



Woodville News

Community Monthly Newsletter

Sharing information with the people of
Woodville, Kumeroa, Hopelands, Papatawa, Ballance, Maharahara West

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WOODFEST - Sunday 6 March, Fontaine Square, 10am to 8pm

Celebrating Woodville

A community family day with free entertainment for all.

Browse through the market fair which begins at 10am, watch competition grade axemen demonstrate their skill and see chainsaw and crosscut saw demonstrations from 12 noon to 4pm.

Listen to local performers, plus Midnight Special returns to entertain us during the community picnic from 4pm onwards.

There will be lots of activities for the kids, including some good old fashioned races, pony rides and hot rods.

So gather your family and come along to enjoy a fun filled day of great entertainment. The day ends with the community picnic so pack a picnic hamper or buy food from the foodie stalls, bring your rugs or chairs and enjoy the community atmosphere - and of course dancing to Midnight Special ☺.

*Last year was a great success so come along and make this year's event even better.
Be There ... Be In The Square*

Congratulations

A big congratulations to **Jenna Vanderberg and Adam Mabey** who got married on Saturday 20th February at their home. Jenna has a love for horses so in keeping with this theme the flower girl rode her pony up the aisle. The official photos aren't available as yet, but we will show you the happy couple next month!

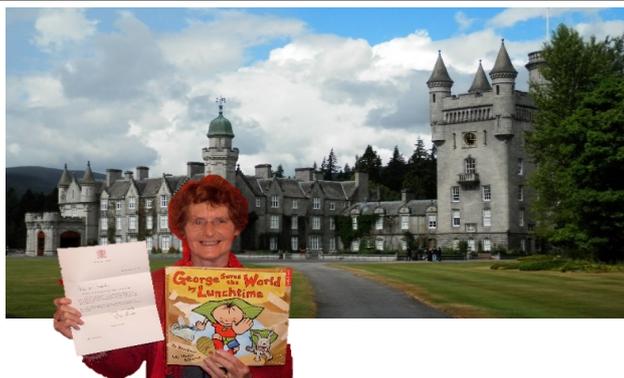
Also congratulations to well known community advocates **Robin Winter and David Pretty** who "tied the knot" at the Woodville Old Folks Hall, McLean Street on Saturday 20th. Guests were treated to bubbles and supper at a country dance, which included the surprise wedding ceremony.

Mrs Robin Pretty and husband David Pretty



Marriages are like fingerprints: each one is different and each one is beautiful (*Maggie Reyes*)

Royal Mail delivered in Woodville



Dot Johnstone was delighted to receive a letter from Balmoral Castle in reply to a letter she wrote to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II informing her of a book she might find pleasure in reading to her great grandson HRH Prince George. The book is entitled "George the World by Lunchtime" and is sold at the Trade Aid retail shop. Dot has worked as a volunteer at this shop for over six years. She finds it fulfilling to sell the hand made products from those in developing countries. The Queen was interested to learn that Dot works as a volunteer for the Trade Aid.

Councillor's Corner

With weeks of hot dry weather, the inevitable water issues have become main topics of conversation in the town. The problem we have is due to Horizons preventing the take of water from the Mangapapa stream when the flow falls to less than 24 litres/second. At these times, water saved in the impounded supply (dam) is pumped to the treatment plant and reservoir. While the taste and odour of the water is very apparent, please be assured that the quality for drinking purposes is still fine and meets all Health Department requirements. Presently, approximately 1/3 of the water is used to flush out the filters in the treatment plant. Obviously this is very wasteful but essential to ensure water quality.

Last year plans were put in place to enlarge, deepen, line and possibly cover the dam. Council is waiting final core testing and plans from Environment Waikato prior to starting work later in the year when soils are dry enough for excavation and demand from the dam is at its lowest.

Changes will soon be noticed in Fountaine Square, with kerbing on Ormond and Bowen streets and the construction of a new piece of playground equipment to replace the big slide. The Lions club has generously purchased a BBQ, (soon to be installed) for public use and has also committed to the purchase of a specially enclosed 'infants' playground area and new tables to replace the old type.

