

# **Residents** News

### **March 2025**

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"The Fire Brigade will be checking existing fire alarms on 24 April. The building regulations regarding smoke alarms in houses has changed in the last year. These new rules affect new houses but also house alterations that require a building consent. The new rules require a smoke alarm in **every** room in the house. Also, all the smoke alarms in the house need to be connected. That way, if one alarm is activated, they all go off. Residents may like to consider upgrading their alarms to the new code even if they are not undertaking building work. But your existing alarms will still offer protection, if the batteries are replaced when due and the alarm is tested." Karyn Geary spoke at the Residents Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March regarding many of the services their 'Companion Driving Service' can provide. Their moto is "Family when family can't be there". All drivers are first aid trained, police-vetted and trained through Total Mobility. ACC approved contractors are available. Driving Miss Daisy is an affordable option, based on time or per km. The services are pre booked and quotes can be given at time of booking.

Total Mobility photo cards entitle you to 75% off their fare. Even if you are unable to walk too far & need assistance, you may still be entitled to subsidised fares. Total Mobility cards are \$20 & can be obtained through Aged Concern, Stroke Club & many other organisations.

Driving Miss Daisy offers more than just transportation, they can assist you with shopping or do your shopping for you and deliver it inside. They can assist with Hospital appointments, getting you to the right floor/room and can be present for the appointment if required. You may like to go for a drive, take a pet to the vet, pick up friends for lunch out or a show and be returned home afterwards, pretty much anything can be considered.

Karyn suggested, if you have an idea or need, give them a call, they will do what they can to help. Driving Miss Daisy Timaru Ph: 03 683 1073 or Ph: 0800 948 432.

Trustees: Caroline Breen, Helen Carter (Chair), Rosie Chambers, Lester Frame, Robin Harrison, Desmond Prisk, Graeme Thompson & Julia Traylor (Asst. Chair) Your Residents Representatives: Angela Kerr & Pamela Dunwoody Important Contacts: Support Person - Raylene Cowles 021 02358151, Maintenance - Graeme Thompson 6831766, Trust Secretary - Mark Evans 6879222, Village Office - Donna / Ruth 6881348

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#### NEXT MEETING Friday 4th April 2025 @ 9.30am

Greetings.

April sees the completion of the Strength and Balance class, which has been enjoyed by many residents. Hopefully some residents will feel inspired to join the Upright and Active group on a Thursday at 1pm. This is our "Have a Go" activity on April 10th.

#### **COMMITTEE**

**Convenor** Jill Welford

Members Pam Dunwoody Tony Kerr Ron Paulin Colin Smith



Indoor bowls has started again, and is on a Monday at 1.30pm and all are welcome.



There has been some interest in a card making session and Cathryn will be in touch about the date and time to suit most people.

Pam's daughter Sarah spoke about her book "Excess Baggage" which was enjoyed by 20+ residents. It was interesting to hear some of the background, and also see her photo's on the slide show of some of the wonderful destinations she has been to. Our library has a copy, or see Pam if you wish to buy one for yourself or as a gift.



Proverbs can reassure us in times of turbulence, be it internationally or closer to home; "this too shall pass", and "common sense will prevail" are two which come to mind. Physical exercise and social connection are both important if feeling stressed about things; do come along and join in.

Jill Welford Convenor









Monday 10th April at 1pm

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#### NEXT MEETING Tuesday 1st April 2025 @ 4pm

Helen McHaffie played for us at the first Happy Hour of the month.

The second Happy Hour was the closest one to St Pats Day so the hall was decorated and we had a BBQ. The sausages were bought from Cloudy Peaks butchery in Rathmore Street and went down well.

Ron and Lester manned the BBQ and Jim assisted. Thank you gentlemen. Also thanks

to our salad ladies, Karen, Marie and Dianne. They have it down to a fine art.

