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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Unfortunately due to a terminal illness, Gail has had to reluctantly give up her position as the editor of the Western Wanderer.

She has loved her time over the past 8 years publishing the wanderer each month; although at times it had not been without its trials and tribulations!

She would like to thank all who have supported her and acknowledged her for that 'extra mile' she often went to.

We wish the new editor (Loretta Tilby) all the best and hopes she enjoys it just as much. Gail knows that Loretta will be supported and appreciated by this wonderful community in the same way.

New Editor contact Details:

Loretta Tilby

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We do ask for your patience during this process of handing over to Loretta. We will endeavour to deliver the same quality publication over this transition period.

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COUNCILLOR'S CORNER:

Hi and welcome to a very wet November so far.

It must improve shortly with a bit of luck. On the local scene all is fairly quiet, with work on footpaths and general maintenance progressing steadily.

On the council side we had a very good opening of stage one of the around the mountain cycle trail at Lumsden on 1/11/14 with over 1000 people in attendance. We are anticipating that this venture will bring a much needed boost to the people and small businesses in the area and a flow on effect to the rest of rural Southland. We have had some negative feedback to this project but I cannot recall when I have last seen some of this group at any sort of a working bee or assisting in community ventures.

Dogs have been on the agenda at council with some owners questioning the integrity of our local officers and the enforcement of their delegated duties; on the sworn evidence given I supported the judgment as given.

Venture Southland are currently doing a survey on the viability of converting from coal and lignite to wood chip burners, it appears there is considerable benefit with woodchip as it burns cleaner and gives off little pollution.

One of the more pleasurable duties I had the pleasure of attending was the final prize giving and farewell function of the Valmai Robertson school of dance. After 67 years of tuition Valmai has bid farewell and is now enjoying a well earned retirement. We thank Valmai and her family for the commitment over these years - Well done.

Well the Christmas season is almost upon us. Santa parade, R.S.A meeting first Wednesday December to discuss this. Tuatapere Athletic Society New Years Day and many other activities. All these need volunteers - be active and support your community.

Take care and enjoy.
Your Councillor George.

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News From Your Community Board November 2014

The Tuatapere Community Board would like to acknowledge the huge contribution made by Valmai Robertson QSM to ballet in Southland. In a career that spans 67 years Valmai has made a significant impression on many young people. Valmai's lessons have not just led to a development of skills, but also the personal gains of poise, appreciation of dance and music, teamship and commitment. The Board wish Valmai a very happy, well deserved retirement!

Thank you to all those who contributed to the 'Bulky Item Collection' and a special thanks to the Tuatapere and Districts Lions Club for the time and effort you kindly gave on the day.

At a recent Community Board informal meeting Simon Pearce, a teacher at Waiau Area School, presented a comprehensive report about the school's proposal for upgrading and adding to the walking tracks around the Tuatapere township. The Board considers the proposed project to be very positive and beneficial to all-both locals and visitors. The Board fully endorse this initiative and wish Simon and his 'working group' well in this new venture.

I mentioned in the last edition of the Western Wanderer that a new Southland District Council award is now available. The 'Community Spirit Award' can be awarded to a young Southlander who is considered to be making a difference in their community. Nomination forms are available on the Southland District Council website www.southlanddc.govt.nz.

Another Southland District Council award that has been in existence for some time is the 'Southland District Council Service Award', which is an award for an adult who is outstanding in the service to their community. This award is usually presented at a community board meeting. If you would like to suggest a possible recipient for this community award please contact a Tuatapere Community Board member-or your counsellor George Harpur-as the recommendation must go from the Board to the SDC.

Anne Horrell

Community Notice Board:

PUBLIC NOTICES

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TUATAPERE BOWLING CLUB:

The Tuatapere Ladies Bowling Club is looking for new members. If you have not played before there will be someone to teach you. It is a good way to get to know the locals if you are new to the district.

