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A positive outlook

Words & Photo: Fi Maddison

Moving on...



Open for business: Black Beech Wine Bar owners Maureen and Brian Clark, shown with Waimakariri Mayor David Ayers, are looking forward to a bright future in Oxford.

After the sudden closure of Seagars at Oxford, a major attraction to the township over the last 10 years, Oxford businesses remain enthusiastic about the town's growth and future.

Over the last three years, at least seven new businesses have opened in Oxford's Main Street shopping area with Black Beech Wine Bar being the latest to open its doors to the public.

Black Beech owners Maureen and Brian Clark are excited to finally get their business off the ground and are positive about the future.

"The town feels really vibrant. Everything that has been happening is really positive for Oxford and shows the growth here," says Maureen referring to the new supermarket and new businesses. She and Brian are looking forward to a busy time ahead and are happy with the local support since they opened their doors.

Other businesses agree and believe Oxford still has plenty to offer locals and visitors alike.

Oxford Village Motels opened its doors last year and manager Steve Dalley is confident that Oxford will continue to move ahead.

"It's been building since the earthquakes and everyone is projecting growth for the area. It was a little unknown with the motel as to what would happen but it has definitely out performed our expectations." Steve also says there is demand for more development of commercial properties within the township. FreshChoice supermarket owner Mike Rutherford was saddened at the closure of Seagars and says that he and Nicki could not have considered building the new supermarket if they hadn't owned the current building.

"It was always our passion to bring FreshChoice to Oxford. It all happened before we planned it but we had no choice, our building was ruined." Mike believes the town is looking good for the future.

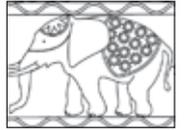
"We wouldn't be doing what we're doing if it wasn't." He says they are investing a lot into the area with resources and new jobs. "We're just looking forward to it all working."

And all going well, he says, stage one for the opening of the supermarket will be 17 August.



After 27 years in the district, well known Oxford stalwart Helen Dunn has retired from the Oxford Cancer Group and moved from Oxford to Rangiora. Read about Helen on page 5....

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15 August

Oxford Wearable Arts Evening

24 August

SPCA Cupcake Day Stall outside Emma's at Oxford (see page 17 to find out how you can help)

27 August

Annual Quiz Night at OWMC

12 September

Community Concert & Tale of Benny the Beagle

19 September

Shadow Puppets at OWMC

20 September

Oxford Country Classic Half Marathon

1 Nov

Cust Craft Group Quilt Show

1 Nov

Oxford Country Garden Fete

Nov

Bride of the Year Show

Community snapshots

Check out our photo collage of our recent cold spell on the back cover of this issue...

Snow fun:

Visiting Oxford to play in the snow - Nathan (3), Daniel (5) & Jason (3) Wordsworth from Christchurch



Birds for sale:

Kate and Sohia (10) Lopas check out the budgies at the Baptist Church Garage Sale



Plenty to do:

Below from left, Yvonne Cook with a selection of stones and gems at the monthly Oxford Craft Market; Canterbury Rose Society president Peter Bamber demonstrates how to prune roses at Querky Style & Roses at Cust; and Alan Harrington oils his rimu table that he made on Tuesday nights at the Oxford Menz Shed.



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A comfortable seat



Making the most of Reg Bartlett's upholstery classes held at Oxford Area School are (above) Johanne Donaldson and (right) Anne McNeill, who has been coming to the classes for 10 years. Reg, who lives in Waimate, has been running upholstery classes for approx 25 years throughout the lower South Island.

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Oxford Promotions Action Committee vice-chair Shirley Farrell says the garage sale trail is in its sixth year and the group had 27 sites around the town booked.

"People are talking about it, which is a good sign. We just hope the weather is better than last year."

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Adult colouring books great therapy

The adult colouring phenomenon has literally exploded onto the scene over the past few months.

Whilst a small range of colouring books for adults have always had a small presence, the demand has risen well above and beyond expectations. Worldwide demand in both colouring books and pencils is so large, major suppliers are struggling to keep up with supply.

Emma from Emma's at Oxford is amazed by the popularity of the books: "Whereas I would normally order two or three of such titles, I'm now ordering in lots of 20 and 30 just to keep up with demand. We have got a new purpose built stand to house our range, which customers are telling us is the best they've seen in Canterbury."

People who become hooked on colouring books don't just get one book, instead they often choose different ones to cater for the different creative moods they have on different days or are enticed by the beauty of new books as they are released.

Emma also says the colouring books are a great tool/therapy for people going through chemo or recovering from surgery.



Childhood memories: Marilyn Grant enjoys experiencing the fun of colouring with her new birthday present from a 'most beloved sister'.

"Most of the time these people are unable to concentrate on reading, so this is a nice way to fill in time."

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Safer crossing for Main Street

Words: Shaz Davis Photo: Waimakariri District Council



Oxford residents can look forward to a new pedestrian crossing on Main Street within the next couple of months.

