



Welcome to the  
**TAMAHERE VISTA**  
February 2019



Happy New Year and welcome back to what seems like “normality” to me after the Christmas and New Year breaks have come and gone. With all the seasonal hype – advertising, music, sales (both pre and after Christmas, and then again for the New Year), cooking, wrapping and unwrapping presents, packing, travelling etc – I’m sure the world has gone crazy! But, let’s not lose sight of what the season was really all about and I do hope that all of you have a blessed and peaceful new year.



Here are a couple of photos taken during our end of year choir concerts: the first one is of “mother kissing Santa Claus”, and the second of their “little girl” looking on in indignation!

(Please note that this year the choir will be holding their practice sessions on a Monday afternoon at 2.55 pm in the chapel.)



**Notice from the Waikato District Health Board:** We have been advised that persons posing as Waikato DHB staff members are knocking on doors in some retirement villages and asking to check residents’ medications. **This is a scam** and if it happens here please check for ID, advise the office and call the Police if you are at all concerned.

**Waitangi Day:** With Waitangi Day falling on Wednesday this year, please note that the van going to New World for shopping will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February instead. Those residents who have their orders faxed through to the New World office should have them to reception on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> by 2.30 pm as usual and the orders will be delivered to you on the Thursday afternoon.

**A reminder to drivers in the village:** Make sure you check to see that your car registration is up to date. Sometimes you get automatic reminders when your registration is due, but a friend of mine didn’t and had been driving for six months before this was spotted! As you can imagine, panic set in to put matters right as quickly as possible, so a trip to the AA was made and a temporary registration obtained.



**Jean Robertson, Editor**

**TAMAHERE RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE**  
**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**



We wish you and all your loved ones a happy New Year as we give thanks for the blessings experienced in and through this community over the past year and look forward to what lies ahead in 2019.

**State Highway 1:** As we continue to receive updates regarding the many changes to traffic flows week by week, it's extremely important to remind one another that safety must always come first. Whether it's safety of our own community members, visitors, volunteers, staff, neighbours, roadworkers and others using the road, please, please, please, obey the instructions provided to ensure everyone remains safe on the road. There have been too many accidents for us not to take signs and instructions seriously. Our lives and the lives of others may literally depend upon us obeying them.

When we learned of upcoming work on the Tamahere interchange many of us wondered just what kind of impact that would have on our abilities to travel to and fro. However, that initial part of the work has been completed and seems to have caused amazingly limited difficulties for road users. While the times for us to travel distances may shift and change somewhat during these current roadworks, we may still consider ourselves very fortunate in comparison to those living in major cities and enduring extended periods on the road as a permanent fact of life. **PLEASE, BE PATIENT, BE CAREFUL, BE WISE, BE GRACIOUS.**



**Christmas Lunch and New Year's Eve:** These were very successful community events for all those who attended and appreciated the company, the food and the fun. Special thanks go to Jean Robertson who co-ordinated the Christmas Lunch bookings, to Dorianne who was our "hostess with the mostest", to our wonderful Chef, Patrick, staff and volunteers who helped serve on Christmas day. Thanks also go to Helen Painting and her wonderful team who helped us celebrate Hogmanay in our own unique Tamahere way with the midnight chimes of Big Ben and the singing of Auld Lang Syne at 9pm!

**Scooter Club:** The Obstacle Course in December was a little less challenging but still managed to provide us with special 'moments' including yours truly completely removing one obstacle and needing to be extricated, too. Our numbers were greater than ever and so was the fun and laughter. Many thanks to all those who brought Christmas fare to share on the day. Our efforts were to show our appreciation for all the catering throughout the year by Mark and Meg.



