

Mayfield A&P Show

On Saturday 11th March, the Mayfield A&P Show is the place to be! This year we are celebrating our 97th Show again (postponed last year) and it promises to be just as good as ever.

We're set for another true country show with all the best attractions on offer. Our world famous racing pigs are back, and with special guest commentators they are not to be missed this year. Along with the racing pigs we have the Pet Tent with animals of all kinds on display, Heli Rides, Sheep Milking NZ with a display and a range of products and many other attractions to see for the whole family.

The kids are in for a real treat again this year! We have the Carnival Side Shows and Rides, our Kid's Scavenger Hunt with awesome spot prizes, the Pop Up Playground, Bouncy Castles and Tug of War with the Clydesdale Horses. Something for every age.

The adults don't miss out either with our live entertainment throughout the day on the Village Green. With delicious food, drinks and coffee you won't go hungry either as you browse our great range of craft and trade sites.

The Tractor Pull returns again this year and is not to be missed. This is a very impressive attraction for young and old. If you have ever considered entering, now is your chance. Visit www.tractorpull.co.nz

for more information and register your details. You could win yourself bragging rights across the district.

Our Produce shed will be showcasing the best homemade goods from near and far. The shed is definitely worth browsing and admiring on the day. Remember that cut flowers and vegetables can be entered on the day of the show before 9.00am.

We are very pleased to see the Highland Dancing returning this year. It has been a number of years since it was last at our show. Our President this year is Andrew Mackenzie. He is fortunate to have a dedicated committee who have been working tirelessly in helping to get this show ready. We are very lucky to have a community that helps to keep this show running well each year.

We are always on the lookout for new members, or offers of support in the week leading up to the show so if you would like to help in anyway or join up please email our secretary on mayfieldshow15@gmail.com

Don't forget to like us on Facebook to be kept up to date with everything that is happening. Download the Ashburton App and there will be a map and schedule for the day.

The Mayfield Show is a great day out for the whole family so save the date and come on down to the Mayfield showgrounds on Saturday 11th March 2023. We look forward to seeing you all there. **(Cash entry at the gate \$15.00 per person, school age children free and a ATM in on the grounds.)**



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Mt Somers Rugby Club



Snr B trainings are underway on a Thursday night at 7pm. If there is anyone interested in playing Snr B rugby you are most welcome to come along and join in.

We have a pre-season game against McKenzie on Saturday 19th March at Mt Somers. Hope to see you all there.

We are planning on holding a Quiz Night end of March or early April, more information later regarding this fundraiser.

We have 2 ovens for sale 1 is 2yrs old and 1 older (this one needs a slight door adjustment). Both are in good working order.

For further information please contact
Colleen Stanley 0274 975 868.

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Visiting our area on **THURSDAY 9th March.**

There will be 120 cars going through our village about 9.30am heading up to the Hakatere precinct for a look before continuing to the lakes for lunch. I am unsure where they are travelling from but for good viewing stand on the Ashburton Gorge road on the hills side of Mt Somers village.

Pam Annand (Hakatere Heritage Committee)

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The competition is Best Lamb on the Hoof - judged at the show and then Best Lamb on the Hook. Prizes will be awarded for both these sections. There will also be a presentation at Panthers Rock on the 23rd March for the competitors.

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Farm Fun Day

Rhonda & Peter Reveley's Mt Somers farm was a happening place on Saturday February 11. Two Mid Canterbury groups; the TimeBank and the Newcomers Network, organised a Farm Fun Day to help people connect with others, have fun and experience a NZ farm. Attendees, all now living in Mid Canterbury, originated from Afghanistan, Australia, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Greenland, Guatemala, Ireland, the Philippines and NZ.

After a wet start hovering under gazebos, the sun soon came out and the 62 attendees enjoyed a shared lunch and a wonderful tour of the farm. Cows were moved and weighed, sheep were shorn and drafted and many pictures and videos were taken! Children played on the many swings, the trampoline and the bars, they checked out the chickens, had sack races, got towed around in a slider, had a go caber tossing and played with wheelbarrows. Everyone was having such a good time, they didn't want to leave - even an hour after the event was officially over!

