



Welcome to the TAMAHERE VISTA September 2017



At last spring seems to be upon us with trees in blossom and the days definitely feeling a bit warmer – what a wonderful time of year this is.

You will note under Mary West's column that the Residents' Committee has decided that September will be another amnesty month for the activities organized by them and the Social Activities Group. The exception to this will be the Oriental Banquet to be held on Sunday 10th September, which will be catered for by our own chefs here and will cost \$10.00 per person. More information about this later in the newsletter.



Talking about food, our thanks go to the chefs for introducing some specials for lunch in the café. The initial feedback is that these are being enjoyed and it really helps to know what's offer on through the Friday flyer produced by Carol Hancock, our chaplain.

Thanks also to Peter Manders for making the wooden cutlery holders for the tables in the café. These are really good and must have taken a lot of patience to make.

Some residents have already ordered their Christmas cakes, which are being made by Ernest Adams and will be available from the Tamahere Lions later on. The cakes are being sold as a fundraiser for the Salvation Army, they weigh 1.2kg and cost \$18.00 each. Please let me know if you would like to place an order and I will put you on the list (856 9269).

Please note that there will be no choir practice during September and these will resume again in October.

Jean Robertson, Editor



Residents' Committee Chairperson's Report for September

Mail

Discussions have continued around streamlining the mail delivery system. Our CEO, Louis Fick, has agreed to the introduction of a set of drawers in the reception area to replace the two boxes we have there under the bench. We will introduce a book system where all requests and changes will be recorded in order to minimise less chance of error and to assist our sorting and delivery volunteers.

Newspapers

If you are going to be away for a few days, say less than a week, I would like to ask you to think about asking your neighbour to pick up your paper and mail during this time rather than to cancel your paper. The current system takes



two days for the provider of the paper to actually put the cancellation in place and three days for re-delivery.

By doing this, it would be a gift to your neighbour as well as not becoming a problem for the volunteer delivery person. If your neighbour doesn't want the paper then it could be put in the foyer or in the community centre.

Please remember that if you are cancelling your paper it is your responsibility to advise the provider and then, in writing, let the receptionist know, who will note it in the appropriate place so that the deliverers are aware of the change.

Scooter Club

Numbers were down in August because of people being away and with other commitments, but we still had heaps of fun.

A big thank you goes to Ian Grey for providing afternoon tea as well as to those members who helped set up the course.

Social Activities



Our second "Getting to know you" event was a great success and our thanks go to Marina and Jocelyn for all the work they did. Congratulations to Vivienne Baker, who was the winner of the "match the photos" competition.

Everyone present thoroughly enjoyed the presentation by Hilda and Len Schroeder on their time in Botswana. They were ably assisted by Carole, who looked after the technology, and Mary West was a great MC for the evening.

Personal

As from 3rd September I will be out of commission for a few weeks. During this time please refer any Residents' Committee matters to Amanda Bradley (Vice Chairperson), villa 1, phone 8567379.

Colin Neal, Residents' Committee Chairperson

For your interest

Tamahere Retirement Village Residents' Association Committee meeting notes from August 2017



The Residents' Committee met on Monday 14th August. Chairperson Colin Neal welcomed us, followed by prayer led by Mariette Poortman. Mariette's prayer included our need for guidance and wisdom as we continue to work together to accomplish our responsibilities for the village residents.

Requests from the July meeting resulted in 3 new volunteers offering to be emergency drivers e.g. for unexpected medical situations. Thank you, this is much appreciated.



Finance - the next **amnesty month is September**. This relates to the regular groups that contribute koha. A question was received from the Social Activities Group wondering if this was the best month for the amnesty as the Oriental banquet will be held on 10th September. The amnesty only relates to the weekly/monthly activities, eg. bowls, snooker and so on.

The choice of when the committee offers an amnesty is the responsibility of the Residents Association committee.

It was noted that the BBQ and 'getting to know you' evening was well supported. Due to several members of the social group being away, Marina Evans and Jocelyn Ingle did all the preparatory work. By the time the committee arrived at 5pm there was little left to do. Thank you notes were sent to these hard working women.