It was great to see how many of our Scooter Club members joined in the Carol Singing which took place in and around the Rest Home Complex and Village. Our thanks go to the choir members who helped lead our singing and all the staff and volunteers who joined us on the night. The greatest gift of all was watching residents sing along with us, clapping their hands, tapping their feet with smiles on their faces. If you'd like to know more, come and join us at **2pm on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February next to the Bowling Green.**

**Community Summer Barbecues:** These are being held each Sunday evening from 5:30pm onwards. The venues are noted in your monthly calendar. Our “Resident Michelin Star Chef” will cook whatever you choose to bring, along with your salads, breads, drinks etc. This is a very relaxing way to spend an evening and catch up with your neighbours. Don’t forget your plates and cutlery!

**Tamahere Eventide Villa Resident’s AGM:** This will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in the Community Centre. You are invited to join us for tea and coffee at 10am and the meeting will begin at 10:30am. Report booklets and nomination forms will be delivered at the end of March. Further information will be provided in the next Village Vista.



**Social Group:** Helen Painting has co-ordinated this group and its activities for the past three years and organised many special events and experiences for our community during that time. We regretfully received her resignation with effect from 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 but give thanks for all the time and effort she has invested on our behalf. We offer her our aroha and very best wishes for the year ahead and wait to see what new things lie ahead in this area of community life.



**Bingo:** These sessions have been co-ordinated by Gladys Lambert for the past three years and it has been a valued part of our community activities over that time. However, recent numbers have led us to place this event in recess until further notice. Sincere thanks to Gladys who has been the mainstay and stalwart for this fun and fellowship time.

**Petanque:** Has started again with good numbers gathering at 10am on Saturdays behind Villa 20. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Mollie Lear on 854-0778.  
**All are welcome to try their hand at something new!**

**Bus Trip to Rotorua:** The committee is currently finalising the programme for this outing on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. The bus trip itself is free with those costs being covered by the Residents’ Committee. Those wishing to come on the trip will need to pay \$20 each when they book their seats. This will cover your lunch on the day but morning tea and any other activity costs will be at your own expense. Those residents who went to Tauranga last year thoroughly enjoyed themselves so if you would like to be part of this year’s trip book early so you don’t miss out. Opportunities to book a seat and more information about possible activities will be provided at the January Happy Hour in the Community Centre.



God bless you all,

**Colin Neal**

## VILLAGE MANAGER'S COLUMN

*"Happiness is an inside job. Don't assign anyone else that much power over your life."* (Mandy Hale)



### New Residents:

Villa 70	Sold	Bruce & Marilyn Riddell have moved in
Villa 87	Sold	Margaret Clow has moved in
Villa 45	Sold	Willem & Hettie Barnard moving in late January
Villa 37	Under Contract	

Please give your usual warm welcome to our new residents

**Staffing:** We have a new gardener, Nathan Vandermaal, who has replaced Vicky. Our chef, Mark, resigned recently and is working at Te Awa Retirement Village. We wish him well and we are currently advertising for his replacement. Shivam will be taking up a role at Assisi when he returns from holiday.

**Water:** Our water situation is currently doing well. Keep up the good work folks and we may only need a short period of water restriction this summer.



**Community Centre:** When using the facilities at the Community Centre, people are always pleased to find the place neat and tidy and ready for their use. However, this is not entirely true. From time to time some folk are moving chairs around and it would be appreciated if these were put back to where they were found in the interests of your fellow residents.

**Noise:** Unfortunately the Men's Shed is situated very close to the chapel. Can the people using the equipment there please be mindful of the noise they make, particularly on a Sunday during the chapel service at 4.00 pm.

***David McGeorge***

## SOME WORLD EVENTS:





A REFLECTION FROM SANDY NEAL  
Atawhai Assisi Chaplain



If you've ever sent or received an email which has somehow been misconstrued, you will know only too well how easy it is to miscommunicate with one another. In fact, we are told that more than 90 per cent of human communication happens through body language and facial expressions. Hence, separating our words from our presence, body language and facial expressions inevitably leads to misunderstandings.

One look at modern media reports, stories and even advertising proves how easily we are led astray by a reporter who edits a conversation or quote to sensationalise the article rather than to provide facts or truth.