#### COMMITTEE

#### **Convenors** Valerie Fahey

Members Karen Brooks Marie Dey Noeline Farr Angela Kerr Jim Kroening Dianne Paulin Helen Thickett On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of March a surprising 57 people filled the hall to hear Tim Kirke play piano. He is quite the entertainer. Who knew that there were world records for playing pieces of music! Tim tried but was 16 seconds too slow! He played and sang Billy Joel's "Piano Man". He included the harmonica intro but had to get his Gran to remove it from his mouth as his hands were busy. His performance was followed by afternoon tea. Thank you to all the kind people who left him a donation. A very happy young man!



A wonderful afternoon with residents and friends in attendance .A lovely afternoon tea to follow. Very enjoyable from a talented young Man. Helen Thickett

Cheryl Blanchard is coming to entertain us on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup>. Please come and support her. She always puts on an excellent evening and we are lucky to get her.





Next month Helen, assisted by Pat on the drums, plays for us on the first happy hour but no other entertainment is organised at this time.

Pot luck tea is planned for the 11<sup>th</sup> of April with everyone being asked to bring a plate of food to share. Doesn't have to be anything elaborate and not too much thank you. A notice to remind you will go out closer to the date.

The no alcohol ban is still in place but that doesn't stop the chatter or the laughs!

Val Fahey



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Joint Convenors

Trish O'Brien

Lorraine Watkins

Members

Jeananne McInnes

**Beverley Ward** 

### **Library Notes**

New books have been purchased and will be put out over coming months.

The library is being well used by our residents.

Maintenance of Library books continues.

Thank you to everyone who reviews our new books.

John Gresham Margaret Hartley Jeeves Jeevaratnam Lynne Kroening Shirley Malthus

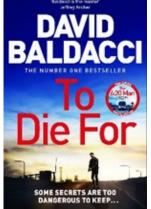
Enjoy your Library Trish O'Brien



### I'M READING A BOOK About Anti-gravity.

### IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO PUT DOWN!





TO DIE FOR by David Baldacci Reviewed by Trish O'Brien

Dwayne and Alice Odom die suddenly. The Police report says drug overdose so why does their young daughter who was with them say it's not true.

Betsy finds herself in FBI custody after their deaths and knows she has to be careful. Enter Travis Devine who becomes Betsy's Bodyguard, who is he guarding her from.

Secret groups, police, criminals, who is telling the truth and what will some people do to get their own way.

A good read.

#### SAM THE TRAP MAN by Sam Gibson

Reviewed by Kaye Cuthbertson

This is not the sort of book I would normally read but have to say I quite enjoyed it.

Sam's father took him into the bush at a very young age and taught him hunting, fishing, bushcraft and conservation in the bush and mountains of the North Island. He tended to be a 'disturbance' at school but was at home in the bush. Sam tells of working for DOC in Fiordland and his many adventures. He married and settled back in the North Island but as DOC changed course, so Sam had too as well. He was instrumental in saving the Who (Blue Duck) in many areas by trapping predators and saw the return of a lot of native species with his eradication perseverance.



If you are a hunting fishing person or just like conservation, this book is an interesting and enjoyable read.

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### Library Notes Cont...



THE LAST DEVIL TO DIE by Richard Osmon Reviewed by Trish O'Brien

The Thursday Murder Club are back. This is the fourth book in the series. An old friend in the Antiques business has been killed and the friends want to know how and why. Along the way they encounter online fraud, art forgers and drug dealers, plus heartache at home. Will the friends solve the murder and others or will their luck run out.

An easy read

#### THE WOLF TREE by Laura McCluskey

Reviewed by Val Fahey

Two Detective Inspectors from Glasgow arrive at a small, isolated island off the coast of Scotland. One an older man counting down to his retirement. The other a younger woman on her first assignment since an on-the-job injury kept her on desk duties for months. They are there to investigate a young man's death. A suspected suicide. A raging storm, a closed community and old beliefs conspire to confuse and confront them. The nosey postmistress, the taciturn farmer, the powerful priest, the author draws the reader in with good believable characters.

This is one of the best books I have read in a long time. There is always a feeling that

things aren't quite right and until the final chapter you are left second guessing how it will end!

