

## *Donna's News*

Another summer has slipped by I for one feel like we have been robbed of a decent summer this year. We are now heading into winter and will soon be getting out the warmer clothes and boots. We have been fortunate in the village so far to have all avoided Covid; hopefully because we took care with masks and staying away from the Centre if a person has visited or stayed over especially from another city. Thanks to you all for adhering to the rules we set up. I know it has been a difficult time for everyone with limits on seating in the centre, masks having to be worn etc but it does help in keeping everyone here safe and well.

The Social Club has been in full swing and worked hard to make sure you have entertainment and activities to look forward to in these unprecedented times. Thanks to the committee for all their hard work in this area. It is really appreciated by all who attend and thoroughly enjoy by all, the feedback after these evenings is great. It's what it's all about living in a village like Silverstream.

Our Villas are filling up with new residents, and hopefully you make the newbies feel welcome and at home when you see them. Some have come from other cities or other parts of the city, and do not know many people in Christchurch, so they especially need to feel they have made the right choice in moving here.

Linda's trips have continued this year, going further a field and fortunately we have not had to cancel any of the outings due to Covid. Some of the places visited are definitely short staffed but are pleased to have us eating at their cafes/restaurants; they certainly need people turning up to help keep their businesses turning over. Noticeably quiet are the malls, especially Northlands on shopping trips. Sadly I'm sure we will still see some places having to close their doors before all these restrictions are over.

Happy Easter to you all; the office will be **closed Good Friday** but open again on Easter Sunday, Lee will be here from 11am to 4pm.

**Just a reminder:** When you go out or visit your neighbour please lock your doors. We at times go to visit someone in their villa and find doors unlocked and no one around. There are many people coming and going from the village, and there has been a lot of burglaries in the community of late. Frequently, this is during the day and just by an opportunist trying doors etc. Ring me or mention to one of the gardeners if you notice anyone looking suspicious in the village.

Kind Regards,

*Donna*



**Sad to see you go:**  
Farewell to June Kenworthy,  
who has moved on for more  
care. We wish her all the best  
in her new home.

**Welcome to:**  
Linda Bowden,  
Joan and John Smith



## Villas Available

**Villa 38 will be refurbished but is available to be shown now.**

**This is a 2 bedroom villa**

**with gas fire, and being an end villa, has a good outdoor area.**

**Ring Donna 021 778 755 if you are interested in viewing.**



## Social Club News

### *From Your Social Committee*

We had a very successful first couple of functions for the New Year. Our Barbeque was held at the beginning of February and was very well attended. Thank you to Robert and Trevor for being our Chefs on the night. We held our Hawaiian Luau on 26th February, a shame we were not able to socialise together due to Covid Restrictions. Bev organised our usual popular Quiz - this time with a Hawaiian theme. Thank you for a great range of salads and desserts. And a big Thank you to Val Quinn and John Lamberg for cooking the delicious hams. Unfortunately we weren't able to hold our fun St Patrick's Night celebrations. Our twice monthly raffle sales have been popular, and the movie nights well attended. The profit from the Lotto incentive has helped our Bank Account, and there have been a number of happy people whose lucky bonus number has been drawn. Thank you Trevor for organising this. Now that the Leisure Centre has been opened up again we have organised a few functions to be held in the upcoming months. We look forward to being able to enjoy each other's company at these social gatherings. We would love to have some feedback and ideas for the future.

Thank you to Liddy who has stepped up to be the Social Committee Convenor.



## The History of Easter Egg Hunting

Although Easter is one of the two major Christian holidays, one of its biggest traditions, the Easter Egg Hunt, has nothing to do with Christianity.

In fact, the Easter Bunny and Easter Eggs are linked to Pagan traditions. But however you look at it, the Easter Egg Hunt a beloved event for kids everywhere. Here's how it began.

There wouldn't be an Easter Egg Hunt without Easter Bunny, so to understand the origins of egg hunting, we must first look at why rabbits are associated with Easter. Known for their prolific procreating, rabbits have long been a symbol of fertility. In fact, rabbits were the sacred animal of the Saxon goddess of spring and fertility. According to the History Channel, the Easter Bunny legend started long ago in Germany with an egg-laying hare named "Osterhase". German children made nests and left them outside for the hare to lay her eggs in.

The idea of an egg-laying rabbit might have started with the Romans, who believed that all life came from eggs. Another link between the rabbit and egg comes from Pagan traditions, in which the rabbit was associated with the moon and the egg with the sun. On the spring equinox, when day and night are the same length, the rabbit and egg come together.

Easter Egg Hunting began in America when German immigrants brought their Osterhase tradition to Pennsylvania in the 1700's. The festivity soon spread across the nation and baskets replaced nests. Eventually, the game evolved into a treasure hunt, and the prizes expanded from just hard-boiled eggs to include chocolate, candy, toys and coins. In many families, the Easter Bunny leaves a basket filled with gifts, not just eggs to find.

Since ancient times, eggs have been seen as a symbol of new life for obvious reasons. They have been associated with Pagan spring festivals. Some believe that the egg might represent the stone that was rolled away from Christ's tomb, revealing his resurrection.

How do you catch a unique rabbit?

A. Unique up on it!

How do you catch a tame rabbit?

A. Tame way - unique up on it!



## Linda's News

2022 is moving along very fast, with autumn upon us (my favourite month) and winter approaching. So far we have been fortunate enough to avoid the Corona Virus at the village; long may it last. With borders opening and people being able to move more freely around the country, we will keep our fingers crossed, and I think with most of us, our masks will still be on when out and about to be on the safe side.