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RATES REBATES:

I have the forms in the office for those of you who haven't already applied for your rebate.

SENIOR CITIZENS:

To any of the new seniors in the district we invite you to come along to our Friday afternoon get-together at the Senior Citizens rooms behind the RSA Hall. Come along and have a fun afternoon with games and afternoon tea.

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Contact Ollie on 2266 477 or Margaret on 226 6650 for more information

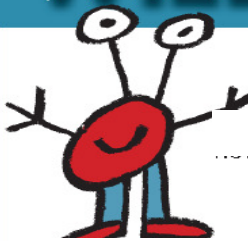
Work and income:

WINZ will not be coming out to the rural areas until further notice, people are to ring 0800 559 009 for assistance or contact me.

WINDOW CLEANING:

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Our next project is to have signage at both entrances to the loop track and we would like to have a name for the track to put on these signs.

The Tuatapere & District Promotion group invite members of the community to submit ideas for an appropriate name for this loop walking track.

Send your suggestions to Tuatapere & District Promotion Inc, 15 Bridge Street, Tuatapere, or drop your idea into the mail box at this address.




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Well it's almost that time of the year. Don heads out with his team of volunteers to cut the windfall from the track and tidy up the board walks, Staff have been hired with one returning lodge manager and a new lodge manager from Bluff. Our friendly Wilderness guides are all back with Dallas, Ray and Hunter. We are still looking for a lodge manager. If someone is interested in a two week on, one week off roster please call in and let us know we would love to talk with you. We are also looking for some on call guides who would be interested in doing the training week and could fill in when needed or even tail guiding large parties. These trips are Friday, Saturday, Sunday so you would need to be able to free yourself up for these days to work with us. Joyce and Johan from Wairaurahiri jets have been busy on the stoat traps. They applied and received funding from the department of Conservation for some new traps on the Hump Ridge and the South Coast track so that is fantastic for the track and all those that use it. We are incredibly thankful to them for taking action on this. The Hump ridge and South coast walking track has now been taken over by Te Anau. I recently touched base with them over there and next summer they will be working on a big push for the South Coast track. This is

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Afternoon - 2.30 - 4.00 pm
Evening - 7.00 - 8.00 pm

Our library has in stock:

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really exciting and hopefully this will bring new tourists to the region as the reports we get back now is it is a bit of a mud fest. This is great news as it should enable us to build numbers in the Port Craig Lodge.

Michele in the office and myself, Pete in operations are settling into life in Tui. If you haven't met us please call in. For those that don't know Michele, she has spent a couple of decades around Fiordland working on tracks and in lodges. Ski resort operation was where I have been for the last 20 odd years with my last post being at Coronet Peak in Queenstown for the last 7. We are both Cantabs by birth and I am a proud green and gold Mid Canterbury supporter born and raised in Ashburton. The lodges are in great shape; I was up there a couple of months ago walking in the snow and was in awe of what the community has achieved with the track and infrastructure. Perhaps history gets lost over time or tourists are unaware of how much local sweat and tears it took to make the track happen but it was definitely not lost on me. Everyone who worked or still works on the track needs to be once again commended for the ongoing work and the incredible accomplishment.

