



Welcome to the TAMAHERE VISTA October 2017

Where has the year gone to – I can't believe that Christmas is only a couple of months away. They say (whoever 'they' is or are) that time goes fast when you get older, but people of all ages seem to be saying the same thing, so maybe it's just the pace of life that's becoming more hectic.



We now have a date for the last round of the Inter-Village Quiz Challenge for the year, which is to be held on Wednesday 8th November at 2.00 pm at the Perrinpark Community Hall. As previously, the questions will be in four rounds of 10 each and the categories will be: New Zealand, Sport, Music & Entertainment, and General Knowledge.

...FAST BROAD BAND?

An article on ultrafast broadband recently featured in the "Tamahere Forum" which might be of interest to some residents. Because it takes two pages I won't include it in this newsletter but will place a copy on our noticeboard in the foyer of the Community Centre so that those of you who are interested can read it.

What a wonderful Oriental Banquet and entertainment evening we had recently – well done to all those involved in putting this together. Special thanks go to Donna and her catering staff for the beautiful food they provided for us and to the baristas who stayed on to help. We really appreciate what you all do. Thanks also for introducing lunch time "specials" in the café – they are proving very popular.

We also acknowledge with sadness the passing of Dawn Walsh, who died in September after a short illness. Our sympathy goes to John Hickey and Dawn's family and friends. Some years ago Dawn initiated the monthly get-togethers between our card/games group and the St Stephens Social group. Recently Dawn joined John Hickey here to play bowls and her skill and contributions will be missed by our bowlers.



Some of our residents and members of the Residents' Committee attended the recent information evening put on by NZ Transport Agency to update us on progress being made on the new expressway. This was very interesting and a good opportunity for us to ask questions. If you would like to visit their information centre you can contact them for opening times on 0800 322 044.

A quick message from Sue Courtney, our Accountant. "Just a reminder that the Direct Debit authority that was signed is for the monthly Villa Maintenance fee only, not your monthly expense account, which needs to continue to be paid as normal".

Jean Robertson, Editor



SOME NEWS FROM OUR RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

I would like to say a big "thank you" for all the good wishes, advice, help and visits following my recent surgery. Sandy and I have really appreciated these and it's so good to be back home again.

Debbie, our hidden treasure in this village, has been amazing with her nursing care and attention, and this is making my journey along the road to recovery so much easier and more comfortable. Sandy and I would also like to thank the management for their support.



I was sorry to have missed the Oriental Buffet evening but have had plenty of feedback assuring me that it was a great success. Congratulations to everyone involved. Thank you also to Donna and Pat and their teams for the beautiful food they provided.

The Scooter Club met while I was in hospital and, although the weather was pretty awful, I understand that afternoon tea and friendly banter was enjoyed by all (courtesy of Meg and Mark). I hope to be able to join you for our next meeting, 14th October at 2.00 pm, when we will do our best to arrange for better weather. Please come and join us if you feel like having a go on a scooter!

Colin Neal (temporarily indisposed!)

VILLAGE MANAGER'S COLUMN

Quote of the Month:

"Plant your garden and decorate your own soul, instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers." (Jose Luis Borges)



Scooters

Scooters are vehicles and, as such, they need to obey the road rules to ensure the safety of all residents in the same way as cars. Over the past couple of months a number of complaints have come in about scooters using the roadway incorrectly around the village. Please can you ride your scooter as you did your car, eg keep left, give way, stop for stop signs etc.

Village Lawns

With the heavy rain over the Winter, the lawns are very boggy and more edges than usual are getting damaged by people parking on them. Please talk to visitors about where to park - either in front of your garage or in the car parks. We believe that most of the time there is capacity in our car parks for all vehicles on site.



Wesley College Development

For those interested the new name of the town around Wesley College being developed by the Methodist Church is Paerata Rise. The reason that we were unable to call it "Wesley" is because the College was first founded in Three Kings in Auckland in 1844 and the suburb that developed around it was known as Wesley. The primary school in that suburb is also called Wesley and so the name has been associated with that area for well over 100 years. The first sections at Paerata Rise that will be released with title will probably be granted in April next year. The delay in finishing these off has been due to the wet weather this year.

