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## This Month at WRRRA

by Richard Hoyle

Our November meeting was held in the Waiatarua Community Hall on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Present at our meeting this month were Denise Yates and Kubi Whitten-Hannah, members of the Waitakere Community Board. They were able to advise us on the timing involved with submissions to the Annual Plan and to add to relevant information and comments throughout the meeting.

The WRRRA are presently chasing the council for an improved septic tank service. We are also chasing the council for "rumble strips" on the Piha Road, before the intersection with the Scenic Drive.

The Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers Survey that you all filled in ... the results have been collated and a draft "Future Plan" Document has been drawn up. The WRRRA committee members are meeting to discuss this in depth. Our decisions for future activities will be based on the survey. We have some ideas for regular events, especially making use of the Community Centre as the place where the community socialises from time to time, no matter what the excuse is.

The next WRRRA meeting will be held at the Waiatarua Community Hall on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. All residents and ratepayers are welcome to attend.

## Ratepayers' Meeting at Laingholm

by Gerry Davis

This past month there was a meeting hosted by the Ratepayers Association of Laingholm. All Ratepayers groups in the Waitakere Ward were invited, as well as members of diverse groups such as Waitakere Ranges Protection Society, City Councillors, Community Board members and private citizens.

The major concern of this meeting was that the Go Waitakere members of City council had passed a motion to change the rules for subdivision within the Waitakere Ranges, without consulting the public. The rules being changed had gone through an extensive two years of consultation in the development of what we know of as "The District Plan". The motion passed in the new council, was going to allow much more subdivision possibility in all areas of the Waitakere Ranges. The minimum 4 hectare, or 10 acre block, rule was going to be removed, which would open up development in all the existing larger sections, for developers.

The residents from Laingholm and Titirangi were mostly in strong opposition to this move.

Their major reasons were that the sewers, roads, river contamination, land movement and the dying of many of the Kauri trees were already serious problems in the area. Their concerns were that the infrastructure, as it exists now, is already at, or over, capacity. To allow further development would require extensive cost to improve the roading to handle the increased traffic, as well as build new sewer lines to service the area.

I came away from the meeting with a much stronger sense of the problems of further development in the sensitive areas of the Ranges, that are prone to erosion, as well as slippage. I know these same problems exist in many other areas in the Waitakere Ranges, and there can never be enough development to warrant the costs of the infrastructure that would be required to service them.

I am sure we have not heard the last of this debate, as there is an interest by developers to get these larger parcels of land for development. As the city expects to grow 50% larger in the next few decades, there will be an even stronger push to develop the larger parcels of land for future housing.

What is your opinion in this debate?

## Fire Permits Required

*It's now summer, so from now until the end of April you will need a fire permit from the Council for all outside fires except gas barbecues. Phone 839-0400*

## The Market Day/Car Boot Sale

*The sun shone on the village green  
On this Spring like morning  
Arranging tables in the hall  
My body painfully yawning*

*The folk arrived like early birds  
In cars and vans and trucks  
A child was crying in her seat  
Mum about to sell her books*

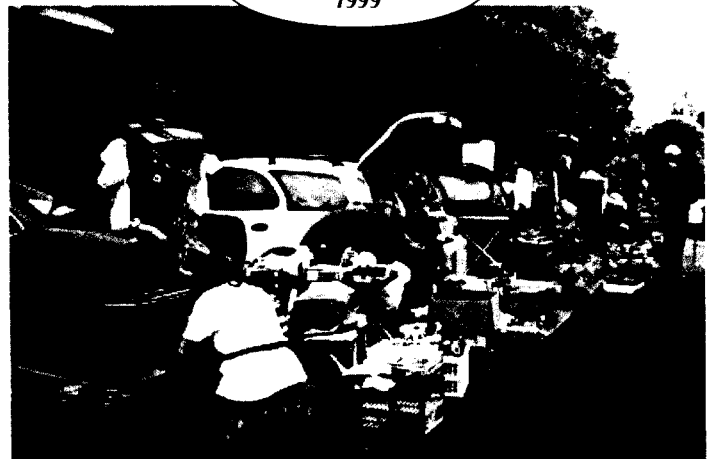
*There were plants and toys  
Clothes and cakes  
Pottery and yummy honey  
Sellers keenly eyeing each other  
To see who would make the most money*

*Like all good things the morn did end  
But lots of smiling faces  
And as I left I overheard  
Waiatarua is one of God's places*

Denis Graham



Waiatarua Car Boot Sale  
1999

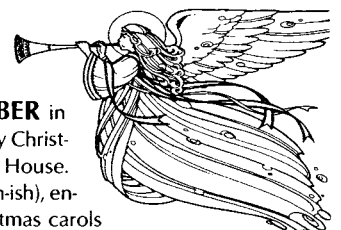


## Christmas Carols

Advance notice . . .