Huge thanks to the Peter, Rhonda, Hayden, Zoey and Harry for being such wonderful hosts. If you missed out on the fun - check out children's day in Ashburton, Sunday March 5, where Peter will have some of these activities set up for kids to enjoy. **Or check out the next free event the Mid Canterbury TimeBank is organising in Staveley - the Staveley Camp Open Weekend, March 11-12.**



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What a month!!! I think we all realise how lucky we have been down here, safe and sound, and can only look on as our north island cousins set about to try and restore some order in their homes and workplaces. I'm sure all our sympathies go out to them, and as I write this sitting in our library, I wonder how many little country volunteer libraries like ours are now covered in foul silt and other unmentionables, with thousands of books being dumped. Looking around these fully stocked shelves of beautiful books mostly less than 10 years old, I can only imagine if we were in the same predicament.

Did you realise that on the counter in the library on the right hand side, there is a black bookcase of our latest books?? It's worth a look if you are wanting very recent releases. Likewise the books between the two book stands in the middle of the counter, these have been purchased in the last 2 or 3 years.

We have the Ashburton District Council to thank for this, they organise a grant (hopefully) each year for the purchase of new titles. I am in the process of applying for a similar grant for the next year ahead.

A word about our borrowed books..... a bit of a recurring theme please please return books once read, do not hang onto them or on lend. That is how books go missing with no trace. We are generous with the reading time given, but when books have been out for anything over a month, it means other readers are missing out. Many books were borrowed leading into the Christmas period and now here in March, are still outstanding.

On a lighter note, a new book..... **'To the Bright Edge of the World'** by Eowyn Ivey.

A hard covered addition, this tells a story of discovery and adventure set in the wilds of the Wolverine River in the late 1880s where a Lieutenant Colonel accepts the mission to explore and open up the territory in this remote Alaskan 'edge of the world'. He leaves behind his newly pregnant wife in mission barracks where she does not relish the idea of being so confined while husband is away exploring. Both husband and wife are sorely tested by the very different paths society expects them to tread. Out on display now.

And the new high country book 'Awatere' has arrived, currently being covered professionally to keep it in its pristine condition. It should be on the shelves next week.

One of our readers accidentally spilt something on one of our newer books, 'Knock Knock' by Anders Roslund. As required she has replaced the copy so it is now back waiting to entertain more readers. It is a very good crime read.

Accidents do happen, and we really appreciate when readers replace a copy they have damaged. It's an unspoken rule really.....although the stain doesn't look all that threatening immediately, over time mould appears on the pages and generally spoils the book.

A new crime read.... **'Better the Blood'** by Michael Bennett, a New Zealand author, who has written about a female Maori detective

investigating a crime that in fact links back to a historic crime during the brutal and bloody colonisation of New Zealand. This sounds really interesting and the bookseller who sold it to me, promises it is!

Read it and find out and let us know.

Thank you as always to our volunteers. In applying for our library grant, we have to comment on the voluntary work involved with the library. And in fact, ALL our work is done by our community, including our maintenance. Thank you all so very much!

If you would like to help out, please contact, Pam 3039150, Kath 3039826, Anne 0274363736, Robbie 3039767.

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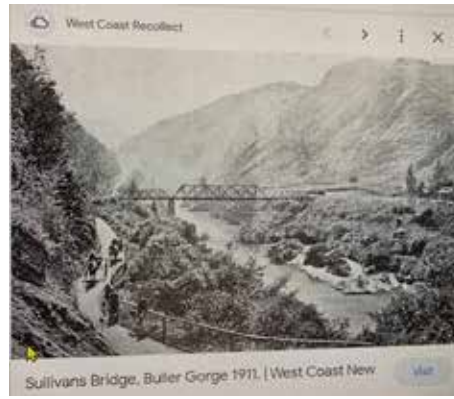
A COMMENT:

It has been said that "Necessity is the mother of invention." This certainly tends to be the situation when a person and society is thrown into unexpected situations.