#### THE CHILLING by Riley James

Reviewed by Kaye Cuthbertson

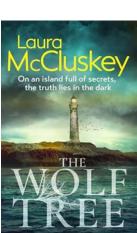
Ket, a forensic Dentist is going through a marriage break up and divorce and has decided to follow her best friend to winter over in Antarctica. The drama starts when the icebreaker they are on is called to help another icebreaker stuck in the ice. It takes days for the rescuers to get to the ship only to find the ship has had a serious fire and the crew are nowhere to be seen. The rescue team on board need to leave as the weather closes in but Kit is troubled by the devastation in the galley – something isn't right – and blood on the chiller door leads to the discovery of a naked man. Nick is still alive but has no memory. He is treated by the Doctor at Base Camp but Kit, who is Dr's assistant thinks Nick is faking the amnesia and tries to catch him out.

Many twists and turns make this a can't put down book and well worth the read.

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A THURSDAY MURDER CLUB MYSTERY 🕐

# **RR'5** <u>From Residents Representatives</u>

What a treat to listen to Tim Kirke's piano recital on 16<sup>th</sup> March. A young man with a great talent and personality. Tim performed a program that was perfect for his audience. This was followed by a welcome afternoon tea.

Our Resident's ½ yearly meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March was well attended. Karyn Geary from Driving Miss Daisy was our guest speaker. Total Mobility Card makes the cost of this service very affordable. Mark Evans - Trust Secretary answered questions on two issues of concern in the village at the moment: motorhome/caravan charges and application for liquor licence. Afternoon tea followed, thanks to the Trust.

Another get-together morning tea was held on 21 March with Sarah Houghton (Dunwoody) speaking to us on her recently launched memoir 'Excess Baggage'. She gave us some insight into her writing process and the planning of her chapters. She had a slide show of her travels playing on the big screen as she spoke and the audience enjoyed remembering some of their own experiences at locations around the world. This book is available at our MVV library.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sports SC Program is on 26 March. Numbers of participants are holding up, as we arrive keen, eager with our stretchy resistance bands. After all the morning and afternoon teas, we probably need the exercise!

I hope Angela is enjoying her North Island trip. When she returns, I am off to Tauranga to celebrate my 80<sup>th</sup> with my family and also congratulate my grandson's Admission to the Bar at the Rotorua court.



From Pamela Dunwoody



#### 5<sup>th</sup> April **My Fathers Violin**

urday After

Through their shared grief and connection to music, an orphaned girl bonds with her emotionally aloof, successful violinist uncle.

### 19<sup>th</sup> April **THE WILD ROBOT (if able to access)**

From DreamWorks Animation comes a new adaptation of a literary sensation, Peter Brown's beloved, award-winning, #1 New York Times bestseller, The Wild Robot. The epic adventure follows the journey of a robot -- ROZZUM unit 7134, "Roz" for short -- that is shipwrecked on an uninhabited island and must learn to adapt to the harsh surroundings, gradually building relationships with the animals on the island and becoming the adoptive parent of an orphaned gosling.

# Spud in a Bucket

With high expectations the contestants gathered for the great unveiling. Kevin and Shona Connelly had kindly donated the seed potatoes back in November and 15 keen gardeners had taken up the challenge.

There was much discussion on the merits of seaweed over horse manure. In the end it seemed that experience (and a bit of love) won, and neglect doesn't work!

Max and Jim ably emptied, counted and weighed the buckets. By coincidence, Max, the counter had the most potatoes! However, it couldn't be disputed as he had 50 to the next best 35!

Rob O'Brien had only 17 potatoes but took out the top prize as they weighed in at 2.01kg. Val Fahey was 2<sup>nd</sup> in both categories with 35, weighing 1.85kg.

At the other end, Karen and Marie both produced less than 10 potatoes

weighing less than 350gms. More love and manure next year ladies!

At the end of the day, we all got to take them home and eat them.

Thanks again to Kevin and Shona, Max for running it and Jim the shovel man!

Val Fahey







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In October 2023 John Brooks moved into 8 Elloughton Crescent, with his wife Karen.