David McGeorge

"Do you believe in life after death?" the boss asked of one of his employees. "Yes sir", the new recruit replied. "Well then, that makes everything just fine" the boss went on, "because after you left early to go to your grandmother's funeral last night, she popped in to see you!"



JUDY'S COLUMN

Outings and Events in October

We start the month with an outing to the Tivoli Cinema in Cambridge on **Thursday 5 October**. The film is 'Tommy's Honour' – the story of Tom and Tommy Morris, father and son pioneers of professional golf. At the time of writing, the Cinema could not give an accurate screening time, however it will be either 10.30am or 11.00am, so the timing for the outing will be advised closer to the date.

Touring entertainment group Operatunity, are in Hamilton on **Monday 9 October** presenting their concert "Fabulous 50's". Relive the romance and fun when vocals met harmonies as we celebrate the greatest hits of the 50's with Guest Artists Suzanne Lynch (The Chicks) and Pat Ulrich (Peking Man). The concert will be followed by a light lunch with the artists.

Nicole from Arbonne Skincare and Cosmetics is here on **Thursday 19 October** offering a free Pamper Session, using the plant-based Arbonne products.

On **Friday 20 October** there is an outing to the Planet Palmers, Rototuna. Does your garden need a freshen up? Would you like to shop early for Christmas gifts? Planet Palmers carries an extensive range of plants and gardening products, and a large selection of household and gift items. If you wish, there is morning tea available in the on-site Café (own cost).



Village Book Group: Meet in the Community Centre Small Lounge at 3.30pm, Thursday 26 October. The current small group of enthusiastic readers would welcome more participants. The group meet monthly to informally talk about what books they have been reading, and make recommendations.

We end the month with Happy Hour on Friday 27 October, at 3.30pm, in the Community Centre.

Notices are sent out for outings and some events. To book in, please contact the Community Centre office (856 8328). If your call is not answered, please leave a clear message. The answerphone is checked regularly. As well as these outings and activities, remember the weekly Saturday Night Movie, screened at 6.30pm in the Rest Home Lounge, as well as entertainers in the Chapel at various times.



<u>Thursday 5 October:</u>	10.00/10.30am	Outing to Tivoli Cinema, Cambridge \$10.00
<u>Monday 9 October:</u>	9.50am	Outing to Operatunity Concert & Lunch \$31.00
<u>Thursday 19 October:</u>	10.00am	Free Arbonne Pamper Session (cc)
<u>Friday 20 October:</u>	10.00am	Outing to Planet Palmers, Rototuna \$own cost
<u>Thursday 26 October:</u>	3.30pm	Village Book Group (cc)
<u>Friday 27 October:</u>	3.30pm	HAPPY HOUR (CC)

Judy, Village Activities Organiser



Choir Report

After our two concerts, we have had a well-deserved break, but our month of resting is over and, come October, we will be back to singing again each Tuesday afternoon.



Practices will resume on Tuesday 3rd October at 2.50pm in the Chapel

Our committee has met to select music for our Christmas Concerts which will include audience carol sing-a-longs. We look forward to seeing everyone at practice – new members welcome.

Ann Bunney for the Committee



Many thanks go to our catering staff for introducing the Lunch Time Specials in the Cherry Blossom Café – and for letting us know what they are the week before!
We are really enjoying these.

Bowling Report



What a winter we have had this year. Bowlers have been conspicuous by their absence on the days when weather has allowed us to play. Wet days, cold days, illness, injuries and numbers have been few. SO congratulations to those hardy bowlers who have managed to get in an occasional game this winter.



The green itself has looked like a swimming pool some days, but spring is here so we are hoping for better days and more bowlers coming out to play.

Helen Periam

From the Chaplains' desk



*Springtime is a season of hope and joy and cheer.
There's beauty all around to see, touch and hear.
So, no matter how downhearted
and discouraged we may be,
new hope is born when we behold
leaves budding on a tree.
For God never sends the winter
without the joy of spring.
(Adapted from Poems of Faith).*



Spring has been a mixed bag so far, hasn't it? Last night the rain bucketed down and today is bleak, cold and wet. As part of the unpredictable weather, however, we have also had some lovely, if fleeting at times, periods of warmth and sunshine, when the spring blooms have been an absolute joy. God has ordained the seasons and even in the midst of inclement spring weather, new life is bursting forth; new growth is taking place.

