



Residents News

May 2025

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NOTES FROM THE TRUST

We are not long from the shortest day!!!!!! Where on earth have the last five months gone?

The Trustees note the work Matt and Chris have been doing to keep the Mountain View Village grounds looking great heading into the coldest part of the year. The colourful autumn leaves are falling and Matt is mindful of clearing them away regularly.

Health & Safety

The Trustees are not happy with the work that was done on the Community Centre's north facing automatic doors and are working with the contractor to have the work remedied.

Most residents have heatpumps and with the colder days and nights upon us you will most likely have these working day and night. It is important to check that the filters are clean. The highwall heatpumps aren't so easy to attend to therefore we recommend that you ask one of your family members to do this task for you.

Community Centre Cleaning

All Star Cleaning who are the cleaners for the Community Centre have completed the cleaning of the beige dining chairs and the arm-chairs in the Lounge. Jimmi is going to be cleaning the insides and out-sides of the Community Centre windows on Sunday afternoon 1st June, from 2.30pm. He/they are very efficient contractors and we trust that you will not be inconvenienced during this time.

Helen Carter on behalf of the Mountain View Village Trustees.



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

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NEXT MEETING Friday 6th June 2025 @ 9.30am

I hope everyone is keeping warm on these cold mornings? Although we are often rewarded with a nice sunny day. Good to keep moving and have a walk if you can. Better for you and the car if your destination is in walking distance.

There are new bench seats and handrails at the bowling green. Thanks to Graeme Thompson for arranging these. They look much sturdier and safer for residents, and I'm sure a couple of people will be encouraged to give lawn bowls another try in the summer now that they can safely get on to the green and also sit for a while. Have a look next time you are passing.

COMMITTEE

Convenor

Jill Welford

Members

Pam Dunwoody
Ron Paulin
Colin Smith



**HAVE
A GO**

Have a go activity for June is table tennis. We are planning a session for 4pm on Tuesday 24 June for anyone interested. It's an opportunity for new residents to see what it's all about and existing residents to see how they go after some down time. Colin and Ron will be there to give some guidance.



We are hoping to get a look around the Aigantighe art gallery in the spring; when the lift is installed and there are less hazards around. It will be good to see the strengthening work they have done as well as some of their collection.

I hope to see you all at the midwinter dinner on the 15th, if not before. ***Mid-Winter Dinner***

Jill Welford

Harvey Norman Harvey Norman Harvey Norman

Harvey Norman are offering an exclusive discount on
furniture and bedding for all
Mountain View Village Residents.

Please see the village office or the notice board for further details on
how to claim your **exclusive discount.**

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NEXT MEETING Tuesday 3rd June 2025 @ 4pm

Welcome to winter!!! Hope its going to be a mild one!

May was taken up with the decision about the future of the Dell. The Trust are going for an "On" licence which will give us the most options. This is well under way, but is not a quick solution. At present Happy Hour will continue as a Bring Your Own. (Alcohol)

We had a very successful Vietnamese meal in May with 51 people attending. Most had not tasted that cuisine before so it was a leap of faith. Thank you Angela for organising this.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 13th – The band **Breakthru**, will play from 5.30pm till 6.30pm at an extended Happy Hour. Dancing is encouraged. So is singing along!



Mid-Winter Dinner

June 15th – Mid Winter Meal. South Canterbury Caterers have new owners. Our mid winter dinners changed a little with salads instead of roast vegetables but otherwise will be very similar to those enjoyed in the past. The price this year will be \$45.00 per person. A notice will be in your letterbox closer to the day, telling you when payment must be in. No late payments will be accepted.

In July we intend putting on a themed Fish & Chip night. Also we hope to have Tim Kirke, our young pianist extraordinaire, to play for us again. This will probably be on a Sunday afternoon.

