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TUATAPERE GOOD SORT!

This months Good Sort Award goes to

Mrs Pat Forde and Mrs Margaret Evans.

For those of you who have not noticed, these 2 ladies have done a tremendous amount of work. They have spent many hours, spraying, edging, mowing and weeding the property on the corner of Erskine st, and Half Mile Rd.

Most of this work was done in the extreme heat; they were not asked to do any of this work. As this property is on one of the main routes in and out of Tuatapere it was becoming an eye sore in our township; thanks to these ladies it now looks great.

Visitors to our refurbished park on the Half Mile now are not looking at an overgrown mess but to a maintained section.

WELL DONE LADIES FOR YOUR GREAT COMMUNITY SPIRIT!

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Friday, 3RD APRIL 2015

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Rinse Return Recycle!

FREE collection event for recycling of Aggrecovery
empty plastic containers

TUATAPERE

DT Kings Transport, 3 Half Mile Road

Saturday 11 April 2015, 9am – 1pm

Scouts BBQ from 11am

Every container accepted for recycling earns 50c for local scouts!

Your containers must be

Plastic, 0-60 litres in size, with lid Removed

Free from chemical and organic residue inside and out*

From participating brand owners – leave product label on for identification



Keas, Cubs and Scouts have started again for 2015. If you are interested please come along for a look and to join in the fun on the following days:

Keas – Thursdays at 3.15pm

Cubs – Thursday @ 3.30pm

Scouts – Fridays at 7pm.

All held at the Scout & Guide Den at the Tuatapere Playground

Kindest Regards

Quinton Erskine

COUNCILLOR'S CORNER:

Hi and welcome to the March edition.

Great to have a good patch weather wise, one of the best summers for some considerable time I feel. On the council scene things are going along nicely with road maintenance up on schedule and the long overdue bridge repairs and replacements taking place. The Haast Hollyford saga continues.

Personally I think it is a great plan and has the ability to create much needed income from Haast to Owaka and all locations between on the Southern Scenic Route. However we must ensure no hidden costs jump out at us down the road. Putting our hand up without looking over the horizon may not be in the long term best interest.

Whilst looking at a sign at Haast some ten days ago that said Queenstown 269 kilometres, that distance through Hollyford would have us home

More support is needed from you folks if you want this road as I feel this may well be the last throw of the dice.

The comments on sharing costs between the wider Southland councils to enable the old rugby park to be financially sustainable need some serious consideration,

I feel that when the people of the city spend as much in the rural areas as the rural people spend in the city there may be some room for dialogue. Once again your opinions or thought would be appreciated.

On the local scene the Clifden Bridge parking area has been tidied up by a local contractor and many thanks for the excellent job; unfortunately we have some tourists that think gateways are for parking in, signage is being arranged but maybe a rogue loader may have a better impact.

That's it for now, your councillor,

George Harpur.

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windows cleaned
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News From Your Community Board

It is great to see activity happening at both the Memorial Library and the RSA Hall, as both are in the process of being painted. Let's hope that we have a reasonable run of weather so that these projects can be completed in good time! With the commemoration of 100 years since the Gallipoli campaign, it is important that these significant buildings are spruced up in readiness for our Anzac Day activities.

The Southland District Council is going to introduce a new initiative, after Easter, which penalises those who use the recycling bin inappropriately. Since the 'Yellow Bin' has been available for householders, it has been progressively used for the wrong reasons.

Contamination has increased as items like used nappies and animal intestines etc have been deposited, in the bin, thoughtlessly.

Because of this a 'Three Strikes You're Out' system is being introduced. If your bin has items of contamination you will:

1. In the first place, be tagged and have recycling advice attached. You will not have your bin emptied.
2. If this re-occurs you will receive a telephone call from Southland District Council informing you of the issue.
3. The service will be withdrawn-for up to 3 months.

This new procedure will exist for all of southland district. It would be great if the 'Three Strikes' did not occur for any in our community!

Just a reminder...the 'Yellow Bin' is to be used for: paper; cardboard; clean plastics including bags, bottles, containers, lids, packaging, trays; white polystyrene; aluminium, tin and steel cans; glass bottles and jars.

