

TRUST NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2018



Hello Residents and a warm welcome to Jo Pidgeon – our new resident in No. 12; resulting in farewell to Bette and John Harrison who have moved to the Falls Estate.

As this goes to print, we acknowledge the untimely passing of our Nellie Ollard. Our sincere condolences to her whanau and neighbours.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR RESIDENTS.....

With regard to Lot 29. The Trust apologies in advance for any interruptions and noise nuisance incurred. The housemovers are cutting the house into sections for removal as we speak. The removal has been scheduled for Saturday 14 April and this means that there may be restrictions for road usage at times. In the interests of safety for everyone, perhaps limited use of the road at this stage would be advisable. The housemovers have informed us they will put out safety cones and have staff helping.

Snippets from the April Trust Meeting:

- The Trust has formalised the appointment of a new Groundsman – Alex Hargreaves of Clip It Garden Services. He is contracted to mow the lawns and keep the village gardens tidy and trim edges and hedges etc. He can also be hired by residents to do their personal gardening if required. Our previous groundsman – Bruce Leffly – was not successful as he was only keen to do mowing. It is pleasing to know that at least 11 residents have expressed their happy satisfaction with the work that Alex has undertaken so far.
- Our next Trust meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st May as a number of Trustees are absent on the 2nd Wednesday of May.
- Anna Murphy was asked by the Trust to investigate how the proposed rate rebate will be obtained by our pensioner residents. She will keep us posted.
- Draft Budget for 1/7/18 to 30/6/19 is currently being prepared and once ratified by the Trust, will be presented to residents after the May meeting in time for the next fiscal year. At this stage, a small increase for rates and insurance mainly, is envisaged.
- Safety limits: A reminder to residents to observe the speed limit in the village and to ensure their visitors do the same please.
- The house plan for Lot 29 has been put up in the hall for information and a Progress Payment has been made to GJ Gardners – so we are ALL SET TO GO! The common thought at this time is that it won't be ready before Christmas.
- Civil Defence Sirens – are these loud enough for you to hear? Northland Regional Council are selling a personal siren for alerting you – cost is \$150 if you are interested.
- Annual Home inspection will commence in June, but the Trustees will inform you beforehand. This means also that it is time for changing batteries in your fire alarms if required.
- Your resident Trustee (Graeme) has spoken to the local Fire Brigade to ask them to check your fire alarms if you need help with this. (They used to supply them at one stage, I wonder if they still do.....)
- Bruce (MacKenzie) has consulted with the Whangarei District Council about the roadside hedges. He may have struck Lotto!!! It appears that the Whangarei District Council are determining who planted the hedges and if they accept responsibility, then the costs of trimming or removal will undoubtedly be theirs. As they have not long been trimmed, any removal etc will be staved off for a while.
- Our last water test results have remained healthy and again our thanks to Graeme for his vigilance in this department – so much so that we are stockpiling granules for the next coming!!!!!!!
- If you use an electric blanket, a small reminder to please have it checked before this winter's use.

SOCIAL CALENDAR – (on the back of this page is a brief report)

Phi Wilson, Village Manager

SOCIAL UPDATES AND ACTIVITIES

Hi there, Here is the brief update of Social Club activities for **April and May**. (Full copy of my report is on the Village Hall noticeboard, including acknowledgement of helpers).



St Patrick's Day was a howling success! Huge thanks to the Bowling Club Members and to the Residents who played and supported. The after-match function in our Hall was happy and full of fun. Thanks to the Social Club Committee and also to the helpers who fed us with the BBQ fare. The Bowling Club were very impressed and as Eunice had a birthday, she had a cake and we all made a hearty rendition of the Happy birthday song accompanied by Irene on guitar.



Easter Weekend

Art and Craft/Second Hand Goods Day: One word - SUCCESSFUL! Profits from the raffles will be used to enable the residents to enjoy the monthly activities ahead. In case you didn't know, the raffle winners were: Brian Walsh, Phillip and Hazel Taylor, Christine Jamieson, Shirley Dinn and Linda Spratt. Reports have been coming in from personal stall holders of happiness with the new lining in their pockets from sales. I don't know how many times I have heard the public asking when the next one is!!!!

Easter Sunday: This day began with the lads arriving for the boxing event on TV thanks to Graeme's organisation and donation. Breakfast was delicious and very appreciated by those who partook.

High Tea: Lovely to see so many attending. Hats were the talking point of the day. Jane Gibson cleaned up this section with a very glamorous hat made with Rabbit Eats, Easter Eggs and Easter decorations. Rita was the judge and her personality was much appreciated by all. Again, the food was spectacular with miniature sandwiches, asparagus rolls, scones, cakes and of course, Hot Cross buns. How many of you knew Marge's table cloth was made in 1947 by her mother?

The **Happy Hour** on the first Sunday in each month continues to grow with many of the villagers attending. On Sunday (1st) 14 arrived to carry on the days celebrations with many food items from the previous day making a re-entrance! Margaret Pengelly won the small prize for the quiz.

Coming up.....

27/4/18	Operatunity)
6/5/18	Happy Hour) Full details of these on the Village Hall Noticeboard
7/5/18	Garden Club)
11 and 25/3/18	Craft Group)

500 Cards Monday night. Meet at 6.30pm during winter months. Note change of time! Contact Maryann for further info.

New Card Game: On some wet days during winter, card players will gather in the hall and play Whist. The rules will be different from anything you have learned in the past but they will be simple. You do not need a partner. It is fun and will help you enjoy the wet days ahead. Please register with Rod on Ph: 9460524.



**That's all for now,
Heather**