

Residents News

April 2024

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NOTES FROM TRUSTEES

Notices:

The beautiful autumn leaves are falling, the occasional fog rolls in then lifts to reveal a sunny clear blue sky, the mountain tops get a smattering or a dump of snow!! The sign we have one more month of autumn to prepare ourselves for win-

Page's

Have you cleaned the filters in your heat pump? Do keep a check that there are no leaves on your paths that can become a slip hazard when wet!! Be mindful of the frosts that can catch you out with icy patches on paths and roads.

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Upcoming changes

At the March meeting the Trustees discussed the increasing costs of maintenance for both the villas and the infrastructure. It was agreed that from 1st May 2024,

Book Reviews:

the ORA Licence fees for incoming residents will increase as follows: **Existing Rate** New Rate from 1 May 2024

Page 4,5 2B/R Villa \$30,000 \$42,000 Units (both double and triple) \$20,000 \$28,000

1 B/R villa \$22,500 \$31,500

Garden and Village Maintenance Movies:

Trustee, Caroline Breen and Garden Contractor, Matt are checking out what work needs to be undertaken around the Village grounds during the winter months. Page 6

Their observations and discussions will assist in the ongoing care of and for what was created so many years ago.

Other maintenance is ongoing.

Speed Restrictions Photo's:

The Trustees have been made aware of a 'near miss' to a resident by a driver of a

speeding vehicle when weeding one of the Village gardens recently.

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Birthdays:

PLEASE remind your carers, family, and friends to observe the 15Km speed restriction when in the village. We are also aware that some trades people are amongst the speeding drivers also. Raylene has consulted the care providers on many occasions about this matter. Ideally, we don't want to put in more speed

Laughter humps.

Lines: **Ideas and suggestions**

Six years ago the Trustees invited residents to suggest ideas for improving your enjoyment of the village. For example: One suggestion was to have a swimming Page 14

pool, another was to have a pool table. Health and Safety matters along with costs put the swimming pool out of the question. Space for a pool table was not available, however with a pending refresh under consideration for the Community Centre, is it time to reconsider this? What other ideas do you have? You are invited to

write your suggestions and leave them with Ruth and Donna at the office before

13th May. The Trustees shall look forward to receiving your suggestions.

Page 15 Helen and the MVV Trustees.

Trustees: Caroline Breen, Helen Carter (Chair), Robin Harrison, Desmond Prisk, Graeme Thompson & Julia Traylor (Asst. Chair)

Your Residents Representatives: David Darling & Lester Frame

Important Contacts: Support Person - Raylene Cowles 021 02358151,

Maintenance - Graeme Thompson 6831766, Trust Secretary - Mark Evans 6879222,

Village Office - Donna / Ruth 6881348

Website: www.mountainviewvillage.co.nz, Email: admin@mountainviewvillage.co.nz

SPORTS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

NEXT MEETING Friday 7th June 2024 @ 9.30am

Tena Koutou

A good turnout for the 'Have a go Day' bowls afternoon on 8th April. We had 10 participants divided into 4 teams. Good to see some newcomers, hopefully some may become regulars, I know I will.

COMMITTEE

The weather was a bit 'iffy', however the 12 residents who travelled to Ashburton to visit Trotts Gardens enjoyed themselves. We strolled around the huge gardens then had a lovely lite lunch in the old Chapel. Very nice! A couple of unplanned visits on the way home, Ashfords and a drive around Lake Hood. We were back in the Village by 3.30.



Convenor Tony Kerr

'Have a go Day' for May will be Rummicub on Tuesday 14th May at 1.30pm, following Mothers Day on Sunday 12th.



Members

Pam Dunwoody Ron Paulin Colin Smith Jill Welford We will look at arranging another away visit during Winter and would welcome any suggestions.

Tony Kerr Convenor

Kaore te kumara e korero mo tona mangaro
The kumara does not say how sweet it is
(Self praise is no recommendation)



Bloke's Morning Tea—April Report

We had an encouraging turnout on Easter Mon saw 20 Blokes enjoy a Cupper & Chat plus a Video on Bamboo, a most Versatile member of the Grass family that has been used widely throughout Asia for 1,000's of Years. Some species grow up to 1m in a single day achieving total height of 20m. It flowers only once at approx 120 years then dies. New shoots are used as a vegetable and mature stems can be split easily and used for 100's of uses in construction (flooring, roofing designing, and scaffolding), furniture, food, biofuel, fabrics, cloth, paper, pulp, charcoal, ornamental garden planting, and environmental characteristics. It has a large carbon sink and is used to improve soil structure.

