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## Guest of honour at school reunion

**Words & Photo: Kirstyn Barnett**

Keith Rowe is not used to being famous. However, he will be the guest of honour at the 150th Cust School Jubilee on 10-12 November. At 99, he is definitely the oldest person attending the event, along with his brother Colin and sister Nancy at 90 and 93 years of age respectively. Keith remembers attending Cust School with his good mate Garth Wood, the butcher's boy. He tells stories of the two sneaking down to the Ashley River with fish and chips for lunch while out at manual classes in Rangiora. He remembers a junior teacher fondly, "Miss Fairbrother I think her name was" but found the senior teacher a terror.

"I got the strap two or three times a day sometimes."

He would take the horse and cart to school from Terrace Road with his younger siblings. When the Cust River was high, the children would use the swing bridge while he drove the cart across, and recalls floating downstream on occasion. Keith says he was good at maths but a poor speller and left school at 12 to work on the farm as did many of his classmates.

The family moved around a bit, and Keith worked on various farms in the district, before working for Rangiora Transport. As an essential farm worker, he did not go to war but was part of the Home Guard in



**Fond memories:** Keith Rowe and his siblings will attend the 150th Cust School Jubilee in November. See page 15 for photos.

Cust. Keith married Lilian Thompson in 1949 and had four children, then following her death in 1985, he married Valerie Smith. He has many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, including those of his step-children.

Over 200 people are expected at the Cust, Summerhill and Springbank School 150 year Jubilee weekend with photos, school displays and a gala dinner planned.

To learn more about the 2017 Cust School 150th Jubilee incorporating Summerhill and Springbank School, phone Jennifer on 312 5699 or see [www.cust.school.nz](http://www.cust.school.nz).

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## New entrants reunited



**Words & Photo: Supplied by Cherryl Thompson**

**A special get together:** Back from left: Ross Blackadder, Jim Stubbs, Barry Tomlinson, Kevin O'Loughlin, Robert Rossiter, David Beer, Peter Jones, Ian Spice, Bede Taylor, Peter Frahm, Peter Carmichael. Middle from left: Phillip Reid, Bill Foster, Mary Cameron, Bethne Lomas, Ken Howarth, Front from left: Helen Mitchell, Dawn Simpson, Helen Wells, Cherryl Thompson, Ann Davenport, Rosalyn Snow, and Allan Thompson. Absent are Elizabeth Mckimming, Mary Peacock, and Dermot Sexton.

**It has been 20 years since some of the above ex Oxford District High School students have seen each other at a class reunion held in Oxford recently. For some, it was much longer - in fact, many had not seen each other since their school days.**

Around 65 years ago, the majority of the group were new entrants at the school while others joined the class at various times over the following nine years.

The group was thrilled to be joined by one of its popular teachers of 1958, Mr Ken Howarth, and his wife.

The reunion included a tour of the present day Oxford Area School and swapping of memories as they recalled their love of their new entrant teacher, Miss Miriam Watson, in the open-air classroom with its huge

bifolding doors and individual blackboards lining the walls.

Another teacher, Mr Russell Roberts, would have the students delivering notes to Miss Grace Shadbolt, the cooking teacher, who later became Mrs Roberts.

The headmaster, Mr Eric McClatchey, was one staff member who was as well avoided as his art of strapping pupils was well honed. All agreed that the abolishment of the strap and cane as forms of punishment was a big step in the right direction when educating children. Some also remembered the hard seated school buses owned by Johnson's Garage, where the seats ran lengthwise and every pothole was sorely endured.

The day finished with a meal at the Oxford Club in the evening, where not even the wonderful meals could stop the tongues wagging.

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Oxford's new library and service centre is proving popular amongst the community and the staff.

Oxford library assistant Hilary Mercer says the new building is comfortable and great to work in. "It's light and airy, and it's great to be in a purpose-built library." The shift from the temporary library went smoothly and with a top-up of the current shelf stock, there are now around 10,000 items on the shelves available for borrowing.

"Borrowing numbers have doubled since being in the new premises. We've had a lot more people come to the library, with many people signing up for the first time, as well as people returning to the library."

Hilary says people are liking the new space, enjoying the larger collection, and simply spending time at the library. "People are also surprised at the number of events, programmes, services the library offers."