Remember! The Community Centre is yours to use. It is usually warm and sunny. Sit in the lounge and read a book or just watch the fish. Speaking of which, Marilyn, the large white one with the orange lips, seems to have disappeared. Kaye has asked that you report any sightings! She may be hibernating on the bottom or maybe she's died quietly and become fish supper for the others. Recycling at its best!!

Val Fahey



Bloke's Morning Tea - May Report

A good turn out by all accounts. I missed the meeting. The film shown was about New Zealand Light Houses and the people who worked in them. We have had a Light House Keeper live in the village and have some of their children currently living here .

Next meeting will be on King's Birthday Monday 2nd of June.

We will have a toast in tea or coffee to mark the day.

NEXT MEETING - Monday 2nd June 2025 @ 10am

Speaker: TBA

Tea Stewards: TBA on the day.

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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 EXAMINER by Janice Hallett

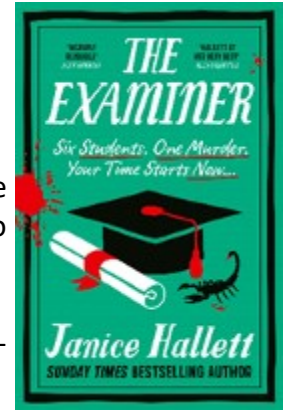
Reviewed by Trish O'Brien

Six students, one murder, your time starts now.

The mature students of Royal Hastings University's Art Course have been trouble from day one and some do not seem to know much about art or technology.

This book is written mostly as social media messages, tutor reports, essays and examiner reports.

An unusual way of writing took a chapter or two but I did enjoy this book, kept you guessing till the end.

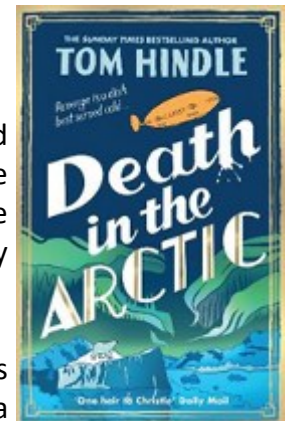


DEATH IN THE ARCTIC by Tom Hindle

Reviewed by Dianne Paulin

The Osprey is a luxury helium airship on its maiden voyage over the Arctic. On board are 8 passengers, all personally invited by one of the owners, and 8 crew. When one of the passengers is found dead in his room, faulty equipment is blamed. But some of those on board the craft begin to wonder if it really was an accident. Could they be trapped on the airship with a killer?

The story is filled with twists and turns, the writing is light, and the plot bounces along at a good pace. It's a murder mystery with a very different setting. Agatha Christie lovers will enjoy this book.

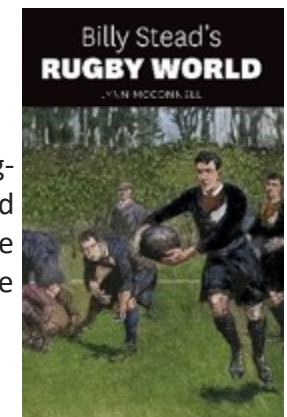


BILLY STEAD'S RUGBY WORLD by Lynn Mcconell

Reviewed by Rob O'Brien

This book covers the rugby career of Billy Stead and his written thoughts on rugby from the Originals 1905 tour to the British Isle which he is first five-eighths, friend and tactician with Dave Gallaher up to the second world war. A boot maker by trade and became a journalist. A look at Bob Deans No Try against Wales and how it came about. His thoughts about the way rugby is played. Lynn McConnell fills in the gaps.

A rugby follower's book I enjoyed parts of it. Overall, an interesting read.



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Library Notes Cont...



THE SEVENTH FLOOR by David McCloskey

Reviewed by Trish O'Brien

Six CIA Officers who have worked together for years. When a Russian defector is killed and CIA Officer Sam Joseph goes missing, Operations Chief Artemis Proctor is made the scapegoat and run out of the Service. Months later Sam appears on her doorstep with an explosive secret. What will Artemis do about this secret.

