



Residents News

August 2025

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Notes from the Trustees

Welcome to spring everyone. Seeing the blossom on the trees really does announce spring is here. Do take time to wander around the village and enjoy all the wonderful gardens including those in the lower garden where the rhododendrons will be flowering and the other plants coming to life after the winter.

Villa Alterations revised

The Trustees have been made aware of confusion around the requirements indicated to residents planning Villa Alterations in the July Newsletter. For context, as you have not built the villa or unit therefore you most likely will not have seen the floor plans that show where the bracing walls are for example. This can often be a key factor when considering internal changes.

It is a requirement that if you are planning to do an alteration or upgrade that includes a change to an inbuilt electrical appliance and/or any other work that requires, a plumber, electrician or a builder **you must seek approval** from the Trustees before you start any work. All work excepting interior painting and wallpapering must be done by a qualified trades person. All work is recorded on your property file for future reference. If in doubt, please check with the Maintenance Co-ordinators. For the future owner(s) of your villa / unit, this information is important.

Helen Carter on behalf of the Mountain View Village Trustees



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NEXT MEETING Friday 3rd October 2025 @ 9.30am

Greetings,

We are starting to enjoy some spring weather, with some daffodils and hyacinths in flower. We are planning another trip to Fi Elworthy's Rongomaraeroa **Peace Walk**, this time to enjoy the full effect of the blossom trees. All are welcome to join the walk group on **Tuesday 30 September**, leaving the car park at 10.30am. Please bring some lunch and a water bottle. And wear some comfortable walking shoes. Put your name on the list on the noticeboard.

COMMITTEE

Convenor

Jill Welford

Members

Pam Dunwoody

Ron Paulin

Colin Smith

Ballroom dancing will continue into September. Table tennis continues on a Tuesday afternoon at 4pm. Indoor bowls is in recess until next year. The visit to the Aigantighe Art Gallery will be next year, with the council having further delays installing the elevator.

We are planning an outing on **Friday 17 October**, up the inland scenic route for lunch at **Terrace Downs**, with a morning tea stop at Barkers, and an afternoon stop at the Rhododendron Walk at Geraldine. The menu and list for names will be on the

noticeboard.

For November, we are planning a craft afternoon on the Sunday afternoon before the Melbourne Cup. Head to an Op shop, Look Sharp or Coinmax for a straw or felt hat and some decorations, and have a look thru your cupboards for ribbons, scarves, etc. Kaye Cuthbertson is going to be there to give some direction.

Also look out for a Sports afternoon coming in November. Details next month.

Thanks, Jill Welford

Craft Afternoon 2nd November 2025

(the Sunday afternoon before the Melbourne Cup)



Bring along a Straw or Felt Hat and any Decorations, ribbons, flowers, etc..... that you would like to use.

Kaye Cuthbertson





NEXT MEETING Tuesday 2nd September 2025 @ 4pm

Have you noticed how light the evenings are getting? The village has been hit by a horticultural colour bomb. Isn't it uplifting!

Did you attend Tim Kirk's concert? If not you missed a treat. He just gets better and better. He has recently had major success in a contest in Christchurch. That would have been no surprise to those who have heard him! Thank you to Dianne and Lorraine for your help in the kitchen, and to Jim for the heavy lifting. Also to Pam and Fiona for their tea contributions.

COMMITTEE

Convenors

Valerie Fahey

Members

Karen Brooks

Marie Dey

Noeline Farr

Angela Kerr

Jim Kroening

Dianne Paulin

Helen Thickett

Thanks must also go to Mark and Jill Welford for putting on our August quiz. The multi choice question format was a winner! Apparently we like to test our brains a bit but not too much! Who knew that a Cesar Salad originated in Mexico!

What a nice shared supper we had. Lots of choices! Thank you to all who contributed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The committee is hard at work as usual.

This month, on the **19th** we will be having our annual **Chinese meal**. Helen has done some investigating and it looks like the cost will be \$13, the same as last year (depending on numbers) Can't say that about many things, can we ! There will be a note in your letterbox closer to the day!

Helen McHaffie played for us at the beginning of the month and will be back on the 5th of September Marie is working on getting more entertainers at happy hour.

