



The Woodvillian

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Sharing information with the people of
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Fare thee well to long time Woodville Residents - Bill and Savita Lala

On Saturday 1 October Woodville officially bid farewell to Bill and Savita Lala, long time residents of our town. Some 70 people joined in the celebration, listening to the many stories of their time in Woodville. Bill first arrived in Woodville with his family



when he was 13, coming from Gujarat in the west of India. Savita also came out from India, with her family settling in Wellington before shifting to Woodville when she was 15. The Lala's owned the fruit and vegetable shop in Woodville, with Bill taking over in 1976 and running it for 25

years until closing in 2001. The shop was a great catalyst for knowing so many people in Woodville. Bill and Savita have three sons, Vernord, Urwin and Rajesh. Bill was well known on the rugby field, with his fellow team mates enjoying the supplied oranges at half time. Ross Lockyer thanked the Lala's for being such great neighbours, although there was some secretive talk about a cherry tree which was cut down - with Ross presenting Bill with a seedling amidst much laughter. In all they spent some 60 years in Woodville, however the difficult decision has now been made to leave Woodville, but the positive is they will be moving closer to family and in particular their grandchildren. They are currently of no fixed abode, living in Palmerston North with family and looking at heading further south at some time to Wellington. We wish Bill and Savita all the very best on their next journey.



Christmas Decorations:

The next Christmas decoration workshop will be on **Saturday 6 November** at the **Old Folks Hall** from **1-4pm**. Our town looked awesome last year with the locally made decorations and many people commented positively about how lovely it looked and how unique it was. Please come along to help make the decorations so that Woodville will look even better this year ☺



Councillor's Corner

In last month's Woodvillean I asked for any possible further Woodville district inclusions to the 'Significant Trees' list in District Plan. Subsequently and in discussion with Council staff, it has been decided to possibly look at carrying out the same exercise throughout the Tararua district. This will not now happen until the New Year.

At last Council meeting a Proposed Change to the Operative District Plan (Review No1) was passed. Essentially this involved minor alterations to the District Plan to bring it in line with the Regional Plan, eg: Resource consent requirements need to be aligned. One new alteration involves local eyesores (Detriments to Amenity Values). Throughout the district, derelict buildings, vehicles and sites which are unsightly and widely considered to be community eyesores can be deemed to be detracting from "amenity values". One of the primary objectives of the District Plan is to ensure a high level of environmental quality and amenity, while at the same time not unduly constraining the property rights of individuals. There is a fine balance wherein one person's eyesore might be another's 'thing of beauty'. However it does provide Council with teeth to deal with eyesore buildings and sections covered with derelict vehicles etc.

Using a new computer modelling programme, Council is to undertake a full mapping of the district to identify flood prone areas in the event of eg: 1 in 50 year flood. This will enable Council to better plan stormwater systems and their maintenance, building consent provisions (eg: floor heights etc). In preparation for a potential dry summer and a probable shortage of water, Council is offering to sell water tanks. These can be ordered at the Service Centre and if you wish, paid for through attachment to rate payments over the ensuing year. All prices GST incl. 30,000 lt = \$3,174 / 25,000 lt = \$2,817 / 4,000 lt = \$1,057 and 200 lt = \$150.



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Woodville Districts Vision (WDV)

The 2015/16 year was a busy one for WDV, as reported by the Chair, Robyn Winter, at the recent AGM. The group of volunteers who make up WDV have willingly given of their time and energy for the betterment of our town. Activities throughout the year include the annual Christmas Parade and market alongside Lions Coast to Coast event, town Christmas decorations, the second Woodfest and the Community Picnic in the Park. We welcomed Filipe Trnka from the Czech Republic as part of the inaugural Artist in Residence and we had the first district wide art exhibition. Along with the RSA and Girl Guides we supported the community breakfast after the ANZAC dawn parade. The railway gardens, and Memorial and Cemetery rose gardens have been maintained. Two 5,000 litre water tanks have been purchased - one for the rose garden and the other for future community use. We've got new picnic tables about to go into Fountaine Square, art display equipment for future exhibitions and WDV continues to fund the publishing and distribution of this newsletter. WDV has worked with the Tararua District Council on projects such as purchasing and installing CCTV camera's in town, improvements to the camping ground, progressing the shared walkway from Woodville to the Gorge, establishing a new cat by-law, potentially gifting the library/i-Site building to the community, and working towards a big new children's climbing frame about to go into Fountaine Square. There has been \$4,300 worth of discretionary funding given out.

Has all this effort been worth while? We think so! The town is tidy, clean, accessible and safe. All the services work, with WDV being a good advocate if anything is amiss. It is also attractive and has very few empty shops. We would love to have some younger people come along to our meetings. We are very aware of the continued need to have activities for our children and teenagers and would like some input from those with daily contact with our younger population.

A silent Woodville friend wrote this some time ago - I lost it for a while, but now found I hope he doesn't mind me publishing it ...

When does **Spring** officially start? Some say the 1st September. Others say 21st or the beginning of daylight saving which is the 28th – the last Sunday in September when 2am becomes 3am. Some countries say it begins with the vernal or spring equinox. Equus noxes the Romans said or equal nights in Woodville speak. What they meant was equal hours of day and night. That's when the sun is at one of two opposite points on the celestial sphere and the celestial equator and ecliptic intersect. While you're telling that to the daffodils they're already off doing their own thing. Mother Earth has the last say. Spring is the time of plans and projects Leo Tolstoy wrote in Anna Karenina in 1878. (A great read by the way). Pack away the thermals for another year. Time to get back to that routine of daily living we like to call normal. Thanks Gaia. Much obliged.



