

The Fairlie Accessible

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Delivered free to residents of Albury - Fairlie - Lake Tekapo and Districts



Kevin Down with the
Going Digital Caravan in Fairlie

What's In A Name – Fairlie

Taken from the Fairlie Gazette - so it must be true!

The town is said to have obtained its name from the home town in Scotland, of the first settlers in the locality. Its original and official name was Hamilton, but this led to confusion with Hamilton in the Waikato. When the first post office was opened in 1872 the settlement became known as Fairlie Creek, but on June 1, 1892, the name was shortened to Fairlie.

Fairlie's expansion was greatly accelerated once the railhead was established there and Council headquarters moved down from Burkes Pass. Like most of the country towns which have reached their first century, Fairlie has acquired a quiet settled grace of its own, picturesque with groves and plantations of deciduous trees.

Those planted along the main highway at the entrance to the town, both from east and west, deserve special notice.

They were planted by the County Council and named Peace Avenue to commemorate the signing of the peace treaty which ended the Great War of 1914 – 18.

The district presents a grand sight from the observation bay at the summit of Mt Michael. Throughout the Fairlie basin luxurious growths of willows follow the lines of the Opihi and Opuha rivers.

It is said that Dr Kimbell, one of the partners owning Three Springs Station, planted willows in the district which came off a tree in Christchurch, grown as a cutting from the tree on Napoleon's grave in St Helena.

From 1872, a Mr Gray was part owner of Ashwick Station.

It was he, so the story goes, who first imported rabbits and gorse into the Mackenzie Country!

Digital TV– are you ready?

Digital television has been available in New Zealand for several years now – and the old analogue television system is being progressively switched off across the country with Hawke's Bay and the West Coast having already gone digital and the rest of the country being rolled out over three stages. The South Island goes digital on 28 April and viewers in Fairlie need to go digital before then if they want to keep watching TV.

Before New Zealand goes digital, people with analogue television sets will need some new equipment to keep watching TV. For most people, all that's needed is a set-top box that plugs into an existing television and UHF aerial or satellite dish. Freeview is the free-to-air digital TV service, while subscription services are also available from Sky or Igloo.

If you already watch Freeview, Sky or Igloo, you are already watching digital TV, so don't need to do anything – unless you have another analogue TV or a recorder. If you have not already gone digital, you will need to do so in order to keep watching television.

It's good to know that almost any television can go digital with a set-top box. A new TV is not required – in fact, you may remember the Going Digital competition 'Search for New Zealand's Oldest Telly' where a 53-year old television from the West Coast was named as New Zealand's oldest working TV set. The DIY kitset TV from Hokitika was made to go and appeared on Breakfast on TV1 in June 2012. It was assembled by the late Winston Reynolds, former mayor of Hokitika and was donated to the Hokitika Museum.

Going digital also affects second television sets, video recorders and some DVD recorders. While you will still be able to play tapes and DVDs on your old equipment, if you want to record with it, it will need to go digital. If recording programmes is important to you, you may wish to consider a new digital personal video recorder, which is designed to work with digital television. These also act as a set-top box for your main TV.

Going Digital has a comprehensive website, www.goingdigital.co.nz which tells you exactly what you will need to do to go digital simply by entering your address. Going Digital also has a freephone helpline 0800 838 800 so people can get the information and advice they need about switching to digital TV. Alternatively, you can also ask your appliance retailer for advice and information on what is the best option for you.

In addition, Going Digital advisers are currently out and about throughout the whole of the South Island chatting with people and discussing what needs to be done to make sure everyone can keep on watching TV.

Whichever way you look at it, if you're confused and need information, there's a lot of advice out there to help you go digital – all you have to do is ask.

BIKEWISE IN FAIRLIE - FEBRUARY 13TH

NOTE: Closing date for next Accessible is Friday February 8th at 4.00 pm

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Tales of shipwreck, frostbite, and stiff-upper-lip survival in the snow are presented in a combination of spoken-word storytelling and original folk songs, along with projected illustrations by Auckland artist Emily Cater and heritage photographs from the expeditions themselves. Performances range from ethereal to foot-stomping; arrangements run the gamut from delicate vocal harmonies to dramatic percussive explosions.