I'd like to remind you of the Southland District Council free calling number (0800732732) which you can use to report any issues of concern to you-be they related to water, sewage, roads, footpaths, parks, signs etc.

Once you make contact with Southland District Council they are very efficient in the follow up process.

Anne Horrell

Community Notice Board:

TUATAPERE BUSHMAN'S MUSEUM

advises that if the Bushman's Museum (Orawia Road) is not open when you have visitors who wish to view, you are able to contact Lindsay Faulkner - (03) 226 6650 and arrange a suitable time.

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This service is available to everyone in the Western Southland Area by DONATION for any health related appointment.

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As a result of people using this as a free taxi service, we now wish to advise all new and existing clients, that a DONATION is required, if we are to continue this service.

To our genuine clients. Please remember this service is for health related appointments only.

As we get busier, please remember to let us know about booking at least 24 hours ahead.

*** Save the Date ***

**Breast Cancer Brunch
Sunday 17th May @**

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**More information to come in next
Edition of Wanderer and will be
advertised around Tuatapere.**

**If anyone is interested in helping
out, auction/raffle prizes, setting
up, any ideas please contact**

Kirsty or Karen

Tuatapere Ambulance

The Tuatapere Ambulance is a free service for Tuatapere residents.

If you receive an account from St John for this service please forward it to:

The Treasurer,
Tuatapere & District Lions
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TUATAPERE



PUBLIC NOTICES

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10.00am - 4.00pm - closed Tuesdays

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If anyone wants to volunteer their time and work in the Centre, it is a great way to meet people - let us know.

Country Corner Crafts if you wish to view the shop and it is closed please ring Margaret 226 6650 or Lyla 226 6187 and they will open it for you.

Tuatapere RSA Memorial Bursary Applications

It is time again to apply to the above for the 2015 Bursary. Forms can be collected from the Tuatapere Health and Gift shop and must be filled out and returned to John Munro 16

King St Tuatapere no later than March the 30th 2015.

Enquiry's to John Munro 027 412 2925

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Please contact either: Kerri Brown (226 6557) or Ngarita Dixon (226 6613) for further information

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fax (03) 2266 484

Email: tcworker@xtra.co.nz

Work and Income:

WINZ will not be coming out to the rural areas
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TUATAPERE COMMUNITY WORKER

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WAIAU TOWN AND COUNTRY CLUB

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Friday Nights: Lucky Members Number Draw - 8pm

Sunday Opening: Opens from 3.30pm

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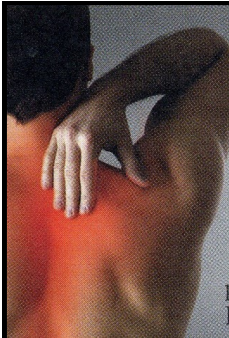
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Westerns, Large Print
books, magazines,
jigsaws, Fiction and
Non Fiction - in the
adult section.



We have picture books (for pre schoolers), easy readers and young adult books.

We usually have a book exchange approximately every four months with the library in Winton - this allows us to change our books and provide a continuing supply of new titles.

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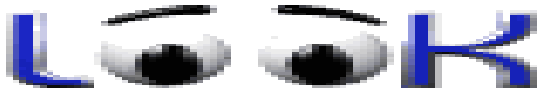


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article gets completely
missed out. If I have missed
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know or send it to me again.

Editor-Loretta.



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From myself as the editor.

I Would like to thank everyone for hanging in there while I take on this new role. As last month's edition (Feb) was the first one I had done on my own without the great helpfulness of Gail, there were a few mistakes and I do apologise for this but I am still learning and that will not be the first time I make a mistake in the wanderer, but please let me know if anything was placed in wrong or if I have mixed something up as I will fix it for the next one.

Thanks again for the support,
Loretta Tilby.

**Change of date for close off
date for Wanderer!**

Hi all sorry but the close off date for the Wanderer as from April edition will be the 1st Friday of each month, but it will still be in mail boxes the same time as before.