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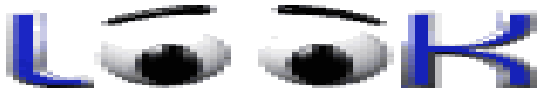
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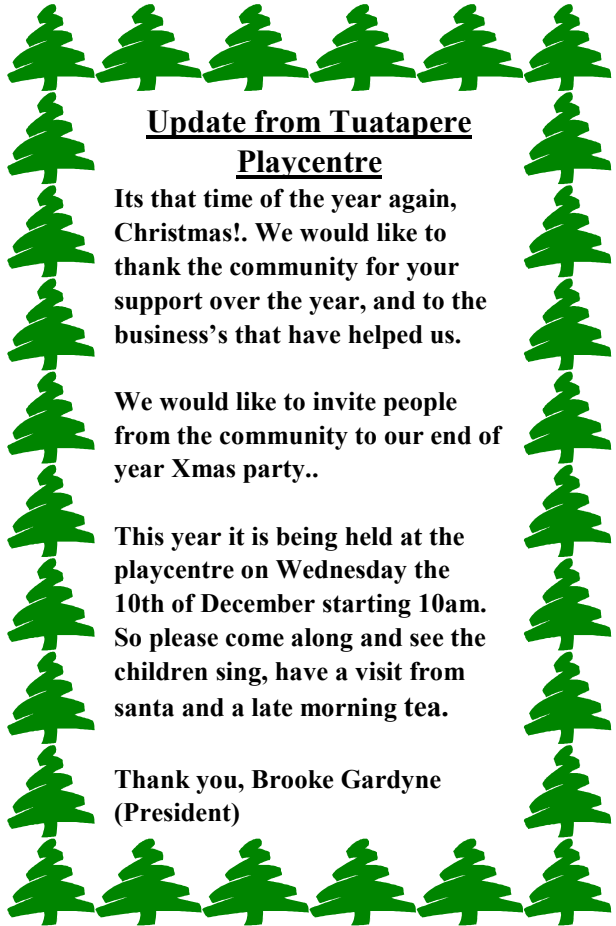
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Update from Tuatapere

Playcentre

Its that time of the year again, Christmas!. We would like to thank the community for your support over the year, and to the business's that have helped us.

We would like to invite people from the community to our end of year Xmas party..

This year it is being held at the playcentre on Wednesday the 10th of December starting 10am. So please come along and see the children sing, have a visit from santa and a late morning tea.

Thank you, Brooke Gardyne
(President)

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS:

All care is taken but sometimes there are spelling or grammatical errors. Even worse - occasionally an article gets completely missed out. If I have missed something - please do let me know or send it to me again.

Editor-Loretta.

WAIAU STAR RUGBY CLUB AGM

Monday 24th November 2014

8pm at the Waiau Hotel

Anyone interested in being with club is most Welcome.

**TUATAPERE & DISTRICT
PROMOTION INC**

Have you an interest in Tuatapere?

Have you any ideas to help promote

Tuatapere? Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of every month at 8pm in the Waiau Memorial Library.

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The purpose of the Amenities trust is to allocate funds to non-profit groups in the Tuatapere area on an annual basis. We are currently seeking someone to join our team as Secretary/Administrator.

The person we are looking for will have good communication and people skills, and be an experienced, organised administrator / secretary. The position will also include a small amount of basic financial bookkeeping. This is a paid position.

This role involves a small time commitment, with approx 1-3 board meetings per annum.

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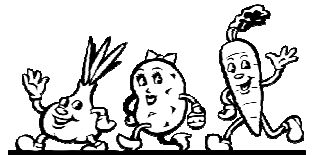
Tuatapere Community Garden update

Well, we went ahead with our working bee last month and, despite the rain, got a bit achieved. We didn't quite get all the soil laid out but hopefully we'll sort that out as soon as this weather comes right. At least we got some yams and spuds planted (- 5 different heritage varieties) and it's looking a bit nicer with the wood chip around the edges, marking the paths. We did lay cardboard below the beautiful soil that we received (thanks so much to everyone involved in collecting, donating, delivering and distributing the soil!!) but unfortunately there is a bit of couch grass that we'll have to keep on top of so please do pop into the garden as you pass by and pull out any that you can reach!

Would you like to grow some extra spuds, pumpkins or greens and haven't got room in your own garden? Our next step will be to create some plots that can be used by members of the community whatever your age or gardening ability. For those that are interested in having a small plot in the community garden, please get in touch with us and we'll help you get going with it.

Would you like to donate a couple of hours of your time every other month? We are thinking of having someone available at the Community Garden on Saturday mornings from 10am to 12 and think it would work best in a rotation type volunteer system. We'll start on Sat 22nd November so please feel free to turn up if you want to see what's going on, or find out about plots etc.