Thankfully, reporters who provide clear, accurate and well thought out information with integrity, enlighten us about what is happening around the world. This, in turn, empowers us to make more informed, hopefully wiser, choices about how we live and interact with others and the world around us.

For Christians, Jesus is the ultimate revelation of the nature of God. For us, his life, teaching and actions reveal the love of God, the intimacy possible between God and humanity, and the fullness of life we are freely offered and invited to share. Without knowing anything about Jesus' life, teaching and actions, Christmas and Easter are simply about presents and Easter Eggs.

The good news is, life-giving revelations continue to be experienced in different ways by different people at different times in different places. Sometimes God's Spirit speaks to us through the things we read in the Bible, sometimes through symbols and rituals connected to the stories of the Bible and of our history since then. Sometimes revelations come through creation and our day to day experiences.

Each and every revelation of God's loving presence, compassion and joy is a gift, no matter the shape it may take or how long it takes for us to be open enough to receive it. But one thing Jesus taught us remains constant. The greatest revelation of God's love and respect, God's hope, peace and joy, in us, for us and because of us, comes through the physical presence, words and actions of those around us; those who share that sweet life-giving revelation experience themselves. May we continue to share God's light and life and love with one another and all those we encounter throughout the year ahead.

*Sandy Neal*



Ladies from the Friday morning Knit and Knatter group have recently been knitting 'teddies' to go to the Emergency Department of the hospital. They are given out to sick and needy children so that they have something to hold on to and keep.

This photo shows some of the imaginative and colourful results.

## **ELLEN'S COLUMN**



Hello Everyone

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year, as I did, and are ready to tackle the New Year. The weather is certainly very hot and is predicted to get hotter. I hope we get enough evening rain for our gardens to soak up.

### **Happenings in February**

Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 Trip to Blueberry Country and Café
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Waitangi Day
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 Louis Fick will be here to do a presentation on the new building site and what NZTA proposes to do to reduce the road noise/Community Centre
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 Stefka from Roza Damaska Rose Oils will be here to talk about the benefits/uses of Rose oil/Community Centre
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	1.30. An informal get together to talk about starting up the Garden Club/ Small lounge
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 A trip out to watch our local dogs Rose and Joy participate in Sheep dog trials on Whitehall Road
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 Happy Hour. Please note different day from normal. (Thursday)

And remember, you learn more from failure than from success. Don't let it stop you. Failure builds character. Have a great month

**Ellen Sturzaker**

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### **Some Words from Nikita**

As many of you are aware I will be leaving on parental leave very soon. My final day here at Tamahere Eventide is the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February for 12 months.

Thank you to all that have made this an enjoyable environment to work in and the plan is to return in 2020. Keep strong and keep active as exercising is a significant process to enjoy life to its maximum.

As Thomas Edison quotes 'Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time!'

Thank you and see you in the future!

**Nikita, Rehab Therapist**

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## **PETANQUE**

To those who play petanque, the management has agreed to improve the terrain, shelter and seating arrangements. To residents who have not played before there are no costs and all equipment is provided. Come and join us on Saturday mornings at 10.00 am behind villa 20.

**Mollie Lear 854 0778**

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### FROM THE CHAPLAINS' DESK



Welcome to 2019  
May you find much happiness and be blessed each and every day.

In our ever increasingly busy world, and with so much commercialisation bombarding our letter boxes and television screens with all sorts of "stuff" that we possibly don't need, let us take time to:

Not dwell too longingly on the past.  
Keep a completely open mind.  
Look upon our days as if we'd never seen them before.  
We do not know yet what tomorrow looks like.  
Merely wait to have it shown to you.  
And while you wait, repeat several time, slowly and in complete patience:

***The light has come.  
I am forgiven.***

May 2019 be a year of finding what our heavenly Father wills for us. Please remember that God is not partial and that all his children have total love, and all God's gifts are freely given to everyone alike.

The Chaplains will continue to offer the men's Coffee and Chat on the first Wednesday of the month, and Coffee and Chat for everyone on the second and fourth Wednesdays. Bible Conversations will continue each Tuesday at 11.00 am. Everyone is welcome to attend these gatherings. Clive and I are available for a chat with you so please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like a visit.