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13 March Episode 1: Cape Reinga	10 April Episode 5: Whanganui
20 March Episode 2: Bay of Islands	17 April Episode 6: Kapiti
27 March Episode 3: Waikato	24 April Episode 7: Southland
3 April Episode 4: Pakiri	

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My mum used to cut chicken, chop eggs and spread butter on bread on the same cutting board with the same knife and no bleach, but we didn't seem to get food poisoning.

Our school sandwiches were wrapped in wax paper in a brown paper bag, not in ice pack coolers, but I can't remember getting e.coli.

Almost all of us would have rather have gone swimming in the lake or at the beach instead of a pristine pool (talk about boring), no beach closures then.

We all took PE..... And risked permanent injury with a pair of Dunlop sandals instead of having cross-training athletic shoes with air cushion soles and built in light reflectors that cost as much as a small car. I can't recall any injuries but they must have happened because they tell us how much safer we are now.

We got the cane for doing something wrong at school, they used to call it discipline yet we all grew up to accept the rules and to honour and respect those older than us.

We had 50 kids in our class and we all learned to read and write, do maths and spell almost all the words needed to write a grammatically correct letter....., FUNNY THAT!!

We all said prayers in school irrespective of our religion, sang the national anthem and no one got upset. Staying in detention after school caught all sorts of negative attention we wish we hadn't got.

I thought that I was supposed to accomplish something before I was allowed to be proud of myself. I just can't recall how bored we were without computers, play station, Nintendo, X-box or 270 digital TV cable stations. We weren't!!

Oh yeah ... And where was the antibiotics and sterilisation kit when I got that bee sting? I could have been killed!

We played "King of the Hill" on piles of gravel left on vacant building sites and when we got hurt, mum pulled out the 2/6 bottle of iodine and then we got our backside spanked.

Now it's a trip to the emergency room, followed by a 10 day dose of antibiotics and then mum calls her lawyer to sue the contractor for leaving a horribly vicious pile of gravel where it was such a threat.

To top it off, not a single person I knew had ever been told that they were from a dysfunctional family. How could we possibly have known that?

We never needed to get into group therapy and/or anger management classes.

We were obviously so duped by so many societal ills, that we didn't even notice that the entire country wasn't taking Prozac!

How did we ever survive?



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UPCOMING EVENTS

20/03 - CONCERT : JESSE BRAND - 7.30pm - Free



26/03 - SPECIAL NIGHT "DINNER + CONCERT"

*SET MEAL - 6pm - \$50/pax - **booking only**

*CONCERT : KATHRYN JONES + STEVE PASSFIELD
(golden guitar award winner) 7.30pm - Free

03/04 - PIZZA & OPEN MIC NIGHT - 6pm

ATTENTION ALL COMMUNITY GROUPS

We would like the community groups of Tuatapere to send us an update of what's been happening with them. It will also be a great way to get the word out to what we have around the community to the new families that don't know the area,

Really hope to hear from anyone for April's Edition, Loretta.

Welcome to Target Shooting in Southland



The Southland association is made up of five districts, Southern, Invercargill, Northern, Eastern and Western. The Western district has two clubs, Nightcaps and Tuatapere.

All Clubs run through the winter months usually starting about the middle of April and have available gear that the beginner can use, along with people who are willing to coach you and lead you through your first shot or get you set up if you haven't shot for a while. Nightcaps meet on a Monday night and the contact person is Raeleen Sinclair 2257834, and Tuatapere meet on a Wednesday night and the contact person is Kevin Daly 032345162 or Quinton Erskine 2266969.



SATURDAY & SUNDAY
28th/29th March 2015

Celebrating Southland's Home Harvest
10am – 4pm daily

Held at Aparima College, Leader St, Riverton

ENTRY:
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GAILS JOKES!

The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and leaky tire.
It's always darkest before dawn. So if you're going to steal your neighbour's newspaper,
that's the time to do it.

Don't be irreplaceable. If you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.
If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.
Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat
and drink beer all day.

Some days you're the bug; some days you're the windshield.
A closed mouth gathers no foot.

