



Residents News

January 2026

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NEXT MEETING Tuesday 3rd February 2026 @ 4pm

Happy New Year. The world seems to be falling down around us, be it Mr Trump or the weather and its sad consequences. A time for us to be grateful for our safe haven here in Mountain View Village.



COMMITTEE

Convenors

Valerie Fahey

Members

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



The Entertainment Committee hasn't met yet this year so what I write may be a surprise to them, so I hope they are feeling co-operative!

We aim to have more entertainment this year be it at Happy Hour or during the day. To this end I have booked Mike Welsh to entertain us on Tuesday February 24th at 10.30am. He is a guitarist who sings. He's a New Zealander living in Australia and is on an extended holiday through New Zealand playing as he goes. We may look at having some sort of luncheon at the Centre after the music but will have to discuss this with the committee.



We intend to have our annual "High Tea" in February. Hopefully the maids Milly and Tilly will be able to attend. We will have a number of small treats for you to eat.



The January morning teas, instigated by Trish, were such a success that we are looking at continuing them once a month. These will have to work in with Men's Morning Tea, first Monday of the month, and Ladies Chat, on the third Thursday of the month. Some of you will be asked to help at them (only occasionally) as this is not an Entertainment Committee thing.



As per usual a note will appear in your letterbox, closer to the event, to remind you of these happenings.



If you know of an Entertainer or Speaker who you think would suit us please get in touch with a member of the committee and we will see if we can arrange for them to come.

Please come out and support the goings on at the Centre. Be it Mah Jong or an outing such as Dinner Dine Out or a garden walk, you are always most welcome. Winter will be here soon enough so let's enjoy the daylight (won't say sun) while we have it!

Val Fahey.



Retire and Start Living



NEXT MEETING Friday 13th February 2026 @ 9.30am

Happy New Year,

I hope everyone has enjoyed their time over the Christmas period and are looking forward to being active and involved in village life in 2026.



COMMITTEE

Convenor

Jill Welford

Members

Pam Dunwoody

Ron Paulin

Colin Smith

Many groups have started up again, and hopefully you will have attended some of the Tuesday morning tea's over the holiday period.

We have the opportunity to visit 2 gardens in the Woodbury area, and plan to go on Thursday 5 February, leaving at 9.30am. Please put your name on the list on the noticeboard if you are interested in coming and tick if you are able to take a car. We will have lunch at the Woodbury cafe.



We are going to have a sports afternoon on Tuesday 24 February at 1.30pm, followed by afternoon tea. Come along and enjoy some golf, pétanque, croquet and corn hole, followed by a cup of tea.

There are a couple of schedule changes for 2026; walk group will move to a Monday from February, leaving the carpark at 10am. Cornhole will move to 11am on a Friday; same day, just a later time, from 27 February. Tai Chi classes have finished.



We are going to run a 'Chair Yoga' class for 5 weeks on a Friday morning at 10am starting 27 February. Please put your name on the noticeboard if interested. It will be \$20 for the 5 sessions, to be paid on the first session. Chair yoga for seniors has been well attended at Trinity Church in College Road, so it is great they are happy to come to us so we can see what it's all about.

JOIN THE FUN

Jill Welford
Convenor



We would like to thank Mt View Village Knitters for their generous contribution to Operation Wrapped in Remembrance.

Kind regards

Mandy

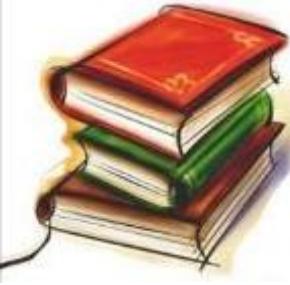
Mandy Rayner

South Canterbury RSA Secretary

Letter on Noticeboard



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Library Notes

Our summer weather has not been great has it, but we have a lovely library with a great selection of books, jigsaws and magazines to choose from.

COMMITTEE

Joint Convenors

Trish O'Brien

Lorraine Watkins

Members

John Gresham

Margaret Hartley
Jeeves Jeevaratnam

Lynne Kroening

Shirley Malthus

Beverley Ward

Check them out and Enjoy!