Finally, we are very grateful for all the donations that we've received and the ongoing support we have been given. Should you wish to donate materials or time, have any ideas, or be involved in the Tuatapere Community Garden in any way shape or form, you are most welcome!! Please contact Avril Johnston on 027 7575983 or tcworker@xtra.co.nz



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October's Pink Ribbon Street Appeal 2014!

I'd like to say a big thank you to all the lovely women who came along to walk the streets of Tui to raise funds for the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation's annual Pink Ribbon Street Appeal. This year we raised \$838 and the

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next year

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* Reminder to everyone out there to get working on their floats for this year's parade!!!

Get your club to start on ideas for this year's float.... Scouts - Guides all groups and organisations please get your thinking caps on for this year.

* We hope to have clowns, a decorate your bike competition... Music, Merry go round.. Big Parade, Bouncy castle and the Chocolate Wheel.

* Decorate your Bike competition.

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Lisa and Terry McCracken for writing the reports and everybody else who worked and helped for our special day.



On Saturday, 1st. of November, the 59.th annual Dancing competition had been held in the R.S.A Hall.

Overall 53 dancers took part, some came from as far away as Christchurch and some came over from Stewart Island. All our local 19 dancers did very well, thanks to Mrs. Helen McKay, of course, our great teacher!

Congratulations especially to Hannah Devery for winning the under 16 Single Time Jig, South Island Championship. There were also several Southland Championships and restricted events alongside the regular dances to compete in.

Pipers Angus and Jordan piped a fabulous tempo all day, much appreciated by all dancers and listeners.

Everybody is looking forward to next years 60th. Anniversary!



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The Southland Locator Beacon trust wants to acknowledge and give thanks to Gail Palmer for her many years of work with the locator beacons. Gail has been there to look after things when John Munro has been called away on business and family commitments, she was loved by all who took the time to get to know and work with her, she had a great working rapport with all of our rental outlets throughout New Zealand, and even gave them a 'Tune up' when needed in true 'Gail' fashion. She was even referred to (jokingly) by one of the staff from the national rescue co ordination centre as 'The Devil' only because her telephone number ended in the last three digits of '666'

Gail has been what I like to call 'My girl Friday' for over 14 years now and has been a dedicated and reliable person throughout all that time, if there was a time I needed to travel away or she needed to go visit friends or family... the same phone call and words would ensue... 'I need a note!' and that would usually result in one of us taking over the other's duties for a while. Recently Gail stepped up for me and looked after the day to day running of the data base while I nursed my sister in the United State for over a year. Without Gails help, I would never have been able to go away. I knew when I left that things were in great hands, and that Gail would handle anything and everything that came her way.

On a slightly more personal note, I got to know Gail better about 17 years back after she lost her husband Dave all too soon in life, and we became fast friends, giving each other beans everytime we would see each other, and enjoying commonalities in computer interests and the internet, family and friends. As time went on, Gail became more and more involved with the locator beacons and in my life to the point where we were like old freinds who could chat about anything and everything, a good friend indeed. Speaking for myself and also on behalf of the members of the Locator Beacon Trust and Company, we all want to say a HUGE than-kyou for being a part of such a wonderful organisation and touching those of us whose lives came into contact with you Gail.

Gail, I know this falls hugely short of how much we appreciate and love you, but we wanted to acknowledge you and your family and to honour your dedicated work with the Beacons, and your friendship. When illness made you stop doing what you enjoyed, you have left a big set of shoes to fill, and an even bigger hole in our hearts when we heard your news.

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**THE GREAT GOOD SORT AWARD-GAIL
PALMER**

This is the 8th year that the Western Wanderer has been in the capable hands of Gail Palmer-editor extraordinaire! Gail is the ultimate good sort! Not only is she highly deserving of the accolade honouring her skill and expertise in the editing of the Western Wanderer, but she is also the instigator of the actual award. How good a sort is Gail-and how kind- to want to publicly acknowledge worthy people in our community (and she, herself, one of the most worthy)!

