

Rangiora Newcomers Newsletter – December & January

Ann's News....

Christmas Greetings everyone, yes, it's that time of the year again and I do hope that you are able to celebrate with family and friends, it is funny how Christmas affects us, I tend to wander down memory lane, remembering childhood Christmas's, then my own children's Christmas, then grandchildren and so on, and of course its remembering loved ones and absent friends, so in the big scheme of things remembering what the real meaning of Christmas is all about is pretty important and hopefully helps us to enjoy the day along with all those wonderful memories.

A big thank you to Janet Knibbs for posting out the monthly newsletters to those who do not have email, it is really good that she has helped us out and we are very grateful. She will be hosting her annual New Year's Day BBQ, come along for a lovely afternoon and a swim if you would like.

Our breakfast's out have proved really popular, November saw us at the cafe at Mitre 10 and we will be going there again, it is a great way to start the day. 15 of us went to the Plough on Saturday and I am pleased to report everyone had a great time and the food was excellent. Quiz night at Richard's again proved to be a success got to keep those little grey cells working! The money raised is going to the Red Cross. Chat night at Tony's have also proved to be a popular event, about 14 of us met in November and between us put the world to rights, chat night will continue during December and January.

The Knitting Group continues to be a must and their last meeting is 30th November, they will take a break during December and January. The Walking Group carries on through the next few months, maybe some of us should join them in the new year to get rid of all that food, drink and excess we probably will have put on!

Newcomers also are helping once again with the Christmas tree competition that is held in the Council Chambers starting the 8th December, Newcomers will be there on Wednesday 16th to help out and if you haven't been before it is really worth coming along, you get to see what many schools and organisations have come up with regarding decorating their trees, you get to vote and it is a real community occasion.

You will note that we are also moving the Thursday coffee morning to The Station from the 7 January, we thought that as hopefully it will be warm weather it will be nice to sit outside and enjoy summer, this is only for the summer and hopefully it will be popular, let me know what you think, always grateful for suggestions and ideas, we try and come up with different things to do and places to visit and would love your feedback. We look forward to seeing as many as possible at our Car Rally at the end of January.

Once again from the committee we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy 2016.

Thought for the month

Do you know that awesome feeling when you get into bed, fall fast asleep, stay asleep all night and wake up feeling refreshed and ready to take on the day – Yeah, me neither!!

Richard's Corner: Last months answers Mt Grey and Mt Ngaurahoe. This month the old and new Ashley Bridge.



Calendar for December & January

Weekly Events



Thursday's 3rd, 10th & 17th Dec 11am, Chat Morning at The Plough



Friday 9.30am, Walking Group, meet at White St Parking Area at rear of Dudley Park, call Ben 310 7799, or Allan 313 7365 or Angela 313 1868 for details

December:



Mon 14th Dec 7pm, Tony's Trivial Chat, 6 Doncaster Place, please bring a subject for the hat to discuss



Tues 15th Dec 12.30pm at Sheffield Pie Shop, Oxford (prev Seagars) call Frances to book 310 6863 by Sat 5th & for car pooling

January:



New Years Day BBQ 11.30am onwards at Janet's, 199 Mt Thomas Rd, Fernside, please bring your togs for a swim, deckchair and a plate to share, BYO. Please call to confirm 310 6966.



Thur 7th January & **weekly for January**, Coffee Mornings Al Fresco at The Station (instead of The Plough)



Mon 11th Jan 7pm, Tony's Trivial Chat, 6 Doncaster Place, please bring a subject for the hat to discuss



Weds 13th Jan 12.30pm, Lunch at the Flat White, Pegasus, call Ann to book 310 7191 by Mon 11th



Sat 23rd Jan 7pm, Stillwater @ Woodend, call Ann 310 7191 by Weds 20th to book



Sun 31st Jan 2pm, Car Rally, meet at Richard's, 1 Ashview Place, please bring a small plate for afternoon tea afterwards, phone to confirm taking part 313 2175 by Fri 29th Jan