Thanks Marlene for your continued assistance, Catherine Gabites, who saved our morning following an SOS to sort out the TV, and Tea Stewards Jim S, David D & Fraser.

Ray Smith Organiser

NEXT MEETING - Monday 6th May @ 10am

Chair: Max Hunter

Speaker: Tom Johnston

Timaru Port Tug Pilot Launch Master & Marine Supervisor

Tea Stewards: Derrick Peck & Fraser Shewan



NEXT MEETING Tuesday 7th May 2024 @ 4pm



Kia Ora

Thank you to everyone who supported the BBQ in mid-April – including those who attended and those who donated food. It was all appreciated. We had 57 attend the BBQ.

COMMITTEE Convenors

Valerie Fahey Angela Kerr

Members

Karen Brooks
Marie Dey
Noeline Farr
Jim Kroening
Dianne Paulin
Helen Thickett

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

17/5/2024 A black and gold themed dress up evening with a Pot luck Meal from all who attend. Please bring finger food to share – main or dessert. Bring your own plates (main & dessert) & cutlery. There will be prizes for best dressed.



MVV choir have had to postpone their performance in May until later in the year.

31/5/2024 Elaine Caird on Piano



JUNE

7 June 2024 Helen McHaffie on Piano.

14 June 2024 from 5.30 – 6.30pm 'Breakthru' - Gavin & Phyllis Prentice will play. They are a great band who last played at MVV on New Years Eve 2023. Please note the time they are playing.

15 June 2024 2pm. Youth orchestra conducted by Catherine Anderson. We will collect donations at the performance to give the orchestra a Koha.

23 June 2024 – Mid-year meal in the Community Centre catered by South Canterbury Catering. Cost \$35.00 per resident which includes a \$5.00 subsidy – as approved by the convenors meeting. Non-residents to pay \$40.00 per person please.

Regards
Angela Kerr & Val Fahey
Co-convenors



MOUNTAIN VIEW VILLAGE CHOIR NOTICE

Due to health reasons we have delayed the concert which was to be held on Sunday 19 May until later in the year.

We will confirm the new date in due course.





Library Notes



COMMITTEE

Joint Convenors Trish O'Brien Lorraine Watkins

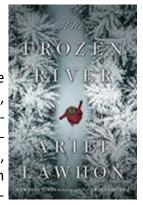
Members

John Gresham
Margaret Hartley
Jeeves Jeevaratnam
Lynne Kroening
Shirley Malthus
Jeananne McInnes
Beverley Ward

THE FROZEN RIVER by Ariel Lawhon

Reviewed by Lynne Kroening

The Frozen River is a captivating historical mystery based on the true life and diary of midwife Martha Ballard. Set in Maine, 1789, it explores Martha's family life and working life as she attends local women during their pregnancies (wanted and unwanted) and childbirth. In her diary Martha records every birth, death and local event and she keeps many secrets. When a man is found in the frozen Kennebec River Martha is called to exam-



ine him and decide a possible cause of death. He is the very gentleman accused of an alleged rape. Martha suspects the two events are linked and, over the course of a long, hard winter, she endeavours to solve the mystery while mounting prejudices threaten her family and community.

The Frozen River captivated me from the very first pages with its multi-layered text telling the story of a woman who fought for justice of those no-one else would protect. A book well worth reading.

KOOKABURRA COTTAGE by Maya Linnell

Reviewed by Kaye Cuthbertson

Set in the wine growing region of South Australia this book is a great light read. April Lacey has big ideas to update the family winery. A B&B in an old stable and catering in the wine cellar become her main project. She meets an English winemaker who eventually comes to work at the winery and is roped in to help with the update. They end up in a relationship which is almost scuttled by the arrival of his ex and all the hard work on the property is destroyed by a fake booking and an out-of-control party. But repairs are made to both the property and the relationship and all ends well. A light but fun romance story — a feel good read!



THE CORSICAN SHADOW by Clive Cussler, written by Dirk Cussler

Reviewed by Kaye Cuthbertson

A team of under water and marine oceanographers discover a ship that had been sunk in WWII in the English Channel. They found a cache of uncut diamonds on board and take them up to their ship. The two cases are stolen at night and the captain murdered. Two of the divers give chase resulting in a dangerous chase through the streets of Paris.

A company is in millions of dollars of debt and are intent on destroying vital water treatment facilities around the world in order to secure contracts to build new ones, putting millions of people in danger of running out of fresh water.