An interesting look into the world of Spies and their work.

Keeps you guessing. I liked it.



Resident File Photo ID's



If you are a **NEW RESIDENT** to the Village.....haven't had your file photo taken yet.....**or** would like to update your photo.....

Please come and see me at the Village Office.

Thank you, Ruth

Village Church Service—May Report

Kay Beange warmly welcomed Sue Varcoe and pianist Russell Snell from the Life Church

The opening hymns sung were, 'What a friend we have in Jesus' and, 'In the Garden.'

Sue's message was about speaking the name of Jesus. "Is confidence in ourselves or families or do we put our confidence in Jesus? So often we do things in our own strength. Jesus is waiting for us to come to him to use his power and authority. It's the name of Jesus that delivers us from fear, anxiety and grief. When we invite Jesus into our lives, he stays, even when we stray. He is always faithful and waiting. He never leaves or forsakes us." Throughout her message, Sue read numerous applicable bible passages.

Sue and Russell introduced a new song- I just wanna speak the name of Jesus Over every heart and every mind 'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence I speak Jesus.

The service concluded with the following prayer. "Lord I thank you for Mountain View Village. We speak the name of Jesus over this village, every family and their families. Amen.

Next Service on Thursday 5th June at 11am

Timaru Presbyterian Parish

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DRAFT VEHICLE POLICY

Thank you to the residents who submitted signed, positive suggestions, valid points and interesting questions about the Vehicle Policy. These will be seriously considered in the final document.

To those who gave unhelpful, unsigned, hurtful (bordering on libellous) negative replies, I say, it is time to do a Google search on the meaning of a DRAFT. Unfortunately, you have missed out on the chance to contribute towards the safety of all in the Village.

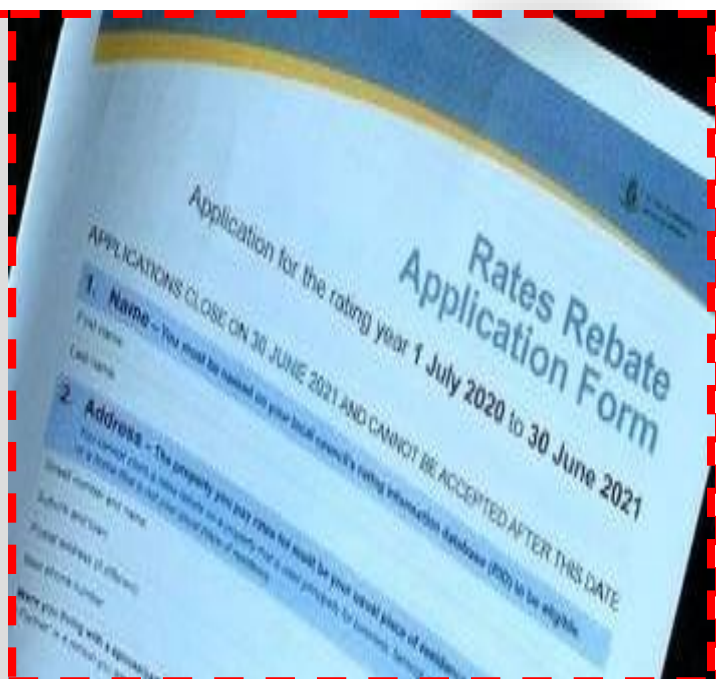
RR Pamela Dunwoody



Rates Rebate Forms

ASAP! Don't miss out!

Please **Collect/Return** your form, from/to the Village Office **now!**



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ANZAC DAY SERVICE 2025

It was pleasing to have a large attendance of residents, their families and friends attend the Village Service. After Barry Yates dropped the National flag to half mast; the service began by honouring all who have lost their lives in battle and remembering with sympathy those New Zealanders, who have suffered as prisoners of war, and those who, because of war, have had their lives shortened or handicapped.