PANCAKE DAY RACE

The Mackenzie Co-operating Parish
will be holding a
Pancake Race
Tuesday 12th February
12.30pm
on the Village Green.



Businesses, organisations and individuals
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NEW EVENT



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Mackenzie Collie Dog Club

Training day to be held
Single Hill
Rollesby Valley Burkes Pass
Saturday 23rd February 2pm
Everyone welcome



Notice of AGM of the Mackenzie RSA
to be held at the



Gladstone Grand Hotel
2:00 pm
Friday 8th February

New members welcome

FAIRLIE LIONS CLUB



4.W.D SAFARI

Waitangi Day

Wednesday - 6th February 2013

**Sawdon Rona Holbrook Horwell Downs return
& Rollesby Range**

Assemble Fairlie opposite BP at 8.00 a.m.

Start time 9-00am

High clearance vehicles only.

(Spark arresters to be fitted to diesel vehicles.
Can be purchased on day)

Bring own lunch - and refreshments.
Debriefing and BBQ at Silverstream Hotel Kimbell

Participation fee \$60-00 per Vehicle

Further Information phone

Bernie 685 8766
Michael 685 8131
Peter 685 8030
Norman 685 8106

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Lions Club of Lake Tekapo

BILL APES MEMORIAL GRANT

Applications are now being sought by the Lions Club of Lake Tekapo for worthy recipients of the **Bill Apes Memorial Grant**. Applicants must be resident in the area served by the Lions Club of Lake Tekapo and be aged 17 years or older. They will be seeking funds to better themselves or the district, e.g. health and education. Sporting applications are excluded.

For a full set of criteria please contact Secretary, PO Box 52, Lake Tekapo 7945, or email freidljane@ihug.co.nz.

Mackenzie Market Days

1st and 3rd Saturday in the month
Mini markets every other Saturday

Crafts Foods Jewellery Vegetables
Plants and more

Mackenzie A & P update

Schedules are now out...encourage young and old to enter ...if you missed getting one in your mailbox, call into the Resource Centre to pick one up or go to www.showdayonline.com to enter.

Deadline is 22nd February

Please recycle old schedules by dropping them into the Heartlands Resource Centre Fairlie.

Please apply to The Secretary (PO Box 53, Fairlie) for **Disabled Parking Permits** prior to the Show. No Disabled Parking available without a permit.

Operatunity

We are heading to the first performance of the year on 31st January. The show is entitled 'Spotlight on Stage' and will include songs from Westend in London and Broadway in New York! Tunes from Show Boat, My Fair Lady Oliver and South Pacific to name just a few!

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Fairlie Community Vehicle Trust

We are hopeful that by the time you are reading this in the Accessible you will see a fantastic, sign written van with a green roof doing the rounds in Fairlie!

The Fairlie Community Vehicle Trust will be operational by early February, offering 2 separate services to the district.



Dial-A-Ride

This is a door to door service operated with volunteer drivers using either the community car or van. Prices are \$3.00 each way within the Fairlie township. e.g. a return trip to the Doctor would cost \$6.00. For Kimbell and Albury residents, the cost of a trip will be \$0.40 per kilometre.

Trips to Timaru will be

\$50 return for one person,
\$30 per person return for 2,
or \$25 per person return for 3 or more persons
This service is aimed at those passengers who are elderly, disabled or otherwise transport disadvantaged. Bookings need to be made well in advance.

Van Hire

The van will be available for hire to school, sports and other special interest groups, with 3 options available.

Option 1 – 70 cents/km including GST and fuel.

Option 2 – 45 cents/km including GST with the van returned refuelled.

Option 3 – for 3 days and over the hire is \$115 per day including GST, with the van returned refuelled.