We grow too. Perhaps some of us have gone through a winter of struggle and hardship. But the Lord has been at work, using the darkness of winter to prune us spiritually, in order that, in due time, we might also blossom and grow in new hope, joy and cheer. Suddenly, this wet spring day awakens my heart to the lushness of a new season, both in the garden and in my own spirit. And we are a day closer to summer!

Fill us with your love, Lord. May we be your hands and feet as we touch the lives of those around us in your name. Amen.

Blessings, Clive

Reminder: the Men's Group will meet with Clive in the café at 10:30 am on Wednesday 4 October.

AND NOW OUR MONTHLY LIMERICK FROM LEN:

I'm sorry, it's not in my power
To zip up the sky for an hour
And say to the sun
It's time to have fun
We're fine -
we just don't need a shower!

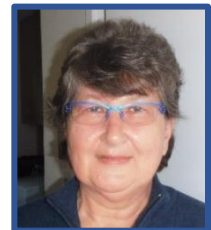


September! It gives me a chance
To hopefully state in advance
My wishful intention,
To make an invention:
A new Cherry Lane Floral Dance

(which would illustrate the power of the flower to outlast any shower!)

FROM THE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES GROUP

The Oriental Banquet was a fun night with fabulous food cooked by our own chefs Donna and Patrick. Thanks to them along with Kara and the kitchen team. Thanks also to David McGeorge for facilitating the staff input which certainly lightened the committee's work. Invaluable input was also received from contributors to items and decorations – see our photos on page 9 of this newsletter! If you weren't there you missed out on a really great evening – come next time!



Sunday 15th October will be a movie night in the Community Centre at 7pm. Movie title to be announced nearer the time.

Hobbies and Craft Display and Sale

This Bring & Buy will be held in the afternoon of **November 19th** in the Community Centre. We would love you to show and sell your wares, or bring your money to look, and maybe purchase, beautiful handmade gifts for Christmas or other special times. We are giving you lots of time to prepare some sale items for this extravaganza of hobbies and skills. There is no pressure to sell – we would just love to see your crafts – it may be a hobby you did years ago or a new one you have just learnt.

Please contact Helen Painting @ Villa 104 to confirm your place

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!". His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you "know" what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I DO know!".
"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?".

"That's easy Daddy" the young boy replied excitedly". It stands for "Basic Information Before Leaving Earth".

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!



In past years our residents have responded generously to the "Pop Up" shop of calendars, Christmas cards, diaries and a variety of gifts from the Save the Children shop in Hamilton East. This shop now incorporates help for the needs of local children as well as those overseas.

We will be in the Community Centre on Friday 27th October from 12 midday until about 2.00 pm. Eftpos will be available. Cheques are also acceptable, as is cash.

If you have difficulty in coming to the Community Centre, please let us know and we will arrange transport for you.

Nell Bradburn and Helen McKinnon

Snail with an attitude

A guy is sitting at home when he hears a knock at the door. He opens the door and sees a snail on the porch. He picks up the snail and throws it as far as he can. Three years later there's a knock on the door. He opens it and sees the same snail. The snail says: 'What the hell was that all about?'



Even with a thousand games, dolls and crafts to choose from, my customer at the toy store still couldn't find a thing for her grandson. 'Maybe a video or something educational?' I asked. 'No, that's not it,' she said.



We wandered the aisles until something caught her eye, a laser gun with flashing lights and 15 different high-pitched sounds. 'This is perfect,' she said, beaming. 'My daughter-in-law will hate it.'

A farmer was driving along the road with a load of fertilizer. A little boy, playing in front of his house, saw him and called, "What've you got in your truck?"

"Fertilizer," the farmer replied.

"What are you going to do with it?" asked the little boy.

"Put it on strawberries," answered the farmer.

"You ought to live here," the little boy advised him. "We put sugar and cream on ours."



For those people who belong to Probus and others who may have an interest in this well-known International organisation, here is an article written by our own Dinks Winn some time ago.