Dave McGeorge was able to answer the question of whether tenants in the Rimu apartments were entitled to request an emergency driver. Yes; they have the same commitments as do village residents. However those residents in the apartments coming under the DHB are the responsibility of the Rest Home. The committee appreciated this explanation.



Colin has been very busy speaking with volunteers who deliver mail and newspapers. Thank you Colin, it appears all is working well and other comments can be found in this copy of the Vista.

Colin is due to have hip surgery early in September and secretary Mary will be away visiting family in UK until 25th September when I hope any jet lag has me back and raring to go. Amanda Bradley, Villa 1, will be the 'acting secretary'.

On behalf of the Residents Association Committee I hope you continue to enjoy the spring blossoms.

Mary West, Secretary

VILLAGE MANAGER'S COLUMN

Quote of the Month:

"Forget yesterday - it has already forgotten you. Don't sweat tomorrow - you haven't even met. Instead, open your eyes and your heart to a truly precious gift - today." (Steve Maraboli, *Life, the Truth, and Being Free*)



Bollard Lights

First I would like to apologise for the amount of time this has taken to get these lights sorted out this Winter. Our new electricians followed my instructions from previous years without success and it was only when they questioned what we had always done in the past, that the fault was found. You will have seen Darcy and his team digging a trench outside Rona Evans' villa between two bollards. This was to put a new cable in to replace a damaged one. We think this has fixed the bollards on that side of the village.

On the other side of the village the electricians found a broken ballast in one of the lights and we think this is what kept producing intermittent faults in the rest of the circuit. Anyway enough technical talk; the upshot to all this is that we have now worked out which light bulbs have blown and we are moving around fixing these.

Election



This year the early voting option will again be available to people in the Waikato who are in rest homes. Because our village includes a rest home, the Electoral Commission will be setting up an early polling station at Eventide at which you will be able to cast an early vote if you want to. Our date is the 18 September and the Electoral people will be here and will set up a polling booth for us in the rest home. We will send out a flyer closer to the date with the finer details.

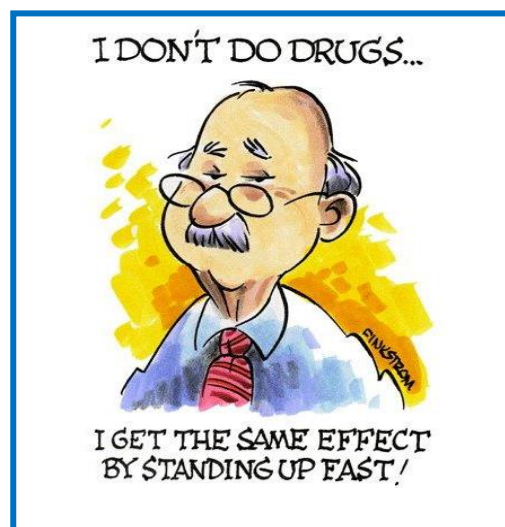
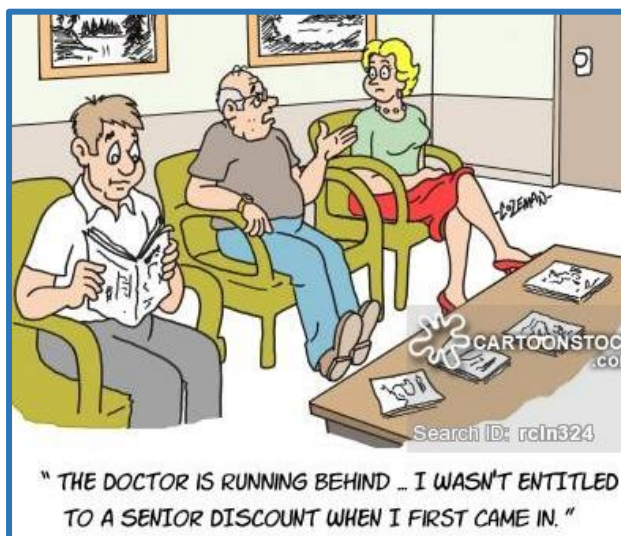
Pendants

Thank you to all those brave souls that came out in the rain to have their pendants checked. We have now completed checking most of these and before the end of August this will be completed. The latest problem was caused by two issues, one being a fault in the software and the other the quality of the last lot of batteries we used. The software has now been updated and we are using a brand of battery recommended by the manufacture/supplier of the pendants.