Sadly, John died on 25th January 2025 but, in the short period he lived in the Village John joined in Village life.

He enjoyed attending the Village Blokes Monthly morning teas and the Friday Happy Hour.

On Wednesdays John regularly spent the evenings with four Village men, for a good chat.

A year ago, John and Karen helped the Entertainment Committee prepare and cook the Village St Patrick's Day Irish meal.

RIP John.



We met, and we married a long time ago. We worked for long hours, when wages were low. No TV, no wireless, no bath, times were hard. Just cold-water taps, and a walk up the yard. No holidays abroad, no posh carpets on floors. But we had coal on the fire, and we didn't lock doors. Our Children arrived, no pill in those days. And we bought them up without any State aid. They were quite safe to go out in the park. Then, old folks could go out in the dark. No Valium, no drugs and no LSD. We cured most of our ills with a nice cup of tea. But if you were sick, you were treated at once. No fill out a form and come back in six months. No vandals, no muggings, there was nothing to rob. And we were quite rich with a couple of bob. People were happier in those far off days. Kinder and caring in so many ways. Milkmen and paperboys used to whistle and sing. A night at the pictures was having a fling. We all get our share of struggle and strife. And we just have to face it. That's the pattern of life. But now we're alone and look back through the years. We don't think of the hard times, the troubles, the tears. We remember the blessings, our home, our love. And that we shared them together. And we thank God above.

Resident Contribution

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# Village Fire Alarm Checks

Fire & Emergency NZ – Timaru Station Will be in the Village on

# Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025

From about 10am

Any resident going to be away that day, perhaps you could arrange with a neighbour to let the crew in to carry out the check.

Thank you to Roy and his Crew for the continuing service you do for the Residents of Mountain View Village.



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Thank you, to all who reached out lovingly to my family and me, with caring sympathy when we lost dear Lynley. Your thoughtfulness, kindness and outreach have been a great comfort to us, at this very sad time. With sincere appreciation, Nan Kelman.



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### **Bloke's Morning Tea - March Report**

A good attendance. We lost our speaker through illness so we made up for it with a History of the RNZAF C130 H Hercules aircrafts. The first 3 arrived in 1964 and the other 2 arrived in 1969 The air force are very proud of the record of the aircraft never having lost one and how well they served the Country. Some of our villagers have travelled on them in service of our Country.

Speakers - We would like to have some Profile speakers come forward.

#### Thanks Rob O'Brien

#### <u>NEXT MEETING</u> - Monday 7th April 2025 @ 10am Speaker: Eric Welford - England's Canals & Canal Boats. Tea Stewards: David Darling & John Quinn

### Village Church Service-March Report

The March Church Service was taken by The Rev Alan Cummins, whose Lenten theme was, "Self Denial."

The Bible readings were, Psalm 139, Isaiah Ch 58 v 1-9 and Matthew Ch 16 v 5. Elaine Caird led the singing of Blessed Assurance, Amazing Grace and Spirit of God, as our pianist.

"So when we think of this Lenten Season we think of things like self-denial and temptation and forgiveness and renewal. These are some of the things that lie at the heart of the Lenten Season. And the cross of course, dominates as we travel through the season and get to Passion Sunday and Palm Sunday and Holy Week. As soon as you start talking about Lent, you think goodness me it will soon be Easter. The six weeks journey seems to go very quickly. But as Christians we use this season, whatever our denomination is, it is important for us as Christians to use this season well, to pray about our relationship with God, that we may deepen our commitment to God, our love for God and our service in the community to those around us. So Lent is a time to reflect, a time to draw near to God but it's not a wasted time, it's a time to allow God to renew us, to strengthen us and to equip us, in service and in our love and relationship to God. Some people take up something in Lent, or they might give up something. So whatever fits, it's the opportunity to reach out to God in love and remember His supreme love for us. Whatever we do is not meant to be a burden, but part of our commitment as we follow God, love God and serve God. "

Prayer. Dear Lord, we give you thanks for your presence with us. We give you thanks for the new day, another beautiful autumn day, clear blue sky, your fingerprints are seen everywhere we look and the gift of each other. We thank you Father for your creativity, for your wonderful love and for your architecture all around the world. We give you thanks for our family and friends wherever they are. We give you thanks for their love and friendship and support. We thank you for those who keep an eye on us, who are our friends and who watch over us. Father, we thank you for this community, for the friend-

ships and joy given and the fellow ship that is enjoyed in this community and for your hand and love watches over us all the time. Amen.