On **Wednesday 3rd of September** a speaker, **Robyn Willis, a driving instructor** from Temuka will be giving us tips on driving now we are older.

On **Sunday September 14th** there will be a concert at the centre featuring **Rua Pick, a flutist** from Amberley. Fiona Elworthy has arranged this. Rua is a very interesting man and will be talking about his craft as well as playing. There will be a note in your letterbox closer to the day.

Now the weather is warming up there are some trips , with luncheons, being planned. Look out for information in your letterbox!

If you are spring cleaning don't forget we are looking for donations of just about anything for our **Bring and Buy in November**. Proceeds will be split between St John's and your social club.

If you are feeling lonely, walk out to your letterbox, there are so many people out enjoying the sunshine I'm sure someone will stop for a chat!

Valerie Fahey.



Library Notes



THE SUMMER GUESTS by Tess Gerritsen

Reviewed by Tony Kerr

COMMITTEE

Joint Convenors

Trish O'Brien
Lorraine Watkins

Members

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

Tess Gerritsen is another of my Top 10 authors. She was a Medical Doctor, who now writes full time and uses her medical knowledge to enhance her mysterious murder stories. 'Summer Guests' is the second in a series of a "Book Club" group of ex spies, quietly residing in the small town of Purity, Maine. When the rich City folk come to Purity to spend their summer vacations, not all the locals are happy about the invasion.



THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD BEACH AND BOOKCLUB by Martha Hall Kelly

Reviewed by Kaye Cuthbertson

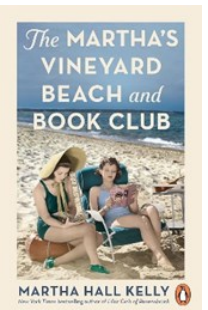
It's 2016 and Mari has arrived at Martha's Vineyard on a mission – to learn to paint better from a renowned artist but is there more to it than that?

Slip back 1942 and Tom is about to go to war leaving the running of the family farm to his grandmother and two sisters and soon to be fiancée. Cadence the older sister wants to go to L.A. to be a writer. She writes a column in the Island paper. Briar is 16 and "different", but full of knowledge. Bess Tom's girlfriend is from a rich family who has come to live with the loving family and help on the farm.

The army has come to the island and settled not far from the farm and using their beach to train on. Briar is convinced she has seen a U-boat offshore, but no-one believes her, until a man is washed up half drowned on the beach. She rescues him and hides him in the boat house till she can get him up to the house. He tells her he has escaped from the German U-boat and now the family is risking everything by hiding him.

Some interesting times for everyone.

An enjoyable story and a happy ending for Mari.



THE MADEMOISELLE ALLIANCE by Natasha Lester

Reviewed by Trish O'Brien

1928 Morocco. Marie Madeline is an 18-year-old wife. 1936 France. A chance encounter with a mysterious man turns Marie Madeline's life upside down as she builds a resistance network known as the Alliance. She becomes the only woman to lead a network in France during WW2.

A great read.



OCEAN-EARTHS LAST WILDERNESS by David Attenborough and Colin Butfield

Reviewed by Trish O'Brien

From the Icy seas of our Poles to the remote Coral Islands David Attenborough and Colin Butfield share the story of our last great Wilderness Our vast Ocean and how much our knowledge has improved over the last forty years.

A good read.



Retire and Start Living

We thought we would put something in this newsletter as a follow up to the RR Cuppa & Chat in August 2025.

Renovating/Redecorating inside your home – if you need electrical or plumbing work completed, please get a qualified tradesperson; however, for redecorating, you can arrange someone who will do this work satisfactorily.

Motorhome/Caravan Car Park – the lichen on asphalt will be sprayed and all owners may need to be prepared to move their vehicle if requested, so the asphalt under vehicles can also be sprayed if required.

Parking Cars on the Road. We do have parks available for all who park their vehicles on the road outside their homes, please contact RR Angela to arrange to use a park. If you have a garage with no motor vehicle in it, please use it for your vehicle. We suggest alternative parking, so your vehicle is safe and off the road.

Evacuation – An Evacuation drill was held in the Community Centre in August. *A reminder you cannot use the toilet or the library if the alarms are ringing in the community centre!* The trust is in the process of arranging for a ramp to be built down to the Emergency assembly area – near the croquet pitch.