Please contact Heartlands Resource Centre to make a booking for either of these services. Prices are set to cover operational costs of the van only – this is a not for profit service.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Trust to get us to this stage – **THERE IS STILL AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE INVOLVED.**

We need more **volunteer drivers** to help us with the Dial-A-Ride service. This may involve just one day of your time per month. We are planning a meeting for all volunteers to help establish the service. If you think you can help, please contact Anne Thomson at Heartlands. The more volunteers we have, the better!

The Fairlie Community Vehicle Trust is proudly supported by the Aoraki Foundation, Environment Canterbury, The Community Trust of Mid and South Canterbury, COGS, Barwood Motors and Heartlands Fairlie Resource Centre

Fairlie Website - www.fairlienz.com



Welcome to 2013

I know this may seem a little late but I have just returned to work after having a refreshing break over the Christmas/New Year period.

I hope that many of you managed to get away or relax and enjoy some of the fine weather we have been having. Judging by the amount of tractors and farm implements travelling on our roads I guess that holidays in summer aren't very practical for our farming community.

In which case, I hope that you have had a bumper season with the right balance of rain and sunshine to give you plenty of feed for the stock and a good supply of baleage to get you through the winter months.

While there have been a few cold days and some very windy ones, it was pleasing to see that the Twizel Salmon and Wine Festival fell on a perfectly sunny and calm day (Saturday 26th) this year.

The Market Place was packed and every available shady spot had been taken up with happy visitors enjoying the food, wine, music and convivial atmosphere. Well done to the organisers who voluntarily work behind the scenes to make these sorts of events happen.

New Year's Eve on the Village Green in Fairlie turned out to be a great celebration thanks to the work of our newest Community Board member, Les Blacklock, our loyal Pipe Band and Caley Hall for organising the music for the night. It was encouraging to see many of our younger adults enjoying themselves at this popular spot which has been well patronised throughout the holiday period.

Another hugely successful event was the New Year's Day Parade in Fairlie. Hundreds of locals and visitors turned out to see an impressive array of vintage vehicles accompanied by our ever-faithful Mackenzie Highland Pipe Band. The day was hot and windy but it did not deter the punters and it was fantastic to see some of the shops in the Main Street open for business. Well done to the Museum Committee for organising this parade.

It has been pleasing to hear reports of good visitor numbers throughout the district this summer. It didn't matter where in the district I visited over the holiday period, the lakes, parks, shops and streets were humming.

It is a genuine pleasure to see so many folk enjoying all that the Mackenzie has to offer and to see the businesses making the most of the increased custom. Long may it last!

I am looking forward to the Lake Tekapo NZ Made Fete on 17th March 2013 and suggest that if you want to keep up with what is happening around our region just visit the following web address <http://www.mtcooknz.com/mackenzie/events/>.

I can say, quite honestly, that you do not have to travel far to find something to do in our own backyard but it is a matter of knowing what is on and when. If you are planning an event then make sure the details are added to this page and recommend to locals and visitors alike that they follow what's happening through this link.

Mayor Claire



Classes/Courses

To all those crafty people out there, this is a challenge for you!!

To create a pin cushion of any shape and size using patchwork, stitchery or whatever the mind thinks!! to be entered into the Mackenzie A & P show!

All women new to the area - you are most welcome to come and join us once a month on a Monday!

Next date to meet is Monday 4th February
Heartlands Fairlie Resource Centre at 7.30pm
Contact Rebecca Kerr Phone 685 8668 or call in at Mint

Line Dancing

commenced

Monday 28th January 2013 7 - 9pm

Thursday 31st January 1-30 - 3.00 pm

at the St Columba Hall



....if looking to get fit and have a fabulous time doing it then come and join us!

Any queries to Jo Wieldraayer 685 8642

Fairlie Bridge Club

Have you thought about taking up a new challenge for 2013

Why not consider Bridge!

Learner lessons starting soon

Inquiries: Aylene 685 8149
Linda 685 8050



The return of adult education –

It may seem like 'same old – same old' and to a degree it is with the fabulous classes in Yoga, Zumba, Pilates, Spin and Cardmaking already in existence but the time is right to consider others.