Next Service on Thursday 3rd April at 11am St Philip & All Saints Anglican - Margo Goodman

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# <u>Rates Rebate Forms</u>

Are available now @ the Village Office.

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Rates Rebate

ation for the rating year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

### THE FISHPOND

It was exciting to watch our tadpoles turn into frogs, but very disappointing to know that the tap at the pond was turned on overnight on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and left on to overflow the pond. Fortunately, the fish seemed to have survived all the Chlorinated water, but the tadpoles and frogs were washed out of the protective basket. The fish look to have made the most of the free food and have eaten all but a few tadpoles. The ones left mostly had their tails eaten off so may not survive. Thanks to Matt for finding the mess and turning the tap off and Val for the valiant rescue effort of 5 tail-less tadpoles!

We can only hope some of the baby frogs have made it to safety in the foliage round the pond area. Keep a look out!

Please – no matter how low the water level looks, know that I have it under control. Large amounts of Chlorinated water can kill the fish.

Kaye Cuthbertson





# SUNDAY DINNER DINE OUT

13th April 2025 at 12 noon

# **Pleasant Point Hotel**

Main Road, Pleasant Point

# ALL WELCOME

Please have names on list by 4pm on Thursday 10th April 2025

If you need transport please contact Helen Thickett 6147363

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REGULAR DATES Office Hours Mon - Fri 10.30 - 2.30pm IMPORTANT DATES April 2025						
SUNDAY	Lawn Bowls 10.30 - In Recess Dinner Dine-out 12 (2 <sup>nd</sup> wk/mth) Sports & Recreation Afternoon 2 - In Recess		y 1st esday 2 ay 3rd 4th	Entertainment Committee Mtg 4 <b>Wk 6 Sport SC Program 1 - Final</b> Church Service 11 Sports & Rec Comm Mtg 9.30		
	Musical Afternoon 2pm - In Recess Blokes Morning Tea 10 (1 <sup>st</sup> wk/mth)	Saturday 5th Sunday 6th		Movie 1.30 Daylight Saving Ends - Back 1hr		
MONDAY	Petanque 1.30 Triominos 1.30 Indoor Bowls 1.30 - In Recess			Blokes Morning Tea 10 Convenors Mtg 9.30 Ladies Cuppa n'Chat 10 'Have a Go' - Upright & Active 1		
TUESDAY	Chi+Movement 10 Walk Group 11 Rummikub 1.30 Table Tennis 4 - In Recess	Friday 11th Sunday 13th		Pot Luck Tea Dinner Dine Out 12noon Wine Appreciation 7 OFFICE CLOSED - Good Friday		
WEDNESDAY	Golf Croquet 10.30 Mah Jong 1.30 - In Recess Lawn Bowls 1.30 Craft & Chat 2 - In Recess Table Tennis 4 - In Recess Wine Appreciation 7 (3 <sup>rd</sup> wk/mth)	Saturday 19th Monday 21st Wednesday 23 Thursday 24th Friday 25th		Movie 1.30 OFFICE CLOSED - Easter Monday NEWSLETTER CUT OFF SMOKE ALARM CHECKS - 10 OFFICE CLOSED - ANZAC Day		
THURSDAY	Church Service 11 (1 <sup>st</sup> wk/mth) Ladies Cuppa 'n Chat 10 - (2 <sup>nd</sup> wk/mth) Garden Group 10 - In Recess Upright and Active 1 Housie(Rummikub) 2.15 - Seasonal Cards 500 7	8 R.	esidents	April Birthstane Diamond Diamo		
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