Church services are a big part of what we do and we invite you all to come along and attend these worship services. Thank you to our volunteers who help to make them happen on a weekly basis.

**Blessings, Carol**



### **SOME INFORMATION FROM DEBBIE ABOUT THE SUPERGOLD CARD**

Get free discounts and concessions with the SuperGold Card. SGC carriers may choose to add a photo to their card, which could be useful if you don't have a current form of photo identification, such as a driver licence or passport.

To arrange for a photo to be added to your card, visit your nearest AA Driver and Vehicle Training Licensing outlet with your card, along with **three forms of identification** that verify your name and date of birth, plus evidence of your address. It's a free service for all SGC holders. Your photo will be taken and a new card posted to you – all free of charge.



**Debbie Crouch, Village Nurse**



### **BOWLS REPORT**

Bowling for the new year has started and, as always, new members are very welcome. We play on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and names need to be to the starter by 9.00 am.

There has been some discussion about playing twilight games because of the heat, but these will not be organised events.

The year has started with ten to twelve players on the greens. Games are fiercely competitive, so I can't understand why there is so much laughter!

**Helen Periam (Co-ordinator)**

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### **CHOIR REPORT**



New Year greetings to all our readers. I would like to include some special "thank you" messages to:

- All the people of Tamahere Village and friends who came to our end of year concerts. We do appreciate your support in singing along with us
- Jean Robertson, Sandy and Colin Neal, whose acting was a delightful addition to our items. We loved your talent, support and element of fun
- Choir members who faithfully attended practices and enjoyed singing for you and with you. Without you there would be no concerts!
- Anne Griffiths, who has been guiding us along for the past four years. Due to increased work commitments we are going to miss her expertise this year

Going forward, choir practices started on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 2.55 pm in the chapel and will continue to be held on Mondays instead of Tuesdays. New members wanting to join with us will be most welcome.

Our first concerts are scheduled for Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, so please put these dates in your diary or on your calendar. The programme is picked ready with more songs for both our choir and audience to enjoy.

**Ann Bunney, for the Choir**

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### **SOME EXCITING NEWS**



Moira Neal (Villa 27) is planning to start up a drama group here in the village. The idea is to occasionally put on a sketch, bringing fun and laughter – nothing serious!

To begin, Moira is thinking of an old-style melodrama which she wrote some years ago. She is hoping for volunteers willing to act and work back stage. The advantage of this melodrama is that nobody has to learn any lines – very simple and lots of fun.

If you are interested please let Moira know (856 5020) and we can arrange a date and time to get together and start the ball rolling!

**Jean Robertson**



An Irish man shows up in a pub one day and orders three pints of Guinness. He takes sips from each glass until they are empty and calls the bartender for three more. The bartender says, "Sure it's up to yourself, but wouldn't you rather I was bringing them one at a time? Then they'll be fresh and cold".

"Nah...." Your man says, "I'm preferring that ye bring 'em three at a time. You see, me and me two brothers would meet at a pub and drink and have good times. Now one is in Australia and the other in Canada and I'm here. We agreed before we split up that we'd drink to each other's honour this way". "Well", says the bartender, "that's a grand thing to do, all right. I'll bring the pints as you ask".

Well, time goes on and your man's peculiar habit is known and accepted by all the pub regulars. One day though, he comes in and orders only two pints. A hush falls over the pub. Naturally, everyone figures something happened to one of the brothers. A group of the regulars corner the bartender and finally persuade him to find out what happened. With a heavy heart, the bartender brings the two pints and says, "Here's your pints... and let me offer my sincerest condolences. What happened?"

The Irish man looks extremely puzzled for a moment, and then starts laughing. "Oh, no, no, no! 'Tis nothing like that. You see, I've given up drinking for Lent..."

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### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES GROUP**



The last of our summer barbeques will take place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February under the lovely tree by the water tanks behind Villa 9, beginning at 5.30 pm. If rain encroaches we will retreat to the Community Centre and carry on!