Circle **SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** in your diary, and keep this date free to enjoy Christmas Carols on the lawn, at Rose Hellaby House. Imagine a clear, warm, early evening, (6pm-ish), enjoying the view, and singing all the Christmas carols together. Not to be missed. A great time for family and friends. Watch for the signs advertising this event.

While we are on the Christmas theme, it has been suggested that one of the trees outside the Waiatarua Community Hall would make an ideal community Christmas tree, if it could be decorated with lights. Does anyone have any? Or know where we could obtain some? Please contact the editor.



# World Premiere of "Isaiah's Fire"

Held on Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Town Hall Concert Chamber, Auckland.

Reviewer : Ken Stacey, Bush Reporter.

The evening started with a hair raising trip to the big city, and the classy Town Hall. Always a challenge in the ute, especially the parking, not to mention the worry of getting the dog stolen off the back.

I'd invited Agnes Peach along, but had to make do with the editor as my companion, (although she did warm up later, after a few drinks)

We were welcomed with nibbles, and drinks in long skinny glasses. The absence of sausage rolls, sauce and local apple pie, was immediately apparent.

After an hour of socializing with the stars – all wearing their firemen uniforms, of course – we started in to a few thank you speeches.

All stood for the Queen's anthem, then the film began.

A little background for those not in the know. "Isaiah's Fire" was written by Tony Holt, (a local Waiaataruan) It was first performed as a play, and is now a film.

The film started with breathtaking aerial views of the Waitakeres and the West Coast, then focused on the community of Waiaatarua. The inspiration to start a fire brigade in Waiaatarua came about when a Welsh man named Badger Davies, played by Tony Holt, accidentally burned his house down.

The story unfolds when a young, stuttering local lad, Isaiah, played by Gary Pearce, gets conscripted into being in charge of the small, and sometimes efficient, squad of men who man the first fire truck to be used at Waiaatarua's make-shift station.

Emily O'Brien-Brown, who plays Mary Trembole, the willing and helpful girlfriend/secretary, had her wishes come true, more than once.

The Czech immigrant Ivor Cheslenkof, played by Ian Ford, got into more than a spot of bother, with his interpretation of the English language.

Lyndsay Whittle played the part of Arty Trembol, the girlfriend's father, complete with alcoholic and gambling tendencies. He had an easy-going and ever encouraging attitude towards his daughter's obvious advances towards Isaiah.

Overall, the Waiaatarua feel of the film, and the history, (including old vehicles and Chapman's cottage), was tremendous. The film had good pace. The jokes were frequent, subtle and effective. It was humorous and entertaining.

Well done again . . . "the boys that entertain you."

## In Brief...

A resident who recently had cause to call on the services of our new local veterinarian, Zoran, says it was a pleasure to meet this enthusiastic and skilled young man. His surgery, which has taken many long hours of hard work, is up and running at 3 Raroa Terrace . . . Spacious and airy and fully equipped, obviously no expense has been spared. So, good luck Zoran, and may your future be an extremely busy one.

## Mitch's Bush Walks

### The Zion Hill Track

Well, it's time to shake off the winter blues and dust off your tramping boots. Summer is finally here – sort of . Our track starts from the picnic area at Karekare, where the Pohutukawa trees should be just about ready to come in to flower. The track climbs steadily for the first half hour, but it is well worth the effort, just for the views. Sit down and admire the view for a while.

Then the track winds across the cliff top for another half an hour, to forty five minutes, which may still be a little greasy – like our politicians. Then it's downhill for half an hour, and out to the Pararaha Valley, where it's worth a little bit of a detour for 5 minutes, or so, to have a look at the beautiful valley and the campsite. Back out on to the sand dunes. If you look carefully, you can see remnants of the old tram line, and you wonder how they built those a hundred years ago. The loggers sure must have been tough men, as it must have been quite a wilderness in the 1800's.