This was undoubtedly what happened in the Christchurch earthquake, with water pipes broken and sewage damaged and not usable. We have now a similar situation over much of the North Island following severe tornadoes and excessive flooding. There will have to be temporary housing and there will be many houses with serious water damage where lining will have to be stripped out and replaced, much furniture will have to be replaced, drives and roads rebuilt and then there are bridges over rivers and streams gone and needing urgent replacement. But everything takes time and manpower and machinery. There will be many in isolated areas who may remain with difficult access for a long period to come.

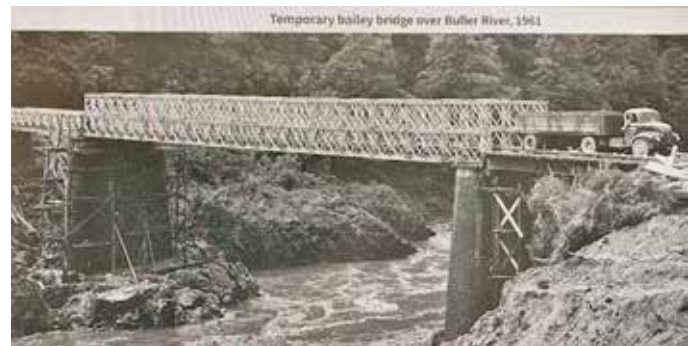
As I listened to the early news this morning, I heard the mention of 'Bailey bridges.' For many years it was common to be crossing Bailey bridges when driving over the Lewis Pass. Many of these bridges were over streams at shingle slides, often with a ford nearby for heavy traffic.

The one bridge which I remember was over the Buller River several km South of Murchison, this was O'Sullivan's bridge at the upper end of the Buller Gorge. The old timber structure built early 1900's collapsed under the weight of a heavy logging truck carting logs from the New Creek area to Andersons mill at Murchison, the driver survived with only minor injuries. Without this bridge the journey from Nelson to the West Coast was considerably longer forcing traffic to travel up the Maruia valley and over the Rahu saddle. The Ministry of Works got into action and over a relatively short period built a large Bailey bridge with sourcing bridge parts from all over New Zealand. It was a major project, the main span was 51 metres (147 feet), according to the internet it was completed in just two months, I was there, if anyone asks me I would say more like two years, certainly one year. However, the bridge was built, and it was very successful. It was ten years before the permanent structure which you drive over today was built a short distance downstream. The Bailey bridge filled a very important gap in the roading system to the West Coast.



They certainly have had their value in getting quick access following floods and other disasters. Now they will come into their own in the North Island following these recent disasters. The life of a Bailey I understand is about ten years, they are quick to erect and fill an important gap. For those North Island East Coast regions, the Bailey bridge will, without doubt be a life saver. For those unfortunate folk who have lost so much, homes farms, orchids, their way of life we can all help in our own small way, many small donation accumulate to be a large donation and can make a difference to those affected people and communities, as it has been said a lot of drops fill a bucket.

Cheers Denis



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1 Feb: Lake Emma

Good turnout. Cloudy at the start but it ended up as a good day.



8 Feb: Rapaki Track Christchurch



22 Feb Walk Awa Awa Rata Reserve

100% wet day. Changed original plan to Awa Awa walk where is more suited for a rainy day. Enjoyed nice hot drinks at the cafe afterwards.



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Sorry Ladies. Ran out
of space this month. Ed.

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One of the most difficult things for Craig has been asking for help from others. "I can only thank them for their support and understanding."

Craig has had to change and adapt his thinking and his practices. In 2010 he leased out the farm. While he uses crutches and has some difficulty getting in and out of the ute, he continues to help out on the farm, feeding



Craig at Exercise Therapy with Matt Roxburgh from EA Networks Gym

out, cutting firewood and doing general work. He has been known to take his mobility scooter out in the paddock to get work done, although he has learnt its limitations the hard way.