From now on any battery failures will be picked up early by the system and Debbie will be changing the battery/or arranging a pendant service as needed.

David McGeorge



JUDY'S COLUMN

Outings and Events in September

We're bringing out the trumpets (and other brass instruments) to herald in the new month with a short concert performed by the Hamilton City Brass Auxiliary Band in the Community Centre on **Saturday 2 September** at 2.30pm. (They will also perform in the Chapel at 1.30pm the same day.)



Then more music, classical this time, performed by students from the University of Waikato School of Performing Arts, who will perform an afternoon concert in the Community Centre on **Wednesday 6 September**.



On **Friday 8 September** there is an outing to The Lily Pad Café for a delicious morning tea (at your own cost). There will also be time to browse in the adjacent Garden Art Studio and look at the garden area.

Toni Naera from Life Unlimited will make a presentation and display a range of items in the Community Centre at 2.30pm on **Wednesday 13 September**. If there is any particular product you would like to see or try out, please let Debbie, Village Nurse, know by Thursday 7th.

Rose-Lynn Fashions will set up shop in the Community Centre on **Thursday 21 September** from 10am – 2.30pm. They have women's and men's wear available. Payment by Eftpos, Credit Card, Cheque or Cash.

Village Book Group: Meet in the Community Centre Small Lounge at 3.30pm, Thursday 28 September.

Happy Hour this month takes place on **Friday 29 September**, at 3.30pm, in the Community Centre.



And, for a finale to September, we are heading out to the Cambridge Classic Sheep Dog Trials to be held on Tawanui Farm, Oliver Road, Whitehall, Cambridge on **Saturday 30 September**. We'll set off at 9.00, and head out to the farm in time to see resident Ian Gray competing with his sheep dogs Rose and Joy. There will be delicious home cooked food available to purchase on site for morning tea/lunch.

Saturday 2 September:

2.30pm Concert – Hamilton City Brass Auxiliary Band (CC)

Wednesday 6 September:

3.00pm Performing Arts Concert (CC)

Friday 8 September:

10.00am Outing to Lily Pad Cafe & Garden Art Studio *\$own cost*

Wednesday 13 September:

2.30pm Life Unlimited Presentation (CC)

Thursday 21 September:

10am-2.30pm Rose-Lynn Fashions sale (CC)

Thursday 28 September:

3.30pm Village Book Group (cc)

Friday 29 September:

3.30pm HAPPY HOUR (CC)

Saturday 30 September:

9.00am Outing to Sheep Dog Trials, Cambridge

A Gift of Art:

On 4 August 2017 there was a Village social outing to Cambridge, which included a visit to the Sinclair-Barclay Art Gallery on Duke Street. Well-known local artist Wayne Sinclair was there to talk about the art works, the inspiration behind them, and the development of his career as a full time painter.



He asked our group if we would like a demonstration, (oh, yes please!) and proceeded to set up an easel, canvas and four colours of acrylic paints. We were all intrigued to watch the brush strokes develop and emerge as a scene of sky, cliffs, trees, beach and sea, with lovely light and reflections. However, even more amazing, when he finished the demonstration, Wayne told us that the painting was ours to bring back! He put his signature on the painting, and, not entirely satisfied, added a little more paint to the clifftops, before we took it away.

On our return, the painting was shown to CEO Louis Fick and GM Support Services David McGeorge, who asked that it be framed, before going on display in the Community Centre for everyone to enjoy. What a special and generous gift – thank you Wayne Sinclair, Artist.

Judy, Village Activities Organiser

IAN'S WONDER DOG

Ian Gray's Rose is more than a pet dog walking around Tamahere Village. From February to May, for 7 years she has competed in hill trials in the Waikato District with occasional success. This year Ian was asked to attend the AGM for the Waikato Centre which controls the sheepdog trialing from Auckland to Taupo, 13 different trials. It was an unexpected surprise to be presented with an elegant trophy titled "Long Heading Points Cup".