Positioned roughly between Café 51 and Emma’s at Oxford, it will provide a safe place to cross to the new supermarket car park.

“The crossing will be outside the supermarket – just west of Rata Street,” says Roading Manger for the Waimakariri District Council, Ken Stevenson. “We’d like to get it done as soon as possible, but it has been very difficult to get a contractor in, because they are all so busy.” Ken anticipates that the pedestrian crossing will be completed within the next couple of months, in conjunction with the parking lot for the new supermarket. Vic Allen, chairman of the Oxford Eyre Ward Advisory Board is pleased that the project is finally going ahead:

“With the amount of traffic on Main Street it’s hard for people, especially the elderly, to get across. And as the new subdivision takes off there will be more children on the southern side of town. The crossing will provide a safe place for school children to cross Main Street.

“With cars parked on the side, the road can be quite congested - so the crossing will make it a lot easier, and safer, for everyone,” says Vic.

The crossing had been on the programme for about a year-and-a-half. The job involves curbing, guttering and drainage and isn’t as simple as painting a few white lines. The Council has approached the contractors doing the new parking for the supermarket, and the pedestrian crossing will be done at the same time, says Vic.

FreshChoice supermarket owner Mike Rutherford says that all going well he expects the supermarket carpark to be completed by October, two months after the first stage of the supermarket opens to the public.

“The new pedestrian crossing will make it so much easier for everyone to access the supermarket and local shopping area.”

In Touch



**With Matt Doocey
Waimakariri MP**

It was great catching up with Mike and Nicky Rutherford for a tour of the new Oxford Fresh Choice supermarket.

This \$6 million investment in Oxford will bring more jobs, as well as a bank-linked ATM service, to the community. Creating more local jobs boosts our local economies and reduces congestion on our roads.

The news that the Christchurch City Council decided not to support the Cranford Street extension in its Long Term Plan caused concern for some commuters. Decisions made around one part of Canterbury have the potential to impact on others – and this decision would impact not only Christchurch commuters but commuters from Oxford with its potential effect on the dispersal of traffic on the city end of the Northern Arterial.

I urgently met with Transport Minister, Hon Simon Bridges, and Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Minister, Hon Gerry Brownlee, and contacted both mayors and the Transport Agency to urge everyone to get around the table to work on a solution to give North Canterbury commuters reliable travel times.

On another note, I was glad to link up with Christchurch psychologist Julie Burgess-Manning and teacher Sarina Dickson, who have launched a unique resource that is going out free to Year 1 to 4 children, including in Waimakariri. The two-book resource is aimed at reducing anxiety in children, who often can’t describe their worries in language adults can understand. Through conversations with some of our schools, and with my background in mental health, I know some of our children are suffering from anxiety and I was pleased to see that the books come with a tool kit of exercises schools and parents can use to start conversations around worries.

It’s another reminder that we are all connected and that working together is our best way forward.

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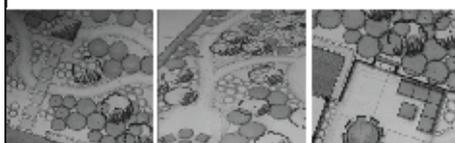
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More of the popular coloured jeans from Nomads Clothing and new bamboo sock designs, along with a new range of bamboo underwear will also be arriving in early September and for the petite amongst you, you will be glad to hear that finally all of the Nomads clothing range this Spring now starts from size 8!

Gentlemen, Marmalade continues to stock a range of shirts and shorts from Swannndri and the NZ-made merino gumboot and dress socks will see you through any working day.

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Smoked Duck Breast and Mango in Green Ginger Wine over Asian Vegetable noodles

This month Route 72 Cafe chef Jonny Bear shares a popular winter dish suitable for four people .

He says "the smoky flavour combined with the fruity mango when added to the spiced flavoursome noodles is what makes this dish so successful."

Smoked Duck Breast and Mango in Green Ginger Wine

2x smoked duck breast or substitute with marinated tofu or smoked chicken, fish or seafood

1x tin sliced mango (keep juice for noodles)
 ¼ cup green ginger wine (ginger beer can be a substitute)

Method

Heat up a fry pan and place the duck breast skin side down, cook till golden brown then turn over & lightly heat (smoked meat is usually already cooked so gently does it) Add sliced mango and wine into pan and heat through.

Once noodles are made, place into serving bowls, remove duck from pan and pour mango & wine over noodles. Sprinkle with optional toasted cashew nuts. Thinly slice duck and artfully arrange on top of noodles. Garnish with fresh coriander.