While Craig is fiercely independent, Hospice has provided support, mainly in the form of the exercise class with Matt Roxburgh from the EA Networks Gym. Craig has been a Hospice client for a number of years and was quick to see the benefits of exercise therapy class for his condition, strengthening muscles and helping him maintain mobility, as well as providing social contact. He has also enjoyed Armchair Travel.

Courage, tenacity and adaptability have meant that Craig continues to work around the challenges he faces, making the most of every day.

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Mayfield and Districts Lions Report February Meeting

On Thursday the 23 February, our Lions Club, with the help of 20 Senior children from Mt Somers -Springburn School, entertained 40 of our friends and helpers from Idea Services.

The Mt Somers Hall and Domain provided an excellent venue, and the weather mostly played its part. Clients and children were treated to rides around the block in a variety of vehicles.

This included: The Mt Somers Fire Appliance driven by Richard Joseph; a new Kubota tractor, driver Malcom Cretney; Ron Smith's sporty convertible Mustang; Gerald McCloy's hot rod, Dan Symonds' 65 Rambler, David Oakley's 1920 Austin Lichfield; Mark Jacob's 1930 Model A and Daisy Bower's Dodge Ram.

Wendy Cullen had the indoor bowls mats out, and also helped with some coaching. Twister got the school children tied into knots. Every one enjoyed a BBQ lunch, followed by an ice cream and fruit. After lunch, out came the cricket gear with some hopeful future Blackcaps participating. The tug of war rope was a lot of fun to finish with.

A special thanks to the school children for interacting so well with our guests, and the drivers who provided a real highlight with their rides.

To Wendy, who was our good fairy, and everyone else who helped to make the day a great success. A great team effort from all involved.

Our February speaker was Kathy Harrington- Watt, of the Safer Mid Canterbury Council. Kathy spoke to us about her work as Support Team Leader for The Refugee Settlement Service.

Ashburton, along with Timaru and some centres in the North Island, have been chosen to accept refugees, because of the availability of housing, low unemployment and close proximity to refugee communities in Christchurch.

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Over the 8 days participants take part in First Aid; Tramping; Abseiling Kayaking Mountain Biking; Orienteering; Goal setting and mental health management and Many other fun activities all within a team environment.

Mayfield Lions contact is Morrie King 027 6342731.

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Wellbeing Opuke are enjoying delivering our Give it a Go series in Mayfield this year, to date we have delivered Harakeke Weaving with Michelle Brett representative for St John and Soap Making with Rana and Trudy from He Waka Tapu. We are Looking forward to delivering Paddock to Plate (to finish off February in style) with Jasmine Aitken creator of Off They Grow, supported by Plunkett and Simply Eco. In March we have Mercedes from Safer Mid Canterbury leading our Rock Art session followed by Mrs King representative of Plains Presbyterian Parish and Candle Making.

All the details and further photos can be found on our Wellbeing Opuke Facebook page or check out our website www.wellbeingopuke.co.nz to see what else is coming up.



2 & 3 soap making participants - fun for all ages



Photo 1-3 soap making. 1. Seated photo Rana Kohunui from He Waka Tapu spoke of Te Whare tapa wha health model for wellbeing.



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Photo 4 Weaving - Michelle Brett spoke around practical ways to keep well and help others if needed.