CLIVE CUSSLER'S
THE CORSICAN SHADOW
A GIAR RUTE NEVEL
WRITTEN BY DIRK CUSSLER

I wasn't sure I liked reading Clive Cussler, but this was a really gripping story – breath holding in places. Well worth the read.





Library Notes Cont...









MAKE ME





UNDER A BIG SKY by Tim Saunders

Reviewed by Shona Connolly

A beautifully written book. The Author is a Poet, who together with his brother and 82year old father, farm 290 hectares of land near Palmerston North. The brothers are fifth generation farmers. The farm owned by the family since 1906.

Tim Saunders descriptive writing makes for easy reading and quotes like "The weather affected everything we did, and it was seldom exactly right. There was no point moaning about it, we just had to take what we were given and do our best". As his father said "I've spent most of my life with one eye on the weather and the other on the past. Everything that affects us comes from the sky. The sun, the rain, and the wind. You've always got to keep an eye on it".

There's drought, farming during lockdown, illness, financial pressure, and the joys and challenges of day-to-day farming.

This book should be required reading for all. It provides real life insight into the challenges faced by the farming community.

A true, honest story about farming that really is worth reading. I intend buying a copy.



Reviewed by Kaye Cuthbertson

Jory has had travel in her blood her whole life. The daughter of a broken marriage, her mother moving around for work, her father, a very rich businessman. She works between adventures to pay for them and has the "Calling" to take off on a whole new one to the Greek Islands. With no accommodation sorted and it being late at night, she is offered a room at a new B&B and ends up staying to help the young widow owner fulfil her dream of a Taverna. While still going sightseeing, Jory meets a likeminded man who makes her "sizzle" but she has promised herself not to fall for anyone that will tie her down and stop her travels.



The Taverna opens and is successful, her friends arrive for a holiday, she believes lies she has been told, dumps the boyfriend, and is set to go travelling with her friends when he turns up at the port.

The end. You will have to read this charming story to fill in the gaps.

Thoroughly enjoyable.



Return Day

Please return all Timaru District Library Books by

Tuesday 7

New loan books will be available on Thursday 9th May in the afternoon. Thank you.





Tim Saunder





May 2024









MAY 4TH ARTHUR'S WHISKY

When Joan's husband dies, she is shocked to discover he had invented an elixir which makes the drinker look young again. Sharing it with her two friends, the three women paint the town red but soon discover that they are no longer equipped to be young in the modern world.

1hr 34

Regeneration. Magic Potion . Elixir of Life

Stars Diane Keaton . Patricia Hodge . LuLu

Colin

MAY 11TH NYAD

The remarkable true story of athlete Diana Nyad who, at the age of 60 and with the help of her best friend and coach, commits to achieving her life-long dream: a 110-mile open ocean swim from Cuba to Florida. 2hr 1

Biography, Drama. Sport. Stars Annette Bening. Jodie Foster. Anne Marie Kempf

Brenda

MAY 18TH

WICKED LITTLE LETTERS

When people in Littlehampton--including conservative local Edith--begin to receive letters full of hilarious profanities, rowdy Irish migrant Rose is charged with the crime. Suspecting that something is amiss, the town's women investigate. R 1hr 40

Comedy. Crime. Drama Stars. Jessie Buckley. Olivia Coleman. Timothy Spall

Brenda

MAY 25TH

THE COLOUR PURPLE

In 1909 Celie a black American girl is given away in marriage by her abusive father to a local farmer

Albert who treats her cruelly. Celie is God fearing and deliverance comes in the form of jazz singer who takes her away to another city far away from her misery. She now gets her long due happiness. 2hr 21

Drama , Musical . Family relationship . African American . Stars Fantasia Barrino . Taraj P Henson , Danielle Brooks

Based on a Musical based on a film. . Cathryn

Retire and Start Living

THEMED SHARED POT LUCK MEAL



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FRIDAY 17th MAY Meal at 6pm

The theme is come dressed in Black & Gold (if you wish - no pressure) Please bring finger food to share - Main or Dessert.

Bring own Plates - Plus Cutlery.

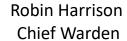
Come socialize and have fun!





On either the 15th & 16th of May, all residents in Mountain View Village can expect a visit from a team of men and/or women in a big red fire engine to come and check smoke alarms in your home. If you have any concerns or questions regarding fire safely, you are welcome to discuss these with the officers who will endeavour to answer them for you.