With one more small diversion, you might want to have a look at the old tunnel and boiler at Tunnel Point, where you can still see the railway embankment from the tunnel. It gives you a rough idea of where the railway used to go, and how the sea used to come right up against the cliff. You continue to follow the old railway where you can see the iron spikes still sticking out of the rocks. Back out onto Karekare Beach for a welcome swim, between the flags, of course. The whole round trip takes about 2 ½ hours, excluding a few stops and diversions. It is well worth the effort – just to remind us why we live

on the Wild West Coast. Heaps of magnificent views and wildlife, and a feeling of the wilderness. There is a great deal of history that goes with this part of the Waitakeres, and I suggest a trip to the local library to read about some of it's past.

On a Mitch scale of 1 to 10, I give it an 8, since there is a degree of difficulty in the climb. It can still be done with a limited amount of fitness, if you take your time.

Good luck and good tramping, Mitch.

**Rumour has it . . .** that the City Lights Café and Brasserie has a new chef and a new summer menu.

Mitch writes . . . Come and have a bird's eye view of the America's Cup and try the new summer menu. Steve, the new chef, has a decade's worth of experience, "chef-ing" in - Australia, New Zealand and Thailand. He has also won 7 awards, including the Hallmark Beef and Lamb Award.

*Editor's note . . . a city dweller and I, recently partook of the new menu, and can vouch for the great presentation, and taste, of our selection. Well worth a visit (and a return).*

## Library News

We do hope our new members are enjoying all that the library has to offer.

New books this month are . . .

R Andrews – Gideon

Stephen King – Hearts in Atlantis

City Council – NZ Dog Owners Manual

Paul Holmes – Holmes

Isabel Allende – Daughter of Fortune

Jean Sasson – Desert Royal

Thomas Harris – Hannibal (1<sup>st</sup> book – Silence of the Lambs)

Chinua Achebe – True Story – Heart of the Amazon

Maurice Sendak – In the Night Kitchen (children)

There is a good selection of craft books for children. Come and have a look.

### – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS –

Get your reading material for the new Millennium

Last Day for Borrowing : Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 1999 11am-1pm.

Re-opening : Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2000

Our experiment of opening for two hours on Saturday and Sunday has not been successful, so next year we will be back to the normal hours of 11am – 12noon, Sat & Sun.

**NEEDED** – Due to illness of one of our helpers we need some new volunteers for the library.

Are you available the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month from 11am – 12noon, starting January 2000?

If so, please phone Bev Latimer on 836-4420. Take this opportunity to meet the locals, take time out from the pressures of life and to acquaint oneself with the quality and quantity of literature found in our local library.

## WAIATARUA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

911 West Coast Road, under the Community Centre.  
Phone 814-9353

Note  
new Sunday  
hours!

### Hours of Opening

Thursday	10 am – 12 noon
Friday	7 pm – 8 pm
Saturday	11 am – 12 noon
Sunday	11 am – 1 pm

Books can be returned at any time through the chute by the library door.

## Playcentre

Thank you to every one in the community who supported us by buying cakes, scones, teas, coffees and lollies at the Waiaatarua Car Boot Sale and Market Day.

Playcentre's last day for 1999 is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Our session days are Mon/Wed/Fri 9.15 – 12.15 pm. Please feel free to visit us on these days at 911 West Coast Road, or for more information Ph Elke on 814-8803 after hours, or Play centre on 814-8835

# What's On

## GARDEN GROUP - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November

This month we are having a day out visiting three Coatesville Gardens, leaving Waiatarua at approx. 9.15am.

Twin Lakes is an all seasons garden, situated around a lake with extensive planting. Camperdown offers a peaceful setting in a secluded valley, with a picturesque stream, featuring Coatesville Stone. Woodbridge is a magnificent 4 hectare garden, including a lake, in a series of garden rooms, planned seven years ago by Judy Laity, with thousands of trees, shrubs and roses.

The cost is \$20.50 including entry fees, lunch and afternoon tea.  
Phone Eileen on 814-9298 for car pooling, or further information.

## "ISAIAH'S FIRE" ... the film ...

Now showing at your local cinema.