We at Heartlands in conjunction with Mackenzie College are inviting you to tell us what you would like to learn or what you can teach and we will take it from there.

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Months shortened down to weeks, weeks faded into days. Now the countdown to our wedding is only days away. So much to organize and plan.



A Cut Above will be closed the week before the wedding (11th-16th February) however the week prior 4th-9th February the salon

will be open late nights all week if required, to fit clients in before the wedding and before we fly out for our honeymoon on the Gold Coast :)

Not to stress though, for those who didn't get appointments! Salon will be open while I'm away.

Running the floor will be Cath Hanrahan.

Monday 9am -1pm

Tuesday 9am -3pm

Thursday 9am -3pm

Friday 9am - 1pm

Saturday and later appointments can be arranged by phone/txt

Cath Hanrahan: 021 138 2871

Sorry for any convenience to those this may affect. Thanks for all the support throughout this adventure of ours, Mrs Meagan McIvor (Hunter) will be back in salon on the 11th March onwards :)



A word of warning!

Paul Mutton of Serac Services suggests that during thunder storms you not only turn your computer and electrics off at the switch but unplug them completely. Good idea!

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Day trips for older folk! Come join our outing group!

The first day trip of the year is to **Waimate on Wednesday 22nd February.**

Fee is \$30 for the day including dropping to see friends there and pick up if you wish.

Plus the usual 'tiki tour'. And afternoon tea.

Leaves at 9.30am. Will pick you up!

All together in the comfort of the new Fairlie Community Minivan

The second outing is planned for the **27th March and it's off to Ashburton** we go! Lunch at Lushingtons, the gardens, a shop or a sit watching the world go by! Plus the usual 'tiki tour' and if you want to call and visit friends – we can do that too! Fee is \$30 and includes afternoon tea in the park! We will pick you up and look after you!

Arrowtown in Autumn

A two day trip to see the colours and experience Autumn in Arrowtown!

This is open to anyone interested and includes travel and accommodation. We will look after you!

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A challenge to the young men of the district!

One of the greatest pieces of poetry synonymous with the Mackenzie is 'The Godley Ghost' by Ernie Slow. A challenge to any person to learn!



Ernie Slow

- Poet of the Mackenzie (1891-1960)

The most noted of South Canterbury ballad writers, was based in Fairlie but was often camped away, working up on the Mackenzie Country stations where he spent a life time as a shepherd, rabbitier, fencer and for years a 'gun' shearer. He only shored with blades and he was in demand because he was very good. All these occupations he was particularly good at and it was not unusual for Ernie to sleep out under some snow grass when on fencing jobs up in the Mackenzie. He got the contract for erecting the first telephone line from the main highway down to Black Forest Station which was a distance of approximately 30 miles. Also erected the snow-line fence on Glentanner Station at a time when he was quite old. Ernie, being a well built man, short in stature, only worked when he needed money was noted for being a hard worker, for living a life of self reliance, a bit eccentricity, and his nature reflected in his gentleness with dogs and horses. He never married.

THE GODLEY GHOST

By Ernie Slow

JACK SKINNER alone can surely boast of having seen the Godley Ghost; 'Twas way up in the Sardine hut, where spooks and phantoms rightly strut. For there, among the rocks and water, he saw the famous Devil's daughter.

Now spooks, like fleas, they fear the light, so to the hut they came at night. Jack Skinner had just arrived, you see; Back from Fairlie, on the spree. And like all men, his happiness grew, with some of Scotland's famous dew.

He danced with glee upon the floor, when came a tap upon the door, A visitor at this time of day? A shepherd must have lost his way. And open wide Jack pulled the door, then staggered back with an awful roar.

He seized his gun for open slaughter, there before him stood the Devil's daughter; A female form before him stood, Jack aimed and fired as quick as he could. With smoking gun and failing light, I'm sure he looked an awful sight.

"I've done for her," he madly yelled, his chest with pride and spirit swelled; "All spooks I'll fight; all forms and sizes with whisky good, my courage rises." But the night wore on with wind and rain, when a tap came on the window pane.