There are two theories to arguing with women. Neither one works.
Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.
Never miss a good chance to shut up.

AND

Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night

A grandfather is a man & a grandmother is a lady!

They don't say, 'Hurry up.'

Usually grandmothers are fat but not too fat to tie your shoes.

They can take their teeth and gums out.

Grandparents don't have to be smart.

**They have to answer questions like 'why isn't God married?' and
'How come dogs chase cats?'.**

When they read to us, they don't skip.

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UPDATE FROM TUATAPERE PLAYCENTRE!

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Please contact Brooke Gardyne on 021 156 3170 if you are able to help us out.

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1. Leave it as is. On Christmas Eve.
2. Have our parade on the 23rd of December, one day before Rivertons parade.
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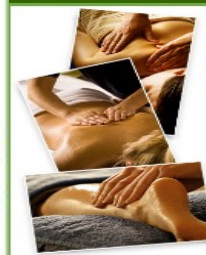
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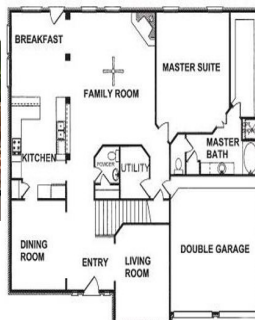
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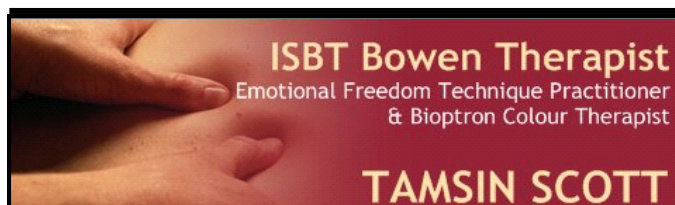
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The delay in receiving the vaccine to the Medical Centre will cause some logistical challenges for us.

However, we will be running some clinics solely for the flu vaccinations.

As we don't know when they are due, we are unable to prebook appointments. Patients over 65 and with chronic conditions will be texted when they arrive, and invited to make appointments.

If you do not receive texts, you can either phone the practice in advance and give us your name to contact when the vaccines arrive, or alternatively, everyone will be contacted off our lists in due course.

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TUATAPERE GOLF CLUB NEWS

Welcome to our update to keep the community informed about what's happening at the club.

Men: If you are interested in playing competition the men's is on Saturday's teeing off at 1pm. For more information phone new Men's Club Captain Colin Flynn 2255230. **Mens Monthly Winners:** 28th Feb S/Ford: D Erskine, 7th March: Monthly Medal: J Bennett well done to monthly winners.



Women: Carol Erskine is our Club Captain if you are interested in playing or would like to know more about golf give Carol a buzz 2266602. **Ladies Monthly Winner:** 11th Feb: S/Ford: D Fowle, 28th Feb All irons Trophy: C Dennison, 4th Feb :LGU& Coronation Medal: D Fowle, Aotearoa Cup: B O'Brien, Veterans Trophy: W Knowler, 11th Feb: Nancy McCormack F/Somes: K Gow & L Chambers well done to all our winners

Coaching: We are in the process of getting a coach to once again come out this will be offered to members, but also non-members so if you are keen on coaching get in contact with Debbie Fowle 2255052, more details to follow.

Juniors: We also as a club are very keen to develop any children who are keen on golf, if you have a child keen to have a hit please give Debbie Fowle a ring. We would be keen to offer some coaching and encouragement to develop their golf skills.

Also our club rooms have recently under gone renovations and look awesome, we would be happy to hire them out for functions; for more information phone our President Peter Gow: 2255003

Events to come: 14th March our club is visiting Queens Park for our annual interclub.

On Sat 21st March the men have their chance to challenge for the Laing Shield which is held by Tokanui.

This is a Southland Wide Competition and we only get the chance to challenge around every 18 months. The team has been chosen and consists of Colin Flynn, Doug Erskine, Phil Erskine, Jon Bennett, Paul Maloney & Nigel Fowle. On behalf of the club good luck; I'm sure all members would love to see that piece of silverware in our club!