Due to popular demand, the Waiatarua Fire Brigade's own film is being shown locally at the Waiatarua Hall on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm. Tickets are \$10.00 each.

Isaiah's Fire is a humorous look at the formation of a Fire Brigade in the 1950's. It has fantastic aerials views of the wild West Coast, old vehicles, good music, plenty of action, plenty of laughs, with the odd love scene thrown in.

So if you missed out on the Premiere Night, or would like to see it again, get a group together and contact Lyndsay on 814-9872, for tickets.

## Citizen's Arrest?

Many of the residents along West Coast Road were having difficulty with the speeding and careless driving of a particular vehicle. After the article ran in the newsletter, there were numerous calls to me regarding this same vehicle and the same experiences.

This information was taken to the police, and a formal complaint was written. We are glad to inform you that action was taken. What can we learn from this?

We do not have to suffer in silence and put up with dangerous drivers. If you are willing to take note of the registration number, the time and date of the behaviour, and make a formal complaint, the police will follow up.

## Clean Up Day

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 9am

Weather permitting we hope to give the Waiatarua Community Centre a bit of a tidying up.

Also pick up rubbish in the area and paint out graffiti. So, if you feel like helping ... bring along spades, slashes, shovels, weed-eaters, chainsaws, wheelbarrows, paintbrushes, whatever you have.

The Council is supplying a jumbo bin, rubbish bags, paint, gloves, and hopefully some bark for the gardens.

Also needed is someone to provide smoko. Tony has a particular liking for scones, jam and cream.

For further information, and scone donations, phone Tony on 814-9688

Contact Neville on 837-1085 and ask about "Adopt a Plot"

Look out for the Museum Craft Fair in December.

## Meeting the Candidates

by Penelope Worth

On the damp and dreary Thursday of October 21st I joined the throng of the politically caring at our Community Hall to 'Meet the Candidates'. However, I thought I had got the date wrong, and had turned up for the Waiatarua Car Boot Sale, when I saw a stall selling vegies and eggs that were well past their sell-by-date.

As I have attended these evening on previous occasions, I thought I knew the format, i.e. an hour and a bit of barracking and ill-humoured heckling from the floor, boosted along by the presence of political supporters from outside of Waiatarua. I had prepared a question or two for the candidates, although I had no great hopes of getting a straight answer, and certainly no expectation that the evening would prove particularly informative or entertaining. I was wrong on all accounts. Terry Chapman, of the Ratepayers Association and chairperson for the evening, had asked each candidate to bring a question that would be put to the other candidates. When these had been gone through, further questions were selected from those written out in advance by members of the audience. The evening proved to amusing and entertaining as well as informative!

The candidates were seated three each side of the chairman, the 'no-

hoppers' from the Greens, Alliance, and Direct Democracy, were there to represent their respective parties, rather than with any realistic expectation of personal election. These sat together on the chairman's right, whilst the representatives of ACT, Labour, and National sat on his left. This separation was apparently entirely of their own choosing. Or, perhaps, as one cynical wit pointed out, the panel had naturally divided into those you might invite in to your own home and those you wouldn't. Jonathan Hunt (Labour) and Brian Neeson (National), both long term MP's sat next to each other rather like comrades in arms, different, but yet the same, They reminded me of a salt and pepper set.

Chairman Terry obviously intended to keep good order - besides the usual 'times up' bell, he informed the candidates that if they became boring or wandered off the point they would be hooted down; he had brought a hooter for this purpose! Each candidate was asked to spend a few seconds introducing themselves and to say why they were in politics, then the candidates took it in turn to answer each other's questions. These were all good ones, and answered intelligently. I think Terry was a little disappointed that he had so few opportunities to use bell and hooter! The topics discussed included: Brian Neeson's 'Three degrees of Murder' bill, Support of the Trade Unions, Funding of Waitakere Hospital, Government by referenda (I saw a member of the audience flinch when the Direct Democracy candidate used 'referenda' as the singular), Pros and cons of organic farming, and the forced resignation of MP's if they leave the party. This last issue caused a rare moment of agreement - every candidate concurred that List candidates should resign if they left their party. It was interesting to listen to ACT's Bruce Howat supporting union membership - explaining that he had been a union rep in the police for 13 years. I was left with the feeling that, despite what he said, his personal opinions don't sit too comfortably with ACT policy. However perhaps they do.