Our trips have not been affected by the rules and regulations and we have had some lovely lunches out and about. Our first picnic trip to Diamond Harbour happened on a beautiful, wind free day in January - and we all enjoyed eating our packed lunches under the shade of a huge tree with water views; also had some fun and games that Bev had put together for Maureen's 80th birthday, which actually fell on that day. I hear the Spitfire Centre Lone Star was nice; I was away on holiday that week. The Beach Cafe and Wine Bar provided a pleasant venue and lunch, with good service and a busy place for locals. Suburban Rascal in Halswell turned out to be more of a Vegetarian Cafe, but most enjoyed the food apart from the gluten free scones some took home. Apparently they disintegrated into a crumbling pile before being able to be eaten - pretty sure that had something to do with the flour they were made of. The Harvard Bar and Bistro opened just for us, so great service was expected - but after waiting nearly an hour for our food to arrive, I think a few had given up hope of having lunch at all. An interesting and old pub, with a history known by a few of the male residents who came with us. I do hope they manage to stay open and get more customers in the future. It would have a lovely atmosphere with more people and the long awaited food was well presented and enjoyed.

Our day trip to Geraldine with a full van, was a great day out - leaving at 9.30am and stopping for morning tea at Stavely (after driving via the Rakaia Gorge) and although rain threatened, we only had heavy cloud with temperatures relatively ok. We arrived at Geraldine and parked in the Barkers carpark and enjoyed lunch at their cafe - surprisingly the cafe was very busy, the service was spot on. Some wandered off



later to look at the local shops, while others sat out on the verandah and enjoyed some downtime after buying goods at the well stocked Barkers shop. A lot of product Barkers have in their Geraldine store is not supplied to our supermarkets, so a good opportunity to pick up some of the more unusual chutneys, sauces, jams etc. We took the main road home - arriving back at the centre around 4.45pm, a very full day enjoyed by all aboard.

Our trip to Otago was a holiday mega-cycle!! We cycled for 13 days, (around 500kms all up) only missing the days we moved camp and the one wet day when we visited Queenstown. Arrowtown where we camped for 10 days, has fantastic trails and we biked all of them; we then moved to Bannockburn and did the 42km Lake Dunstan trail - totally stunning scenery around each corner, with a coffee stop at the boat on the lake, in the middle of nowhere and was doing a roaring trade. Visiting the wineries on ebike around this area was an interesting experience as there are acres of them around with easy trail and road access. A final stop at Lake Tekapo, where we walked up to the Mt John Observatory and were sorely disappointed to find the coffee shop was closed. The challenging walk up there on a steep track definitely needs some incentive. I found it way more taxing than biking. The holiday weather was magnificent with only one wet day to complain about - and quite nice to have a day in Queenstown enjoying the unusual quiet ambience.



Looking forward to some winter trips and wearing cozy sweaters, scarves and warm boots – just some of the winter delights.

Stay well, safe and warm.

HAPPY EASTER!

Kind Regards *Linda*



## Recipe Time

Once again, I find when busy these quick recipes are winners, even putting them together at the last minute as most ingredients are in the pantry anyway.

### Caramel Chocolate Mousse

A quick, easy and decadent dessert to serve alone or as I like, with fresh fruit/berries of your choice.

#### INGREDIENTS

200g caramel chocolate

1 ½ cups of cream

#### PREPARATION

1. Heat ¾ cup of the cream in a saucepan over low heat.
2. Break up chocolate and add to the cream, allowing it to melt while stirring. Remove from heat, allow to cool completely.
4. Beat the remaining cream in a bowl and fold into cooled chocolate mixture.
5. Pour into glasses on top of fresh fruit, or on its own and dust with cocoa powder before serving. Yum!



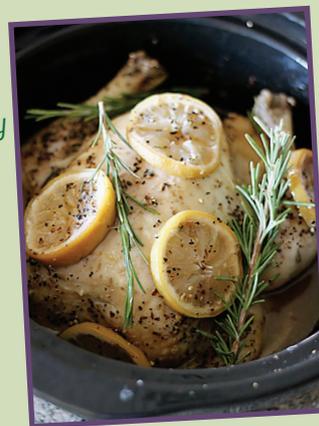
### Garlic, Lemon & Rosemary Chicken

#### INGREDIENTS

- 500g chicken pieces (boneless)
- 2 tbsps finely chopped rosemary or 1 tsp dried
- 2 tbsps lemon juice
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp honey
- 2 tps minced garlic
- 2 tps chicken stock powder

#### PREPARATION

1. Place chicken pieces in a single layer in a baking dish.
2. Mix the remaining ingredients in a bowl, then pour over the chicken and leave to marinate 30 mins (or longer).
3. Preheat oven to 180°C and bake for 30-40 minutes or barbeque or pan fry for 8 minutes each side until juices run clear.



## Easter Facts you probably didn't know

- How many Easter eggs are eaten on estimate each year in the UK? *Between 80-90 million*
- What goes on top of a simnel cake? *Marzipan*
- Why are some eggs dyed red at Easter? *To represent the blood of Jesus*
- What food is traditionally eaten on Good Friday? *Lamb*
- Who voices Peter Rabbit in the 2018 animated movie? *James Corden*
- How much money do Americans spend on Easter candy? *\$1.9 billion*
- Why do many Easter eggs have a crocodile or fish design on them? *To disguise minor imperfections*
- The world-record largest chocolate Easter egg was made in what city? *Tosca, Italy*
- In Switzerland, what animal delivers Easter Eggs to kids? *The cuckoo*
- Easter Island is part of which country? *Chile*
- What is the 40 day period before Easter? *Lent*
- Who wrote Easter Parade? *Irving Berlin*
- Dying Easter eggs is a tradition that began in which country? *Ukraine*