Standing there, mid'st falling water, Jack saw once more the Devil's daughter; Two loud reports, a might crash, that rent the window pane and sash, And Skinner sank with eyeballs red, upon his old and trusty bed.

He prayed the Lord would send the light, To end this most distressful night; He stirred the fire, more light to keep, And went to bed. But not to sleep. While resting on his cozy bed, the wall was rapped above his head. "I've been a John Hop in the Force, I've steered erratic in life's course! I've taken mad men to the cells, I've flirted with pretty belles; But never such a night I've spent, with nerves and spirits badly rent."

Upon the hillside, cold and bare, He saddled up the old grey mare; "It's for my life I'll ride this race," He called for Phar Lap's mighty pace. Pity Skinner in his plight, as he rode out into the starless night.

He dashed o'er rocks, through scrub and water, but following fast came the Devil's daughter; His spurs sank in like spearing fish; His whip came down with an awful swish; And from the mane right to the tail, he rode for life – he couldn't fail.

With speed to burn, I'd not retard her, but old Jack Skinner was working harder; He spied the lake of bluish water, when upon his back sprang the Devil's daughter. He called for help – he called afar, he called for Hamilton's racing car.

The sheep, they scrambled up the rocks, and wild birds flew away in flocks; And birds that never flew before, flapped their wings, as off they tore. He jumped the well-known station gate, 'Twas six foot high – he couldn't wait.

Then Dog kennels upset, and sheep dogs, too, flew at the sound of the hullabaloo; And crashing through the door, half shut, he galloped into the Shepherd's Hut, Dave Sutherland shouted 'Earthquake! Fire!' And out he dashed in his night attire.

The old mare's head through the window came, for Skinner kept riding, might and main;

A crash of timber, an awful shout, the old mare is through, the wall is out. Dave Sutherland yelled out, "Damn his eyes," As the hut, it reeled, and then cap-sized.

Into the swamp and out again, Jack wheeled his mare for the Glenmore plain; Bruce Murray jumped out of his cozy bed, "Sounds like an earthquake here," he said. The mules and horses madly fled, the bull stood fair upon his head.

Skinner made for the river water, racing for life from the Devil's daughter. Once more he galloped for the sudden light, and now he looked an awful sight' His eyes they glared like balls of fire, his hair stood up like fencing wire.

His moustache would clean a 12-inch gun, for Skinner then commenced to run; He flattened the henhouse midst jolts and jars, the roosters fled right to the stars, With a mighty effort, and pain and sweat, he upset Bruce Murray's wireless set.

Around the house, on a beaten track, he went so fast he saw his back; The shepherds rushed, but held aloof, as Skinner climbed up the homestead roof, As game as Kelly, and riding yet; they hauled him down with a fishing net.

Then falling at the squatter's side, the Devil's daughter he defied; "Oh thank the Lord," he madly raved, "Oh thank the Lord, for I am saved." For Skinner didn't care a jot, as he gulped down whisky, piping hot.

Shepherd's still swear, up in the snow, you can hear those phantom roosters crow; And travellers, as they pass that way, hear them crowing night and day, And o'er the mountains, rocks and pools, three weeks were spent to find the mules.

The bull was found, all stiff and sore, just nineteen miles this side of Gore; Some horses alas, were never found, some say they're in the phantom pound, So the boss gave out the following rules, to shepherds, rabbitiers, dogs and fools.

Employees make note and fear, for whisky is forbidden here; For months of snow creates less slaughter, than a visit from the Devil's daughter. But they say that whisky often leaks, upon the well-known Godley Peaks. But they mix it well with sparkling water, to keep away the Devil's daughter.

We would really love to know if anyone does learn this off by heart!
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Mackenzie Community Library Summer Reading Programme 2012/2013

"The Great Book Mystery"

The Mackenzie Community Library's Summer Reading Programme 2012/2013, "The Great Book Mystery" was sponsored again by the Fairlie Lions Club. 25 children registered and 18 completed the programme, an increase on last year. Half of the 18 earned a bonus prize by reporting in five times about library books they had read. The children received their certificates at the finale held on 26th January 2012. Creative New Zealand provided the funding to bring **Lee Lamb**, a children's author/illustrator to Fairlie for the finale.

