian** featuring:" **Kiwi Legend Burt Munro** from Invercargill. The yarn goes that the Late John (Benge) raced against Burt on Oreti Beach Southland. It triggered many memories, with several Blokes adding their 2cents of some personal experiences with Burt & Bikes.

Thank you: Kaye, Colin, Brian & Lester for your part.

Ray Smith Organiser

NEXT MEETING Monday 4th March @ 10am

Speaker: Ron Keen will speak about "The Remote Auckland Island 490km south of NZ"

Chairman: David Darling

Tea Stewards: John Kelliher & Kevin Connolly

Village Church Service—February 2024

Cathedral Candles.

The Rev Alan Cummins, the South Canterbury Hospital Board Chaplain, took the Village church service in February. Elaine Caird, kindly came again to be our pianist. Hymns sung were Count Your Blessings, Servant Song and Blessed Assurance.

The Gospel of Luke 2: 21-40 was the reading from which Allan gave his message. The following are his notes-

Candlemas – 2 February. We light all the candles!!

We remember Jesus being presented in the Temple for: (1) Naming –

the name given by the angel (2) Circumcision – on the 8^{th} day after his birth and (3) Mary's purification after childbirth.

• Mary was only allowed in The Courts of the Women – the Outer Courts of the Temple as she was ritually unclean for 40 days after the birth of a boy; for a girl it was 80 days!

 \cdot Offerings were made to the priests for the gift of a child. A lamb was ideal, but they were costly to buy. Mary and Joseph were poor, so they gave either two pigeons or two doves, known as the Offering of the Poor.

 \cdot These ancient requirements were all laid out in the Law of Moses from the books of Exodus and Leviticus.

 \cdot As part of God's plan Jesus was presented to Simeon, hence the 'Nunc Dimittis' or 'Song of Simeon' – known to many, and the prophetess Anna.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MVV TRUST

HALL FLOORING

To keep the Hall floor looking nice and in good condition, please be careful when moving chairs in the Hall for Groups and Events, please lift them into place, <u>DO NOT DRAG</u> them on the polished parquet floor. It is an expensive exercise to have it repolished. Thank you.



The Entertainment Committee invites you to an evening with fun, food, and music.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2024

<u>Noel Burns</u> playing 5.30 – 6pm. – Dell Open from 4.30pm. <u>Irish Stew Meal</u> – Cost \$10.00pp (bring your own plate and cutlery)

Names/Payments into box at Reception by Tuesday 12 March

Wear something GREEN/ORANGE or appropriate for the Day



Wheelie Bin Cleaning time again

Instructions: Please put your red & green bins out for rubbish collection as usual, if your bin/s requires cleaning please leave these out after the bins have been emptied & they will be cleaned. If one or both of your bins do not require cleaning please bring them in after they have been emptied.

The Date for Cleaning is:

15th March 2024 ~ Elloughton Crescent, Peel View Place & Amenities

12th April 2024 ~ Stenhouse Drive, Grange Close



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| REGULAR DATES Mon - 1 10.30 - 2.3 | | | n-Fri | | |
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| SUNDAY | Lawn Bowls 10.30 - In Recess Sports & Recreation Afternoon 2 -In Recess Dinner Dine-out 12 (2 nd wk/mth) Musical Afternoon 2pm - In Recess | | ay 2nd ay 4th ay 5th esday 6th | Jan Prestige on Piano 5.30-6pm Movie 1.30 - Resumes Blokes Morning Tea 10 Entertainment Com. Mtg 4 'Have a Go' Golf Croquet 10.30 | |
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| TUESDAY | Chi+Movement 9.45am Walk Group 10.30 Rummikub 1.30 Table Tennis 4 Wine Appreciation 7 (2 nd wk/mth) -Seasonal | | esday 13 ay 14th ay 14th ay 21st 7 24th 29th | HEALTH DAY 2 Convenors Mtg 9.30 Ladies Cuppa n'Chat 10 Garden Group 10 NEWSLETTER CUT-OFF OFFICE CLOSED - Good Friday | |
| WEDNESDAY | Golf Croquet 10.30 Lawn Bowls 1.30 Mah Jong 1.30 Craft & Chat 2 Table Tennis 4 | | | LOWER OF THE MONTH | |
| THURSDAY | Church Service 11 (1 st wk/mth) Ladies Cuppa 'n Chat 10 -(2 nd wk/mth) Garden Group 10 (3rd wk/mth) Upright and Active 1 Petanque 1.30 - In Recess Housie(Rummikub) 2 –Seasonal Cards 500 7 | Some Statistics 11 Residents Celebrating 4 Men & 7 Ladies, Age Range 65 - 88 Decades 1x60's, 2x70's, 8x80's | | | |
| FRIDAY | Corn Hole 10.30 MV Village Choir Practice 1.45 Social Hour 4.30 | Ave Age 82 Shared birthdays on 10th,16th,28th,30th One married couple One new resident | | | |
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