Sun 29th March & Thurs 9th April our annual 27 Hole Tournaments for Men & Women will be held these are always important dates on our calendars. In advance a special thanks to everyone involved in helping whether in the office, preparing the course, donating or making food, helping in the bar or kitchen; without our amazing members we would be truly lost so we thank each and everyone of them!

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GUEST SPOT!

Amy McKay and her husband George (Geordie) were long-time residents of our district; first

farming in the Happy Valley and then retiring to Tuatapere. They, as a couple, had a great community spirit and were involved in many activities. In particular, they had a real love of our province's (and Geordie's) Scottish heritage and were, therefore, enthusiastic supporters and members of the Pipe Band and Highland Dancing Society, respectively. This tradition has, of course, been carried on by Amy and Geordie's son Val and daughter in law, Helen-both highly talented and greatly valued in our community, not only for the outstanding commitment they make with piping and dancing, but also in many other community initiatives.

Amy, amongst other creative interests, instigated the Waiau Potters Club. She, herself, was gifted in this field. She also enjoyed writing poetry; a selection printed below. They reflect Amy's creative skill with words, her wit and her deep love of this district. Amy died in 2003 at the age of 84. She was a lovely little lady with a great deal of common sense and a sense of humour. Amy was dearly loved, widely known and valued by all in this community and those who knew her.

'THE SOCIAL'

I travelled to the city to attend a social do
My folk said "If you're asked to speak, remember Ps and Qs"
My hostess welcomed me and said, "My how the years do flee
But time just seems to strengthen ties 'tween friends as old as we."
The speakers told about their tours. Each chose the grandest sight
They had seen when travelling far. I listened with delight.
Then it was my turn to speak (the quiet country mouse),
And I forgot my Ps and Qs and folk at my own house.
I said: "I really couldn't just quite make up my mind,
For to separate these wonders, no way could I find
T'was the Takitimu Mountains clad in snow from tip to toe,
Or the glory of a sunset, or a wide bay that I know."
Then they knew I was much travelled-they were indeed impressed
Until they'd seen these wonders most felt they couldn't rest
As I left my hostess said, "Years haven't dimmed your dash
Or art of disappearing when you've been a trifle rash."
And when at home my folk they said, "How did the social go?"
Gathering all those Ps and Qs I said: "Just so and so!"

Follows to next page

THE PETITION

Most folk think it right and proper we should Manapouri save
And all hope the blokes who push this won't get ulcers as they rave
But there's a point that stirs some folk who most times are quite meek
There's no mention of our river that soon will be a creek
So when these blokes come out from town they plan to make them listen;
They'll tell them of her rugged charm, and waters that do glisten.
And then they'll have old Sam and Miles (these pair can tell a story),
Robert M and Gerald G, some youths like Wap and Baldy.
They'll tell them stories of the punt to make their whiskers curl
They'll tell them of Old Dido's swim through waters that did whirl
They'll tell them of the maiden's leap, the mail boy and the flood,
Old Sandy and one baker George when bread fell in the mud.
And mine host he will say to them from his side of the bar,
"One cannot speak about a creek to tourists from afar."
They'll tell their stories thick and fast till blokes from the town will see
To stem the river is by far the greater tragedy.
And they may say, "Indeed it seems you're late with the petition;
But for you Waiau folk, we'll add a special late edition."
Amy wrote this poem at the time of the 'Save Manapouri Campaign'. This campaign was
waged between 1959 and 1972.

OUR TOWN AT CHRISTMAS

As I came to the quiet town just as the night did flee,
Bewitching hour when time stands still and strange things one can see,
I met a group of people walking slowly down the road
Old Misery was in the lead, he'd such a heavy load.
He said they weren't wanted, that they'd try for room elsewhere
Nobody seemed to need them at this time of the year.
Mr and Mrs Gossip looked a most dejected pair,
No matter how they'd tried around they couldn't find an ear.
Envy walked with Jealousy, I'm sure they are related
And Mr Self Importance, he looked quite deflated.
Self- Pity, Pride and Old Man Greed were really in a huddle,
Self- Righteousness, he wondered who had got him in this muddle.
All these and more were in the crowd that I met leaving town.
I got a glimpse of Selfishness (I knew her by the frown)
And then the sight that met my eyes; the street was full of cheer
Kindness, Helping Hand and Joy, Goodwill was everywhere.
Friendliness and Charity were walking arm in arm,
Understanding walked with Youth protecting her from harm;
And Tolerance on the notice board a notice he did pin.
It read: "We're really here all year if folks would let us in!"