The new library offers a dedicated children's area within the library, with a bigger collection, more seating, and an interactive



**Loving the new:** Oxford library assistant Hilary Mercer is enjoying the new, bright and spacious library. Photo: Fi Maddison

reading nook. "It is a space families really enjoy being in," says Hilary. "Throughout the library, we have more seating, including a study bench with plugs for laptops and phones. Library users can benefit from a modern building, a larger collection, and more library events and programmes."

Exciting new programmes, like the afterschool Lego club, are available with more being planned for the new year such as computer classes for adults.

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With Matt Doocey  
Waimakariri MP



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During the election, I received very positive feedback that residents value being able to access me easily through my three offices, constituent caravan clinics, evening meetings and other events I facilitate to connect with you. Please do look out for me in my Oxford constituent caravan on the last Friday of every month outside Oxford Butchery. Pop in to say hello or bring an issue if there is something you would like help with.

Remember, it is through staying connected to you that I can remain relevant to our residents' issues. I was honoured by an electorate majority increase from 2,500 in 2014 to over 10,000 in 2017 – and that tells me you value accessibility and commitment to your area.

I was thrilled to join Oxford residents in visiting the new Library and Service Centre in its attractive new building with my children who enjoyed the very engaging children's area. This is a great facility for our families and even tourists, who can use the public-access computers and free Wi-Fi. It's another reason why Oxford is a great destination for domestic and international visitors.

A big thank you to everyone who expressed their sympathy in some lovely messages following the passing of my wife, Viki's, father recently. While his death was not unexpected after a long battle with cancer, it has been a difficult time, and your support has been very much appreciated.

Authorised by Matt Doocey MP  
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## A keen blues enthusiast

Words & Photo: Shaz Davis

Kyle Scott is relatively new to Oxford, having arrived here from Hokitika in March with his wife, Liz, and their fox terrier, Bruce, to be closer to family based in Canterbury.

The retired policeman, former councillor with the Westland District Council, and former blues musician with Hokitika band, Big Wheelie and the Hubcaps, hasn't skipped a beat since arriving and has already played a role in bringing a couple of bands to Oxford. The next live performance will be at the Oxford Workingmen's Club on December 15.

"One of my biggest loves, apart from my wife, is blues," says Kyle who was part of a popular blues band for thirty years. He's of the opinion that blues music is not mainstream in New Zealand and that there are new bands that we never get to hear.

Kyle hopes to set up a local blues club, as he has found music to be a great way to meet and interact with people throughout his career. If there is sufficient interest, Kyle hopes to arrange monthly social get-togethers for people who enjoy the blues.

"The idea is to meet once a month, talk about things – not come along and play instruments," says Kyle, who has a large collection of blues CDs and old LPs.

Kyle enjoys living in Oxford and is keen to give back to the community and also volunteers at Arts in Oxford. He has a wealth of experience to offer from local government involvement as well as serving in various capacities on a range of committees,



**Community orientated:** New to Oxford, Kyle Scott is keen to muck in and help support the local community,

including the Hokitika Chartered Club and the Wild Foods Festival.

He also spent 18 months managing the Regent Theatre, arranging shows, movies, artists, and groups.

Anyone interested in being part of a social blues club can contact Kyle on 027 755 6581 or [kylescott@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kylescott@xtra.co.nz).

## Memorable night expected

**Songs from the Bee Gees, Creedance Clearwater Revival, and Queen are on the list when Paul Madsen and his tribute band come to Oxford in December.**

The band will play at the Oxford Club on Friday 17, December.

The two and a half hour show offers something for everyone, bringing to life the music and harmonies of these musical legends. These classic hits speak for themselves and the audience can expect to be singing along and dancing until the clock winds down.

Madsen Promotions first took their Bee Gees Show to Las Vegas in 2013 and their latest concerts are a long way from their first tribute show at the Waimea Town and Country Club in 1999, when two brothers had a dream to perform in Vegas. Tickets to the show are available from the Oxford Club on High Street, Oxford.



**All your favorite acts:** From left, Peter Madsen, Paul Madsen and Paul Jeffries will perform a variety of songs from the Bee Gees, Creedance Clearwater Revival and Queen at the Oxford Club.



## A love of craft

When it comes to crafts, Janne Clare likes to “do a bit of everything” and is into “quilting in a big way – and pattern design.”

Her grandmother taught her how to knit, and her mother was the sewer in the family and passed on those skills to Janne too. The rest she learned through courses or taught herself by giving them a go.

