

Donna's News

Here we are August already, not long and Spring will be here thank goodness. I for one am over the colder days and nights, I can't wait to see the sun!!

Things have been busy here with people moving on and new people moving in. Trades people on site refurbishing units; things sure take a lot longer now days in our Covid world with painters finding it harder to get paint, carpet is made here but the yarn comes from China so it takes longer. Lights that used to be in stock can sometimes take 6 months from ordering - that's happening all over the world now. Things sure have changed; sometimes we forget just how hard it is in other parts of the world. We have been so lucky here in our little bubble in New Zealand, where life is continuing pretty much as normal.

You may have remembered a while ago we had this wee guy in the newsletter. Well since you last saw him he has had a hat, scarf and coat made for him. Someone has had great pleasure in finding her pet dressed warmly!! Can you find where this little guy is hiding?

Linda has been busy getting the programmes organised for trips over the next few months. Lots of yummy places for lunches, and a few other interesting places to visit. It was nice to have Sue Hand (Dishington) in here in July to show us her wedding photos, what a beautiful bride. The social committee has been busy organising lots of wonderful events, I was interested to hear all the wonderful ideas for the international pot luck dinner, it's fantastic all the thought that goes into these events.

Well the year is running away quickly; by the time you hear from us again Christmas will be upon us, a scary thought!

Until next time stay warm and keep smiling.

Kind regards,

Donna

We wish you well:

Maria Meenhorst, Barry and Jean Anderson, Alistair Brown and Barbara Oberg who have all moved on, We wish them all well in their new homes.

A big welcome to:

Dorothy Lamond, Paulette and Allen Cross.



Social Committee News:

Lotto Bonus number – Congratulations to those of you that have been lucky enough to pick a winning number, some even winning more than once.

We continue to have excellent support for our monthly raffles with members of our committee selling the tickets in the Centre on the day from 11-12, and from 3.30pm onwards. Attendance at our twice monthly movie nights have also been well supported.

In April we had a very successful Wine Tasting Evening. A big thank you to Terry for his knowledge and expertise. And of course in June we held our OBE night which I am sure everybody enjoyed – great food and entertainment. Well worth the \$25 per head!! Thanks to Val and Kath for the lovely decorations and table settings.

On Sunday 8th of August we had a very successful high tea, then listened to our very interesting informative speaker John Quinn. A nice way to spend a Sunday afternoon in Winter. Later in August we will arrange a Fish and Chip night prior to watching the All Blacks play Australia.

Many thanks to Kath Noble who has resigned. We will especially remember her great work in decorating Santa's chimney last year. We welcome Liddy Gallagher to our committee.

Wendy Wilson

Treasurer Social Committee

Sales in the Village

We currently have 2x3 bedroom villas available and one of these villas also has a double garage. These villas have been refurbished and are ready to view. Please phone Donna on 021778755 if you would like to view.



Linda's News

Looking forward to an early Spring and fingers crossed that we avoid any more lockdowns this year; while we watch all the Covid cases spiralling in Australia and again in the US. We have to count ourselves very lucky to have mostly been able to move freely in our own country without restrictions the way we had them last year.

Our trips have been uninterrupted, so we have enjoyed some nice lunches out and about such as the Leithfield Hotel in May, The Option at Northwood and the Governors Bay Hotel with a scenic drive around the hills and back via Sumner. The Chinese night was a roaring success in May – fun and laughter had by all with masses of tasty food once again. AOK Clothing did some big sales while here in May. They are certainly popular and find it well worth a visit to us twice a year from Geraldine. Terra Viva a popular venue with a short, worthwhile trip for lunch and The Flaming Rabbit at Lincoln (twice) had everyone raving about what a great place it was for food and service.

Thanks to Rod MacKay for another successful and informative trip to the Art Gallery, ending with our lunch at The Thirsty Peacock. A trip to the well known Valley Inn was very popular with two trips in July. So all in all, for the winter of so called discontent, we have had some varied trips, activities some of which were organised by the great Social Club Committee we are fortunate to have at Silverstream.