Trish O'Brien read the biblical reading John 15:9-12 and a prayer. The ANZAC Hymn: Honour the Dead, written by New Zealander, Shirley Murray was sung.

Kay Beange, read Flanders Fields to which everyone replied.

Brenda Lyon and Clare Bishop dressed up suitably as a school girl, and a Land Girl to read the poem, "Cool Grandma." The visual image left a lasting impression about the role of the Land girls, during WW2.

I spoke about the tremendous work the Land Girls undertook to keep New Zealand farms operating during the war years, when the majority of our young men were overseas in the armed forces, on land, sea and in the air. No National recognition, was given to these hardworking girls, but 'our' Lady Fi undertook to have the only NZ memorial, built at Maungati. Also a seat and plaque were provided there by two ex land girls.

Brenda read another poem, titled "Land Girls."

Robin Harrison, our Village Trust Member laid the Village wreath and 'our piper' Maggie, thanks to technology, played the Lament, Flowers of the Forrest as poppies were laid.

The traditional ANZAC service continued, concluding with morning tea and Anzac Biscuits.

Interest was shown in the displayed photographs and information sheets of residents' family members who served overseas during the Boer War and WW1&2 and in the interesting, printed stories about the Land Girls' stories.

My sincere thanks to those who helped set up the hall and tidied up. To Mark Wellford, for operating the TV for us to hear and see our Maggie playing the lament on her bagpipes, to my George for providing the music for the Hymn, National anthems Last Post and Rouse. Thank you to Jenny Crawford's family who kindly, rearranged the seating, for Happy Hour later in the day. A delightful surprise was the two lovely drawings by young Lexi who placed them with all the poppies. Thank you, Fi for sharing all the interesting information, about the Land Girls.

A red folder in the Library has the full service story and printed stories about the Land Girls.

Ann Munro



ANZAC DAY SERVICE 2025

COOL GRANDMA - by Hilda Gibson, 1999.

What did you do in the War, Grandma?
We're learning about it at school.
Were you a WAAF or an ATS or a Wren?
They looked so cool.



Haven't they taught you about the land, How the men had to go to fight,
How thousands of girls, from cities and towns, Became farmers overnight?

We were the Woman's Land Army, Eighty thousand strong.
We worked all hours in the heat and the cold, Each day was hard and long.

We dug the ditches, milked the cows, Brought in the harvest grain,
Collected the eggs and killed the rats! We braved the wind and rain.



A Cinderella's Army, We weren't asked to the Ball.
But aching backs and weary limbs, Were remembered by us all.

Yet through the hardship and the toil, We did our very best.
A job well done was our reward, And never mind the rest.



That's what we did in the War, child, So tell your friends at school.
They won't see us in the Big Parade, But Land Girls? We were cool!

THE LAND GIRL - by Mary Guthrie 1949

Mine is the wind, and mine the sun
The rain, the clouds, and every one of those pale stars at dawn.

Theirs is the house, and theirs the land,
These hills are theirs on which I stand,
And theirs my bed and board.

But I, I own the whole wide sky.
This lusty wind that rushes by, And this old huntaway.

Mine is the work, and theirs my keep,
Mine is this horse, and theirs the sheep, I muster from the hills.

The horse, the dog, my soul are mine
The work I love in wet or fine, All these and life are mine.





NZ Land Girls

Thanks to 'our' Lady Fi and two ex land girls, Sadie Leitze and Daphne Attfield, a beautiful, bronze sculpture commemorating the work of the New Zealand Land Girls, plus a seat and plaque were placed at the Peace Walk, at Maungati in 2020. This is the only monument in New Zealand acknowledging the recognition the work the Land Girls undertook which the war commission, politicians, RSA members and others never did. These women were never allowed to march in homecoming parades; they were told to return to womanly roles, when the men returned home.



A suggestion has been made that residents who live alone might like to have some kind of arrangement with a neighbour or friend to ensure they are OK each day.