She initially got into pattern design out of frustration. Every pattern she knitted had at least one error, so Janne decided she might as well create her own patterns – and took this on as a hobby business creating patterns for resale in the evenings after work.

An accident back in 2003 left Janne with a painful nerve condition, which meant she had to give up her career in accounting. This left an opening for her to work from home in crafts. She now has both an online and physical store and manages her business website, Jannz Craft Store.

If you would like to indulge in a new creative outlet, Janne will be running a range of new craft classes.

The first class, from the first week in December (date still to be confirmed), is a Christmas-focused craft class where participants will learn to make fabric egg ornaments, Christmas wreaths, and bells for hanging on a tree or around the house.

“The class is limited to four-to-five people so it would be best to book early,” says Janne. The course cost is \$15 plus materials. Other classes on offer will include applique, quilting, crochet, knitting, sewing classes and fabric painting classes – using pencils

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**Sharing her passion:** Janne Clare loves crafts and enjoys running craft course from her home in Oxford.

and water to enhance embroidered work. Janne, who has been running her Church Street business since January 2016, is excited about the courses and plans to expand her shop to accommodate courses over the Christmas holiday period.

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## Gallery News



With Celia Wilson

**November brings ‘Sanctuary’, a group show of 20 mainly Canterbury artists who, along with the gallery, will be sharing their commission with Artists Against Slavery (a New Zealand registered charity), to raise funds to help the global fight against human trafficking.**

The charity raises money through art exhibitions, art classes and a huge variety of creative enterprises. The artworks will show very different interpretations of the word ‘sanctuary’ in paint, print, and ceramics.

Our last 2017 exhibition is a solo show by Belinda Weir a Mackenzie based portrait and landscape painter. It commences on 2 December, closing mid-January.

The Friends of Arts in Oxford Gallery is entering its second year. Contact the gallery for membership information, and join in extra gallery events, outings and a quarterly newsletter for a small fee.

New to the gift shop is a range of clocks. They are small-sized, quality clocks, set in rimu and individually handcrafted by Mark Billington of Firewood to Fabulous.



## Sanctuary

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## Country Lifestyle

### Give dairy goats a go

A field day held recently at Alice Jones' Cust farm was a great success.

Alice is the secretary of the Canterbury Dairy Goat Breeders Association and is keen to promote dairy goats.

Alice says that the main purpose of the field day was to promote the Canterbury club and share knowledge, especially with the hoof trimming as this a topic most asked about by people with goats. "We are looking at trying to hold at least four field days a year."

Goats have always been a big part of Alice's family. "They are all very friendly with great natures and very addictive," Alice laughs, "we now have over 40 goats at our stud (Hollybank)."

There is a saying in the goat community: "Goats are like potato chips, you can't have just one."

Commercial dairy goats are a relatively new concept in New Zealand. The idea was not developed in earnest until the 1980s, and now with a growing market for goat milk products the industry is taking off.

Goats' milk is used not just as food as in yoghurt, cheese, fudge, etc. but also to make beautiful creamy soap.

Goats are intelligent animals who quickly



Words & Photo: Cathy Dee

**Field day successful:** Goat care and trimming feet were topics of interest at a recent field day in Cust for owners of dairy goats. Pictured from left, Chris Carden-Holdstock and Jayne Arscott.

They don't require shearing is a bonus, although care of their feet is necessary as they need trimming on a regular basis. Hoof trimming is just one of the skills taught at the field days.

Wind and rain proof shelters are a must and milking goats will need to be milked once a day - if shared with her kids.

They eat a good mix of pasture plants with

added hay in winter.

Goats are the ultimate escape artists so fencing must be up to scratch to contain these curious herbivores.

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## Hoof ball for ponies

Words: Cathy Dee

**Cust Equestrian Group is 'on the ball' with a popular addition to its activities - hoof ball.**

Played with two teams of four, a giant ball is manipulated by the horses (guided by riders) through the goal posts. Hoof ball originated in Europe by the infantry, to teach the horses to trample battle opponents.

While there won't be any trampling of opponents at the Cust Equestrian Hoof Ball practice days, there will be a lot of fun involved. The club offers regular activities such as fun rides, club days, games days, treks and clinics, and next year will celebrate its 10th anniversary.

