



Community News

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EDITORIAL MUSINGS

So the Fork'n'View is no more. It is interesting to speculate whether if the original proposal for the site that was so vehemently opposed by some residents had gone ahead we would still have a local eating and meeting place instead of an empty shell. Still, we get what we deserve, I suppose.

Isn't it great to have the scents and colours of spring in the air? There were two pigeons gorging themselves on the kowhai in the garden the other day, and their antics, together with the masses of blossom in the orchards as you drive up West Coast Road finally convinced me that Winter is finally over, and we have Summer to look forward to, with its humidity, flies, wasps, mosquitos and other nasties, lack of water and risk of melanoma. Oh well, it'll soon be Autumn.

The Community Centre is looking a bit smarter after the Working Bee a couple of weeks ago. Thanks to all those who turned out to lend a hand, although it would have been nice to see a few people other than the usual stalwarts who always seem to be around when help is needed.

Enough of this whingeing! I think the Newsletter has been getting a bit too serious lately, so this is a call to silliness. Please send in all your contributions to the competition for "The silliest thing that happened to me this year". The prize for the winner will be the suppression of his or her name to save embarrassment. Selected contributions (please let there be more than one) will be published next month.

This is Jan Parkes' winning recipe from last year's beer and bread competition:

Jan's Sour Rye Bread

Place in a bowl ingredients for starter:

2 cups rye flour
2 tsp yeast
2 tsp caraway seeds

Mix in 1½ cups of warm water - cover bowl with plastic wrap and leave 1 to 3 days to ferment and sour (at room temperature).

THE BREAD:

Add the above to:

1 cup rye flour
4 cups unbleached bread flour
2 tsp dried yeast
2 tsp caraway seeds
2 tsp salt
¼ cup brown sugar
3 tablespoons oil

and warm water to mix to a slightly sticky consistency. Knead on a lightly floured surface until the dough no longer feels sticky. Leave to rise for about 20 minutes or until twice its original volume. Knock back and leave to rise again (this is optional) and then shape (I like to plait this loaf) or place in a greased tin. Leave to rise again. Bake at 200°C for 10 minutes, then 40 minutes at 180°C (approx).

Delicious served with cheese and pickle.

'Ginger Out' week is 19-25 November

- more details inside

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor,

For many years I have enjoyed running along the Scenic Drive. The pleasure of a short stop at the Ruoatawhenua look-out and a gaze across at the panoramic view towards Auckland City gives one the energy for the run back; that is until you look down on the collection of rubbish and human waste that has been discarded into the bush - refrigerators, beer bottles, car chassis, broken glass, window frames, old clothes - and this is supposed to be a Scenic Drive! What tourists must think of New Zealanders when they see the amount of litter around makes one wonder how many are keen to return, or even recommend this country to other people.

One can suggest the placing of signs that prohibit the dumping of rubbish along the Scenic Drive, but somehow I doubt it would make any difference. maybe a few volunteers one weekend may be the only answer. It would be interesting to hear other people's views and suggestions.

Tony Holt.

LIBRARY NEWS

Patrons will be pleased to know that the steps and deck out side the library are now clean and non-slippery. It will make it much easier for you to return your overdue books without fear of breaking your neck. "Chronicles of the 20th Century" is on order.

Book of the month is "The Bonfire of the Vanities" by Tom Wolfe, a wickedly funny view of life in New York in the seventies, where high life meets low life, and truth, justice and the American Way are sacrificed on the altar of ambition, convenience and politics.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas is coming, so don't miss out on your chance to buy Save the Children Christmas cards by phoning 8149-835.

FIREWORKS TIME

It comes round every year, and the Fire Brigade is again hosting the celebrations, at the Fire Station, on Saturday November 3rd. Bring your own fireworks and food. The community barbecue will be available, and the bonfire will be lit when darkness falls. Parents - please make sure your children are under control and aren't let loose with pockets full of fireworks.

If the weather is wet, the fun will be postponed until the following night.

FIRE BRIGADE VOLUNTEERS

are urgently required. If you are interested in helping with this very important community service, phone Les on 8149-549 or Tony on 8149-688.

SURF'S UP

It's Surf Club nipper recruitment time again, and Betheslls Beach are currently taking enrolments of boys and girls aged 7 to under 14 years on October 1st. Recruits join a host of activities which include pool training, beach fun/competition, learning to use boogie boards, surf boards and wave skis safely at each level of age grouping.