(Many thanks Dinks)

The village of PROBUS

by E.M. (Dinks) Winn

Ladies Probus Club of Churchill Park

THE village of Probus near Truro, Cornwall, was named after an early missionary, St. Probus. At one time the village's church had so many enquiries from the professional and business people's club of Probus that people wondered if they should suggest that Probians made it their official church.

The Probus Parish Church has made up a brief guide of its history and so heavy has been the demand for information it runs out of copies from time to time.

The site has an ancient history. A Christian community was established there in the earliest times. St. Probus was a Roman-Briton who lived some time in the late fifth century.

It would seem that he came from Dorset, for the only other dedication to St. Probus, Lanprobi, was that of a chapel which was part of an early Celtic monastic centre beside Sherborne Abbey. The Saxon king Cenwalh gave this Lanprobi to the newly-founded Sherborne Abbey in AD 643.

Thus we know that the cult of St Probus was well established by then. Most of the Cornish saints came from Ireland, remained in Cornwall for a period and then passed over to Brittany.

Later Saints came from Wales, but a few, especially in this Fal basin, seem to have come from Celtic Britain. Glastonbury honours several who came to the Fal River valley. It does not seem unreasonable to assume that Probus came from Celtic Dorset before the arrival of the Saxons. His memory is thus honoured at the Monastic centre that sent him and the area he missionised.

In AD 930 King Athelstan refounded this Celtic Monastic Centre of Probus as a Secular Minister as part of his program for saxonising the Celts. There were several other refoundings of Celtic Monastic centres upon Saxon lines in the County. Five canons drew their income from the endowed lands. We find this Minster mentioned in several documents before the Norman Conquest and in the Domesday Book.

With the arrival of the Normans the fortunes of Probus Minster changed. Henry I gave the church to the Cathedral of Exeter, but the monastery survived in the altered form of a dean and canons. However, in 1242 the office of dean was merged into the treasureship of the cathedral and in 1268 the last dean surrendered the deanery to the bishop. Thereafter

Exeter Cathedral continued to be canons of Probus until 1547 when Henry VIII suppressed the Probus canons. The land which provided the income was sold off to Tewithen Estate in 1612. The present church building was erected in the middle of the 15th Century (about 1450). It was built in the perpendicular Gothic style and the fine proportions of the arcades between the aisles give the building a loftier appearance than is in fact the case. The roof was originally in the Cornish wagon style throughout, but in the Victorian period the centre and south aisles were replaced with the present pointed roof.

Probus Church is famous for its tower. It is the latest (Tudor) and the highest of the Medieval Cornish towers. It stands 125ft 10in (38.35 metres) high. Work began shortly before 1523 and ended in the reign of Elizabeth I. Built in Cornish granite, the tower resembles the style found in Somerset.

Especially beautiful are the pierced stone screens of the exterior bell windows which give the effect of lace. Eight gargoyles project under the pinnacles and two others receive the drainage from the gutters between the aisle roofs. On the north side of the tower facing the village square you will find a small hound chasing a fox. This is about 5ft 6in (1.68 metres) from the ground.

A restoration took place in 1851 by G. E. Street. The chancel and sanctuary were remodelled and the nave screen built, using bench ends in the lower portions, which were removed from a dismantled gallery. You will find on these bench ends the words of an old prayer — "Jesus hear thy people and send us grace and good for ever." Since the words of the prayer are carved in English, it would suggest Tudor work.

Incidentally, the Latin form of this old prayer prays for "fatia et probus" — probus being the Latin word for goodness. One can see how the medieval villagers thought that the prayer was a request for their patron saints, St. Probus and St. Grace. All the ancient documents refer only to St. Probus and the double dedication is entirely a medieval invention.

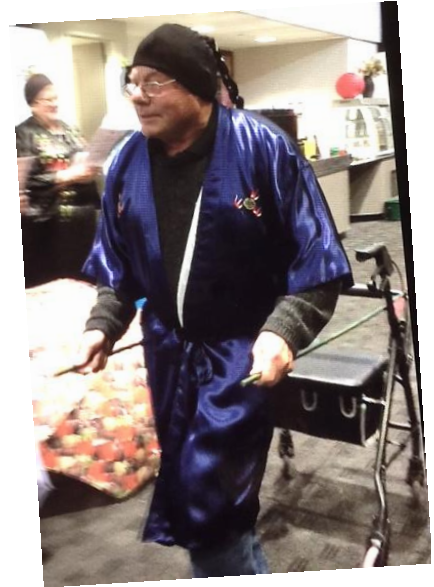
The mosaic work and the choir stalls belong to the 1850 restoration. The lady chapel panels and the window, together with the organ chamber and the east end of the south aisle were erected in 1904, thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Jane Hawkins of Trewithen. The architect was Mr. JP St Aubyn.