Lee (nee Whyte) grew up in the Mackenzie and went to Fairlie Primary School and Mackenzie College. Lee read from her latest book *Milking Time*, and also gifted the Library with a full set of her **On the Farm** books, as well as a poem painted on canvas. Lee was very well received, and the children also enjoyed participating in a craft activity and an afternoon tea.



Lee presenting her poem to Bella Parke, whose mother Jo taught Lee



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Goodbye from Intuition!

Thank you to all my clients and friends for making my time in Fairlie so wonderful; from the amazing healing work at our group healings to our fun-filled giggles at Laughter Yoga! I have learned and laughed a lot and am grateful to you all for your support and kind wishes.

For now its back to travel adventures to learn more and meet new friends, beginning in Nepal.

Continue to stand in your truth and shine your light - and I hope to see you all soon!

Namaste, Gerry

Congratulations for National Recognition

Local Dairy farmer/operator Leonie Guiney is one of six women who will progress into the final round of judging for the **2013 Dairy Woman of the Year Award**.

The winner will be announced on the 29th March



Fairlie Business Hub

– Information and Resources Specifically for Business Development

To make communication of ideas, issues, opinions or news between Fairlie businesses easier and more efficient, I would like to suggest that a Facebook page be set up specifically for Fairlie District Businesses so we can all communicate with each other regularly; have discussions, share skills/resources/stories and promote each other's services/products/specials.

Facebook 'friends' could be just Fairlie District Business owners so it becomes a business forum that all business owners can participate in.

As a recent addition to the Community Board, this would be a very efficient way for me to keep right up to date with your views, concerns or matters that you may wish to be brought to the attention of the Community Board.

My personal facebook link is

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/trish.willis.75>

Please send me your thoughts about this or I can be contacted by Email: trish.willis@agentfinder.co.nz or phone: 685 6262

Trish Willis

Fairlie Community Board 'newbee'



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Genesis Energy supports Tekapo

Four local Tekapo community initiatives will receive a funding boost totalling \$50,000 thanks to the Lake Tekapo Community Fund established by Genesis Energy last year.

The fund, which is made up of two tranches of \$50,000 to be allocated over 2013 and 2014, was set up as a way for Genesis Energy to thank the people of the community for their co-operation and patience during the Lake Tekapo Canal remediation works which shifted into high gear last week.

The initiatives that will receive support include the development of a plant nursery in the Lake Tekapo Recreational Park, the provision of a defibrillator for the Fire Station, the building of a Gecko play structure in the Lake Tekapo playground and the re-barking of the Tekapo school playground.

The initiatives were considered alongside seven others that were submitted by groups within the community. They were considered by the Lake Tekapo Community Fund committee which was made up of Lake Tekapo Community Board members and Genesis Energy staff.

According to Genesis Energy's Chief Executive Albert Brantley the Tekapo Canal works will potentially be disruptive as the Lake levels are lowered and the Canal road is closed off during the summer months.

"These are not minor works and being able to give back to the community and to thank them for their support and patience is very gratifying. I look forward to seeing these community initiatives become a reality", said Mr Brantley.

A further funding round for the final allocation of the remaining \$50,000 will be held later in 2013.

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BIKEWISE RIDE around the Fairlie township!

It will take place at 1.30pm on Wednesday 13th February, will be led by the Mayor of the Mackenzie, Claire Barlow and depart from the Fairlie Village Green.

Please consider taking part and how cycling can be so good for your health!

Fundraising - planning for 2013

Throughout the year we are constantly asked if we know if any other group is doing a certain fundraising activity and so many times we answer that we don't know (because we don't) and the group goes forth on their proposed activity only to find that they are competing against another group doing the same thing.