Thai Vegetable Noodle Stir-fry

1 pkt cooked noodles (either Asian style or pasta noodles - dependent on size)
 About 1 kg mixed stir-fry cut vegetables - carrot/celery/red onion/shitake or button mushrooms/broccoli etc

- ¼ cup olive oil
- 2 x tbsp sesame seed oil
- 1 x tbsp chopped coriander
- 1 x tbsp chopped lemon grass
- 1 x lemon – zest & juice
- 1 x tbsp chopped garlic
- 1 x tbsp chopped pickled sushi ginger (or regular ginger)
- 2 x tbsp soy sauce (fermented is best)
- chopped chilli (add to heat preference)
- 1 x tin juice from mango slices

Method

1. Heat oils in a wok or large fry pan on high heat
2. Add vegetables (fresh are best) and toss through the oils
3. Add garlic, chilli & ginger (fresh is best) and lightly toss keeping vegetables very crispy
4. Add noodles and heat a little
5. Add rest of ingredients and keep tossing until well mixed & hot



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Legal Corner



With **Jeanette Mehrtens**
LL.B. Partner, Helmore Stewart

What is Family Dispute Resolution?

Kate and William recently separated and they cannot agree on the care arrangements for George, 6 years and Charlotte, 4 years.

Kate seeks legal advice and we talk about her engaging in the Family Dispute Resolution Service (FDR).

What is FDR Service?

This is a nationwide service to help parents reach agreements on care arrangements for children without having to file proceedings in the Family Court.

Preparation before engaging in FDR

I have recommended to Kate that she attend the Parenting through Separation Programme. We have also discussed optional preparatory counselling before engaging in FDR. If Kate is eligible for a government funded grant, "Family Legal Advice Service" (FLAS), our legal services for the "out of court process" including advice on FDR, and Kate's half share of the \$897 fees for FDR will be covered.

Kate will need to contact FDR through the 0800 TO AGREE or 0800 224 733. The coordinator will obtain details from Kate and will contact William directly. An assessment is made by the coordinator to determine whether Kate and William's dispute is suitable for FDR. Factors that may exclude it being suitable are domestic violence, safety and mental health concerns.

If the dispute is suitable for FDR, a mediator is allocated to help Kate and William work through the issues.

If an agreement is reached, it can be recorded in a Consent Memorandum. If Kate and William want this Agreement also made into an Order, they will need to file an Application and the Consent Memorandum in the Family Court.

Next time I will talk about what happens if an agreement is not reached at FDR.

Please note, if you are in a situation which involves domestic violence, safety or mental health concerns you should consult a lawyer immediately.

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Repurposing for a cause

A group of school students known as the 'Enterprise Club' recently raised \$220 for First Steps Himalaya. The group came up with a great idea to repurpose soft toys into usable items that they could resell.

The project, led by volunteer and retired schoolteacher Linda Pocock, was an opportunity for the group to not only enjoy learning new craft skills but also to find creative ways to repurpose items, research their market, present their items for sale, and raise funds for a charity.

Linda says the 'Enterprise' concept means they are developing a whole range of skills beyond the craft ideas.

The students decided how to spend the money raised and chose to help children who suffered from the Nepal earthquakes. First Steps Himalaya is a charity focused on rebuilding schools in remote villages using the Earthbag method.

"The use of sandbags to create buildings fits in with repurposing. The children talked about resources and discussed design ideas as the finished items had to be



Enterprising craft: Chloe Firkin (12) & Amy Riach (11) man the stall with toys that the group repurposed into useful household items.

of saleable quality. They only had half an hour each week and took projects home to work on."

Items were either donated or bought cheaply at the local Boutique charity shop. Linda also confesses to an "inability to stay away from opportunity shops".

Toys were repurposed into doorstops, draught stops, cat toys, nightdress cases, and lavender 'perfume pals' for drawers. To find out more about the Earthbag building method visit: www.firststephimalaya.org

Bargains galore



Fundraising success: Pictured are members of the group fundraising to travel to the Feast of the Tabernacles - from left, Tamar Hylands, Joy Morris, Kimm Moore, Lynne Millett, Iain Froud, Penny Coleman, sale co-ordinator Barbara Griffiths, Jennifer Somervell and Marianne Sellwood. Garage sale coordinator says the group raised over \$4500 weekend. "The weekend went very well and we were well supported by the community." Items that were not sold over were given to the Rangiora Baptist Church to be donated to families in need.

A rewarding life

Words & Photo: Fi Maddison

Helen Dunn is well known within the community of Oxford. Not just because of her bubbly personality and the B&B she and husband Norton ran together but also for her volunteer work with the Oxford Cancer Group.

Helen's work with cancer patients started long before she moved to Oxford. Born in Ashburton, Helen trained as a nurse and while in Melbourne in 1960 she started her career working with cancer patients.

Moving to Dunedin with Norton, Helen was asked set-up her newly paid position as Welfare & Education Officer for the Dunedin branch of the Cancer Society.

"It was pretty terrifying," she relates, "I had to visit medical superintendents, clinics, and doctors to set it up." Her boss told her she had a good role and to get out and promote the cancer society, which she dutifully did for the next 10 years.