Using Community Centre for outside MVV group meetings is not permitted. However, if any residents wish to use the centre for an event for themselves (e.g. birthday, anniversary) then please speak with a RR to arrange the booking. The first event per person is free and another booking in the calendar year will cost you \$20.00.

Possums – We now have more Possum traps (Thank you Barry Black) and the number of possums caught has increased.

This is our last newsletter contribution in our year as RRs.
Thank you for your support.

Pam Dunwoody & Angela Kerr



Village Church Service—August Report

The August Church service was taken by the Rev Anne Stewart from St David's Church.

Elaine Caird who enjoys playing the piano for the village Church Services, accompanied us as we sang The King of Love my Shepherd is, Great is Your Faithfulness and Love Divine, all Love Excelling.

The bible reading was read by Doug Traves from St David's.

Anne's reflection spoke about *us*. *We* are the ones who weren't there immediately after the horrors of the cross. *We* are the ones who weren't there when the Holy Spirit came down upon the scared and bewildered apostles. *We* are the ones who, like almost everyone who has believed in Jesus, have to reckon with finding our way in the days after. Many days after in our case. It is our lot in life that we always live in the day after; when excitement has abated... the dust has settled... time has passed. The day after is a day full of promise but we have a little faith in order to understand all the possibilities this day can bring. Every day is full of promise but we only get to live our lives in this day, in the now. We can't live yesterday – that's been and gone, however much we might like to go back at times, we can't. And we can't yet live tomorrow – despite our dreaming of what it might be. We can't go there yet. We are framed by what has been and shapes our attitude and approach to the day that is upon us.

Prayer. Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives bringing light. Christ comes into our locked rooms and gifts us with grace and hope. Christ comes, to fill us with peace. That we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness. Thanks be to you God, that Christ has come to us. Amen.

Next Service on Thursday 4th September at 11am

Pastor Andrew Maude from Wilson St Baptist Church



Attention All Village Residents

Guest speaker - Robyn Willis

Road safety / safe driving for Seniors

Wednesday 3 September 2025 at 10am

In John Stubbs Community Centre

**Come and learn about Road rules and get driving
Advise. Cuppa & Social time to follow**

Hope to see you there!



Bloke's Morning Tea

NEXT MEETING - Monday 1st September 2025 @ 10am

Retire and Start Living



6 September - The Life Ahead

In seaside Italy, a Holocaust survivor with a daycare business takes in a 12-year-old street kid who recently robbed her. Staring Sofia Loren



13 September - The Salt Path

THE SALT PATH is the profound true story of husband and wife, Raynor and Moth Winn's 630-mile trek along the beautiful but rugged Cornish, Devon and Dorset coastline. After being forcibly removed from their home, they make the desperate decision to walk in the hope that, in nature, they will find solace and a sense of acceptance. With depleted resources, only a tent and some essentials between them, every step along the path is a testament to their growing strength and determination. THE SALT PATH is a journey that is exhilarating, challenging, and liberating in equal measure. A portrayal of home, how it can be lost and rediscovered in the most unexpected ways.



20 September - The Dig

Nothing stays lost forever. As WWII looms, a wealthy widow hires an amateur archaeologist to excavate the burial mounds on her estate. When they make a historic discovery, the echoes of Britain's past resonate in the face of its uncertain future.



27 September - Mr Burton

Mr. Burton tells the true story of the relationship between Port Talbot schoolmaster Philip Burton and a wild young schoolboy called Richard Jenkins.

Paying for events on Line

If you wish to pay on line for any of the events organised by the Entertainment Committee, the Bank Account is:

06 0889 0258646 00 MVV Social Club Account

We suggest you save this Account number on your Payee list.

This doesn't stop you paying in cash, by putting your money in a named envelope in the box at Reception when there are events.



Life without a Car



It's incredibly tough to imagine life without a car, and for people living with health or mobility issues, there will likely come a point when driving is no longer an option. It can be a difficult time for you and your family.

There are Various community supports available.