Let's hope the weather remains dry and warm for the Woodfest on Sunday. It promises to be "the day" of the year for all Woodvillians.

Each Tuesday morning between 10.00 am and midday I am available for consultation at the Junction room Lindauer Restaurant. If you have any problems, questions, thoughts or ideas please come and have a chat.



Peter Johns

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Keep Moving
If you don't use it
you'll lose it

Zumba - each Wednesday evening at 6.30pm in the Woodville School Hall. It's a great fun way to get your exercise in a friendly environment. Go along and give it a try!

Boot Camp - every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 6pm, Woodville School Hall. High level exercise - no pain, no gain!

Tai Chi - Thursday 10am at the Old Folks Hall

Indoor Bowls
Wednesdays at 1.30pm in the Old Folks Hall

LineDancing
Wednesdays at the old Folks Hall 6.30 to 8 pm
\$2.00

Woodville's Raft Race

The annual raft race through the gorge was a great success this year, with approximately 490 people involved and some 120 rafts starting the race. Not sure how many finished, but it certainly looks a fun filled event!! Congratulations to the organisers.



A Woodville Achievement

Karen and Harold McCarthy

Once upon a time a Woodville man had a dream- "I'll build a car". So he did and to keep the dream he "involved": Corrie Manaia, Kevin McIntyre, Rodney Kendall, Gert Van Meer, Jack McKenzie, Wdv Volunteer Fire Brigade, Phil Brunskill, Lynn & Mike Budden, Jack and Leonie Hartstone, Adrian Gover, Harold Kemp, Jacob Robinson and Harley McCarthy.

On 13 February 2016 the J.B.A. Red Roadster was sold to our Feilding cousins; thus ending a real Woodville era. A bitter-sweet day and Harold and Karen McCarthy thank all these good people (past and present) who helped to realise the dream. We



have had over twenty years of the alternative drive style from Cape Reinga to the Bluff; MaroKopa to Waimarama – and much more. All roads lead to Omarama.

Haere Ra NgHoa

JBA: Jones, Barlow & Ashley, English KitCar. Ten only in NZ. Ours is Number 8 Ford Motor - Cortina

Woodville Police

Hi from the Woodville Police. We hope that you have all had a safe start to the year.

I am looking for any witnesses to a vehicle that did multiple burnouts and skids in the area of Grey, Ross and Ormond Streets in November last year. Can anyone who saw the vehicle and where it was from please get in touch. We will not tolerate that sort of driving on our streets.

There has been an increase in burglaries recently to open garages and empty properties. Please keep an eye on your neighbours and take precautions when securing your own property. Don't make it easy for offenders to steal from you.

Two local addresses have been visited in the last few weeks and a number of cannabis plants seized. As a result two men will be facing charges.

Those with info about the vehicle can leave a message for me by ringing 06 3761050. I am also working through the process and hoping to get an AED machine (defibrillator) to permanently carry in the Woodville Police car. This may require some public funding but I will keep you updated.

Take care out there. Karl Williams, O/C Woodville Police.

Pre-School Music

Pre-school music is held in the Anglican Church Hall on Thursdays at 10.30am, commencing with a cup of tea. Sandra Riley has been conducting pre-school music lessons for the past 14 years incorporating old favourites such as "Incy Wincy Spider". Popular activities include using a parachute with the children running underneath, or using balloons and the children imagining jelly on a plate wiggling and wobbling, all accompanied by special songs. Sandra is very grateful to the Lions in their support to the community by way of funding the modern tablet music system she uses. Between 15 and 30 children may attend a session, with Sandra knowing all their names and welcoming them individually through song. The community is very welcome to attend, watch and enjoy the enthusiasm of such joyous entertainment.



What's On

Housie - Every second week - Saturday 12 and 26 March. At the Old Folks Hall, 1.00 pm.