Steve and I have both purchased E-bikes, and we are planning all sorts of day trips, long weekends and holidays with biking on the agenda. They have opened up a new world for us, and biking 50kms these days is a breeze as long as the weather is fine and we take drinks and snacks to sustain us on the trip.

In November I have booked for a Girls Biking Trip to the West Coast, where we will do the Wilderness Trail, biking for 3 days, then a kayaking and hiking trip on the last day. All food and drinks supplied, just pack my bag and bike and get picked up for the 5 day trip with 7



other woman and an experienced guide. Fingers crossed the rain holds off for this as a lot of the biking is in the bush on fairly rough tracks and would be cancelled if conditions unsafe. I am so looking forward to it. Steve's business is ticking along quite nicely so he is not keen to disrupt the business flow until we take our annual holiday in January of next year. We have planned to do the stunning new Dunstan Bike Trail between Clyde and Cromwell.

Roll on spring with lighter evenings and warmer weather, daffodils and cherry blossoms in the park. A lovely time of year in Christchurch and when we are **usually** inundated with overseas tourists.

Kind Regards

Linda



**Speeding in the village –
Please remember we are not a race track!
And remind your visitors to keep their
speed to the 10k limit throughout the
village.**



Quick and Tasty Recipes

Lemon Chicken

(for one or two)

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tsp cornflour
- 1 tsp dark soy sauce
- Finely grated zest and juice of ½ small lemon
- 2 tsps coconut or canola oil
- 1 skinless chicken breast cut into 1.5cm pieces
- 1 small red capsicum sliced lengthwise
- 1 med carrot thinly sliced
- 100g broccoli cut into small florets
- 150 ml chicken stock
- 4 spring onions

PREPARATION

1. Mix cornflour with soy sauce and lemon juice in small bowl.
2. Heat oil in large frying pan over high heat, add chicken, capsicum, carrot and broccoli and stir fry for 2-3 minutes until chicken is browned and vegetables begin to soften.
3. Pour the lemon and soy mixture into the pan, add chicken stock and spring onions and bring to a simmer. Reduce heat and cook for 2 minutes until sauce slightly thickened and chicken is cooked through. Stir regularly.
4. Sprinkle with lemon zest and serve with rice.



Croissant Bread and Butter Pudding (serves 6)

INGREDIENTS

- (No butter required)
- 4 large croissants
 - 1 cup raisins/chocolate/berries or a mix
 - 3 eggs
 - 1 cup milk
 - 1 cup cream
 - ½ cup castor sugar
 - 1 tsp vanilla essence

PREPARATION

1. Preheat oven to 170°C and grease a 25cm square ovenproof dish.
2. Tear each croissant into 4 pieces and place in dish.
3. Sprinkle with raisins/chocolate/berries
4. Beat remaining ingredients until well combined, pour over the croissants.
5. Bake 35 minutes until golden and centre is set.
6. Serve with icecream, whipped cream or yoghurt.



RETRAIN YOUR FACE TO SMILE WITH SOME LIGHTHEARTED COVID HUMOR

*Why did the first chicken cross the road?
Because the chicken behind hadn't learned how
to social distance properly.*

*After years of wanting to clean my house but lacked the
time, this year I discovered that wasn't the case.*

*If I keep eating at this level, the buttons on my shirt will
start socially distancing from each other.*

*I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch them
with a 6 foot pole" would become a national policy, but
here we are.*

*Day 121 at home – and the dog is looking at me like
"see, that's why I chew the furniture"!*



*How did the health experts lie? They said a mask and
gloves was all I needed to do the grocery shopping.
When I got there, all the others were wearing clothes.*

*Quarantine has really put a dampener on comedy.
Like, for months nobody has walked into a bar.*

*What's the best way to stop touching your face?
A glass of wine in each hand.*

*Why don't chefs find Covid jokes funny?
They're in bad taste.*

*What did the man say to the bartender?
I'll have a Corona but hold the virus.*

*I'll tell you a Covid joke now – but you will have to
wait 2 weeks to see if you get it.*

*If there's a baby boom out there nine months from
lockdown, what will happen in 2033? There will be a
whole bunch of quaranteenagers!*

*What did the astronauts say to NASA when notified
they could return to earth. "Thanks, but no thanks".*