Total Mobility Card

Total Mobility is a nationwide scheme to help provide transport for people who cannot use public transport easily. Eligible people receive subsidised fares, (currently 75% discount), with approved Total Mobility transport operators to help them access appropriate transport to meet their daily needs and enhance their community participation. The scheme is funded in partnership with local and central government in New Zealand (Environment Canterbury and Waka Kotahi). The card can be used with Timaru Taxis, Driving Miss Daisy, Freedom Companion Driving Services and the Geraldine and Waimate Vehicle Trust.



Myway Metro bus Service

Myway is an on-demand bus service. Smart technology matches your ride with other passengers going the same way for shared travel. Your pickup time will be provided when you book. Pick-up and drop-off points vary depending on where the vehicle is coming from, and usually require just a short walk to meet your ride. You can book via the [App](#) or over the phone [03 688 5544](tel:036885544) (Monday to Friday 6am – 7pm; Saturday, Sunday, and Public Holidays 8am – 6pm)



Driving Miss Daisy

The team at Driving Miss Daisy offer companion driving services providing much more than just transport. They'll drive you to and from your destination and provide further assistance as needed including company on outings, assistance with shopping and to attend appointments.

Phone [03 683 1073](tel:036831073) or [021 503 398](tel:021503398) Email: timaru@drivingmissdaisy.co.nz

Freedom Companion Driving Service



A new business in Timaru which commenced in 2025. Enjoy stress free, affordable travel. Fully licensed and Police checked. Single or regular trip for Medical appointments, shopping, airport transfers, Social & Sightseeing.

Phone [03 686 2044](tel:036862044) or [027 686 2044](tel:0276862044)

Timaru Taxis [03 688 88 99](tel:036888899)



*To the Residents
& Staff*

*I am deeply grateful for
your sympathy and support
during this difficult time.
Your thoughtful gestures
and words of comfort have
been appreciated by me
and my family.*

*Pat will be forever remembered
and forever missed.*

Fleur Kinney and family



FAREWELL

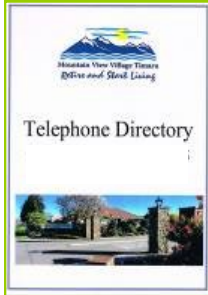
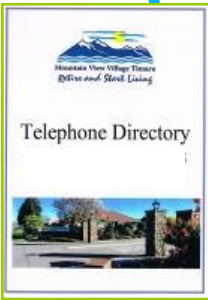
Resident Moved from Village

(please update your telephone directory)

Jeananne McInnes - 25 Grange Close. Resident for 9 Years

Thank you for your contribution to Village life.

We wish you all the best for the future!



Residents

please update your telephone directory

Fleur Kinney - Ph 021 1614941 (No Landline)



Rongomaraeroa - Peace Walk



Tuesday 30th September

⇒ **Leaving the Carpark at 10.30am**

What to Bring - Lunch, Water Bottle & Comfortable Walking Shoes.

Please put your name on the Notice Board list at the Centre.

Enjoy the full effect of the blossom trees.

All are welcome.



*In the interest of Hygiene and Village Maintenance,
we would ask the Village Residents...
Please **DO NOT** feed the birds food-scrap thrown on lawns and
grounds. Thank you.*



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**

Retire and Start Living

Operation Wrapped in Remembrance:


Would you like to knit, weave or crochet for a veteran?

In acknowledgment of 2025 being 80 years since the end of World War 2, 75 years since beginning Korean War, 65 years since end of Malay Emergency and 50 years since end of Vietnam War, we invite you to knit, weave or crochet a scarf for a veteran.

To let them know they haven't been forgotten, their service is wrapped in remembrance and their service is appreciated.

Scarves can be any ply, any pattern. Scarves will be distributed through the RSA and organisations like the Korea and Vietnam Veterans Associations.

Project dates: start May 9 - finish November 11, 2025.

Contact Person - Ann Munro Ph: 6848585

SUNDAY DINNER DINE OUT

14th September at 12 noon

Bay Hill Restaurant & Bar

(formally Monteiths) Bay Hill, Timaru

All Welcome

Please put your name down on the Notice Board in the Village Office by **Thursday 11th September by 4pm**
If you need transport please contact – Helen Thickett 614 7363

Flute Concert

Rua Pick & Michelle Croft will Entertain playing their Flutes.