If you are going to be away on either of those days, perhaps you could arrange with a neighbour to allow fire personal access into your home to check your alarms.





Resident File Photo ID's

If you are **New to the Village**, or would like to update your photo. **Please** come and see me at the Village Office.

Thank you, Ruth





Village Church Service—April Report

The April Church service was lead by Margo Goodman from Marchwiel St Philips & All Saints Anglican Church. She was ably assisted by fellow church members, Carolyn, Patsy and Pauline.

Hymns sung by the good number attending were, There is a Green Hill Far Away, The Old Rugged Cross and Great is Thy Faithfulness. Thank you to Elaine Caird, for kindly playing the piano.

The Bible reading was from the Luke's Gospel, Ch:24 from verse 35. We responded to the Liturgy reading.

Patsy eloquently read the moving story, "Life to Live" by Margarette Hardly from Fairlie, from the book, "Fuel for the Soul". This is a modern day story about a Resurrection.

Next Service on Thursday 2nd May at 11am

Taken by Sue Varcoe from Life ChurchTimaru, on Morgans Road.

At times we all need someone to listen

David Duthie - Community Chaplin for SC Chaplaincy Services has kindly offered his services.

He may just be able to be the listening ear you need?

If you are interested in talking to David his contact details are: David.scchaplain@gmail.com or 027 4160659

Note: David is not a qualified Psychologist or Counsellor, however he does have experience in many areas that could be helpful to you



Wine Appreciation Group



New members most welcome to join this informal group.

Just bring a wine glass and \$5.00, and come along to the Community Centre.



The next evening is Wednesday 15 May @ 7pm. Contact Brenda Lyon 0277898232



Retire and Start Living



Chair and ball based exercises Aim: to maintain balance



Strength for muscles with some standing exercises with deep breathing and stretching. Eye, feet and hand exercises.

Thursday each week. \$4.00 per session. Start time sharp at 1pm - finishing 1.50pmCome and try doing some structured exercise with a friendly group. A mix of men and women.

Marlene Shewan Ph: 6864711



Please send all newsletter contributions to:

mvvruth@gmail.com

Thank you, Ruth



Newsletter Cut Off Date 23rd May 2024

Please send all Contributions to.....

mvvruth@gmail.com

Thank you.

Notice Board



DUTY ROSTER May 2024

FRIDAY NIGHT DELL DUTIES:

Marlene Shewan & Kay Beange

TABLES, CHAIRS & FLOOR DUTIES:

Fraser Shewan & Barry Yates

FRIDAY NIGHT HOSTS:

Marie Dey & Karen Brooks

Thank you for your help







SOCIAL HOUR Friday's @ 4.30pm

In the Community
Centre

ALL WELCOME



XT00 Easy MEALS

Are available from the Village office

Mon-Fri

11am-2pm

Prices:

Regular Meals \$8 Soup or Dessert \$2 Roast Meals \$10



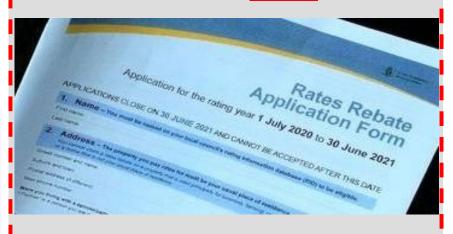
Come along and enjoy some time together

Thursday
9th May
@ 10am



RATES REBATE APPLICATION FORMS

Available NOW.



Collect yours from the Village Office today.
Thank you!

Our Village Library

??? Things you may not know ???



Jigsaw Puzzle

There is normally a jigsaw puzzle on the go on the Library table, which you are invited to add pieces to whenever you have time. Why not come and spend an afternoon, sitting in

this normally sunny spot & add some pieces to the puzzle?



Book Reviews

Many of you will have seen and read the book reviews in the newsletter each month. What you may not realise is that we keep a copy of all of the reviews in a folder on a shelf in the Library. Maybe you arrive at the library

sometime and you can't remember what the name of that book was, or you want some inspiration on what might be a good book to read. Please feel free to use this resource to help you in your book choices.



Profiles, Memorials, Past Newsletters, Photos, etc

(Thanks to Jenny Simmonds who has done the majority of work to keep these folders up to date, for which we are very grateful)

Profiles - A regular part of our

newsletters a few years ago was to include profiles of residents, in an effort to get to know people better & perhaps identify some joint interests etc. These have not been done for some time, but if you would like to read some of the prior ones

Retire and Start Living



Peel View Place Get-together February 2024





Trott's Garden Trip

Ashburton

The Knot Garden which from atop the stair platform was amazing. Helen

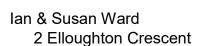








Residents please update your telephone directory.









Laughter Lines







"SO YOU WANT A DAY OFF"

Resident Contribution

Let's take a look at what you are asking for. There are 365 days per year available for work. There are 52 weeks per year in which you already have two days off per week, leaving 251 days available for work. Since you spend 16 hours each day away from work, you have used up 170 days, leaving only 81 days available.

You spend 30 minutes each day on coffee breaks, that accounts for 23 days each year, leaving only 68 days available. With one hour for lunch period each day, you have used up another 46 days, leaving only 22 days available for work.

You normally spend 2 days per year on sick leave. This leaves you only 20 days available for work. We generously give you 14 days vacation per year, which leaves only one day available for work, and I'll be damned if you're going to take that day off.

OLD LADY WITH A PAST

Contributed by Shirley Malthus

I'm an old lady aged eighty six, And you might think I'm past it But I still like a night on the town, But nobody asks me, blast it!

I used to go out in evening dress, When I was young and flirty Now I stay in and go to bed, Wearing a flannelette nightie.

I used to go without a bra, If I wore a strapless gown, But I cant do that anymore...., It hangs too far down!

Instead of going out dancing, And tripping the light fantastic I stay at home with my knickers, Threading in new elastic!

Ind days gone by I drank champagne, While dressed in satin and silk Now I wear my warm dressing gown, And drink Milo made with milk.

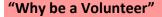
I went out with lots of boyfriends, A different one every night This evening, all that's going out, Is the fire, the cat and the light.

relax on Mother's Day.

Mom, we've hired a few people

to fill in for you while you

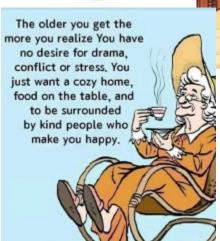




It's not for money, it's not for fame, It's no for any personal gain, It's just for love of fellow man, It's just to lend a helping hand, It's just to give a tithe of self, That's something you can't buy with wealth.

It's not for medals worn with pride, It's just for the feeling deep inside, It's that reward down in your heart, It's a feeling that you've been a part of helping others far and near, That makes you a VOLUNTEER.

Resident Contribution





REGULAR DATES

Office Hours Mon - Fri 10.30 - 2.30pm

IMPORTANT DATES May 2024

SUNDAY	Lawn Bowls 10.30 - In Recess Dinner Dine-out 12 (2 nd wk/mth) Sports & Recreation Afternoon 2 - In Recess Musical Afternoon 2pm - In Recess
MONDAY	Blokes Morning Tea 10 (1st wk/mth) Triominos 1.30 Indoor Bowls 1.30
TUESDAY	Chi+Movement 9.45am Walk Group 10.30 Rummikub 1.30 Table Tennis 4
WEDNESDAY	Golf Croquet 10.30 Lawn Bowls 1.30 Mah Jong 1.30 Craft & Chat 2 Table Tennis 4 Wine Appreciation 7 (3 rd wk/mth)
THURSDAY	Church Service 11 (1st wk/mth) Ladies Cuppa 'n Chat 10 - (2nd wk/mth) Garden Group 10 - In Recess Upright and Active 1 Petanque 1.30 - In Recess Housie (Rummikub) 2 - Seasonal Cards 500 7
FRIDAY	Corn Hole 10.30 MV Village Choir Practice 1.45 Social Hour 4.30
SATU	Movie 1.30

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Thursday 2nd	Church Service 11
Monday 6th	Blokes Morning Tea 10
Tuesday 7th	TDL Book Return Day
Tuesday 7th	Entertainment Com. Mtg 4
Thursday 9th	Ladies Cuppa n'Chat 10
Sunday 12th	MOTHER'S DAY
Sunday 12th	Dinner Dine Out 12 noon
Tuesday 14th	'Have a Go' Day - Rummicub 1.30
Tuesday 14th	Convenors Meeting 9.30
Wednesday 15	Wine Appreciation 7
Friday 17th	Pot Luck Meal 6pm - Black & Gold
Thursday 23rd	NEWSLETTER CUT-OFF
Friday 31st	Elaine Caird on Piano





Some Statistics

9 Residents Celebrating
2 Men & 7 Ladies, Age Range 72 - 90
Decades 3x70's, 5x80's, 1x90's
Ave Age 81

Shared Birthdays, x2 on 18th



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