Trish O'Brien
Co-Convenor

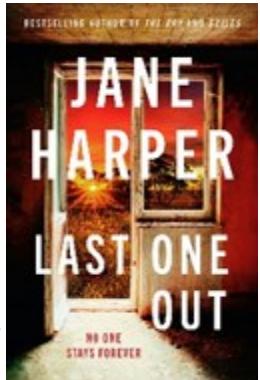


LAST ONE OUT by Jane Harper

Reviewed by Trish O'Brien

In a dying town Ro Crowley waits for her son on the evening of his 21st birthday but Sam never comes home. Five years later when she returns for the annual memorial for Sam, Ro and the family still want answers. Will they get them.

A good read



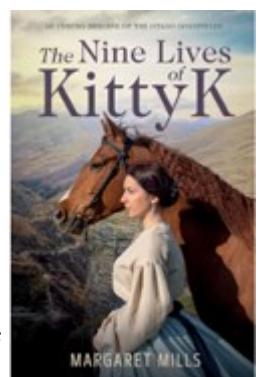
THE NINE LIVES OF KITTY K by Margaret Mills

Reviewed by Dianne Paulin

Kitty Kirk, colonial survivor, farmer, wife and horse whisperer, lived from 1855 to 1930 in Central Otago during the turbulent period of the goldfield's history. She became a legend in her own lifetime; some praised her as being a heroine, others accused her of being a harlot.

This is the brutal and heartbreakingly true story of the harsh life of one woman.

A good read

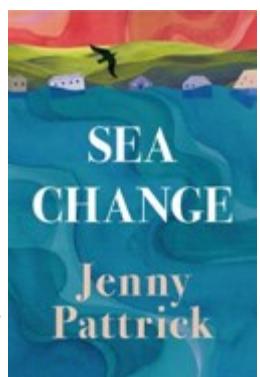


SEA CHANGE by Jenny Patrick

Reviewed by Trish O'Brien

A Tsunami has devastated a Kapiti Coast community. There is a mandated managed retreat manipulated by a powerful businessman with his own agenda. A collection of Villagers defies the Order.

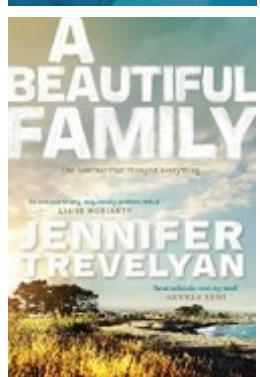
A charming story of survival.



A BEAUTIFUL FAMILY by Jennifer Trevelyan

Reviewed by Trish O'Brien

A family summer at the beach with the youngest child often alone, she finds a friend in Kahu. Hears a story about a little girl who went missing 2yrs ago. They decide they will find her and become heroes. Their detective work brings to light some dark secrets even about her own beautiful family.



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Bloke's Morning Tea - January Report

A Good turn out with Marlene setting up the kitchen and Fraser behind the counter very well done. Others helped with the services.

Colin set up the TV with an online documentary on the staff building the Manapouri power scheme. Their experience on building of the tunnel, powerhouse, roads, life in the village and the area around the lake. It must have been good all of us were awake at the end.

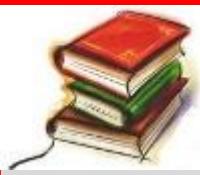
I put a call out for any ideas for the year ahead. We need some speakers or films we may be interested in.

Next Blokes morning tea . 2nd February. Tea stewards yet to be appointed. Speaker to be named later.
Thanks Rob O'Brien

NEXT MEETING - Monday 2nd February 2026 @ 10am
ALL VILLAGE MEN WELCOME!

Village Church Service

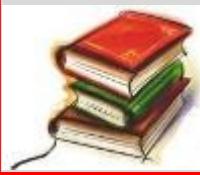
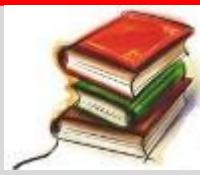
Next Service on Thursday 5th February at 11am
Ben Randall from St Mary's Anglican Church



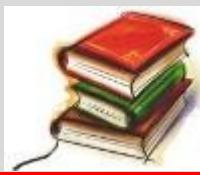
Return Day

Please return all Timaru District Library Books by

Tuesday 3rd February



New loan books will be available on
Thursday 5th February in the afternoon.
Thank you.