There's lots more to hear - phone Barry or Sue on 8149-293 as soon as possible.

ENTERTAINMENT

Oratia Lions present:

THE DIAMOND LIL CABARET

At Glendale Community Centre, 44 Glendale Road Glen Eden, on Saturday 17th November at 7.30 pm.

The price is \$25.00 per head, all proceeds to charity.

Phone Willie Beekmans on 818-4485 or Peter Moyle on 818-6540 for tickets for a great night out.

MISCELLANY

Western Leader

Following last month's item we have some deliverers, but would like some more, particularly for Forest Hill Rd, West Coast Rd and Bush Rd. If you want to earn a little money while helping your community, phone Tom Baker on 8149-340 or Tony Bacon on 8149-860.

Playcentre

Some progress is being made in finding new premises, with the co-operation of the Waitakere City Council. There should be more to report soon.

Telethon

Two hundred and fifty people attended the Oratia Lions Telethon breakfast, and \$1005 was raised. Well done to everyone involved.

Membership

184 is the magic number this month. Will we make 200, I hear you all ask? That familiar form is available on the last page for you to complete and rush to the treasurer.

Welcome to Waiatarua

Brian and Jan Carey and their family.

Situation Vacant

The position of caretaker at Hellaby House is available. If you are interested, contact the Auckland Regional Council.

Afternoon Tea

Come and meet the neighbours again, this time in the afternoon, at 2pm on Tuesday 27th November.

This event is a great way to relax, meet new people or renew old acquaintances and generally have a pleasant couple of hours.

The venue is the Community Centre, so bring your plate and your conversation and we'll see you there. If you need help with transport, phone Margaret Blumhardt on 8149-843 or Tony Bacon on 8149-860.

GINGER OUT WEEK

19 - 25 November 1990

The Waitakere City Council is co-ordinating this effort to increase public awareness of the problem of ginger, and to encourage occupiers to remove ginger from their premises.

WCC is organising publicity in the period leading up to the week, in the form of radio and newspaper advertisements, articles, signs by the roadside etc. The council will also be spraying infested roadsides.

The public is also being encouraged to remove ginger from their own properties by the provision of free tipping for ginger at the baling station for the week, and the provision of jumbo bins in various outlying areas.

Waiatarua is an area badly affected by ginger, so it is in all our interests to fully support this commendable effort by the council. Your committee will be organising some community activities, but each of us should be taking this opportunity to mount a serious attack on this beautiful but pestilent plant.

A CRY FROM THE HEART

The following was received from one of the helpers at the Community Centre working bee.

Obituary - "Somebody Else" R.I.P.

We announce with much sadness the passing away of our dear and beloved member "Somebody Else", who was so well known by all of us as a person of incredible energy and personal devotion to community work.

For those of us who had the opportunity of calling on him to assist in the organisation of events such as public meetings, committee work, garage sales and festivities, it must have come as a great shock to lose such a dear and loveable friend for whom no sacrifice was too great.

"Somebody Else" gave us the opportunity

to enjoy all those happenings, without having to worry about the attention to detail and administration which make up the success of an active community life.

He was always expected to be there when the Playcentre had a working bee, the Drama Club needed people to set the stage or the Library wanted volunteers. If our Committee needed more people during the year "Somebody Else" was there to take the place of resigning members. If the Editor was looking for more copy for the newsletter, "Somebody Else" always supplied good local stories.

His passing away will leave a great vacuum in our community and we are sure that all of you will be happy to take over the jobs and duties in remembrance of our good friend.

May you rest in peace, "Somebody Else".

ADVERTISING

ENTERTAINMENT

'Shades' - Entertaining live music. Jazz, Blues, Bossa Nova. Ideal for restaurants/ functions. For bookings/information phone 8149-688.

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

IBM AT clone, 1 megabyte RAM, 40 Megabyte disk, 1.2mb & 360k floppies, EGA screen. Heaps of software. \$2700.
Intel Above Board with 2 megabytes RAM. \$1500.
Printer, Star SG10 9-pin dot matrix. Rugged and reliable. \$250. Phone Tony, 8149-860.

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Don't forget to
vote on October
27th!

Deadline for the next issue is Wednesday 7th November. Please send legible copy to the Editor: Tony Bacon, 11 Cascade Avenue. All submissions must have a name and contact phone number, even if that is not for publication.

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