And what's a Long Head? No, it has nothing to do with a long cool swallow at the bar! We are out in steep hill country. Waiting on a level area stands the handler, Ian, with heading dog Rose on his right side. Both are looking up the steep slope, often crisscrossed with sheep tracks, small slips or wet rush-covered boggy patches.

Rose suddenly focusses. Three sheep have appeared, controlled by a shepherd and a dog, and moved to a fence-enclosed spot. This is 500 to 800 metres up towards the skyline from where Ian waits holding his stick on the shoulder of Rose, trembling in anticipation.

From a place about 30 metres behind Ian the Judge watches the sheep. When they are settled he, or she, says clearly "Time!" and Rose is off, full stretch, on the run-out for which 48 points of the 100 total are allocated. The runout takes Rose to about 30 metres behind the three sheep without disturbing them.



Rose is rested for a moment and the sheep, lifting their heads from grazing, notice the dog's presence. Contact made. Ian whistles the "Walk Up" command and the dog, step by step, begins to put pressure on the sheep. This operation is known as "The Lift". Now the three sheep should be brought in a straight line and at a steady walk, despite irregularities in the terrain, straight to Ian. Any significant deviation and the Judge marks his map and points fall. For this part, the Pull, another 48 points are allocated.

Ian must not move out of a ring marked with low pegs in the ground, with a 40 metre diameter, and into that area the sheep must walk, for full marks, at the 12 o'clock point. The run is completed when the sheep stop, facing the dog, with dog, sheep and shepherd all in a straight line. When the task is completed, Ian puts his arms out, wing-like and the Judge calls "Right" and starts counting up the penalties.

On Rose's trophy is a paper label stating - Rose 273 points, an average of 91 per trial. Over the three trials covered by the trophy, there would have been three different Judges, three different steep terrains, with an average of 70 dogs competing in each trial. With the exception of Rose and flat-mate Joy, all the other dogs are professionals, living and working on sheep farms.

We are proud of you Rose - you'll get an extra biscuit tonight !



From the Chaplains' desk

The Splendour of Creation

*All your works shall give thanks...
They speak of the glory of your creation...
"Behold the glorious splendour of our God!"
Psalm 145*



"When I contemplate the beauty of the earth
I marvel at its wonders
And I am filled with gratitude.
The glorious textured colours of sunrise and sunset,
The myriad distant stars of countless galaxies,
The bird song that awakens each day with music,
The meandering rivers that water the land,
The warmth of the sun and the life-giving rain,
The grandeur of the mountains
And the patchwork arable plains,
The bushland and oceans filled with life in
abundance.
In all these things
Creation speaks forth with countless voices."

"Behold the glorious splendour of our God!"
All your works shall bless you, O God, and all your
friends shall give you praise.



Thank you for this day, Lord.
Give us each a heart of love.
To do a favour, speak kindly, offer a hand,
Soothe a hurt, celebrate a joy, share a sorrow,
Or in some small way give of ourselves
In love to others. Amen.



This is an excerpt from Phil Dyer's book "Echoes of Wisdom" and it touched my heart today as the sun is shining and God's creation is at its best with the daffodils flowering. This is a sure sign for me that spring is on its way. After all the wet weather we have had over the past few months it is sure warming to the heart with a sign that better weather is come.

And just a reminder that the chaplains have a Coffee and Chat morning tea twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the café. All are welcome to come along.

AND NOW TWO NEW LIMERICKS FROM LEN:

(Origin & Characteristics)

**Augustus the Emperor Roman
Was blest with an ample
abdomen.
He felt such a coot
When dressed in a suit
A toga is what he's at home in.**



**In August Spring sets out for town
But nature's a bit of a clown;
She's mild, wet and chilly
But bulbs are not silly
And daffodils won't be put down!**
*(With a salute to our Village gardeners,
old and young!)*

"A DIFFERENT CREATION STORY"

On the first day, God created the dog and said:

"Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years."
The dog said: "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"
So God agreed.



On the second day, God created the monkey and said:



"Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty year life span."
The monkey said: "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the Dog did?"
And God agreed.

On the third day, God created the cow and said:

"You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."
The cow said: "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?"
And God agreed again.