MOUNTAIN VIEW VILLAGE CHOIR

Friday's @ 1.30pm

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Christmas Visitors



Thank You!

For the lovely
Christmas gifts and well
wishes received this year!
And it was lovely to see
so many of you out
getting into the spirit of
Christmas with us!



Ruth & Donna



Big HELLO Donna and Ruth.

We want to say thank you for the neat fun way you both delivered our Christmas Newsletter. Loved your dress -up Christmas clothes and decorated moped. Chocolates on offer, yum. 

Lovely to have some Christmas cheer on a very cool evening !
Thank you.

Fraser and Marlene Shewan



Thanks Donna & Ruth

I appreciated the delivery and it was a joy to see you both happily going round the village. I had a thought I'd stumble out to take one but you were too quick for me.

Smashing newsletter, a huge effort.

Jenny Simmonds



Thank you goes to Ruth and Donna

For your great work in the office you both certainly make life easier for the residents of MVV.

Have a wonderful Christmas New Year break and we will see you in 2026. 

Regards Sue & Ian Ward



Happy Christmas.

Thank you for all of the work you do for us and for the Trust.

Getting the newsletter out on time each month with the various interruptions that come your way ,is no mean feat. We'd be lost without you two.

Enjoy the break, look after yourselves and we'll see you back next year. 

Brenda Lyon



Retire and Start Living



To all of the Residents at Mountain View Retirement Village.

Thank you so much for having me this year to play for you. Your support means so much to me and I always love coming down to play.

Hope to see you next year.

Maggie

PEEL VIEW PLACE-NEW YEARS DAY-POTLUCK LUNCHEON



A VERY ENJOYABLE TIME HAD BY ALL!

RR'S



RR's Report

We would like to thank all the people who kept the village running during the Christmas New Year period.

If you use the outside door in the kitchen please check that it is correctly closed by giving it a good pull.

Reminder to let your visitors know the speed limit in the village and that residents walking on road may be hard of hearing .

Despite the weather we hope you all have had great start to 2026.

Rob & Angela

RR'S



LET'S PICNIC

FRIENDS, FOOD AND FUN

CALLING ALL STENHOUSE DRIVE RESIDENTS

Goodness, by the time you read this latest reminder about our lunch on Saturday 14th of February, we will only be two weeks away from our gathering. I'm sure I don't know where the time has gone to since my first notice !! A very warm Happy New Year to you all and hope everyone is well. Nothing has changed since our last Newsletter, under the heading Let's Picnic. Unfortunately with the unsettled weather we are experiencing, I have felt it safer to have it inside in the Centre just as we did last year. So on the day, orange juice and lemonade will be available but please feel free to bring your own beverage if you would like to. It is the usual shared finger food lunch with the odd numbers of Stenhouse bringing something savoury and the even numbers bringing something sweet. Is everyone happy with this suggestion? There will be the usual lucky chair, a short competition, entertainment with a cuppa and cake to finish off the afternoon and  fingers crossed we have all had a bit of fun.

SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2026 @ 12 NOON

My warmest thanks to you all...Kindest Regards Marlene Shewan

Please feel free to phone me if you have any queries

CHAIR YOGA ALL WELCOME

Gentle stretches, easy movements, and calming breathing—all from the comfort of a chair.

**Improve flexibility and circulation
while enjoying a moment of
relaxation together.**

Perfect for all abilities—come join the fun!

Guided by an experienced yoga teacher.

**Fridays 10-10.45am
27 Feb - 27 March
\$20 for 5 weeks**

To book - Add your name to the list on the Notice Board in the Community Centre.

Roam &
Resiore

\$4
classes

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A horizontal row of 20 solid yellow stars of uniform size and spacing, arranged in a single line.

To the very kind Ladies

★★ Who organised the Tuesday morning teas, ★★
★★ during January, a huge thank you! ★★

★★★★★ You provided an opportunity for villagers to meet and chat during the quiet month of the year. Friendly chatter and laughter filled the room as folk enjoyed the fellowship; some meeting residents for the first time. Future monthly morning teas will be eagerly looked forward to.