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FAIRLIE GARDEN CLUB REPORT

Twenty seven members, including three new ones plus a visitor from Australia, welcomed the 2013 garden club year with a great "town and around" trip organised by Robyn Olds and Rosemary Scarlett.

Three wonderful women in Railway Place opened their small town house gardens to us - Florence O'Neill, Valmai Cox and Mae Jones. Each place was personal, private and pristine. It was amazing what can be put into a small space.

Lunch and a look around Sue and Gary Joll's home and garden brought much admiration of the magnificent vegetable garden.

An unexpected invitation to Marta and Hugh McKenzie's garden in Butlers Rd was appreciated and enjoyed. A "produce" garden - ranging from various vegies and fruits to nuts, were on display. Out to the tranquil garden of Jo Rowland's at Trotters Rd where everyone admired the well manicured large space and wondered how she managed to make time for gardening with her busy life. Refreshments were had on the lawn to conclude the day, confirming we don't have to go anywhere - we have it all at our doorstep.

Raffle winners were Doreen Knight and Heather Whittaker. Next gathering - Monday 18th February, to Timaru.

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that you may have in excess! There are plenty of folk about who would be grateful for fruit and veges and much of it we can preserve for future use in the community. Contact Heartlands - or simply drop those excess items in to us here!

CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 9th March 10am on the Village Green

Quiz Nights – fundraisers for schools and kindy this year!

Following the Variety Concert last year, the groups involved suggested that we once again give the old quiz nights a go! So now it is time for your school's PTA and Kindy committee to let us know if you are up for a Quiz Night this winter season!

They will be held in Fairlie unless otherwise requested.

We will then sort the dates, make a draw for those nights and get the relevant liquor licence! So let Anne Thomson know at Heartlands by Valentine's Day – 14th Feb and we will help whatever way we can!



A busy week at Heartlands Fairlie Resource Centre

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Further options for the Village Green

The success of the development of the Fairlie Village Green as a community venue was evident over the Festive Season, especially when Santa came to town, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day itself.

The Fairlie Village Green planning group will meet again on Tuesday 12th February at 4.30pm in the Heartlands Fairlie Resource and Info Centre.

Convenor of the group, Kevin O'Neill invites any people interested in the development of the Fairlie Village Green to come along and join in the discussion.

Currently the group is getting prices for new picnic tables and shelters over them.

Ideas currently under consideration are; a flying fox, an activity /exercise track around the outskirts of the Green, and the creation of an information display telling of the history of the Green – the site of the Fairlie Railway Station and yards!

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Stocks of the Tear-Off Map are running down at Heartlands and the Promotions Association will be revising and re-printing the map in April. The tear-off map is a popular resource for visitors to the town. Most retailers and accommodation providers provide copies for their guests. For more information on rates and advertising opportunities, please contact the Secretary on 685 4868. More information will be publicised closer to April. If you had feedback about the map - including omissions; errors or improvements, please either contact the Secretary, or drop into Heartlands.

Friday After Five – Business Drinks

"Friday After Five" is an opportunity for anyone in business to meet and have a casual drink at the end of the business week. The first Friday After Five evening will be at the Silverstream Hotel in Kimbell on Friday 22nd February from 5pm! All FDPA members and non-members are invited. For more information call Maria on 685 6167.

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A very special thank you to the Tuesday morning church
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Kathryn Lowe

Mary Frances Cottle

24th February 1917 – 9th December 2012

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2nd Mackenzie Market in Fairlie
4th Fairlie Patchwork meet Fairlie Resource Centre 7.30pm
6th Lions "4WD Safari" opposite BP2GO 8am
8th Mackenzie RSA AGM Gladstone Hotel 2pm
9th Fairlie Cemetery Tidy 9am
10th Live Music at Silverstream Hotel 2pm
12th Pancake Day Race Village Green 12.30pm
13th Bike ride in Fairlie for Bikewise
14th Celebrate Valentine's Day with Bond Street Bridge at
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15th Upper Waitaki Water Management Committee
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16th Mackenzie Market
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