On the fourth day, God created man and said:



"Eat, sleep, play, and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years."
But man said: "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"
"Okay," said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

(Thanks to Stuart Bowring for this contribution)

Remembrance Service
Wednesday 20th September 2017 at 11.00 am



An opportunity to remember those we have loved and lost
This service is for staff and residents and families



CREATIVE COSTUMES

What a wonderful selection of costumes and other accessories were on display at Nell Bradburn's villa on 14th August. All of these were made by Nell's granddaughter, Laura Austin (photographed here with Nell).

If you missed seeing this display I understand that Laura may well be returning in the near future – more details later.

Thank you Laura for bringing these to our village and we wish you every success as you continue to enjoy doing this work.



Jean Robertson

DO YOU KNOW WHO OUR CANDIDATES ARE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION?

Tamahere Retirement Village is in the Waikato Electorate and the candidates are:

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| Democrats - Carolyn McKenzie | Green - Philippa Stevenson |
| Labour - Brooke Loader | National - Tim van de Molen |
| NZ First - Stu Husband | |

(Thanks for this information Colin)



CHOIR REPORT

In August our Tamahere Eventide choir performed two concerts of Light and Bright songs. Due to illness and travel our numbers were down for the first concert and we're pleased to have more of the group back for the second one. Our choristers performed well under the guidance of Anne Griffiths, who comes weekly from Te Awamutu to bring out the best in us.

We were privileged to have two Scottish Country Dancers to enhance our first song "The Hop Scotch Polka". Thank you Jean Robertson and Jill Monds, your performance was greatly appreciated.

Our thanks to those who came to listen. A lot of time and effort goes into preparing for these concerts, so it is encouraging when people make the effort to attend.

The choir is going to have a break now until October when we will look at what we are intending to prepare for the end of the year.

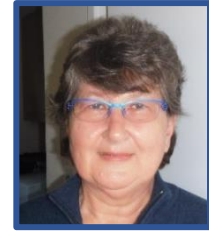
Ann Bunney reporting for the Tamahere Eventide Choir

The nurse came in and said to the doctor, "There's a man in the waiting room who thinks he's invisible, what should I tell him?"
The doctor said, "Tell him I can't see him today".

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ORIENTAL BANQUET

Sunday 10th September

This will be a fun event of delicious dishes plus a dessert. Our food is being catered from the Rest Home kitchen – lovely and fresh and hot.



Tickets have been on sale since August and numbers are restricted to 80, so if you don't have yours yet, be quick – there may be some left! Tickets are available from the following people:



Marina Evans
Enid Bryant
Joan Myles

Villa 93
Villa 75
Villa 6

Phone 843 7979
Phone 829 3352
Phone 856 9254

Please ring first before calling as they are all busy people and may be out. See you there!

Helen Painting, Social Activities Group

A brunette goes into a doctor's office and says that her body hurts wherever she touches it.

"Impossible", says the doctor. "Show me".

She takes her finger, presses on her elbow and screams in agony. She pushes her knee and screams, pushes her ankle and screams, and so it goes on; everywhere she touches makes her scream with pain.

The doctor says "You're not really a brunette are you?". She says, "No, I dyed my hair. I'm naturally blonde." "I thought so", he says. "Your finger is broken."

A NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS OF INFORMATION FOR THE "VISTA"

I really appreciate your contributions to this newsletter – please keep them coming.



However, in order to get it out before the beginning of the new month, I really do need to receive your article by the 20th of the previous month. This allows time to get the layout sorted, arrange for photocopying and delivery and cope with any computer problems that can occur! Quite often I have other personal commitments which I need to work around as well.

I always try to accommodate the late arrival of material and will do my best to fit it in, but if everyone leaves their contribution to the last minute this causes problems!

Thank you in anticipation – Jean Robertson.

Grace

A visiting Priest was attending a men's breakfast in Ohio Farm County. He asked one of the impressive older farmers in attendance to say grace that morning.

After all were seated, the older farmer began-----

"Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The Priest opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going.

Then the farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard."

Now the Priest was worried.

However without missing a beat, the farmer prayed on,

"And Lord, you know I don't care much for raw white flour."

