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FAREWELL

This month we say farewell to one of our long time residents, Phyl Vincent, who has been very involved in voluntary community activities in Waiatarua for many years.

Mac and Phyl Vincent bought their house in Waiatarua in 1949 and in 1951 began living there permanently.

When the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association was formed in 1964, Phyl was on the committee. There was concern at that time at the lack of a local fire party to attend house fires and so the newly formed Association set about remedying the situation, forming a Forest and Rural Fire Party and Phyl was a foundation member of this too.

Then came the push for the Community Centre. In 1969 the present site was

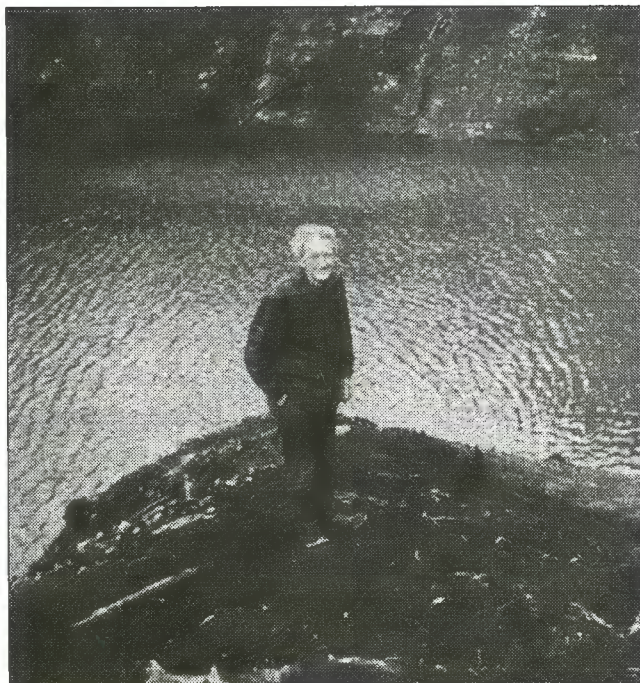
purchased by Waitemata County Council and the Ratepayers and Residents Association frantically fundraised for the building.

The first of many fundraising events in which Phyl and many others took part was a fair on the site. Copious quantities of sawdust were laid and the show went on!

In 1974 the building was opened with of course an empty floor for the library. Phyl was at it again! Local people were asked to donate books and they needed cataloguing, mending, covering etc. Apart from the time when she nursed Mac, Phyl has been involved with the library regularly ever since.

When the Drama Group, now Waiatarua Theatre was formed in 1974 Phyl was an enthusiastic member and has been very active both on stage and behind the scenes ever since.

Phyl is shifting to a unit at Epsom Village, Ranfurly Road, Epsom, handy to the heart of Auckland. We will miss her cheery face and helpful ways. Best wishes Phyl



RETIREMENT OF DAM CARETAKER

Terry Blumhardt has retired from his position as Caretaker at the Upper Nihotupu Dam where he has worked for the last 24 years. There has never been a traffic jam going up West Coast Road and along the Piha Road in the morning, in fact most cars seemed to go in the opposite direction to work!

NB I was going to be in trouble from the committee if I did not print this - Editor

OBITUARY

When I first moved into Quinns Road in 1975 Geoff Bradbury and Brian Crimp invited my family and I to have afternoon tea with them. They made us feel extremely welcome and I have never forgotten Brian telling me that to live in Quinns Road you had to be Rich, Retired or Eccentric. This of course put me in the last category.

Things have changed in the street since then but the warmth and friendship shown to me by those two gentlemen I have never forgotten. It was a sad time for Waitatarua when Brian passed on and now with Geoff leaving us so suddenly to join him again, I feel an era has past us by.

Geoff and Brian gave a tremendous contribution to the Community in which they spent so many of their years. Brian, with his expertise, ably assisted the ratepayers association and they were both involved in the Drama Group not to mention all other facets of life here in the hills.

Who could forget Geoff's antics at the parties

after the final show of a play in the Hall, or the way he added his own variation to the wonderful pantomimes of Christmas. At least we have photos to prove they were not just dreams. His love and knowledge of music and the arts were, I'm sure, what inspired him to write such splendid scripts and musical scores for the plays he produced and directed so professionally.

Cathy and I did not visit Geoff as often as we should have but when we recently joined him for dinner we had some concern for his health and I take certain discomfort in the knowledge that his passing may well have been a lonely one.

I can only speak from a personal point of view but I hope that someone else who knew Geoff can speak of other aspects of his life in Waitatarua.

I was grateful to have known him and I will mourn his passing.

Ian Wells

WAIATARUA THEATRE

Waitatarua Theatre will present- "The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's production of Macbeth" from Thursday October 27 - Saturday November 12. This is the second Farndale comedy that we have presented. If you saw the hilarious Farndale Castle, you can look forward to even greater hysteria with the next in the series. Those who did not see last year's Farndale, the upcoming comedy is one of five plays by two playwrights who create madness and mayhem in the form of an abominable amateur dramatic society. Any performance the Farndale Avenue Ladies Guild put on is bound to be a disaster - and it's a laugh a minute.

For bookings please phone Gillian on 818-7310 or Gay on 814-9433

Many thanks to those who have offered to help since our appeal last month but the bigger the pool of helpers the more enjoyable it becomes for all and your particular strengths could be just what is still needed.

If you can help please call Gillian on 818-7310. We have a lot of fun, but we really need you.

GARDEN GROUP



This month we have arranged a visit a little further from home, to Eden Garden when the camellias and rhododendrons should be at their best.

The fourth Wednesday will be September 28 and we were planning to be there at 1 pm, our usual time.