Perhaps a curtain opened or an exterior light turned off each morning by a certain time or something similar

Kindly suggested by a Resident

To Donna & Raylene



A huge thank you for making, and distributing to each Village resident, the NHI fridge magnets.

These will be a wonderful asset to St John's staff, when called out to a resident's home. A & G.

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Blast from the Past 12 May 2014

Efforts by knitters honoured

Katasha Thyne
katasha.thyne@maraherd.co.nz

The "knitting machines" from the Mountain View craft group have been acknowledged for their contributions to the community.

Every year, to mark International Women's Day, Zonta clubs choose a group which has done exceptional things in helping the welfare of women and

children in their own community as well as the wider world.

This year the Timaru honour went to the women from the Mountain View craft group, who, over the years, have made "hundreds and thousands" of knitted garments for children in need.

The group of 20 meets every Tuesday and the members have made booties and jerseys for Plunket, premature babies, poverty-stricken overseas babies, and, most recently, children in Christchurch

affected by the earthquakes.

Convener Dorothy Petersen, who has been in the group for 30 years, said she was amazed that anyone would think to honour them.

Zonta presented each member of the group with a traditional yellow rose to mark International Women's Day last Friday.

Zonta is an international organisation that aims to improve the status of women in the community.



Knitting machines: Members of the Mountain View craft group are acknowledged for their contribution to the community. Shona Keen, left, and Kathleen Cuthbertson hold the flowers they received on International Women's Day.

Photo: SAUNDRA BRADSHAW/TAUMAKA



Thanks to ...

Graeme Thompson
and the Trust for the new
seats and hand rail at the
bowling Green.

We'll done & Thank you.



**PLEASE
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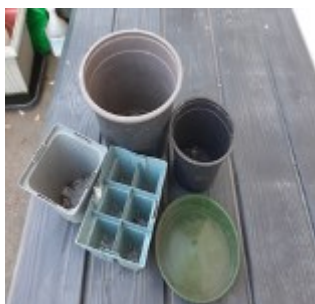
If waiting for a My Way Bus.....

You are welcome to wait on a chair in the Hall so you can see when the bus arrives. Please ensure you move the chair away from the emergency door and shut the door behind you when you leave.

Thank you.



**The Convenors are having a week during 9 – 15 June 2025,
Of Collecting and Recycling of Plastic Garden Pots & Trays**



During the week 9 – 15 June 2025, we will have a table set up in the community centre where you can place your washed unwanted Plastic Garden Pots & Trays.

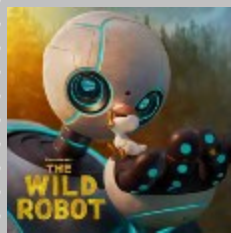
These will then be taken to a garden outlet for recycling.

If you require help removing them from your home, please ring one of the convenors.

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June 2025



7th June Wild Robot (2024)

The film follows Roz (Nyong'o), a service robot shipwrecked on an uninhabited island who must adapt to its surroundings, build relationships with the local wildlife, and become the adoptive mother of an orphaned goose, Brightbill (Connor). Can a robot survive in the wilderness? When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is--but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a fierce storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realizes that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants. As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home until, one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her. Nominated for 3 Oscars



21st June Nonna's

Watching Nonnas felt like stepping into a beautifully warm family kitchen the kind where generations have stirred the same sauces, shared laughter over fresh pasta, and healed wounds with stories and song. This film is more than a movie; it's a soul nourishing experience, a feast for the senses, and one of the most emotionally raw and real pieces of storytelling I've ever encountered. At its heart, Nonnas is about the blending of cultures, generations, and hearts. It's a celebration of heritage an artful layering of flavors and memories that reminded me just how powerful the human connection can be. Food becomes a metaphor for love and legacy in this story. Every scene is like a dish passed down through time, filled with care and flavor, simple yet sacred.