Just as the Priest was ready to stand and stop everything, the farmer continued, "But Lord, when you mix 'em all together and bake 'em up, I do love fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up we don't like, when life gets hard, when we just don't understand what you are sayin' to us, we just need to relax and wait 'till You are done mixin', and probably it will be somethin' even better than biscuits.

Amen

(Thanks for this Lloyd)

LATE NEWS - NOT TO BE MISSED!




Rhythm and Dance Concert
On Friday 8th September at 1.30 pm

Our maestro, Len Schroeder, will be putting on this exciting concert making use of the chapel organ and with the assistance of Fiona Teale (soprano). Please come and join us.



Tamahere Retirement Village – Activities for September 2017

| | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Activities in green are arranged by the Home and all are welcome to attend. | C=Chapel cc=small lounge in CC SW=Susanna Wesley room | C&CwC=Coffee & Chat with Chaplains |  | Please note that there is no choir practice this month. This will recommence in October | 1 9.00 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit & Knatter/cc 10.30 Catholic Mass/C 1.30 Peter Mutch | 2 10.00 Golf 1.30 Brass Band/C 2.30 Brass Band/CC 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge |
| 3 SUNDAY ROAST 4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev Hui Young Han | 4 9.00 Balance Class/CC 10.30 Sit & Be Fit/CC 1.00 Games & Snooker/CC 1.30 Ken & Tipi/C | 5 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Chartwell Long Trip | 6 10.00 Shopping New World 1.30 Geoff & Peter/C 3.00 Performing Arts/CC 7.00 Snooker/CC | 7 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9.45 Hydrotherapy Pool 11.00 Bible Conv/SW 1.30 Bingo/cc 1.30 Jem/C | 8 9.00 Tai Chi/CC 1.30 Len's Concert/C 10.00 Lily Pad Cafe 10.00 Knit & Knatter/cc | 9 10.00 Golf 10.30 Catholic Commn/C 2.00 Scooter Club 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge |
| 10 SUNDAY ROAST 4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev Ken Olsen 6.00 Oriental Banquet/CC | 11 9.00 Balance Class/CC 10.30 Sit & Be Fit/CC 1.00 Games & Snooker/CC 1.30 TA Snr Singers/C | 12 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Chartwell Short Trip | 13 10.00 Shopping NW 10.30 C&CwC/cc 1.30 Lorene Elliot/C 2.00 Life Unlimited/CC 7.00 Snooker/CC | 14 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9.45 Hydrotherapy Pool 11.00 Bible Conv/SW 1.30 Bingo/cc | 15 9.00 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit & Knatter/cc 10.30 Peter Knowles/C | 16 10.00 Golf 1.30 Phoenix Players/C 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge |
| 17 SUNDAY ROAST 4.00 Chapel Service led by Lynn Pinkerton | 18 9.00 Balance Class/CC 10.30 Sit & Be Fit/CC 1.00 Games & Snooker/CC 1.30 Cushla/C | 19 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Chartwell Long Trip | 20 10.00 Shopping New World 11.00 Remembrance Serv/C 7.00 Snooker/CC | 21 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9.45 Hydrotherapy Pool 10-2.30 RoseLynn Fash/cc 11.00 Bible Conv/SW 1.30 Bingo/cc | 22 PODIATRIST HERE 9.00 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit & Knatter/cc 1.30 Peter Williams/C | 23 10.00 Golf 10.30 Catholic Commn/C 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge |
| 24 SUNDAY ROAST 4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev Tony Westcott | 25 9.00 Balance Class/CC 10.30 Sit & Be Fit/CC 1.00 Games & Snooker/CC 1.30 Country Variety/C | 26 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Chartwell Short Trip | 27 10.00 Shopping New World 10.30 C&CwC/cc 1.30 Laurie & Piri/C 7.00 Snooker/CC | 28 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9.45 Hydrotherapy Pool 11.00 Bible Conv/SW 1.30 Bingo/cc 3.30 Book Group/cc | 29 9.00 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit & Knatter/cc 1.30 Danny Savage/C 3.30 Happy Hour/CC | 30 9.00 Sheep Dog Trials 10.00 Golf 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge |