

Residents News

March 2024

NOTES FROM TRUSTEES

The Trustees were delighted to see such a good attendance from you at the Residents' Half-Yearly meeting on 20th March. Resident's Rep, David Darling welcomed the Covenant Trustee Supervisor, Raylene McMeekan to the meeting. The Trustees along with Raylene were pleased to hear the overview of all the activities that you, the Mountain View Village Residents, have been able to be involved in during the last year. The Trustees appreciate knowing that all the committees are running well for the benefit of all residents.

It is 10 years since former MVV Trustee and Chairman, Paul Dewsbury, resigned after serving many years of service to the Trust. At that time, it was noted that it had taken from the beginning of the MVV Village in 1987 to have \$1,000,000 in the bank.

Budgeting for future infrastructure upgrades and the ongoing exterior maintenance takes good financial management and oversight which has been at the front and back of all decisions made at the monthly Trustee meetings from the very beginning. With 95 buildings plus a community centre, roading and water works to be looked after, you can see the importance of good budgeting.

Maintenance:

Thank you: Please be patient when waiting for planned maintenance work on your property to be undertaken. Our preferred tradespeople will attend to the work as soon as is practicable.

> We have been made aware that the automatic doors at the main entrance were opening and closing at random recently. The doors had recently been serviced so we are not sure what the problem could have been. Therefore, if anyone observes this in the future, please take a video (remembering to stand back from the doors) and record the day, date and time and advise the admin staff.

Please note: The MVV Trust is not responsible for the maintenance of your clothesline. If you require minor work to be undertaken and ask Graeme or Lester to do it, please make a payment in kind. This also applies to gardening work you ask Matt to do in your gardens. Matt is under contract to MVV Trust to look after the huge amount of landscaping for the MVV Trust. If you must ask Matt, then please make a payment in kind to him. This is not a cup of coffee.

Page 17 Happy Easter.... 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

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NEXT MEETING Tuesday 2nd April 2024 @ 4pm

If you are new to the village or not so new, please consider coming to some events within the village (be it entertainment, social hour or recreation events) as that way we create more of a community and we all get to know each other.

COMMITTEE Convenors Valerie Fahey Angela Kerr

Members Karen Brooks Marie Dey Noeline Farr Jim Kroening Dianne Paulin Helen Thickett **High Tea.** Entertainment Committee members received many positive comments about the High Tea which was led by Val F & Helen T. Everyone enjoyed it and praise was given at last Fridays social hour in the Community centre, when Anne Kynaston thanked the Committee. It was agreed we will run the event again – annually. We borrowed cup, saucer and plate sets from the Hospice on the understanding that Val would sell some of their raffle tickets. The High tea function was a lot of hard work!

St Patrick's Day

Friday 15 March was when we celebrated St Pats Day in the village with Noel Burns entertaining us well with his singing. We then all ate Irish stew with veggies and mashed potatoes. A big thank you to those who donated items for the meal -I know some do not wish to be named so I will not name anyone in the newsletter.

You know who you are and we all appreciate your kindness. It is a 'BIG JOB' to cater for 63 people with all the prior and on the day work - A very BIG thank you to all who helped. Volunteers are always welcome when we are tidying up after any event – be it Friday nights or a special event. Best dressed female – Marleen Shewan (sorry I don't have a photo of her) Best dressed male – Max Hunter

<u>Friday 22/3/2024</u> Cheryl Blanchard entertained us all with her guitar and singing. As always she was well received and enjoyed. Cheryl is a wonderful entertainer and she will come again.

UPCOMINGEVENT

Upcoming events include:

We like to plan ahead and make sure you are aware so you can diary the events. 5/4/2024 Jan Prestidge – playing piano 19/4/2024 St Georges Day celebration with a BBQ

17/5/2024 Pot Luck finger food evening. *Dress theme to be the colours Black and Gold* - YES that is a bit different and also could be great fun.

15/6/2024 @ 2pm Youth Orchestra Saturday

17/8/2024 @ 2pm Children's Choir Saturday

We welcome Karen Brooks to the committee.

Jams & relishes sale. We continue to have Tomato Relish for sale at \$4.00 per jar – kindly made by Cathryn G. Just contact Helen T or Angela K from the Entertainment committee if you wish to buy some, though we do have it available at Friday night Social hour.

Volunteers are always welcome to help when we are tidying up after any event – be it Friday nights or a special event. We appreciate the help with table and chairs each Friday night and at other events – thank you.

Angela K & Val F Co-convenors

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Library Notes



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

DIDDLY SQUAT 'TILL THE COWS COME HOME by Jeremy

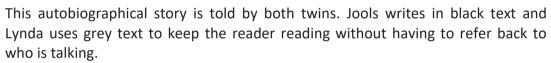
<u>Clarkson</u> Reviewed by Tob O'Brien

Not a car in sight, this is copies of Jeremy's Sunday Times Columns and his effort to learn about hands on farming on his farm. Jeremy calls himself a trainee farmer and has written this in a humorous way covering the four seasons. Jeremy always has a plan some are cunning most don't turn out the way he intended.

This book is a very easy read and can be picked up and put down as each column cover is stand alone. I enjoyed this book as it is well written.

UNTOUCHABLE GIRLS by Jools and Lynda Topp.

Reviewed by Val Fahey



It starts in their childhood, which seems to have been idyllic with a built in playmate and a big brother. The only thing that marked them out as different was their preference for wearing their brother's clothes rather than the pretty dresses their mother made them.

Brother Stephen bought their first guitar with a book "How to play in a day", which is what Jools did, and they were off.

They moved to Auckland and then to Dunedin where they lived for a year and a half. It was there their act was born.

By this time they had "come out" as lesbians and also as political activists. They got very involved in protesting the Springboks tour of 1981 and staying on Bastion Point.

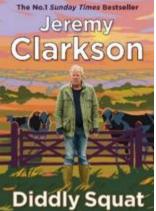
All the time earning their living entertaining, whether it was busking in the street or preforming for Charles and Diana during a New Zealand tour.

Being members of the gay community was a very important part of their lives. In some parts of the book it seems that the word lesbian is on every page.

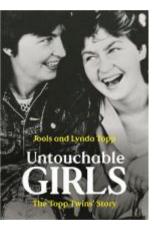
All the characters, Camp Mother, Camp Leader, the two Kens, etc are there. The story details overseas trips, famous people met, and the difficulties in having a career and a partner.

It is very much the pair of them telling you their story, and how you feel about them will colour your perception of it.

Sadly it closes with the fight they are both presently involved in. Against cancer. We can only wish them well.



'Til the Cows Come Home 💧





Library Notes Cont...



THE KEEPER OF HIDDEN BOOKS by Madeline Martin

Reviewed by Kaye Cuthbertson

Hitler invades Poland, Warsaw is being bombed and books are being removed and destroyed from Libraries as forbidden reading. A group of senior students have made it their goal to read as many forbidden books before they are removed. As life gets worse the libraries and books are the saviour for many and the race to save books is paramount and dangerous. Families are torn apart, lost or removed from their homes. A lot of the story is typical of wartime but the bravery of a few young girls to share the joy of books and save as much of Polish history at whatever cost makes for great reading.

I thoroughly enjoyed this story and might have almost shared a tear at one part!

THE DRESSMAKER & HIDDEN SOLDIER by Doug Gold

Reviewed by Cathryn Gabites

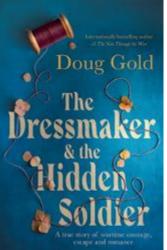
Mistrust is high in Nazi-occupied Greece in 1941. Information and betrayal can easily be purchased for as little as a loaf of bread and it takes sharp wit and instinct to exist under pressure. Tasoula Paschilidou and her eighteen-year-old son Thanasis run a professional dressmaking salon from her home in Thessaloniki – but this is a front for her expert leadership within the Greek national Liberation Front AKA The Resistance. From hiding allied force soldiers that have escaped from Nazi transit camps to aiding and abetting their escape routes, Tasoula is ever watchful, assessing the risks and doing all she can to lessen the deathly grip the Nazis have on her homeland. How long can she remain undetected?

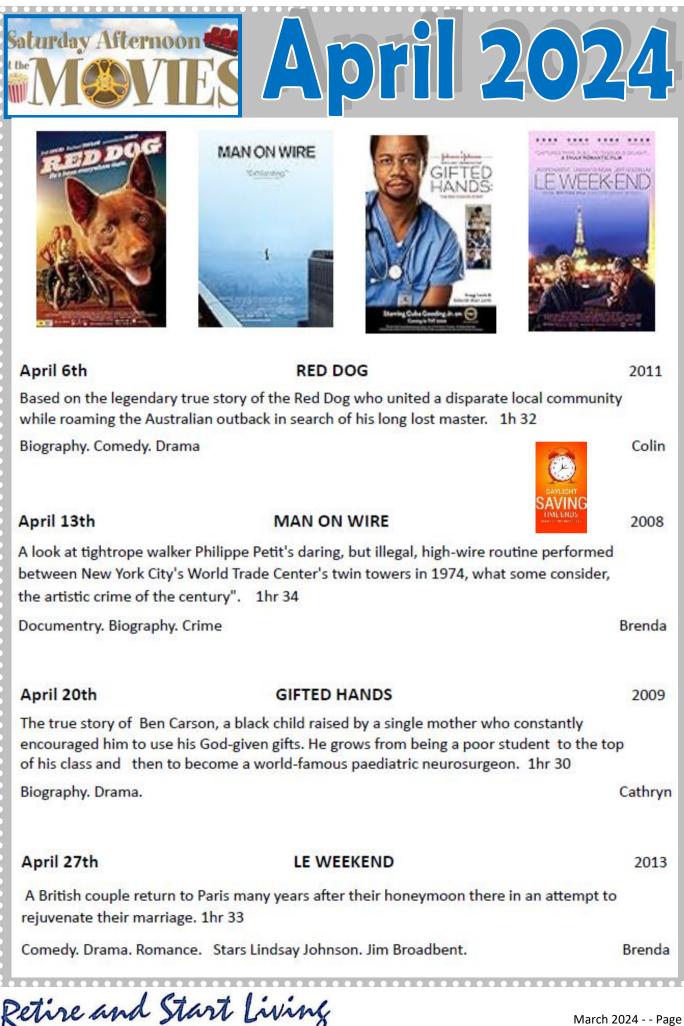
Peter Blunden is a New Zealand soldier who dares to escape from the Prisoner-Of War transit camp by jumping from a moving train. He is fortunate to have the friendship of the more experienced, skilled escapee Patrick Minogue as they navigate their way through the German-soldier riddled villages. Patrick must return to 'Mrs Tasoulas' shelter to warn of betrayals. Can they enact a trustworthy plan to escape. Within the safe house that Tasoula provides Peter first casts his eyes on the beautiful young dressmaking apprentice, Thalia and their love sets its course. Based on a true-story, Thalia and Peter play a dangerous game under the dominance and oppression from German occupation within Thessaloniki in World War Two. Heartrates are heightened as it becomes increasingly risky to stay within the safe house provided.

Wellington based Doug Gold is the author of the non-fiction World War Two story *The Note Through The Wire* and <u>The Dressmaker And The Hidden Soldier</u> is his first fictionalized account of a true love story. With his meticulous research of the Greek prisons and Austrian concentration camps during World War Two, he brings together the remarkable ability of the human spirit to overcome and survive in the face of devastating war time cruelties.

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Bloke's Morning Tea—March Report

David Darling introduced Speaker Ron Keen the Surveyor & Deputy Leader of a Scientific Survey of NZ's remote "Sub Antarctic Campbell Is, Auckland Is, Snares and Antipodes" to 26 Blokes who attended our March 'get together'.

The Survey Team, were based aboard the HMNZS Monowai that included a Helicopter for access to remote parts of the Islands. They hold "National Park" and "UNESCO World Heritage Park" status and have a history of shipwrecks, castaways and survival.

Ron's extremely informative talk about his involvement in the Expedition included outstanding screen shots of the wild pristine Seascapes, the abundant Birdlife of: Shag, Skua, Pipit, Red Crested Parakeet Giant Petrel Snipe and breading colonies of Sea lions, Seal and Yellow Eyed Penguins. He advised us that the Island's have ten of the world's albatross species and six are endemic. An ongoing eradication programme of feral Pigs, Rats, Mice, Cats and Cattle (from Enderby Is) has seen significant recovery of the native flora & fauna including giant Mega Herbs.

Thanks to Marlene who sets up the Kitchen each month, Chairman David D, Jim K, Fraser, John K, and Kevin for their part.

Ray Smith

NEXT MEETING

Monday 1st April @ 10am (Easter Monday)

As some Blokes will be away for Easter we will still meet without a Speaker for a Cuppa, Chat and Video.

Tea Stewards: David Darling & Jim Simmonds



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 1.50pm

Come and try doing some structured exercise with a friendly group. A mix of men and women.

Our next upright and Active is THURSDAY 4th APRIL at 1pm.

Marlene Shewan Ph: 6864711

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Village Church Service-March Report

David Duthie, the Timaru Community Chaplain and, Hospice Chaplain led a very reflective church service after sharing a little of his interesting life. *"Every day is different; everything I do is by invitation, a privilege."* David also has a programme, parenting with Dads'.

The Bible reading was, Psalm: 33. Our thanks to Faith, from the Salvation Army who played the piano as we sang- Be Thou my Vision, Just a Closer Walk with Thee, and Here I am Lord. David's Theme was, Father, Heart of God. He read the following story.



Many years ago there was a young man, named Sawat living in a little village in the north of Thailand, where he found life rather boring; he wanted to chase the bright lights of Bangkok. There he was lured by all sorts of temptations but later found himself alone, living in a little shack. He thought about his father, a simple Christian man, and his father's parting words, "I am waiting for you." He wondered if his father would still be waiting for him after all he had done to dishonour his family name. Would he be welcomed home? Word had travelled back to his home village about his life of crime. *Dear father, he wrote, I want to come home but I don't know if you will receive me after all that I have done. I have sinned greatly father, please forgive me. On Saturday night I will be on the train, if you are still waiting will you tie a piece of cloth on the Poe tree in front of our house?* As the train neared his house, Sawat asked the fellow passenger in whom he had confided in, that he could not bear to look out the window at the tree; would the passenger please do so. Sitting with his head between his legs, too scared to look, Sawat was told to look out the window to see the Poe tree not covered with one piece of white cloth, but covered with many pieces. His father embraced him with tears of joy as he alighted the train saying. "I have been waiting for you."

This is how Our Father, reacts towards every one of us, not just the first time we turn to him but each time we come in humble repentance. Unconditional love, forgiveness, encouragement, acceptance. Keep praying for your families, grandchildren, friends, neighbours and yourselves. God is always waiting.

Next Service on Thursday 4th April at 11am

Taken by Margo Goodman and Pauline Geddes from St Phillips & All Saints Anglican Church, Marchwiel.

Thank you!

To Raylene, for inviting Michelle, from Low Vision to come and speak to residents about her work. This was a most informative afternoon. Michelle answered many questions about what was availablevisits from her and the aids for those requiring them, to make life easier with for their low vision. The many positive comments reflected the helpfulness and reassurance Michelle offered, from Low Vision

To the many residents who came along to hear Michelle and become better informed. To those who helped in various ways including the afternoon tea afterwards.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

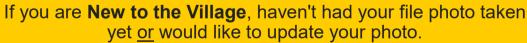
On returning from my holiday, I was very disappointed to find the removal of produce from my 1 Metre Garden which I am entitled to, this is not common ground.

Please do not take advantage of residents who are on holiday.

Kind regards Maureen Hunter



Resident File Photo ID's



Please come and see me at the Village Office. Thank you, Ruth





PLEASE BE AWARE OF SCAMS ON PHONES & COMPUTERS.

THESE ARE EVER INCREASING.

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INDOOR BOWLS - MONDAY 18 MARCH 2024















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RESIDENTS 1/2 YEARLY MEETING 20 MARCH 2024 - NZ FIRE BRIGADE



SHERYL BLANCHARD ENTERTAINS 22 MARCH 2024

















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ELLOUGHTON CRESCENT GET TOGETHER 23 MARCH 2024



FLLOUGHTON

We had a fabulous turn out for what we think is the first Elloughton Crescent full street get together in at least the last 21 years or so. We had 3 properties who were unable to attend and 2 sent in their apologies.

As always when it is Pot Luck there was a lot of food and left overs!

We had many positive comments and it was great to hear everyone introduce themselves and say how long they have been in the village. The chatter around the room was ongoing.

Organizing such an event is not arduous as everyone bought food to share and their own plates etc, so it was only set up and tidy up.

Thank you to everyone who helped us. This should be at least an annual event. A & T Kerr





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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:

12th April 2024 ~ Stenhouse Drive, Grange Close

Laughter Lines **CALENDAR 2024** BP FRI THU **WED** TUE FRI FRI 8 7 5 3 4 2 6 16 14 13 12 11 10 9 21 22 20 19 18 17 23 32 29 28 27 25 33 26 39 38 36 37 35 34 24

- 1. This is a special calendar which has been developed for handling rush jobs. All rush jobs are wanted yesterday. With this calendar a client can order his work on the 7th and have it delivered on the 3rd.
- 2. Everyone wants his job by Friday so there are three Fridays in every week.
- 3. There are eight new days at the end of the month for those end of the month jobs.
- 4. A "Blue Monday" or "Monday morning hangover" cant happen as all Mondays have been eliminated.
- 5. There are no bothersome non productive Saturdays or Sundays; no compensatory leave or overtime to worry about.
- 6. With no Saturday or Sunday staff will have no leisure, need no money and so we eliminate all pay days.
- 7. There's a new day each week called B.P. (Bosses Picnic) Day.

Resident Contribution

Email: mvvruth@gmail.com to contribute to "Laughter

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Wine Appreciation Group



CHANGE OF EVENING from the 2nd Tuesday of the month to the 3rd Wednesday, as from April. 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 17 April @ 7pm. Contact Brenda Lyon 0277898232







Below is a photo of the choir at one of our Friday practice sessions. We plan to hold a **Concert in the John Stubbs Community Centre on Sunday 19 May.** Jenny Simmonds



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Newsletter Cut Off Date 24th April 2024

Please send all Contributions to

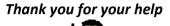
mvvruth@gmail.com Thank you.

DUTY ROSTER April 2024

FRIDAY NIGHT DELL DUTIES: Mark & Jill Welford

TABLES, CHAIRS & FLOOR DUTIES: Lex Hoogenraad & Jim Kroening

> **FRIDAY NIGHT HOSTS:** Val Fahey & Noeline Farr



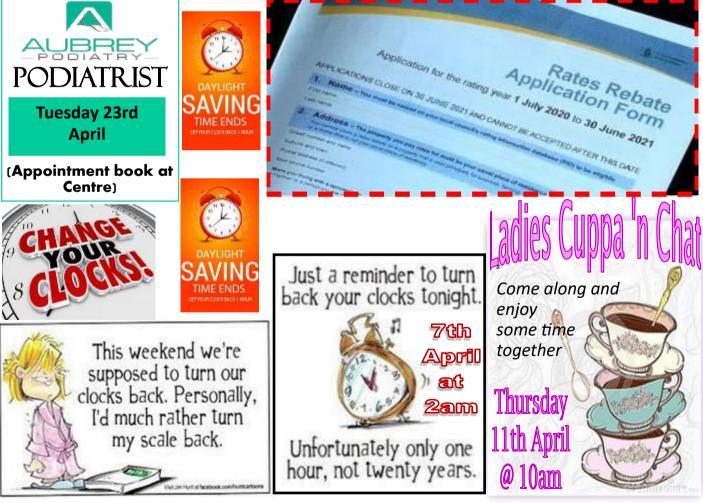


RATES REBATES

Notice Board

If you have previously been eligible, think you may be (most singles), & want to know if you <u>are</u> eligible for a Rebate.

Please call at the Village Office, forms are available <u>NOW</u>. Thank you!



REGULAR DATES Office Mor 10.30 -			IMP	ORTANT DATES April 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 1st Monday 1st Tuesday 2nd Thursday 4th Friday 5th		OFFICE CLOSED - Easter Monday Blokes Morning Tea 10 Entertainment Com. Mtg 4 Church Service 11 Sports & Recreation Mtg 9.30		
MONDAY	Blokes Morning Tea 10 (1st wk/mth) Triominos 1.30 Indoor Bowls 1.30	Friday 5th Sunday 7th Monday 8th		Jan Prentice on Piano Daylight savings ends - Back 1hr 'Have a Go' Day Indoor Bowls 1.30		
TUESDAY	Chi+Movement 9.45am Walk Group 10.30 Rummikub 1.30 Table Tennis 4	Wednesday 10 Wednesday 10 Thursday 11th Friday 12th Sunday 14th Wednesday 17		Convenors Meeting 9.30 Trotts Garden Bus Trip Ladies Cuppa n'Chat 10 WHEELIE BIN WASH - SD & GC Dinner Dine Out 12 noon		
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)	Friday Tuesda	19th y 23rd sday 24	St Georges Day Celebration & BBQ PODIATRIST		
THURSDAY	Church Service 11 (1 st wk/mth) Ladies Cuppa 'n Chat 10 - (2 nd wk/mth) Garden Group 10 - In Recess Upright and Active 1 Petanque 1.30 - In Recess Housie(Rummikub) 2 - Seasonal Cards 500 7	Some Statistics 8 Residents Celebrating 5 Men & 3 Ladies, Age Range 73 - 94				
FRIDAY	Corn Hole 10.30 MV Village Choir Practice 1.45 Social Hour 4.30	Decades 2x70's, 5x80's, 1x90's Ave Age 83 Two Birthdays in each street in Village				
SATURDAY	Movie 1.30	Congratulations everyone				

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