Woodville Country Spinners meet every other Tuesday at the Anglican Church Hall, Fox Street at 10.30am. Joy Cumming 376 5409

Woodville Districts Vision meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Village Hall (ex RSA Hall), cnr of Ormond and Atkinson Sts, at 7 pm. Membership is \$5 per annum, and anyone interested in Woodville can attend.

Papatawa Garden Club first Monday of the month. Further enquiries to Marilyn Blatchford 376 4614 or Kay Ball 376 5454

The Junction Country Music Club day is on the second Sunday of each month starting at 1.30 pm in the Old Folks Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a great afternoon of country music.

Everyone is welcome at the **Organ Museum**, 50 Tay St on the 3rd Saturday night of the month at 7pm for our monthly **Hymn Sing**.

Twilight Bowls - every Thursday evening from 6pm. Flat shoes, bbq tea and bowls are available

Artist in Residence - Filip Trnka

Filip Trnka, our Artist in Residence from the Czech Republic, has now been in Woodville for a month, having arrived on 3 February. He is half way through his stay with us, leaving Woodville at the end of March. Filip has been shown around the Tararua District and lower North Island to give him as much NZ exposure as possible so that he can use these experiences in the art he works on here in NZ. While in Woodville Filip is living and working amongst us and there will continue to be opportunities to meet him. However it needs to be said that he is part way through his Art Master's Degree studies at Pilsen University and is still required to complete this study work. The university has made concessions for him to be with us and the work he does here will count towards his degree.

A public welcome was held on 24 February, with about 45 people attending the afternoon to welcome Filip. Mayor Roly Elis and Robin Pretty spoke, welcoming Filip to the District and our town. Thank you to the Nibbley Pig for your support and allowing this event to be held at your premises.

The next period of Filip's stay is not so much exploring our district but more to do with his art for his degree and also for our exhibition to be held on 19-20 March at the Woodville racecourse. This exhibition will not only feature Filip's work, but also other artists and photographers from our district. This will be open from 10:00am - 4:00pm and entry is \$5.00 per person, free for 16 years and under. Refreshments will be available.

If you see Filip around town please introduce yourself and make him feel welcome. Getting him here has been a huge effort by the Lindauer Studio team, and in particular by Kevin and Joan McIntyre and we are very fortunate to have such a talented and nice young man as our artist in residence.



Filip Trnka / student / 23 years old / based in Prague, Czech Republic

I have been studying illustration and graphics in Pilsen at Ladislav Sutars University of Arts and Design for 3 and half years now. I have a bachelor degree and now I am in a first semester for my Master's degree. I have been drawing since I was a child, although I have not attended any art high school. I have discovered traditional graphic techniques at university and now I am focusing mainly on lithography which is closely connected with drawing. Lithography is about printing of drawing made on stone with greasy chalk. The process is based on reaction between grease and water.

I lived in Pilsen for 3 years when I was studying for my Bachelor's degree, because the schedule was busier. Now I live in Prague, where I am working in art-store Zlatá Loď as a part time worker and commuting to Pilsen once or twice a week. My mother is a director of Czech Christian Academy and my father is a printer in a Czech post office printing company.

I came to Woodville to draw local life including portraits of people and NZs countryside with the great support of Joan and Kevin McIntyre and the Lindauer Studio along with Woodville District Vision.

A few interesting facts about the **Czech Republic**:

- Population is 10.5 million with the capital Prague having 1.2 million residents
- Land mass is almost 77,000 square kilometres, compared to NZ's 268,000 square kms
- The country is landlocked and nearly totally surrounded by mountains
- Known for its ornate castles, native beers and long history
- There are over 2,000 castles, keeps and castle ruins - one of the highest density in the world



From the Editor - Please remember to send me your stories, poems, quirky bits of information, anything of interest. Anyone having a birthday, celebrating something special? Our community newsletter really does need your input. If anyone is interested in taking on the editing of the newsletter please don't hesitate to get in touch ☺

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