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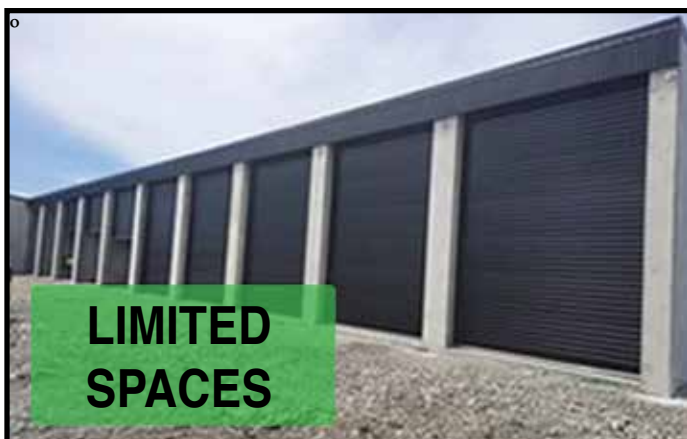
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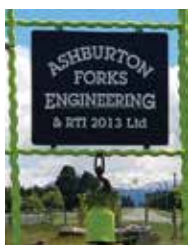
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Mayfield Playcentre

It has been a lovely start to the year at Mayfield Playcentre, with several new pepē joining our whanau over summer. This has inspired lots of parenting play, the dolls have had lots of walks around the playground! Its so lovely seeing the proud big brothers and sisters helping mums out with babies too.

We've also been having fun with science, trying out different recipes for growing crystals and comparing the results. Some



of them were edible which added extra appeal! It's great seeing the children so engaged, some of the results were quite impressive. Mixing cornflour and water, finger painting and play dough are all other fun sensory activities the kids have been enjoying this month.

The team at Mayfield Playcentre have already got the ball rolling with plans for the year ahead, so keep



an eye out for any fundraisers coming up. The amazing support we receive from our community is truly appreciated. We have sessions Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9-12 throughout the school terms and welcome any visitors to come check out what we are up to!



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I hope everyone has been surviving very hot temperatures with the rain as a welcome relief.

Hearts and thoughts go out to the people in the North who have suffered terrible devastation. Help and support will be two very important needs over the coming months.

Community and neighbours are important components to that group. We have seen this play out time and time again on the news and through various information sources over the last week. Neighbours helping neighbours. At the end of the day it is your neighbours and the community you rely on when things go wrong.

Rural communities do this well, not just on an event basis but on a daily basis whether it be acknowledging your workers, nodding and having a chat in the local café or store, going to a rural community night or enjoying some time at school events, these places become the hub of a community and keep people in touch. Neighbours knowing neighbours and the people in their community becomes very important.

Joining up with Gets Ready online or by contacting Neighbourhood Support ensures that you also become registered on our system with information on what can be supplied and how you can help in an emergency. Sign up to Ashburton District Gets Ready to join.

Also happy to report that there are no reported crimes in Mt Somers and Foothills for January.

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Supporting people through Cyclone Gabrielle

Jo Luxton, MP for Rangitata

23 February 2023

The unprecedented and wide spread destruction of Cyclone Gabrielle is having a devastating impact on our communities across much of the North Island. Alongside the huge impact we've seen in urban areas we've seen our North Island farmers and growers hugely affected by flood waters, and debris. Milk collection has been disrupted, orchards inundated with silt and we're seeing livestock losses across much of the North Island.

The Government is here to help our rural communities affected by the Cyclone, and is providing \$25 million to kick-start recovery efforts for farmers, growers, and rural communities significantly affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. We have been on the ground in the affected regions and listened to farmers and growers as we have put this package together. The \$25 million funding will go towards grants for urgent work, including fencing, and clearing silt to save trees and vines. This funding is part of the \$50 million support package announced last week. There will be further support to help our regions with their longer-term recovery.

From our experiences of the floods here in Mid Canterbury in 2021, we know the critical importance of communities supporting each other. Our rural communities really kick into action to help and support each other in emergencies and huge events like this. We also rely on working alongside support from agencies like MPI Rural Communities and Farming Support, On Farm Support, Animal Health and Welfare, and Māori Agribusiness. There



are teams on the ground in the regions supporting rural communities and helping where they can.

We know that the impacts of an event of this scale will be felt for months and years to come. The damage and debris is likely to exacerbate feed issues experienced by some farmers in flood-affected areas. As with our flood event here, MPI is restarting the national Feed Working Group, working a partnership with sector groups and specialist providers to monitor feed availability.