Admission to the garden is \$2 and a Devonshire afternoon tea is available at the gardens for a further \$3. Approximate numbers are needed for the catering a week before if possible and cars available for the day and people needing rides need to be sorted out. Car pooling seems to be the sensible way for those going from here and coming straight back afterwards.

Please phone Margaret on 814-9843 or Lilian on 814-9638 as soon as possible if you wish to order afternoon tea and if you need or can offer a ride or for further information on the Garden Group. Anyone is welcome once or every

month, there is no membership.

*The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth;
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth.*

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the newsletter distributors for all their help and to thank Warren Allely who has had the run from 734 West Coast Rd to Kelly's Rd Bridge including Kauri Loop Rd.

Warren has moved and I would like to find someone else who is able to take over this run.

Any one who is interested please ring Jeff on 812-8885.

Again many thanks to all of the distributors for all their good work.

LIBRARY NEWS.



New residents in the district, please come and join up, we need you. Our book issues for August are down from previous years, so the saying is, **"USE US OR LOOSE US"**

NEW BOOKS are arriving daily.

Vincent O'Sullivan - Let the River Stand.

(Montana book award 1st prize)

David Eddings - The Hidden City.

Bryce Courtenay - April Fool's Day

... and many more!

Books recommended

Catherine Cookson - The Man who Cried

David Yallop - To the End of the Earth
(Factual account of the hunt for the Jackall. Solid reading)

Mary Higgin Clark - Remember Me.
(Good once you get into it - thriller mystery, well worth a read.)

Phyl Vincent - a foundation member of this library - 20 years service, has left for a new life in the city. We are sorry to lose such a valued, efficient and happy member of the community. Good luck Phyl, come back and check us out.

Bev 836-4420

Christine 8374651

WAITAKERE CITY UPDATE

Copies of this booklet which contains information on the evolution of the city, the people, economic environment, natural and physical environment, and demographic profile are available at the Waitatarua library.

PLAY CENTRE



The Play centre sessions are as follows:

Tuesday	9.30 am - 12noon
Wednesday	9.30 am - 12 noon
Friday	9.30 am - 12 noon

We are at 911 West Coast Road, below the Community Centre and the phone number is 814-8835 or phone Marjan, on 814-9832.

WAIATARUA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

911 West Coast Rd,
under the Community Centre.

Phone 814-9353

Hours of Opening

Tuesday	7pm - 8 pm
Thursday	10am - 12 noon
Friday	7pm - 8 pm
Saturday	11am - 12 noon
Sunday	11am - 12 noon

Books can be returned at any time through the chute by the library door.

ORATIA FOLK MUSEUM

Leonie and Barbara have been working for several weeks weeding, clearing and fertilising the gardens and ground around the Folk Museum in readiness for planting garden plants of all kinds that were known to be used before 1900, the time when the working man's cottage, ie our museum was built and in use.

To this end I have researched the topic, and have a list of such plants and we (and the garden) would be most grateful if any of you readers would be ready, willing and able to give

us any of the plants that you may have to this very worthwhile project. If so, could you please ring Leonie on 818-5376 anytime. The list comprises :- larkspur, geranium, pelargonium, heliotropes, (seen on "Palmer's Garden Show" in Katherine Mansfield's garden in Wellington), verbena, pentstemon, hydrangea, marigold, ageratum, escallonia, deutzia, guilders roses, roses, laurel, Japanese iris, iris, lavender, weigelas, delphinium, schitzostyles, ranunculus, anemones, dianthus, lasiandra, oleander, ixias, sparaxis, trichonema, purpulesiane, coccidia, lily of the valley, hollyhock, calendula, violet, bobartia and also climbing plants such as maurandya, jessamine, mandevilla, dolichos, passion flower, Cecil Brunner rose or other old fashioned roses of the period.

Some of you may have seen the aforementioned garden of Katherine Mansfield and what a delight it was - it made me quite excited to think that we could have just such an "authentic" garden of our own in Oratia - Barbara and I wait with bated breath for any of your donations.....

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

*Copy needs to be in the hands of
the Editor, Margaret Blumhardt,
849 West Coast Road,
opposite Raroa Terrace,
by Wednesday
October 5th, 1994.*

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To Treasurer,

Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association.,
911 West Coast Rd., Waiatarua
or leave at the library.

ADVERTISING

***This is free to financial members for 1994,
January to December. A list of financial
members and receipts are available at the
library, and any queries about membership can
be answered by phoning the treasurer Mary
Crosbie on 814-9858***

Marriage Celebrant - Phone Peter George JP on 814-9456

Wanted - Mature teenager or older person for casual baby sitting, Tui Crescent vicinity. Ph: Michelle on 814-8935

Excavator for Hire - Rubber tracks for minimum damage. Drilling to 6 mtrs deep, Truck Hire. Difficult conditions our specialty. Peninsula Contractors. Phone Len on 834-6125, mobile 021 939-740 or Ross on 814-9002, mobile 025 939-740

Window Cleaning - Water blasting, House washing, Painting. Free quotes. Commercial and residential. All work undertaken and guaranteed. Glenn Ripley, 860 West Coast Rd., phone 814-9480

Lawnmowing Services, reasonable rates, phone Ted 8462-454

Builder/Cabinet maker -with 20 years experience - phone John. 814-9577 (ph/fax) or mobile 025 741-368.

Builder - New Houses and alterations. Landscaping and creative ideas. Quality workmanship. Phone Andrew Davis anytime on 814-9043 or 025 731-453

Firewood - Dry split macrocarpa \$45 per cubic metre. Call 17 Rimu Road or phone 8148-833.

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Many thanks to the Longley family for once again printing this newsletter