Her role also included working closely with people with terminal cancer and their families in their time of need.

After moving to Oxford in 1987, Helen and Norton set up a B&B on High Street. "It was very rewarding meeting people. We had a wonderful home, with a big garden, and had a ton of fun hosting garden parties, birthdays, and celebrating our anniversary there," she says fondly.

Helen's paid work in Oxford was with Pyne Gould & Guinness organising morning teas for the "starving men" who attended the Paddy's markets and cattle and sheep sale yards on Main Street.

"They were amazing days. On the big sale days, they all used to come for breakfast at

our house at five in the morning. There'd be boots at the front door and boots lined up at the back door."

Throughout her 28 years in Oxford, Helen has been involved with the local cancer group, supporting cancer patients as the Driving Coordinator. She arranged transport for people to travel into Christchurch city hospital for treatment and organised night sitters.

"It was a mix and match of volunteers. I would then introduce them to the patients."

Other areas Helen helped with were Daffodil collection days and promoting awareness of cancer at the local Oxford Show.



Special memories: Helen Dunn with the painting of her 100-year-old home in Oxford presented to her by Shona and Roddy Kidd and friends.

Her recent move from Oxford to Rangiora has seen Helen retire from the cancer group, where she will be greatly missed.

Of her time in Oxford, Helen says: "What we did, who we met, and the locals we got to know were all splendid. We had wonderful years of fun, hospitality, and love. It's a great community, especially in times of need."

Helen plans to keep in touch with friends and keep busy in her new home. "Age is nothing, you just keep doing things."

Driving the bus

Words & Photo: Michelle Vernal

"Barbara is a really nice bus driver and I think she's great," says Briar Laurensen about Barbara van der Star, who has driven the bus that she has caught to and from Oxford Area School for the last four years.

That's a long time in the life of a nine-year-old, but a drop in the ocean compared to the 35 years, Oxford local Barbara has been driving the buses in the area.

She has had three changes of employers in that time and says, "All my bosses have been really great." Ten years were spent driving the now-defunct Oxford to Rangiora run and another year driving the West Eyreton route. For the last while though she has driven the hour long Carlton run twice a day, five days a week. This is despite an attempt at retirement three years ago which resulted in her dropping back to driving three days. It soon returned to five days. Not that Barbara minds and she says she never gets tired of the vista when she rounds North Eyre Road onto Earlys Road. You won't get a wave from her if she drives past you though because she is focussed on the road ahead and says: "It's my job to be ultra-vigilant."

Barbara has noticed an increase in the traffic particularly over the last two years. Children too have changed in as much that they have more to say and seem more knowledgeable now.



Appreciation: Oxford Area School student Briar Laurensen enjoys traveling on the school bus driven by Barbara van der Star, who has been a bus driver in the area for 35 years.

This is something she attributes perhaps to the technology they have access to. It is rather special, she feels, to have watched the children who have boarded her bus grow up and to now be driving their children to school. Barbara is employed too as a support worker for Access Home Health, a job she also finds rewarding.

Arts

Last of the winter wine

Michelle Vernall Photo: Supplied

Wine buffs who love art will be able to enjoy both at the Last of the Winter Wine and Art Auction evening being held at the West Eyreton Hall from 7.00pm until late on 1 August 2015.

The event is being organised by the West Eyreton School PTA with help from Oxford's newly opened Black Beech Wine Bar. The fundraiser is a first of its kind for the school. Committee member, Cassandra Kelly says although the PTA was aware other schools have held art evenings before, they felt that introducing wine tasting gave them a point of difference.

"The sad truth," she says, "is that all school's need to fund raise. So coming up with interesting and appealing ways to engage the wider school community in events like this is one way the PTA can contribute back to the school."

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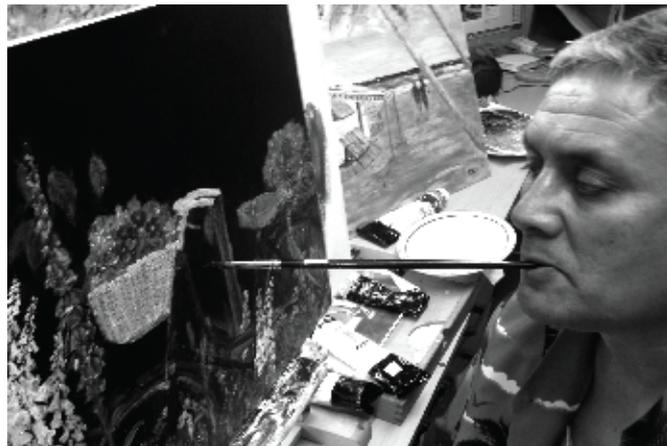
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The evening promises to be entertaining with a selection of top rate works of art and wines up for auction throughout the night. Copper artist David Reese Kean, West Eyreton local Mark Adams along with Rangiora based Impressionist artist Ivan Button have all donated works. Pat Edmonds, a Christchurch-based mouth painter, has also generously donated artwork. Pat was rendered a tetraplegic after a diving accident while serving in the army 30 years ago. He is self-taught and a member of the Mouth Foot Painting Association. Wineries from the Hawkes Bay, Waipara, Marlborough, and Central Otago regions will be showcasing their wine with wine tastings and a light supper included in the ticket price. There will be door sales available on the night.



