

October 2014

Janet Hubbard For those of us in Newcomers who have had the pleasure and privilege of getting to know Janet in the short time she has been in New Zealand and felt the impact of her charming, gentle kindness and humour. To have absorbed the serenity which seemed to surround her, which will leave her indelibly in our hearts. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Tony and family, for them her loss must be a terrible blow.



### **Ann's News....**

The Girls night out at Yummys was another good night, was well supported and from all reports a good time was had by all. Ten of us went to Capone's restaurant for lunch, I must admit these lunches we organise are generally such a success as we end up discussing all manner of topics, the food was as usual at Capone's spot on and I for one after one glass of wine and good food went home and had a "nana nap"! That's an awful thing to put into print!!

Julie put on a surprise lunch for her Mum, Marje and she certainly got a lovely surprise, the day was beautiful, no wind and we sat under the pergola, shared food and wine. What a great way to celebrate a birthday. Speaking of Julie, a huge congratulations to her son James as he has been successful in winning The Willows Cricket Club Life Skills Scholarship Award he will be based just outside Newcastle, England playing cricket for 6 months of next year, what a wonderful opportunity for this young man and we wish him all the best.

As Christmas is just around the corner keep Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December free.

Unfortunately our Coffee evenings at Coffee Culture have been put on the back burner due to lack of interest, they started out really well and who knows why it has tapered off, maybe in the new year we can come up with another idea that might appeal. Also our dinner at Styx and Stones had to be cancelled for the same reason. Once again I would like to ask all our Newcomers if they have any ideas or suggestions that they would like us to investigate or organise please contact us, this organisation is all about all of us and if we can make all newcomers welcome and feel part of a caring and social group that would be wonderful.

June and Gordon kindly invited us to their home for a coffee morning and everyone really enjoyed their great hospitality not to mention the food! The Walking group have been to South Shore, Groynes and Oxford, if anyone is interested in where this group are planning to visit just ring Angela. As you will see we have our last quiz night for the year coming up, hope to see lots of you there for a chance to clear the cobwebs away and have some fun. Also a first at Sue's for a swap and coffee morning, another good idea, thanks Sue.

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### **Weekly Events**

Thursday 11am, Chat Morning at The Plough, High St, call Sylvia for details 313 4188

Thursday 2pm, Knitting Group for new folks at Averil's, 6 Wisteria Lane, Rangiora 313 4145 [averil.gibson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:averil.gibson@xtra.co.nz)

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

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Weds 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am, Coffee / Swap Morning at Sue's, 4 Janelle Place 310 6916, please bring a small plate to share. Please bring any items you would like to swap/recycle. No money involved. Take away if not re-purposed. Perhaps plants...books....xmas gifts etc

Fri 21<sup>st</sup>, 12:15pm, Richard's Anniversary Lunch, please bring finger food and a glass to celebrate his arriving in NZ Anniversary, 1 Ashview Place, 313 2175

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm, Quiz Night at John & Carol's, Teams of 4, \$1pp, please call 313 8249 to book, 13 Sycamore Close

Sat 29<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Dinner at Pocket Full of Spice, please call Angela 313 1868 by Weds 26<sup>th</sup> to book

### **Advance Notice for December.....**

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, **5:45pm** Girls Night Out at Monteiths, xmas menu, please call Lyn by Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> 313 1290

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec, 12pm, Xmas Lunch at Sally's, 199 Johns Rd, finger food, please bring glass, drink and deckchair

While we are onto firsts you will see we are starting a new knitting group, the knitting group has proved so popular and its wonderful how successful it is, a big thank you for all those who make it so, unfortunately, like a lot of success stories it has outgrown itself so another group was obviously needed, our concern was that any new people just may be overwhelmed if they were thrust into a large crowd, and at the end of the day making new people welcome and gently introduced into various activities is our top priority.

Thought for the month – LIKE THE RINGS ON THE CROSS-SECTION OF THE TRUNK OF THE TREE, GOOD FRIENDS WHO COME AND GO, LEAVE AN INDELIBLE MARK ON THE SEASONS OF OUR LIFE.

**Richard's Corner....**Last month's answers: Oldest driver is Bob Edwards age 105, he has had a licence for 88 years. Photo Licences started in 1999.

Where can you see these two views locally?



**Christmas Trees at the council....**We still need help for Wednesday, 17th December. Please phone Norme ASAP 313 4236.

**New folks Knitting...**due to the popularity of the Monday Knitting Group, this is now full so a new group will be started in November for new folks at Averil's house, 2pm on a Thursday. We look forward to meeting some new knitters.

**New Years Day...**If anyone has any suggestions or offers, please let Sylvia or Frances know.