Please bring your own meat (we have a chef!), any other food you wish plus crockery and cutlery. Only the BBQ, the chef, some chairs and the venue are provided for this picnic-style get together.

This is my last notice to you as Co-ordinator of the Social Activities Group. After three years I need a break for family reasons.

Thank you all for your support over this time and I know you will continue to enjoy the social events put on for you here in this lovely village.

***Helen Painting, Co-ordinator***

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### **BOOK GROUP**

Please note that we will be meeting at the earlier time of 1.30 on 28<sup>th</sup> February because of Happy Hour being changed to that day.

If you are a reader and would like to come along to share with others what you have and are reading, you would be very welcome.



For further information, please contact **Beatrice Hughes on 838 8793**.

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## **Vision Impaired Support Group**



Our members wish to acknowledge the wonderful job done by Kath Nielsen over the past year. She has been kept busy, first by starting the group, liaising with the Blind Foundation, keeping members informed, organising speakers for our meetings and coming up with all sorts of interesting ideas. Thank you so much, Kath.

Also many thanks go to the other volunteer supporters who have helped with transport and other activities through the year, especially Margaret Love who provides us with delicious afternoon teas at our meetings, also Dorothy Brewer, Bev Talbott and Jill Wilson.

Kath has contacted several speakers who will come to our meetings in the coming months. More about that later.

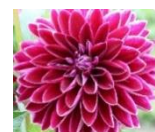
Our meetings are held on the last Tuesday of every month. The February meeting will be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 1.30 pm in the library at the Community Centre. If you would like to join us please come along. You will be most welcome.

***Written for the group by Jill Wilson***

***Kath Nielsen can be contacted on 846 2324***

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## **THE VILLAGE DAHLIA GARDEN**



Thanks to ongoing watering by Fred Short, there is a good show of blooms in our dahlia garden. Recent heat and minimal rainfall have reduced dahlia flowering in the region to the extent that blooms are scarce for display at the Dahlia Society show.

Tying and dead heading is ongoing during the summer. Classification is being refined based on the list by Mac. The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Wisley Garden classification using fourteen flower types is being applied. A yellow tag has been attached to each stake with an alpha numeric code for the flower type and colour. A colour digital image of each flower type with the code has been recorded to assist with division and distribution in the future.

The RHS dahlia flower types are: cactus, semi cactus, water lily, ball, pom pom, fimbriated, decorative, single, anemone, collerette, single orchid, (star), double orchid, peony, miscellaneous.

Future maintenance and improvement to growing conditions will require judicious pruning of some camellias and hydrangeas, removal of low tree branches dahlias removed from deep shaded areas.

***(Many thanks to Trevor Hornby for this update on our beautiful dahlia garden – Jean)***

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*"Please note that I am self-employed. So if you see me on my own, talking to myself, please do not disturb me 'cos I am having a staff meeting."*

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### **LET'S SHARE OUR SURPLUS WITH OTHERS**

Our thanks go to Debbie Crouch for introducing the "Sharing Table" in the foyer of the Community Centre and to Peter Kimber for making it so beautifully. Please use this for sharing any food excesses with others in the village and for helping yourselves if you can use the produce and goods on offer. (JR)

### **INTER-VILLAGE QUIZ**

The date for our next inter-village quiz is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at Hilda Ross (exact time to be confirmed).

We would like to open this up to all our residents who would like to be involved. It's a lot of fun being part of this and it would be great if we could get together two teams of four people plus a couple of spares as back-up.

If you are interested in taking part, please give me a ring on 856 6701 (Villa 40). There will be practice times before the quiz itself. WHY NOT GIVE IT A GO!

**Brother Damian**



Paddy says to his friend "Mick, I'm thinking of getting a Labrador". "Blow that", says Mick. "Have you seen how many of their owners go blind?"