Artist's generosity Artist Pat Edmonds is among a number of artists who have donated works of art for auction to help raise funds for West Eyreton School.

Funds raised on the night will be put toward i-Pad's for West Eyreton's junior school as well as a new science trolley for the school.

Tickets are \$25 each for pre-sales and \$30 each door sales on the night. Ticket price will include complimentary wine tastings and for that reason the event is R18. Pre-sales for tickets will be limited. For all enquires please contact Cassandra on 03 312 5619 or Julia on 03 310 2183 or email info@wepta.org.nz

Arts in Oxford Gallery News

'Hands on' at the gallery

The next few months will offer plenty of opportunity for visitors to Arts in Oxford to experience art "hands on".

This month members of the Silversmiths Guild of Canterbury will be exhibiting and also offering the opportunity to 'have a go' and make a pair of sterling silver earrings for only \$25 (weekends 10am - 3pm). There are three designs to choose from, materials and tools are supplied and there is a Guild member on hand to guide you through the process.

Well-known Christchurch artist Wayne Seyb will be exhibiting at the gallery from August 22nd and on Sunday August 30th will run an Abstract Painting workshop. Wayne says "This workshop will give you new ways to express yourself through your art. We will overcome the obstacles that commonly prevent people from realising their full creative potential by using unconventional tools and techniques such as scrapers and rubbings to create abstract works." Sounds like fun!

Following on from our Kidsfest workshops, tutor Zoe Wiseman will be running weekend workshops for children during terms 3 and 4. This is a fun class where students are encouraged to experiment with a range of art materials, learn new techniques and develop their individual creativity. These are currently planned for Saturday mornings, but we are keen to hear from you if your budding artist would like to attend but is unable and would prefer a different time.

During September and October "View & Do" will involve five artists who will exhibit their work and run a workshop. From making a ceramic garden spear to watercolour painting, there is plenty on offer and full details can be found on our website or at the gallery. Fees are very reasonable, thanks to funding from Creative Communities.



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Holiday craft teaches new skills



Learning bookmaking skills at the Arts in Oxford KidsFest programme are: Left, Minami Nakamura (10) and Christi Walker (9) with tutor Tessa Warburton

Support membership needed

The local Cust/Oxford St John needs to increase its Ambulance Supporters membership to help pay increased levies whilst maintaining its First Response vehicle based in Oxford.

The Canterbury Region of St John replaces around 12 ambulances each year. St John is a charity and relies on the wonderful support of many generous people.

To meet the ambulance costs, the Canterbury region has increased the annual levies dramatically and the local St John needs to fund \$5 per head of population in the Cust/Oxford area.

The group is always on the look out for volunteers to join the First Response team, training is provided. The St John youth group also meets in Cust weekly and interested people for the youth group or to volunteer can contact Sue on 03 312 5538.

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Cust Preschool welcoming families

Cust Preschool opened its doors to families recently, welcoming them to the beautiful spacious, purpose-built centre. The rural location across the road from Cust Primary School is being enjoyed for its convenience to both local families and to families travelling through Cust to places of work. Children are having fun with known friends and also making new friends, that they will continue to local schools with.

The team of friendly qualified teachers have settled in and are enjoying the preschool while developing a homely feel. Relationships with children are based on warmth, respect, and trust with the team loving getting to know children as they plan for individual learning and interests. Owner, Amy Blatch says to families “you are welcome to come in and experience our special environment and teachers, enjoy seeing your children engaged, learning, and having fun”.

The centre has a focus on learning through play with the use of natural resources. Amy says the children are delighting in the rich learning environment, where they recently enjoyed building a bonfire with driftwood – toasting marshmallows and singing campfire songs – the perfect learning opportunity to enjoy the fresh air on these frosty clear days. The expansive outdoor area includes an amazing sandpit, bike track, gardens, covered deck area, and a very popular hand-laid schist stone water trough complete with water pump and flowing river.

Indoors it is warm and cosy, with plenty of stimulating invitations to play on offer throughout the day. Small group mat times, lots of creative messy play, a quiet home corner, puzzles, blocks, and a piano all enrich the planned learning activities for children and make the routines of the day. The team is very proud of the centre and would love to invite you along for a visit to see just how special it is. Families are always welcome to come in and experience the unique environment any time. The preschool is also offering two open days in August.

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Feature

Locally grown trees have better survival rates

Words & Photo: Shaz Davis

“Canterbury is a very difficult environment to grow trees in. Our main focus is growing quality, wind-hardy trees for Canterbury conditions. It is important to plant local trees and feedback from our customers confirms that our trees have a strong survival rate,” says Sis Johnston of The Gorge Nursery.

Sis and Mike Smith have poured their decades-long passion for trees into a flourishing business. The Gorge Nursery started in 2007 from their home on Ashley Gorge Road, just five minutes from Oxford township.

From humble beginnings, the business has trebled in size with a stock of more than 6,000 bagged ornamental trees – used for landscaping, country gardens and smaller town gardens. The nursery stock ranges from oaks, elms, ash, and plane trees right through to maples, flowering cherries, and magnolias, as well as a number of native species including black and red beech, cabbage trees, totara, lacebark, ribbonwood, and lancewood. All the trees at The Gorge Nursery have been nurtured on site for at least a year, some up to four years. They have been hardened off to the wind and expertly pruned to ensure they grow into strong trees with good shape.

Mike and Sis, who have more than 30 years’ experience between them, use a quality mix to ensure robust root growth, and they avoid the long-term use of canes as this prevents the tree from strengthening and hardening.

“Our trees are more likely to survive, require less maintenance, and they are also safer as there’s likely to be less windfall damage,” says Sis.

Planting trees in winter also improves their survival rate. Although the tree appears dormant, it puts out roots and is able to support the new season’s growth better than trees planted in late spring or summer, she explains.

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Tea party: OWI Vice President Rena Relp with a plate of cupcakes

Organised by the Oxford Women’s InSTITUTE (OWI), the Big Afternoon Tea for Cholmondeley Children’s Centre raised a whopping \$923.10. OWI Treasurer Dorothy Maddock says she couldn’t believe it and checked the amount twice. The group has run the event for three years and tripled the amount since the first year. Shane Frahm donated time to entertain the group with a number of well-known songs.

Always wanted to be in a concert?

Musician, Mark Walton is looking for keen musicians and singers to take part in a community concert he is organising with the help of Waimakariri Creative Communities funding.

Mark is looking for local musicians to perform short, well-rehearsed items in the first half of the concert as well as musicians and singers to perform his musical tale of Benny the Beagle.

All musicians and singers should come to the only rehearsal for Benny the Beagle at 1.30 pm at the Oxford Town Hall on the day of the concert – Sept 12th. CDs of the songs, song sheets and instrumental parts will be available to those who takes part.

All proceeds from the concert will go towards a new piano for the Town Hall. Email: mark.walton@optusnet.com.au

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A dog's time to shine

Words & Photo: Michelle Vernal

There was great consternation as to whether Lee Leonard's show dog, Chant the papillon, would be allowed to enter this year's Oxford Wearable Arts event on 15 August. In the end, permission was granted so long as good behaviour was guaranteed.

Lee says that a bit of sausage holds the key for obedience and that she has full faith in Chant who as a show dog will be in his element on the night. The seed for entering the Wearable Arts was planted a long time ago when looking at all the ribbons and rosettes she and her dogs had won over the years Lee pondered what to do with them all. She decided to make a dress from the ribbons and a lead from the rosettes for her little red show winning papillon at the time, Khyn.

Lee says, "This year's competition sounded like something fun to be part of in the community and something to which I can contribute." The costume she is making will be put together with items, given, found, lent, or already owned but nothing will be bought. The feathers in Chant's hat were salvaged from a friend's chook run. Lee has owned papillons since 1990 and says that a little-known fact about the dog is



Dressed to go: Chant, along with his owner Lee Leonard, is guaranteed to turn heads at the Oxford Wearable Arts Show in August.

that they were bred in the 17th century as French Royal Court lap dogs. "It's something they are very good at being both intelligent and adaptable," she says knowledgeably, given that she currently has four living with her that she walks twice a day.

Event organiser Jane Anderson says, "It's great to add variety to an evening that is all about expecting the unexpected." Tickets are now available for purchase through Oxford Area School, Cottage Crafts, Emma's at Oxford and Dash ticketing.

Property Market Report



With Vicki Driver

The law of agency

Agency law was created to define the rights and obligations of the vendor and agent. Contract of Agency is formed when the vendor appoints an agent to list their home with the intent to sell.

There are a few different types of agency contracts to choose from:

Sole Agency

The preferred option from the agents point of view is a sole agency. Sole agency listings are for a specific period of time (predominantly 90 days) granting one agency sole marketing rights over the property, meaning no other agency can sell that property. This will result in a more motivated, committed agency.

General Agency

General agency is when the vendor chooses to market their property with several different agencies simultaneously. The vendor also has the option to market the property themselves. If a sale is reached as a result then no commission is payable.

Joint Agency

Joint agency is when the vendor appoints two or more agencies to sell their property. In this situation, it is critical that the two or more agencies work cohesively together in regard to marketing, open homes, and communication. This would be logistically difficult for all parties involved.