Thank You



Ann Munro

SUNDAY DINNER DINE OUT

8th February 2026 at 12 noon

DRIFT INN RESTAURANT

Crn Main Highway & Clogstoun Street, Rangitata.

All Welcome

Please put your name down on the Notice Board in the Village Office by Thursday 5th February by 4pm

If you need transport please contact – Helen Thickett 614 7363

Village Residents



Do you have a war
veteran in your family
and would like to do a
poster for

ANZAC DAY

Contact Ann Munro or
Jill Welford.

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 Mountain View Village Social Club

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

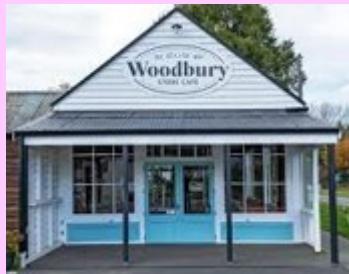
This doesn't stop you paying in cash, by putting your money in a named envelope in the box at Reception when there are events.

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**Woodbury Garden Walk
&
Lunch at Woodbury Café**

Thursday 5 Feb, leaving 9.30am.

Add your name to the list on the
Village noticeboard.



NEW DAY



Wine Appreciation Group

We have changed to the 1st Tuesday of each month.

TUESDAY 3rd February 2026 @ 7pm

At the Community Centre \$5 per person

Contact Brenda Lyon 6844538

Sports Afternoon

24th February at 1.30



**Join
the
Fun!**



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Newsletter Cut Off Date

22nd February 2026

Please send all Contributions to.....

mvvruth@gmail.com

Thank you.



DUTY ROSTER

February 2026

DUTY MANAGER

Val Fahey

FRIDAY NIGHT DELL DUTIES:

Rob & Trish O'Brien

FRIDAY NIGHT HOST:

Various

Thank you for your help.



Notice Board



Wow! There is an amazing amount of activities available in the Village for all to enjoy and get involved with.



How many is there?? (See Page 11)
Have a good look and see how many you could join in with!



Sorry if I've missed an activity off..... or..... is there an extra one?!

Everyday I pinch myself that I work in such an amazing place with such lovely friendly people around me enjoying life and getting involved, and that's down to you, so thank you, Ruth



Cuppa 'n Chat

RESUMES

Come along and enjoy some time together

**Thursday
12th February
@ 10am**



CONVENORS MEETING

Resumes

**9.30am Wednesday
11th February 2026**

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**Tuesday
10th March**

(Appointment book at Centre)

BALANCE CLASS

Wednesday's @ 1pm



Upright & Active Resumes

Thursday 12th February

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REGULAR DATES		IMPORTANT DATES February 2026	
SUNDAY	Lawn Bowls 10.30 - In Recess Dinner Dine-out 12 (2 nd wk/mth) Sports & Recreation Afternoon 2 - In Recess	Monday 2nd Tuesday 3rd Wednesday 4th Thursday 5th Sunday 8th Wednesday 11 Thursday 12th	Blokes Morning Tea 10 TDL Book Return Day Entertainment Committee Mtg 4 Wine Appreciation 7 - New Day Woodbury Garden Walk leave 9.30 Church Service 11 - Resumes Dinner Dine-Out 12noon Convenors Mtg 9.30 Ladies Cuppa n'Chat 10 - Resumes Upright & Active 1 - Resumes Sports & Rec Committee Mtg 9.30 Stenhouse Drive Picnic 12noon NEWSLETTER CUT OFF Mike Welsh Entertains 10.30 Sports Afternoon 1.30 Chair Yoga 10 - Week 1 of 5 Corn Hole 11 - New Time
TUESDAY	Village Morning Tea 10 - In Recess Tai Chi 10 - In Recess Rummikub 1.30 Table Tennis 4 Wine Appreciation 7 (1 st wk/mth)		
WEDNESDAY	Golf Croquet 10.30 Balance Class 1 Mah Jong 1.30 Lawn Bowls 1.30 Craft & Chat 2 - In Recess Table Tennis 4 - In Recess		
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 - Seasonal Cards 500 7		
FRIDAY	Corn Hole 11 MV Village Choir Practice 1.30 Social Hour 4.30		
SAT	Movie 1.30 - In Recess		

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