### **BREAKING NEWS!**

I have just this moment heard the news of our success at the Dahlia Show and here are a couple of photos. We did extremely well in the Novice Class, gaining two silver trays and a number of certificates. Our sincere thanks go to everyone who has been involved with the dahlia garden and the work they have done.



I am sure we will all be hearing much more detailed information about the event in the next few days. **CONGRATULATIONS TAMAHERE!** (Jean Robertson)

## Tamahere Retirement Village – Calendar of Events for February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>C=Chapel, CC=Community Centre, cc=Small Lounge in CC, SW=Susanna Wesley Room, ACR=Activities Room, AC=Assisi Chapel, CwC=Coffee &amp; chat with Chaplains, MC&amp;C= Men's Coffee &amp; Chat</b>					<b>1</b> 9.15 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit & Knatter/cc 10.30 Catholic Mass/C	<b>2</b> 10.00 Petanque 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge
<b>3</b> <u>SUNDAY ROAST</u>  4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev Carol Hancock 5.30 BBQ behind V9	<b>4</b> 9.15 Strength & Bal/CC 10.30 Sit & Be Fit/CC 1.00 Games etc/CC 1.30 Danny Savage/C 2.55 Choir Practice/C	<b>5</b> 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Chartwell/Long 10.00 Blueberry Cafe 11.00 Bible Study/SW	<b>6</b> <u>WAITANGI DAY</u>  7.00 Snooker	<b>7</b> 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9.45 Swimming Pool 10.00 New World 1.30 Vocal Duo/C	<b>8</b> 9.15 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit & Knatter/cc	<b>9</b> 10.00 Petanque 10.30 Catholic Commn/C 2.00 Scooter Club 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge
<b>10</b> <u>SUNDAY ROAST</u>  4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev Shelley Walker	<b>11</b> 9.15 Strength & Bal/CC 10.30 Sit & Be Fit/CC 1.00 Games etc/CC 2.55 Choir Practice/C	<b>12</b> 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Chartwell/Short 2.30 Louis Fick/site update/CC	<b>13</b> 9.15 Strength & Bal/CC 10.00 New World 10.30 C&CwC/cc 1.30 Glen Carley/C 2.30 Rose Oils Prstn./CC 7.00 Snooker	<b>14</b> 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9.45 Swimming Pool	<b>15</b> <u>PODIATRIST HERE</u> 9.15 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit & Knatter/cc 10.30 Peter King/C	<b>16</b> 10.00 Petanque 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge
<b>17</b> <u>SUNDAY ROAST</u>  4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev Clive Thomson	<b>18</b> 9.15 Strength & Bal/CC 10.30 Sit & Be Fit/CC 10.30 I-Pad Class/cc 1.00 Games etc/CC 1.30 Big John/C 2.55 Choir Practice/C	<b>19</b> 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Chartwell/ong	<b>20</b> 9.15 Strength & Bal/CC 10.00 New World 11.00 Holy Commn/C 1.30 Garden Club Mtg/cc 7.00 Snooker	<b>21</b> 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9.45 Swimming Pool	<b>22</b> <u>9.00 BUS TRIP</u> <u>ROTORUA</u> 9.15 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit & Knatter/cc 1.30 Laurie & Piri/C	<b>23</b> 10.00 Petanque 10.30 Catholic Commn/C 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge
<b>24</b> <u>SUNDAY ROAST</u>  4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev's Colin and Sandy Neal	<b>25</b> 9.15 Strength & Bal/CC 10.30 Sit & Be Fit/CC 1.00 Games etc/CC 2.55 Choir Practice/C	<b>26</b> 9.00 Lawn Bowls 11.00 Assisi Service/AC 10.00 Chartwell/Short 1.30 Vision Impaired Grp/cc	<b>27</b> 9.15 Strength & Bal/CC 10.00 New World 10.30 C&CwC/cc 1.30 Kevin McNeil/C 7.00 Snooker	<b>28</b> 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9.45 Swimming Pool 10.00 Sheep Dog Trials 1.30 Book Group/cc 3.30 Happy Hour/CC		