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Some of these are Extreme Protein, Smooth Lock, Color Extend, Real Control or All Soft. These will help with chemically damaged/ weakened/fragile/ distressed hair or will help protect colored hair and leave it extremely soft. All salon staff undergo specialist training on how and what treatment to give. Some come with hot towels and nearly all come with an amazing massage.

Take-home treatments may be recommended for your hair type – whether you have curly, unruly hair or require strengthening or moisturising, there is something for everybody. Even little ones might like a detangling spray before combing.

So next time you visit your hairdresser, why not ask or check out what they have in-store or recommend for your hair type. A once-a-week home treatment will make huge difference to your hair, so why not indulge and give your hair a treat.

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First birthday for local Tai Chi group

The Oxford branch of the T'ai Chi Institute of Health will celebrate its first birthday this month.

Wu-Shin T'ai Chi classes started on 6 August last year and now have 30 enthusiasts, with an average age of 56.

"Our youngest member, Geordie Munro, is 17 years and the current

oldest, Allan Shelly, is 75," says T'ai Chi teacher, Bob Davies.

People from as far afield as Cust, White Cliffs, Fernside, Rangiora, and Coopers Creek join Oxford locals for the five weekly morning and evening classes in Oxford.



T'ai Chi retreat: T'ai Chi teacher Bob Davis with students at Erewhon Station in April earlier this year.

"Our most senior student, Liz Watson, has recently achieved her first century – participating in more than 100 classes. Dave Carr, Mirjam Horsburgh, and Gill Loader are not far behind having attended 85, 80, and 78 classes respectively," says Bob.

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Keeping Healthy



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Battling the common cold

It's that time of year again when viral infections are common.

Most upper respiratory tract infections i.e. 'The Common Cold' are caused by viruses. Antibiotics do not kill viruses so it is up to your own immune system to fight off the common cold. This can sometimes take up to two weeks so you can expect a sore throat for five days, a fever for two days, a runny nose and a cough for up to two weeks. These infections can make you feel bad but are unlikely to make you very ill.

You can help yourself get better by:

- Rest – boring but effective
- Drink plenty of water, juice, soup but avoid alcohol
- Eat plenty of fruit and vegetables
- For a sore throat use paracetamol, ice chips, throat sprays and lozenges
- For a blocked nose use saline drops or nasal spray or inhale steam

You can prevent the spread of the virus by:

- Washing hands regularly or use hand sanitizer
- Stay at home and avoid crowds
- Cough into a tissue or your elbow

If you are not improving after two weeks or have any of the following symptoms earlier it is worth ringing the Practice Nurse for advice. These symptoms include severe headache, skin rash, drowsy or slurring of words, finding it hard to breathe or swallow. These symptoms may mean a more serious illness and do not occur with just 'The Common Cold'.



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Community Services

Council Update with Councillor Wendy Doody



A very big thank you to Seagars for their commitment to the Oxford Community over the past 10 years, you have helped put Oxford on the map. Your help and support to many voluntary organisations is gratefully appreciated. I wish Jo and Ross well in their future whatever it may be.

To the staff who worked for Seagars, thank you for your service to us the public. It was very important to know you as a client being acknowledged with eye contact, a smile, a welcome hello and how can I help you, I wish you all well in finding replacement work.

Dogs: If you have a dog and live in a township, please make sure it is safely secured in your property while you are at home or before you head away from your property for the day.

We have had a nasty dog attack recently and that is one too many. A local taking her dog for a walk in the correct manner recently had her dog and herself injured by dog bites.

Dog owners, have a word with your neighbours and find out if your dog behaves while you are away, and if not then do something about it, before the authorities have to do it for you!

Coming up: Thongcaster Road Sealing submission hearing is on Monday 17 August and Ohoka Utilities Wastewater Scheme submission hearing is on Tuesday 18 August. If you wish to submit and or be heard, then get your submission in now.

Other news: A new pool cover for Oxford Community Pool has been purchased. Costing \$26,000, it should last for almost 10 years.

On The Beat with Constable Aaron Campbell



It's been a manic busy month for us in little old Oxford.

The pleasing news is the offenders that have been dealt with are largely from out of our patch but have just happened to catch the eye of us in the Oxford area.

In the last month I have arrested and charged a male with Cultivating Cannabis, a male with Burglary and Injuring with Intent to Cause Grievous Bodily Harm with regards to the rural home invasion reported in other media and another male with five charges of Burglary (all from outside of Oxford), one of Wilful Damage and one of Driving Whilst Disqualified.

Other activities of note: two vehicles were stolen from within the township, one parked on Rata Street and one from a driveway in Park Avenue, and we have also had a burglary where chainsaws have been stolen from a farm shed.

Given who has been arrested and the offences that are being reported it is clear we have offenders travelling from out of district to take advantage of our trusting community spirit. A reminder to all to not make it easy for these buggers to take what you have worked hard for. Lock it or lose it is the term that comes to mind. Let's remove the opportunity and remain vigilant. Keep the reports of suspicious behaviour coming into us; we are getting results from some of these calls.