While the devastation of Gabrielle is becoming clearer, the full impact is yet to be realized and the Government is ready to provide further support. From one farming community to another, I want to pass on our aroha and support from Mid Canterbury to those up North.

Letter to the Editor

I fully endorse Leonie Austin's letter last month about the mown grass being blown out onto the roadsides. This is an eyesore that has gone on in Mt Somers for far too long by the same offenders sitting on their ride-on lawn mowers. Do they not see the thick ugly brown mats left on the roadsides to be blown or swept into drainage grates blocking them or creating a great growing base for weeds to grow in the gutters.

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Book of the Month – Mt Somers Library

Title: 'The Prince Rupert Hotel for the Homeless:

A True Story of Love and Compassion Amid a Pandemic'

Author: Christina Lamb

Publication year: 2021

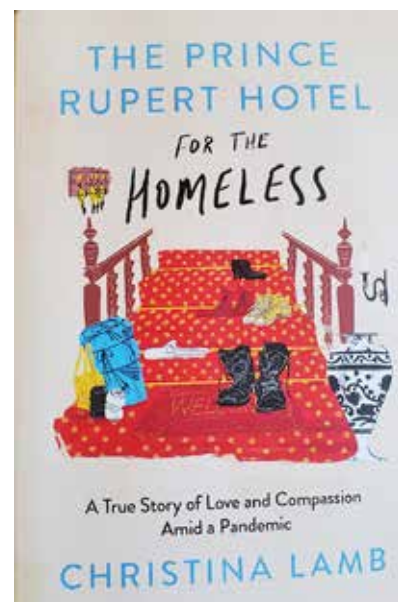
A review by Elles Smallegoor

When the UK government decided to lockdown the country because of Covid in 2020, Dame Louise Casey initiated a programme called 'Everyone In', which meant all homeless people were to be taken off the

streets and put into temporary accommodation such as B&B's or budget motels. To the surprise of many, Mike Matthews, owner of the four-star luxury hotel The Prince Rupert in Shrewsbury, also put his hand up to receive rough sleepers. Regular guests and tourists had cancelled en masse, and many staff members decided to accept government-funded furlough; it made sense to him to fill the empty rooms of an hotel whose old infrastructure (such as the heating) would not function well anyway when being left unused for weeks on end. Moreover, he figured, it would only be for a few weeks.... Of course, the pandemic and its consequences lasted for much longer and Mike and his two loyal aides, hotel manager Charlie and accountant/jack-of-all-trades Jacki found themselves living in the hotel for months on end in a 'social bubble' with over thirty colourful characters with complex histories and addiction problems. When journalist Christina Lamb came across the hotel team's story at work, she was fascinated by the



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compassionate commitment to their new guests and decided to write their adventures down. The result is a feel-good but still realistic account of two extraordinary years in the lives of Mike, Charlie and Jacki, whose ongoing love and care for individuals who have not had the best start in life turns the hotel into a hub from which all of them have the opportunity to leave with a new outlook on life. Or, as rough sleeper Bev explains to Mike: "Being at the Prince Rupert gave me a goal. I got sorted because of you and Covid. Maybe it would have happened anyway but Prince Rupert was my stepping stone" (p. 224).

Of course, many do not get sorted and Lamb is careful to document the mental processes Mike goes through as a carer of people with addictions: from distrust to openness and back. From naive optimism to realistic re-assessment. From disaffected onlooking to compassionate interaction. As Lamb makes clear throughout the book, the homeless crew (whose individual stories we hear a lot about) also affects the team. Not only do they learn how to respond when someone has a heroin overdose or why their guests leave the hot-steaming showers on for ages, they also come to see their guest's lives, and, by extension, their own lives in a new light.