28th June Hear My Song

A demanding choir master (Dustin Hoffman) at an elite music academy pushes a gifted but rebellious student (Garrett Wareing) to fulfill his true potential. Also starring Kathy Bates.

Mid-Winter Dinner

Sunday 15th June 2025

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Newsletter Cut Off Date

25th June 2025

Please send all Contributions to.....

mvvruth@gmail.com

Thank you.

Notice Board



DUTY ROSTER

June 2025

DUTY MANAGER

Rob O'Brien

FRIDAY NIGHT DELL DUTIES:

Jim Kroening & Trish O'Brien

FRIDAY NIGHT HOST:

Jim Kroening

Thank you for your help.



DINNER DINE OUT



There will be no Dinner Dine out in June due to the following Sunday being the Mid Winter Village Dinner. We would love to see you all at this Dinner.

Monthly Dinner Dine Out will resume in July.

Helen

MOUNTAIN VIEW VILLAGE CHOIR

"Please mark your calendars for a village choir concert combined with a sing-a-long on **Sunday 20 July**. More to follow."



Jenny Simmonds

Ladies Cuppa 'n Chat

Come along and enjoy some time together

**Thursday
12th June
@ 10am**



**HAVE
A GO**

**everyone's
welcome**

**'Have a Go' Day
Table Tennis**



**Tuesday 24th June
at 4pm**

PODIATRIST



Deborah Cookson

BSc (Hons) Podiatrist.

022 419 9011

Mobile Podiatry

Home visits available



**Tuesday
17th June**

(Appointment book at Centre)

BALANCE CLASS

Wednesday's at 1pm



Convenors

CONVENORS MEETING

**9.30am Wednesday
11th June 2025**

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REGULAR DATES

Office Hours
Mon - Fri
10.30 - 2.30pm

IMPORTANT DATES June 2025

SUNDAY	Lawn Bowls 10.30 - In Recess Dinner Dine-out 12 (2 nd wk/mth) Sports & Recreation Afternoon 2 - In Recess	Sat. 7,21 & 28th	Movie 1.30
		Monday 2nd	OFFICE CLOSED - Kings Birthday
		Monday 2nd	Blokes Morning Tea 10
		Tuesday 3rd	Entertainment Committee Mtg 4
MONDAY	Blokes Morning Tea 10 (1 st wk/mth) Petanque 10.30 Triominos 1.30 Indoor Bowls 1.30	Thursday 5th	Church Service 11
		Friday 6th	Sport & Rec Comm Mtg 9.30
		Wednesday 11	Convenors Mtg 9.30
		Thursday 12th	Ladies Cuppa n'Chat 10
		Friday 13th	'Break Thru' entertains 5.30-6.30
		Sunday 15th	Mid Winter Meal
TUESDAY	Chi+Movement 10 Walk Group 11 Rummikub 1.30 Table Tennis 4 - In Recess	Tuesday 17th	PODIATRIST
		Wednesday 18	Wine Appreciation 7
		Friday 20th	OFFICE CLOSED - Matariki
		Tuesday 24th	'Have a Go' Day Table Tennis 4
WEDNESDAY	Golf Croquet 10.30 Balance Class 1 Mah Jong 1.30 Lawn Bowls 1.30 - In Recess Craft & Chat 2 - In Recess Table Tennis 4 - In Recess Wine Appreciation 7 (3 rd wk/mth)	Wednesday 25	NEWSLETTER CUT OFF
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 Housie(Rummikub) 2.15 - Seasonal Cards 500 7		
FRIDAY	Corn Hole 10.30 MV Village Choir Practice 1.30 Social Hour 4.30		
SAT	Movie 1.30 (ftnly)		

Happy Birthday



Some Statistics

9 Residents Celebrating 4 Men & 5 Ladies

Age Range 68 - 96

Decades 1x60's, 7x80's, 1x90's

Ave Age 83

Oldest person in Village & x1 New resident

Congratulations everyone!

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