There has been a large amount of black ice on roads, so a reminder to reduce speed and drive to the conditions, and hopefully we will come out the other end with no serious injury or fatal crashes.

Fire Report with Fire Chief Trevor Ealam



The brigade has only been called upon five times this month, a welcomed reduction from 10 the previous month.

We were called to a house that had filled with smoke after a log fire had malfunctioned, one to chimney fire, one to motor vehicle accident, one to a medical assist, where a person had fallen on an icy footpath and had a suspected broken femur, and one to a large vegetation fire fanned by strong nor-west winds, which was assisted by the Cust Fire Brigade. This brings our total calls for the year to 55.

**This months message is:
PUT ASHES IN A METAL BUCKET TO COOL. THEY CAN STILL START A FIRE FOR UP TO FIVE DAYS.**

We have seen ashes put in card board boxes and metal buckets then left on a wooden decks and still start fires!

OPAC Update with Shirley Farrell, Vice Chair

The Oxford Promotions Action Committee (OPAC) is a voluntary organisation set up to promote the town and activities. Over the years, it has organised a number of successful events, including the Festival of Light and Day in the Country. Coming up for OPAC, is the Oxford Garage Sale Trail on 2 August and the Spring Into Oxford being held on 4 October.

It is also responsible for the Let's Walk Oxford Maps, the Experience Oxford Brochure Map aimed at visitors and tourists to the area and Information Kiosk Street Map; these will be updated in the near future. Oxford has a website www.oxfordnewzealand.co.nz. businesses, community groups, services and trades can advertise at no cost. Anyone wishing to contact OPAC can email secretary@oxfordnewzealand.co.nz



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Pets & Animals

Making a difference

Words: Fi Maddison

For some people, working with animals is a dream job. When I was a teenager I had dreams of being a vet but soon decided it wasn't the job for me. Dealing with sick or injured animals, blood and guts, on a daily basis, along with the hours of study eventually didn't appeal.

My dream job came along a few years ago in the form of working with animals at the local SPCA animal centre. What started as a volunteer job caring for the lost, injured or abandoned, soon morphed into paid work. I was able to incorporate my writing and marketing skills with my passion to help animals and their owners.

I not only worked with animals but also with people, helping them find solutions to their animal-related problems. It taught me to be compassionate, patient, and strong. I quickly discovered that you couldn't help animals without dealing with the human factor first. The two were just too closely connected.

During my time as Promotions Officer, I saw and heard things that many animal lovers would never want to see or deal with. I photographed 'paper thin' dogs as evidence for prosecution; I fed starving cats whose bones stuck out from dirty, matted fur or had horrendous injuries; I saw animals euthanised because they were too sick or injured to be saved; I wrote press releases for the media about abused

animals; and I cried with owners when they identified their dead pet that had been handed into the centre after being hit by a car. Mostly, I saw the misery and pain that humans can inflict on animals.

I was often asked: "how can you work there?" followed by "I could never do it." But it was my life-long love of animals and a new awareness of animal welfare that kept my passion strong. And, most crucially, I wanted to make a difference.

The work had its rewarding side too. I helped save many lives; helped owners reunite with their pets; helped families choose a new puppy or kitten to adopt, and promoted good animal care and welfare to the public.

I was also involved with the animal rescue operations for the Canterbury earthquakes, which had a devastating effect on stressed animal owners. Hundreds of pets were separated from their owners, either lost, injured, or abandoned. It was all hands on deck at the SPCA animal centre, where it soon became the base for animal rescue operations working with organisations such as SPCA Animal Rescue Unit and Veterinary Emergency Response Team.

After the earthquakes, I moved on from the SPCA to travel overseas for five months but I still have a strong recollection of my time with the SPCA, after all how



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2nd Aug - 7pm Service
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9th Aug - 10am Service

16th Aug - No Service

23rd Aug - 10am Service

30th Aug - 10am Service

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Services for August

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5th August 11am 1928 HC and lunch in cafe

9th August 9am at St Andrew's Oxford 10.30am at St James' Cust

12th August Oxford hospital and Karadene

16th August 9am at St Andrew's Oxford

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News with Dean Ward-Leonidas**

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If that wasn't enough to occupy those shortened days, there was also the planning of the various planting options for those display beds and preparing the seedlings for the same or digging over and preparing



the vegetable garden for the spring plantings. Our next gathering will be a meeting and ikebana demonstration on Monday the 10th August. If you would like more information re your local Garden Club, please contact either the President or Secretary on 310-2274 or 312-5171 respectively or email custwegardenclub@yahoo.co.nz.

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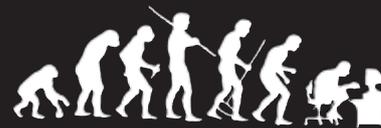
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