Amy's poems were published some years ago in a monthly local paper (like the Western Wanderer) called the 'Waiau Gazette'. Amy would include a note below 'Contributed by M'. Although known as 'Amy' Amy's actual name was 'Emma Margaret'.

Lloyd's Lookout

by Lloyd Esler

Clouds in Western Southland

As a keen cloud-spotter I appreciate the changing skyscape of Western Southland. It's a rare day when there is no cloud at all, but once in a while it is blue from one horizon to the other. These clear, still days are ideal for many activities but if you're up above the treeline or on the coast you can get cooked in the summer. Cloud often brings warning of changing weather. Mares' tails in a clear morning sky could indicate the approach of a warm front with the cloud lowering during the day and rain falling by nightfall. A halo around the sun or moon often heralds a change in the weather as well. Sometimes high altitude cloud is composed of small flakes in a regular pattern, called a 'mackerel sky' because it resembles the pattern on the skin of a mackerel.

Catching the last of the sunset glorious orange. Ominous, towering cumulus in have an hour or two before the perature plunges, the wind picks less appealing.

Some cloud isn't associated with terns. Fair-weather puffs of cumulus sky and a cap of cloud often Mountains. This forms as moist reaches its dew-point. As the wa-cloud forms on the hilltop and as side the droplets dissipate and the



these flecks of cloud glow a

the south west might mean you first cold raindrops fall, the tem-up and camping suddenly seems

changing weather pat-mulus drift harmlessly across clings to the top of the Takitimu air, pushed up the mountainside, ter vapour condenses, a cap of the air flows down the other air clears.

High altitude lenticular clouds, polished to a lens-shape, ride the crests of great waves of strong and hot nor'west winds rolling over the hills. They appear about once a month and the hot weather is often followed by a storm. Wet as Fiordland is, we are fortunate that the clouds rolling in from the Tasman don't drop all their rain west of the Waiau and a decent amount is left for the rest of Southland. In contrast, the great height of the Southern Alps far to the north of here means that Canterbury is very dry as nearly all the rain falls on the West Coast side of the mountains. Cantabrians talk about the nor'west arch which is an apparent arch of blue sky above the Southern Alps while light, high altitude cloud covers the Canterbury Plains. It appears as an arch from the curvature of the horizon but is a zone of clear sky left after clouds moving across the Tasman Sea have dropped their rain on the soggy West Coast. The hot, dry air flows over the alps into Canterbury. The dry nor'wester causes a sense of euphoria in some people but depression in others. Southlanders of course are cheerful the whole time.

We get oddities as well – dark leggy wisps called spider cloud, wave clouds resembling a succession of breakers approaching the shore, and rare doughnuts of cloud formed by rising air over the cold lakes. Southland is fortunate in its changing sky patterns – as much variety as anywhere in the world; I'm collecting stories of weather experiences in Southland. These will eventually be in a book on Southland weather. I would like personal accounts of interesting Southland weather experiences, something that might include phrases like – woaaaah, that was a near miss!; duuuuuck!!; Unbelievable power of nature...; I think we can make it; I hope you're a good swimmer; ruuuunnnn!; my life flashed....; I'm never getting on a boat again; ... only read about in books before...; talk about brass monkeys Trev!; ... rising about a foot a minute...; I go to church every Sunday now...; No hurricanes? yeah right! Anyone with a memorable encounter with Southland's weather can get in touch with me at 2130404 or esler@southnet.co.nz

High Country Weather

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*lone we are born and die alone
Yet see the red-gold cirrus
over snow-mountain shine
upon the upland road
ride easy stranger
Surrender to the sky
your heart of anger.*