With members "from all disciplines, shapes, sizes, ages and stages" the club has grown exponentially, and members have free access



Photo supplied.

**Challenging fun for rider and pony:** Hoof ball is an exciting new activity introduced into the Cust Equestrian Group's line-up of activities.

Coming up on November 19 is the 'Ride for Road Safety' a New Zealand-wide initiative designed to increase awareness to motorists of safety on the road when driving past horses and riders. At 10am a group of riders will ride out from the domain, up to the Cust Pub for a pie and a drink before heading back.

Another popular event, which is held by the club on an annual basis, is 'Le Cust' - a multi-tasking event where teams of two compete in a little bit of trail, dressage, cowboy challenge, working equitation, handy pony and a wicked quiz all thrown together into one fun event. Le Cust will be held at the Cust Domain on December 10 from 9am to 4pm.

If you would like to join in the fun, contact the group through the Cust Equestrian Group facebook page or their website - [www.custequestriangroup.com](http://www.custequestriangroup.com)



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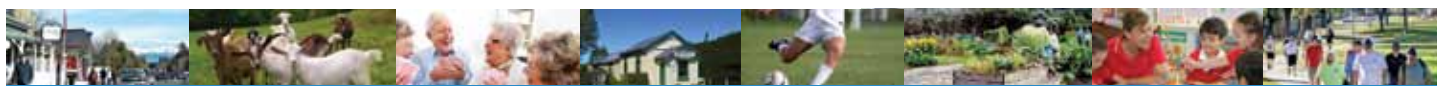
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**19 NOVEMBER** Homebush Stables Open Day, 10am-4pm, Homebush, Darfield.

**19 NOVEMBER** 'Ride for Road Safety' from Cust Domain.

**23 NOVEMBER** Christmas Celebration Night, 5.30-9.30pm, Rangiora.

**2 DECEMBER** Agape Dance Academy presents My Shepherd - A Dance Journey, 3pm, Oxford Town Hall

**3 DECEMBER** Mandeville Craft Festival, 11am-4pm Mandeville Sports Grounds.

**6 DECEMBER** Oxford FreshChoice Christmas Party, Santa instore from 3-5pm.

**10 DECEMBER** Le Cust Horse Event, 9am to 4pm, Cust Domain.

**10 DECEMBER** Rangiora Party in the Park, 12-6pm at Victoria Park.

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## Community Directory

**Monday Cafe** Come along for a chat and morning tea at the St James-on-the-Cust hall every 4th Monday 10-11.30am. All ages welcome, ph Sandra on 03 310 2074.

**Cust Craft Group** Meets every 1st & 3rd Tuesday 10am-3pm at the Cust Community Centre. All welcome.

**Oxford Community Men's Shed** The Oval, Pearson's Park. Tuesday 7pm - 9pm Men and Women, Thursday 10am - 12.30 Men only, Thursday 7pm - 9pm Men only, Saturday 10am - 2pm

## Community Directory

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**Oxford Museum** Open every Sunday: 11am-4pm, Friday: 1-3.30pm, Wednesday & Saturday: 1-3.30pm. Main St, Oxford.

**Oxford Cycle Group** Meets at Oxford Farmers Market carpark every Monday morning at 9.30, for a casual ride about 1 1/2 hours, then coffee. Ph Mary on 03 313 3259.

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### Here for Life

With Oxford Station Manager

**Matt Ohs**



**Workload for the Oxford Ambulance area has remained steady with 57 incidents in August and 56 incidents in September, bringing the number of incidents for 2017 to 407.**

An increased workload throughout Canterbury has meant the Oxford ambulance team has been asked to respond outside the normal response area to Amberley for a patient having heart problems and into Porters Pass for a road traffic accident.

**Coming across road traffic accidents can be challenging and stressful. Using the mnemonic DRSABC can help those first on scene to prioritise care:**

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The ambulance station is not manned 24 hours a day, for medical emergencies or medical advice please call 111.

### Fire Report

With Fire Chief

**Trevor Ealam**



**The Brigade was called six times in September.**

Three calls were to vegetation fires, two of which were controlled fires with the owners in attendance, the other was to a tree fire caused by a lightning strike. There was one call to a private alarm activation caused by a faulty smoke alarm, one to a tractor fire in a shed and one to assist St John with the lifting of a patient from a two-storey building to the ambulance. This brings the total calls for the year to 46.