Changing Roles

When Mike and Lynne Budden decided to sell their business, Agnews Auto Services, one of their employees, Allan Burlace, relished the opportunity to change roles and become the new owner. Allan commenced working as a mechanic there in 2005 and took over the business in June 2016. He will continue trading under the existing name. Allan oozes with the same attributes, enthusiasm and PR equal to Mike and Lynne. He will always go the extra mile to complete customer's satisfaction. Allan's ambition is to offer a customer focussed business in keeping with the welfare of the community. His partner, Rowena, will juggle maintaining the books and looking



after their 2.5 month old baby girl, Aria. Retaining the existing staff of 2+ augers well for their community commitment. Being aware of the good work the Lions Club bestows on our people, Allan aspires to become a member in the very near future.

In the picture, from left to right are: John Blaymires, Tristan Timmins, Allan Burlace, Rowena Fry, Lynne Budden, and Mike Budden.

Nordic Tours News

September, a very early start for Woodville folk (7.45am), then onto Dannirvirke to pick up a number of people. We stopped at Norsewood (Upper) having morning tea in the hall there. Travelled onto Napier, where we disembarked and travelled in the Hawkes Bay Express. The train is owned by the man that drove us around Napier, with a very interesting and humorous talk (he actually build the train - pulled by a tractor). Stopped off at Ahuriri for a visit to a woodshed. Lovely displays, but a bit pricey. Then back on the train, travelled back via the wharf to the i-Site. Excellent! You have to have over 30 people for this tripe. We then found places for lunch and back on the bus at 1.45 on the homeward journey. Nearing Takapau turnoff the bus started juddering and a loud bang erupted. Driver Derek got out to investigate. We then turned into Takapau and stopped. Quite a while later another bus and driver arrived, bring us back home. Derek was left with the broken down one.

Shirley Hale

You know you're getting old when you stop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you're down there.

George Burns

If at first you don't succeed . . . so much for skydiving

Politics: "Poli" a Latin word meaning "many"; and "tics" meaning "bloodsucking creatures".

Robin Williams

Wanted
Woodfest Co-ordinator

Could you:

- Work with the management team within a proscribed budget
- Seek and confirm sponsorship funding
- Book entertainment for children
- Organise music and other activities
- Book market stalls
- Book food stalls
- Organise utilities (power, water, access etc)

Call Robin on 376 5091 for more information

What's On

Housie - Every second week - Saturday 8 and 22 October . 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 Supper Room in The Stadium, at 7 pm. Membership is \$5 per annum, and anyone interested in Woodville can attend.

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**.

9 Holes Twilight Golf is starting on Thursday the 20th October 2016 at the Pahiatua Golf Club. \$5.00 for members \$8.00 for visitors Tee off time between 4pm and 6 pm. Meal to follow play, order before play. All welcome. Prizes every night. Come along and have some fun. Contact number: 376 5625

Please do not remove the flowers or plants from the Memorial Rose Gardens - they are for everyone's enjoyment

Enormous Sheds

Dot Johnstone

Inside the first, smaller shed, tractors of every description, size, make and model rest, squeezed beside each other intermingled with some trucks. In accordance with the skills of mechanic Mr Glen Lett, he has ensured that all the vehicles are in working order. Glen's children, Kevin (9 years old) and Isaac (5 years old) have followed the same passion as their father and have been into his tool box from a very early age. They are able to steer the vehicles quite confidently and can even light the boiler.



The larger shed houses an abundance of trucks also of every description, size, make and model. Near the entrance of the smaller shed is a novelty bar which proves ideal for resting, spinning yarns and jokes. Rest assured truck and tractor enthusiasts will be astounded at what confronts them immediately entering through the doors of these sheds. Glen and Sally are only too happy to share this extensive collection with the public by prior arrangement. Telephone 06 376 5876. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

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



Tai Chi - Thursday
10am at the Old Folks
Hall

Indoor Bowls
Wednesdays at
1.30pm in the Old
Folks Hall

Give the **gym equipment at fountain Square** a go - get together with friends/like minded people and have some fun while toning up and burning those calories!

The day the 2nd Workshop Division from Linton Army came to town

Men from the 2nd Workshop Company were in town on Wednesday (3rd Oct) lending a hand with a job that required a lot of manpower. They removed the eight picnic tables from Fountaine Square to make way for the new ones purchased by WDV. Four have been relocated to Ferry Reserve and four will be kept to put in various places on the proposed Woodville to Ferry Reserve cycle/walkway.



Two years ago the Woodville Pioneer Museum was the supreme winner of the **Annual Trustpower Community Awards** for Tararua district. These awards are for volunteers who create benefits for their community. This year Woodville nominees included Radio Woodville, the Lindauer group for their Artist in Residence project which was commended, and Woodville Districts Vision which was placed as runner-up, both in the Arts and Culture section.

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.

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Submission Deadline

Submissions for the next edition close by **Thursday 27 October 2016**. Please submit by email to wdvnews@hotmail.co.nz, or contact the editor. Editors decision on publication of items is final.