'The Prince Rupert Hotel for the Homeless' is accessible and eventful. Moreover, the book contains a lot of dialogue to bring the hotel and its characters to life. At times, the reader will need to flick a few pages back and think 'wait...who is this again?' There are Mark, Michael, Julie, Hannah, Neil, Simon, Titch and many more and sometimes it is a little challenging to keep track of which life story belonged to whom. It helps, though, that the book contains photographs of the hotel, the team and some of the guests, so there is a bit of visual guidance. All in all, though, the message is one of humanity and kindness and that some are lucky in receiving a lot of it and some are less so. And that it is up to the former to help the latter. Or at least try.

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Thank you to the Mayfield Ladies Dinner Club for allowing us to cater for them this past month, we hope you enjoyed your summer-inspired meal!

Coming up we have Playcentre Open Week happening from the 6th to 10th of March, this is a great time to pop in during session for a visit and see what we're all about. No obligation to enrol, but if you do decide to, did you know attending our centre is free?

We are also looking forward to an exciting excursion to Orana Park this month and have more ideas up our sleeves for awesome activities for our children (and us parents!)

It seems too early to mention winter but sadly it'll be here before we know it. What is wonderful to warm you up in winter though is a nice hot pie! We will be selling delicious Fairlie Bakehouse pies again during March and April, with delivery planned for the 10th of May so stay tuned!



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MAYFIELD MT SOMERS ANGLICAN PARISH

Sometimes things happen that are a little bit out of the ordinary. A couple of months ago I was contacted by a descendant of William Spence Peter, who took over the former Gawler Downs Station and renamed it Anama Station in 1882. Her mother and aunt had both died the previous year, one was 92, the other one 93. These ladies had travelled to the U.K. in their mid-twenties and while there had met and married their husbands; one to a Welshman, the other to an Irishman. Home for the younger one was Wales, but the older one with her husband and children returned to New Zealand in the 1980's, and settled in North Canterbury. The first Mr. Peter had purchased about 17 plots in the Mt. Somers Cemetery, but only about three of them had been used, so the children of these sisters thought it would be a good idea to use two of the plots for their mothers. They requested a memorial service in St. Aidan's [Mt. Somers] Church, followed by a short graveside service to commit the ashes to be buried in the Mt. Somers Cemetery. Long before St. Aidan's was built the Peter family had hosted Anglican services in their home, and they were amongst the families who facilitated the building of the church in 1900. It was very interesting hearing all the history of the early days, but the high light for me was finding out that one of the Irish family, who returned to New Zealand, married a descendant of A. E. Peach, whose family owned Mt. Somers Station for many years. It was the father [in England] and aunt [in Canada] of A.E. Peach who donated the majority of the money for the building of the church and in the following year, the vicarage.

I thought it was quite fascinating that two or three generations down the track these two families were united in marriage. What a faith these people must have had, to organize the building of our church in what would have been at that time, a reasonably remote location. Do we have the faith and dedication to keep this Mid Canterbury treasure going in these times when there are so many other more interesting things to do on a Sunday? Let us hope and pray so. After all, it is the only one of the three churches built in Mt. Somers that is still functioning as a church. Blessings, Annette Eggleston

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NEWS FROM PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

'The way of the Master'

Ephesians 4: v 32 'Be kind and compassionate...forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.'

The writer of this note mentions how that during World War II, when Japan was determined to wipe out Christianity, a test was devised. A cross was laid on the ground and when one suspected of being a Christian was brought before the tribunal he or she was told to walk upon the cross. Those who refused were killed and those who did were freed. The writer tells how he saw one of these cross's when visiting South Korea. It had on it a faint reproduction of the face of Christ – a face that had almost been worn away by the many who had stepped on it. Would it be going too far; I wonder to suggest that when we refuse to forgive, we trample on the cross? Allow me to put it another way; when we refuse to forgive, we bring pain to the heart of our Lord. When nailed to the cross the master prayed: *'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. (Luke 23:34)* When Tokichi Ishii a Japanese renegade was awaiting the death sentence in a Japanese prison he was given a New Testament and he came on those words. They moved him deeply and brought about his conversion.

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