Gail took over the reins of the 'Wanderer' in 2007 and immediately adapted to the demands of the publication with the continuation of regular features, including Councillor's Corner, Daggy Dog, Lloyd's Lookout, the Police Report and School News. Before too long Gail added her own little touches-including articles of past times; snippets from diaries, old photos and articles from an earlier Tuatapere publication-the Gazette. Gail tapped in to local knowledge of buildings and associations with articles by volunteers at the Tuatapere Memorial Library and people like Syd Harvey (Tuatapere RSA) and Jack and John Munro (Locator Beacons Trust). Gail also included articles of public appeal and of benefit to us, as a community; like a gardening section, articles on emergency procedures, family trusts, how to handle adversity and an article on bullying.

Advertising and the promotion of significant local events has, obviously, been a priority of Gail's as these have often occupied the front page slot; events like Anzac Day, the Waiau Community Theatre show, the Pet Show, the Christmas Parade, Daffodil and Pink Ribbon occasions, the Lions' Annual Hay Drive and the bi-annual Tuatapere Garage Sale-amongst others. In addition, other notifications which connect our community have received coverage-like quiz nights, entertainment, reunions, AGM meetings, public farewells and other activities. Helen McKay, fund manager and organiser of the Western Wanderer publication, says, "When you study the newsletter you realise how much ground it covered of the community and Gail held all this knowledge". In the past 8 years, the period that Gail has been editor, the 'Wanderer' has become a dependable source of knowledge on future events, an advertising tool for local businesses and, in addition, an informative, entertaining source of reading for us, as locals. The growth in content of the Western Wanderer is testament to Gail's enthusiasm and dedication; the number of pages averaged 16 initially and is currently 28. In addition to the Wanderer being distributed in the Waiau basin, copies are also delivered to SDC libraries at Winton, Otautau, Te Anau and Riverton. It is well received at these places, especially in Riverton, where the publication is very popular. To quote Helen McKay "the monthly

local newsletter is getting better and better".

However, despite the quality of the information and interesting articles, it is the personal touches that Gail has added that has enhanced the Wanderer. As Helen says "Gail gave it flavour". The regular Irish, family and senior citizen jokes illustrated clearly Gail's sense of humour. It has been these that I've often looked for first, knowing they're always worth a giggle! Gail has also included meaningful and thought provoking words of wisdom, which again illustrate the person she is....like "The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything they have". Some of Gail's jokes and words of wisdom are included on this page!



Gail's intelligent and eloquent use of language has been

evident in many articles that she, herself, has submitted. We all enjoyed reading the regular journal of Gail's travels, as she visited England, America and Alaska; the 'wandering editor', as she referred to herself! She has also submitted articles of compliment, in regard to her observation of local events and tributes about people from our community eg Pete Fowler (Daggy Dog). In her writing Gail always portrays a kind and warm judgement; again an indicator of the quality of her character. It is obvious that Gail has derived great pleasure in her role as editor, but the time commitment cannot be under estimated. It has certainly been a labour of love and we do appreciate that! In Helen's words Gail has been "dedicated, committed, easy and a pleasure to work with and absolutely dependable".

Gail, thank you for the outstanding job you have done as editor of the Western Wanderer. You are a highly valued, greatly appreciated member of our community.

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**QUOTES FROM OVER THE PAST 8 YEARS THAT HAVE BEEN
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“Happiness comes through doors you didn’t even know you left open.”



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“Whodunit: None of the kids that live in your house!”



“If I had known how wonderful it would be to have grandchildren, I’d have had them first.”



“A small leak can sink a great ship.”



“Always remember you’re unique; just like everyone else!”



“You never appreciate what you have till it’s gone; toilet paper is a good example!”



“A friend is someone we turn to when our spirits need a lift.”



“Is it good if a vacuum really sucks?”



“Reach for the sun and, should you miss, you will still end up amongst the stars.”



“Take my advice-I’m not using it!”



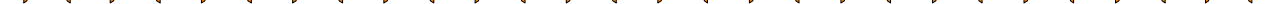
“Adolescence is a time of rapid change. Between ages 12 and 17 a parent can age 20 years!”



“How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?”



“Those who try and do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed.”



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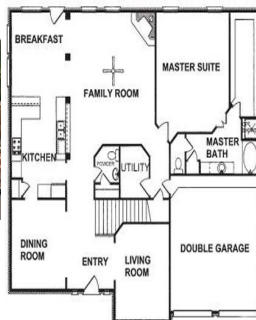
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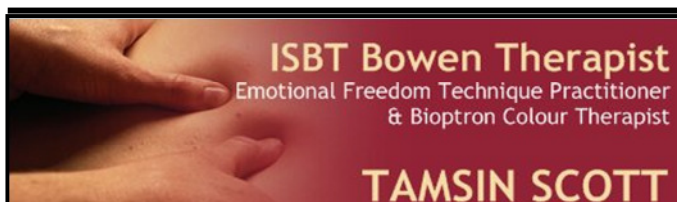
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Update from Waiau Health

Tuatapere St John Ambulance, *And what it means to us*

We would like to take a moment to recognise and thank the St John ambulance volunteers. We are so pleased to see recent interest from people to become volunteers, this really makes a difference and is a really good start to make the service more sustainable.

Having a well crewed ambulance service in Tuatapere is vitally important to Waiau Health Trust for many reasons. One of the key issues for us when thinking about our ambulance service is about having and retaining professional clinicians in Tuatapere and helping them feel safe in their practice.

One of the first questions we encounter when interviewing GP's is "Where is the nearest ambulance". This is important because a practitioner wants to know they can quickly and safely transport a patient if the need arises. Of course when we inform applicants we have an ambulance based right here in Tuatapere, this is very well received. In a country where there are 45 permanent rural GP vacancies this might just be the decider on whether a GP comes to us or goes elsewhere. Lack of services is a deal breaker, and when we are having these discussions we are very thankful to have the services that we have.

Another important consideration is having an ambulance available for the Tuatapere Maternity Hospital. Birthing is a natural and safe life event, yet like anything in life things can occasionally go wrong. When birthing at our Maternity Facility you can be sure you will be well cared for by a team of professional midwives, nurses and carers. Those professionals must be reassured they have the back up of a reliable ambulance. This is part of what helps them feel safe in their own practice. This is a very reasonable expectation of any clinician, and is consistent wherever you go.

Cast your mind back, less than a year, and you might remember the Lumsden maternity facility closing briefly, followed by a very uncertain period. The main issue faced at Lumsden was around ability to staff the unit and provide adequate nurse and midwife cover. The staff at that time stated they did not feel safe practicing, as the ambulance based in Lumsden was poorly staffed and seldom available. That community almost lost their Maternity Hospital as a result, and the future there is still uncertain.

So every day we are grateful to the people who give so much of their time as Ambulance Volunteers. We also give thanks to the Lions Club volunteers for their financial backing for this service.

We strongly urge anyone considering becoming involved to do so. Perhaps there is some way you could offer to help that does not involve becoming an ambulance officer, but of course if you would like to be an ambulance officer I am sure Shona and Don would love to hear from you! From us at Waiau Health, many thanks.

Justin Lewis, Manager

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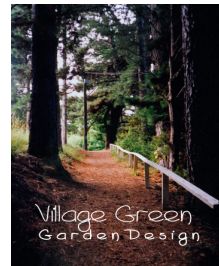
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Men: If you are wanting to play we would love to have you; Men's Club day is Saturdays, tee off 1pm; for any information phone Men's Club Captain Phil Erskine 2266570. A huge congrat's to **Jon Bennett** who won Men's monthly medal for November and last one for the year well done. Winners from past weeks were: 11 Oct: Z Fowle, 18 Oct: Z Fowle, 25 Oct: G Ridder, 1 Nov: Z Fowle (visit from Middlemarch 3 Putt Club).

Women: Club day is Wednesday, tee off 10.30am (18 holes) or 12pm (9 holes) also information from Viv Balneaves Women's Club Captain on 03 2348029. The ladies L.G.U winner for November was **Christene Dennison** well done. Other winners for the month 8 Oct: K Gow, 22 Oct: L Gray (9 holes), 29 Oct: K Gow. The ladies held their 4BBB tournament on Thursday 23rd October (put off from August due to the bad weather), a great day was had with a smaller field than hoped. Winners were M Lindsay & S Racz (Drummond), and runner up was our own B O'Brien & P Forde (Winton). Thanks to everyone who made the day run so smoothly.

Course: The coring of the greens took place at Labour Weekend thanks to all those who helped out on the day, the course is still looking amazing.

Twilight Golf: Started Thursday November 6th, tee off time between 6 – 6.30pm. Come along YOU don't have to be a member to participate \$5.00 entry fee per night. Consists of 9 holes then the bar is open with food available and a small prizegiving. For more information ph Christene Dennison 2266687 or Debbie Fowle 2255052.

Up Coming Events: Saturday 29th Nov is our annual Closed Tournament afterwards we will have a pot luck tea and Prizegiving. Our Annual Christmas Party is to be held on Saturday 13th December members will be notified closer to the time. AGM time again Women's Wed 19th Nov & Mens Thurs 27th Nov.

Also good luck to **Brian Baird & Christene Dennison** who qualified to represent Tuatapere in the AM/AM on Friday 14th Nov at Otatara we look forward to hearing how you went.

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 Bruce Howden 2266601

Graham's Police Report

TUATAPERE POLICE REPORT

Round up for October

October has seen an increase in dishonesty offences in and around Tuatapere. At the end of October a red and white Honda CRF 450R motorbike was stolen from the section of an address in Scott Street. Also in late October two unlocked vehicles were entered and some cash stolen from a property on Groveburn road. In mid October five cribs situated at Fishing Camp Road were broken into but nothing stolen however damage was caused to the various cribs when entry was forced.

An investigation is currently underway into the lighting of fires in the Public Toilets on Main Road Tuatapere. These have been targeted on two separate occasions. More by good luck than the actions of the offenders they have not caught fire and the toilets seriously damaged or destroyed.

Four separate addresses had their letter boxes damaged between the 27 and the 31st of October in the Clifden area. There have also been reports of recent poaching activity involving spotlighting in the Lillburn valley.

Police were called to the Garden Bay area after an altercation around whitebaiting. Another whitebaiter was dealt with at the Waiau River mouth after being located breaching the regulations and the matter was referred to the Department of Conservation.

Tuatapere Police were involved in two vehicle pursuits during the month in the Tuatapere area, the first related to an individual who had outstanding arrest warrants which subsequently led to a search of an address on the Lillburn Monowai Road with the assistance of the Armed Offenders Squad, the wanted man was not located at the time but has subsequently been arrested in Invercargill. A second vehicle pursuit was commenced by Riverton Police and went through Tuatapere before the driver eventually evaded Police in the vicinity of Nightcaps. The vehicle was later located hidden at an address at Nightcaps and impounded. The alledged driver of the pursuit was involved in a further pursuit about two weeks later in Christchurch where he was apprehended and is now facing a number of driving and drug related charges.

Police have dealt with three non injury vehicle crashes during the month, one involving some Chinese tourists who failed to negotiate a corner by Devery Road crashing through a fence. A truck and trailer unit failed to negotiate a corner on Reilly road, Orepuki resulting in the trailer unit rolling off the road and down a bank. The third incident involved some escaped calves causing a single vehicle crash during the hours of darkness on SH99 on the outskirts of Orepuki.

Several people have been prosecuted for various driving offences around the area, one person has been charged with driving while disqualified and another with driving after having previously been forbidden to drive. A Tuatapere youth has been referred to Police Youth Aid Services after driving dangerously outside the Tuatapere 4 Square. Two further people failed alcohol testing procedures after being stopped while driving.

With the increase in dishonesty offending if people can be alert to suspicious activity and also take steps to minimise the risk to their property by ensuring it is secured adequately.

Graham Parsons
Tuatapere Police

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days the statue.”

GRASSY DOWNS GUMBOOT GOLF CLASSIC

15-hole Ambrose Tournament

WHEN Sat 28 February 2015 – 9am Briefing

WHERE Swale Road, Otahu Flat
Peter Cassels + David Church's Farm

WHO Enter a team of 4 (\$80 a Team)
Anyone over 18 can enter

WHY Hauroko Valley Primary School Fundraiser

WHAT 15 holes of farmland golf on prepared greens
Rolling hills to flat land

BRING Gumboots, cash, clubs and plenty of balls!

CONTACT For Entry Forms or Further Information

Paula Anderson 03 2255 447 021 143 1105



“Always smile first thing in the morning-get it over and done with!”

“The nice part about living in a small town is that when you don't know what you're doing, someone else does!”

“If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.”

TUATAPERE SPORTS DAY, NEW YEARS DAY!!

Once again our local sports day is fast approaching (est1910) and as usual we are looking for locals to step up and help with our sports. Christine Egerton would like to step down as treasure, Christine has been many years as treasure is willing to help any persons who would take over, remember the sports day is only one day a year.

Every year we struggle to get locals to help, with our aging committee it makes me wonder what will happen in the future. This year we do have plenty of axe men to do the xmas circuit, from Australia, America, plus 6 axe men from Nelson, not to mention the usual coasters and Canterbury choppers. Children will be well catered for with plenty of running races, egg on the spoon, and sack races. Also we are having a netball and a hoop for the young.

This year there will be no bar open so bring your own 'goodies'. There will be coffee and food outlets on the grounds.

Hope to see you all there and bring your family and friends for a great family day out.

Peter Templeton

President, Tuatapere Axemen

Athletic Society.

Lloyd's Lookout

by Lloyd Esler

A couple of hermits, west of the Waiau

Some of the old-timers may remember Joe Henderson who was the Lake Hauroko Hermit from about 1940 to 1960. Joe lost an arm in a hunting accident in 1932 but the WW1 veteran could shoot one-handed and row one-handed and he retired to the Fiordland bush to be a deerstalker and possum trapper. At Lake Hauroko he built a bunkhouse, a cookhouse and a wigwam which was his all- and drying facility packed out in a Tuatapere – For some years huts were used ties after the road There is still a bit to the carpark of Joe's camp.



weather fireplace ity. Skins were ten-hour tramp to that's about 45km. after he left, his by tramping par- was put in in 1964. of a clearing close that marks the site

The other hermit was Rudi Ossika, a Pole, born in 1926. Fleeing trouble in post-war Europe, Rudi worked on the Snowy Mountain Power Scheme in Australia and on construction sites in the South Island. Becoming a hermit, he lived in an isolated hut near the Waikoau River. After a dispute with local farmers he moved to Auckland but later returned to camp in the Rowallan Forest where he shot himself in 1982 and his story is told in the Tuatapere Bushman's museum.

Rudi's story is probably typical of many a man with a fine work record but beset by financial or family problems or just a huge desire to get away from the noise and hassle of the world. We all feel like that at times and a good day's activity in the Fiordland bush is heartening, whether you are hunting, hiking, boating or picknicking. Any other Fiordland hermits with a story?

Lloyd Esler

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