Questions from the audience were on the legalisation of marijuana, the Government's Y2K readiness, alliances with New Zealand First, development in the Waitakeres, and people's lack of trust in politicians. The answers were revealing. The Waitakere development question was put by a young lady on my right; her wording was "What is your attitude to development in the Waitakere Region?". A fair question I thought, and obviously picked by the Chairman for its local relevance. No candidates past actions were challenged. Salt, or it may have been Pepper, declared this a "stupid question" as it was too vague. Mmm..... I would have thought that as "people people", politicians should be able to take advantage of a general question on a local issue. Every public performer is supposed to know you don't insult your audience. It didn't look good.

The Government's Y2K readiness was defended by Jonathan Hunt (!). When a famous Y2K computer programmer from Waiatarua challenged the answer, he was told that the Y2K issue was largely a fabrication, dreamt up by computer people so they could make money out of it. The bell, hooter and some cold water were used at this point. Jonathan's answer affected me greatly. Have any of you been watching the reruns of Reginald Perrin? Every time that someone mentions his mother-in-law he has this flash of a hippo jogging along. After his Y2K response, whenever Jonathan spoke I saw that cockroach from the TV telling us he's been around for years and has no worries about being around for a few more. The question of trust in MPs was interpreted by both Labour and National MPs as something different. They both emphasised that they were very hard working. This caused a debate with the audience, as the consensus was that this was a separate issue. To my mind, the responses of both our leading candidates on this point were a good argument in favour of compulsory retirement after two terms.

The last question was put to the candidates by the Chairman who asked, "If you were reincarnated, what animal would you like to come back as?" This seemed to throw most of the candidates. Those to the right were in favour of returning as dolphins and whales, the others as dogs. Unsportingly, Jonathan Hunt said he didn't believe in reincarnation, but when the Chairman pointed out that this was inconsistent for an existing MP seeking re-election, he changed this to a "stuffed chihuahua - they don't cause any mess." Well now you know.

As I left the meeting, an elderly gentleman asked his wife, "Well, what did you think?" She replied, "Good colour, the best policies, but a boring old fart". Who knows whom they were talking about, there was ample choice.

The candidates for this accolade were: Brian Neeson (National), Jonathan Hunt (Labour), Bruce Howat (ACT), Mike Treen (Alliance), David Clendon (Green), Tony Cranston (Direct Democracy).

## Welcome to Waiatarua

Welcome to **Bill and Lyn Mules** who have recently purchased, and put their stamp on, the land at 668 West Coast Road. Bill and Lyn will move from Titirangi, once they have built.

# ADVERTISING

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**Repeat commercial advertisements of members will only be printed as space allows, for the remainder of the financial year**

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NAME	ADDRESS	PH/FAX	E-MAIL
Mary Kelly, JP	3 Aiarua Gardens	814-9857 + Fax	turtle@xtra.co.nz
Denis Graham	Back up - Aiarua Gdns	814-9706	
Tony Holt	56 Bush Road	814-9688	
Ross & Kath Mullins	330 Forest Hill Rd	814-9402 + Fax	
Jenny McGee	886 West Coast Rd	814-9954	
Chris Field	799 West Coast Rd	814-9876	chrislizf@voyager.co.nz
Ngoire Mason	21 Tui Crescent	814-9036 + Fax	
Adith Stoneman	8 Kauri Loop Rd	814-9822	
Margaret/Paddy Marshall	19 Raroa Te	814-9859	
Gaelene/Tony Goodrich	17 Cascade Ave	814-9788	

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Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association  
for 1999

I enclose: \$7 Household, \$4 Single Occupant

Name .....

Address .....

Phone .....

To Treasurer  
Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Association  
911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua, Auckland 8  
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Friday and Saturday evenings, (including chairs & tables) \$100.

Hourly rate, (max 3 hours) \$10 per hour

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\$65, hourly rate \$7 per hour, (max 3 hrs)

Daily rates Monday – Friday, Full day \$25, hourly rate \$5

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Crockery hire \$25, Bond up to \$250.

Discount for regular users. Community Barbecue hire \$20

Phone the Custodian Pauline Isaachsen on 814-9847

## CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

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by WEDNESDAY 1ST DECEMBER, 1999

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