



Waitaki Newcomers Network

Connecting People



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Hello and welcome to the very first Newcomers newsletter. Thought it was a great time to write one, as there have been a few events happening, with a few more on the horizon.

As I have settled in to the job I have been learning many things about the best way to get people involved in Newcomer activities. It seems quite difficult to get people to come along to things and yet I continually meet people who feel they can't break into the community even though they may have been here for some time. Despite all the great technology we have, personal contact seems to make the difference. Therefore I am gradually ringing the 50 families on the data base to introduce myself and see how their settling in experience is going. I am then finding those people are coming to gatherings and that is fantastic. I also note that many of you are more interested in garden and house tours than in social get togethers, but I'll see if that pattern continues.

Drinks and Nibbles



A total of eleven adults and eleven children shared a very pleasant evening out at the Northstar restaurant on Sunday 14 October. It was a very quiet evening in the restaurant so we had the whole venue to ourselves. The children certainly enjoyed the great playroom and the adults had a very relaxing time meeting new people and catching up with others they already know.



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NEXT TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER WE ARE GOING TO VISIT THE LORY'S GARDEN AT WINDSOR. WE WILL HAVE AFTERNOON TEA AND TOUR THE GARDEN. RING ME AT HOME ON 4340376 OR TEXT ME ON 0272428643 IF YOU INTEND TO COME. WE WILL MEET AT 6B BLUESTONE DRIVE AT 1.15PM TO SHARE TRANSPORT. THANK YOU TO MAX AND DOREEN LORY FOR ALLOWING US TO COME.

A Real Treat

The coffee group regulars made a visit to view the house and garden at Brookfield recently. It was a wonderful afternoon and we were all very appreciative to Nigel and Jennifer de Geest for opening their home to us. Jennifer explained how they purchased the house, which was then a function centre and set about the huge task of returning to its original form as a home. The final result is truly exceptional and we were delighted to have the opportunity to view it. Another visit will be held soon so email me if you would like to participate.