A SELECTION OF PHOTOS TAKEN AT THE ORIENTAL BANQUET
(Courtesy of Joan Myles)

Our lovely oriental ladies



The rickshaw man on duty that night



The rickshaw man on his way home
after a very busy evening



Beverley Attrill's beautiful table napkins



A table of contented diners





Tamahere Retirement Village – Activities for October 2017

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>SUNDAY ROAST</u> 4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev Hui Young Han	2 9.00 Balance Class/CC 10.30 Sit & Be Fit/CC 1.00 Games & Snooker/CC 1.30 Glen Carley/C	3 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Chartwell Long Trip 11.00 Bible Conv/Clive SW 2.50 Choir Practice/C	4 10.00 Shopping New World 10.30 MensC&CwClive/CC 7.00 Snooker/CC	5 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9.45 Hydrotherapy Pool 10-10.30 Tivoli Cinema 1.30 Bingo/cc 1.30 Big John	6 9.00 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit & Knatter/cc 10.30 Catholic Mass/C 1.30 Margaret Love/C	7 10.00 Golf 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge
8 <u>SUNDAY ROAST</u> 4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev Gloria Zanders	9 9.00 Balance Class/CC 9.50 Operatunity 10.30 Sit & Be Fit/CC 1.00 Games & Snooker/CC	10 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Chartwell Short Trip 11.00 Bible Conv/Clive SW 1.30 Carole, Mary, Glenda/C 2.50 Choir Practice/C	11 10.00 Shopping New World 10.30 C&CwC/cc 7.00 Snooker/CC	12 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9.45 Hydrotherapy Pool 1.30 Bingo/cc	13 9.00 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit & Knatter/cc 1.30 Fay & Tony/C	14 10.00 Golf 10.30 Catholic Commn/C 2.00 Scooter Club 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge
15 <u>SUNDAY ROAST</u> 4.00 Chapel Service led by Liz Lightfoot 7.00 Movie Night/cc	16 9.00 Balance Class/CC 10.30 Sit & Be Fit/CC 1.00 Games & Snooker/CC 1.30 Louise Henry/C	17 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Chartwell Long Trip 11.00 Bible Conv/Clive SW 2.50 Choir Practice/C	18 10.00 Shopping New World 11.00 Holy Commn/C 1.30 Danny Savage/C 7.00 Snooker/CC	19 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9.45 Hydrotherapy Pool 10.00 Skincare Session/cc 1.30 Bingo/cc	20 9.00 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit & Knatter/cc 10.00 Planet Palmers 10.30 Peter Knowles/C	21 10.00 Golf 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge
22 <u>SUNDAY ROAST</u> 4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev Dr Susan Thomson	23 9.00 Balance Class/CC 10.30 Sit & Be Fit/CC 1.00 Games & Snooker/CC	24 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Chartwell Short Trip 11.00 Bible Conv/Clive SW 1.30 Eastside Singers/C 2.50 Choir Practice/C	25 10.00 Shopping New World 10.30 C&CwC/cc 7.00 Snooker/CC	26 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9.45 Hydrotherapy Pool 1.30 Bingo/cc 1.30 Jem 3.30 Book Group/cc	27 9.00 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit & Knatter/cc 12-2.00 Save the Children Shop/CC 3.30 Happy Hour/CC	28 10.00 Golf 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge
29 <u>SUNDAY ROAST</u> 4.00 Chapel Service led by Lyn Pinkerton	30 9.00 Balance Class/CC 10.30 Sit & Be Fit/CC 1.00 Games & Snooker/CC 1.30 Peter Williamson/C	31 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Chartwell Long Trip 11.00 Bible Conv/Clive SW 2.50 Choir Practice				