Sunday 14th September 2025 at 2pm

Rua will also talk about his work - an artist. Rua Pick is a visual and aural story teller, mixed media, paintings, carvings, Ohau Matua Puoro Sound Healing Instruments.

The pictures are of his carved flutes.

Afternoon Tea & Social time to follow. ***Hope to see you there.***

Retire and Start Living

Newsletter Cut Off Date

24th September 2025

Please send all Contributions to.....

mvvruth@gmail.com

Thank you.

DUTY ROSTER

September 2025

DUTY MANAGER

Tony Kerr

FRIDAY NIGHT DELL DUTIES:

Angela & Tony Kerr

FRIDAY NIGHT HOST:

Noeline Farr

Thank you for your help.



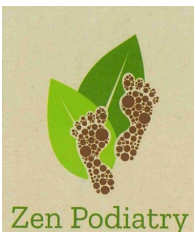
Ladies Cuppa 'n Chat

*Come along and
enjoy
some time
together*

**Thursday
11th September
@ 10am**



PODIATRIST



Deborah Cookson
BSc (Hons) Podiatrist.

022 419 9011

Mobile Podiatry

Home visits available



**Tuesday
9th Sept**

(Appointment book at Centre)

Notice Board



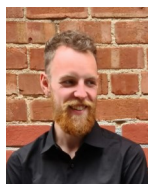
New
Members
Welcome

Wine Appreciation Group

Wednesday 17th September @ 7pm

At the Community Centre \$5 pp

Contact Brenda Lyon 6844538



THE VILLAGE

BARBER



SHOP

**OPEN - 1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH
10.30AM - 2.30PM**

After Blokes Morning Tea.

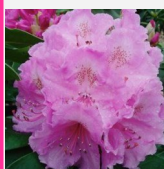
Chinese Meal Night Friday 19th September

Watch for a notice in your
mailbox
closer to the day!



Terrace Downs/Barkers/Rhodo Walk

Sunday 17 October



Outing - Up the inland scenic route for lunch at Terrace Downs, morning tea at Barkers, afternoon stop at Rhododendron Walk, Geraldine. The menu and list for names will be on noticeboard closer to the time.



CONVENORS MEETING

**9.30am Wednesday
10th September 2025**

Retire and Start Living


REGULAR DATES

Office Hours
Mon - Fri
10.30 - 2.30pm

IMPORTANT DATES September 2025

SUNDAY	Lawn Bowls 10.30 - In Recess Dinner Dine-out 12 (2 nd wk/mth) Sports & Recreation Afternoon 2 - In Recess	Sat's	Movie 1.30
		Monday 1st	Blokes Morning Tea 10
		Monday 1st	MVV BARBER SHOP - 10.30-2.30
		Tuesday 2nd	Entertainment Committee Mtg 4
MONDAY	Blokes Morning Tea 10 (1 st wk/mth) Petanque 10.30 Triominos 1.30 Indoor Bowls 1.30 - In Recess	Wednesday 3	Seniors Road Safety Speaker 10
		Thursday 4th	Church Service 11
		Sunday 7th	Fathers Day
		Tuesday 9th	PODIATRIST
TUESDAY	Chi+Movement 10 Walk Group 11 Rummikub 1.30 Table Tennis 4	Wednesday 10	Convenors Mtg 9.30
		Thursday 11th	Ladies Cuppa n'Chat 10
		Sunday 14th	Dinner Dine Out 12noon
		Sunday 14th	Flute Concert 2
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 17	Wine Appreciation 7
		Friday 19th	Chinese Meal Night
		Monday 22nd	OFFICE CLOSED - SC Anniversary
		Wednesday 24	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	Monday 29th	AGM 1.30pm
		Tuesday 30th	Peace Walk 10.30
FRIDAY	Corn Hole 10.30 MV Village Choir Practice 1.30 Social Hour 4.30		
SAT	Movie 1.30 (ftnly)		

Happy Birthday



Some Statistics

12 Residents Celebrating: 5 Man & 7 Ladies

Age Range 73 - 92

Decades 4x70's, 6x80's, 2x90's

Ave Age 83

Shared 2x4th, 2x12th, 2x22nd, 2x27th

Congratulations everyone!

Retire and Start Living

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