**This month's safety message...  
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### Oxford Museum News

**According to an article in the Oxford Museum's archives, the town has had a library for nearly 150 years.**

A meeting in 1868 led to the building of a Mechanics' Institute on the south-east corner of Bay Rd and Church St.

This provided a reading room and library for the next 20 years, then the books were moved to the Orange Lodge on the corner of Main St and Park Ave. By 1893, a new library was built in Pearson Park. Eventually it was replaced by the council office and library built to mark the Canterbury Centennial in 1950 and is now being used as a craft shop and community trust headquarters.

The next move was to the Council Service Centre in a former stock agency building on the corner of Main and Burnett Sts.

While this was being replaced recently, the library moved temporarily to the pavilion in the showgrounds, but is now back on Main St in a new purpose-built facility.

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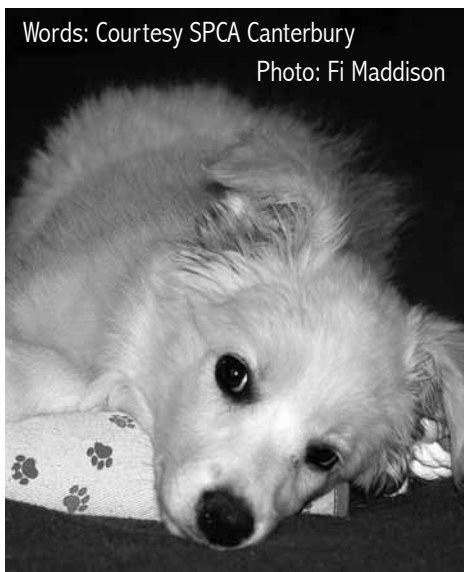


## Guy Fawkes distressing for pets

With Guy Fawkes day fast approaching, SPCA Canterbury reminds all pet owners to take extra care of their furry companions during this terrifying season. The organisation receives dozens of calls at this time of year relating to fireworks issues including: animal injuries, frightened animals, missing pets and occasionally, abuse of animals. Unfortunately the public sale of fireworks ensures that there is no 'set' day for fireworks to be used and therefore pet owners must remain vigilant at all times. The organisation urges particular caution during the 'celebratory' months of Oct - Jan. For tips on how to care for your pets during this noisy time of the year, visit [www.spcacanterbury.org.nz](http://www.spcacanterbury.org.nz)

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## Class of 1923

**Back in time:** Left, second Cust School building from 1876 to 1954.

**Below:** 150th Cust School Jubilee guest of honor Keith Rowe sits with his school friends (front row second from the left) in the Cust School primer class of 1923. Photo: Courtesy Bernard Kingsbury, Cust Museum.



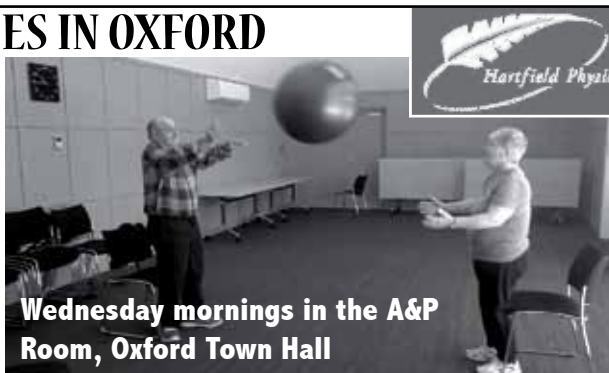
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With Tracie Miller

### BROWN SPOTS & FRECKLES

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Age spot is the common name for a lentigine. This is a brownish area of skin discolouration, generally on the face, arms and legs, caused by the sun damaging fair skin. Age spots are similar to large freckles, which are also caused by the sun. As we age our body is less able to absorb the ultraviolet rays that damage our skin and this causes the areas of darker pigmentation or melanin to occur more frequently as we get older. It is probably more correct to call these marks sunspots rather than age spots, as they reflect damage over time from the sun, rather than just the passing of the years.

If the brown marks are scaly, they may be actinic keratoses (sun damage) or seborrhoeic keratoses (senile warts). Facial pigmentation may also be due to melasma, a chronic pigmentary disorder.

Most sunspots can be prevented by regular, daily use of sunscreen to all exposed skin, but staying out of the sun and using sun protective clothing is much more effective than sunscreens alone.

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