



WAIATARUA QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 10th November at
7.30pm

Waiatarua Hall, 911 West Coast
Road....

Pub Quiz format - teams of around
6-8 (but we're not that strict). You
can organise your own team or just
turn up and we'll fit you in.

Entry is just \$5 per person. Please
BYO drinks, and nibbles to share
with your team (AND the quiz-
masters!)

For more info please call Ian or
Cathie on 814 8871.

Waiatarua Book Group

Just four months old!! and we are now a well established group with 11 lively members and thoroughly enjoying our evenings together. At the last meeting we shared 'Great Autobiographies' and we were absolutely fascinated with each others offerings. We are always looking forward with anticipation to the next meeting, catching up on each others news, discussing some "local history", (past and present!), sharing our reads and deciding on our next book topics.

Unfortunately we have now had to close our membership for this group as it is hard to get around us all in a meeting. Even with the inevitable absentees we still feel we are as large as we should be for us to get the best out of the group.

WE REALLY RECOMMEND GROUPS LIKE THIS!! THEY ARE HUGE FUN AND A GREAT WAY TO MAKE FRIENDS!!

We are very happy to take names of those who would like to be on a waiting list, or, (more proactively!!), give advice on starting up another book group in Waiatarua. Once the ball started rolling for us we have had no problems with acquiring new members and even starting with three members in a group makes for a great 'book night' to look forward to.

If you would like any information or advice on starting a new group contact Nicky Malcolm, phone 413 6399.

Retirement is a dangerous thing!

It gives you time to think, to dream and to come up with ideas which usually involve other people.

So, here's my latest brain-child!

Unlike some folk, I love the ads in the Waiatarua News! In a few words they tell the story of a vibrant, dynamic community, full of imaginative, skilled and creative people. If we were cut off from the world, we could survive, with very few deprivations!

So I wonder whether there would be any interest in organising a community expo, to

showcase the services that various people can offer, and maybe show those people down in the valley what we mountain folk are made of! I'd be willing (I think!) to coordinate it.

Just for starters, I'm thinking information stalls in the hall, maybe some demonstrations, and some spot prizes. I'm thinking a sausage sizzle, and story-telling in the library, and FUN! Maybe we could form a close-harmony singing group, and persuade the thespians to put on a one-act comedy.

Any takers? And anyone keen (okay willing will do!) to form a committee to organize it?

Norma 814 1868

A Tale of Waiatarua:

(Part 2)

Lyndsay Whittle

The correct answer is....

Well I would have accepted any date from around 1945 to 1956. Yes that's right, any answer of mid-forties to mid-fifties would have won a prize! All right I may have tricked you a bit with the "coffee shop", as they were called tearooms in those days and the two "swimming pools" were actually only swimming 'holes' in those days and they were only for the use of certain residents who had title to particular adjoining properties.

All the rest about the tour buses and the two restaurants is completely true and there was even a regular bus service to and from the city in those days and a passing bus to Piha.

Please Sir, can I have some more...

The much loved musical "Oliver" by Lionel Bart opens at the Glen Eden Playhouse Theatre October 6th.

The famous Charles Dickens novel comes to life with favourite songs like **Consider Yourself, I'd Do Anything** and the heart-warming **When He Needs Me**.

This production features Waiatarua local drama tutor/director John Goudge as Fagin and his partner Kathy Lowe as the villainous Mrs Sowerbury.

The season runs from October 6th- 20th with night shows at the earlier time of 7.30pm and matinees at 2.00pm. Bookings at www.iticket.co.nz or phone 09 361 1000.

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Community Hall & Library: 911 West Coast Road • **Hall hire (bookings)** John Goudge - Ph 814 9744

Library hours: Thursday 10.00am - 12.00pm; Friday 7.00pm - 8.00pm; Saturday 11.00am - 12.00pm; Sunday 11.00am - 12.00pm

WEB Site: www.waiatarua.org.nz

Bouquets & Brickbats

A huge brickbat goes out to the prats who threw a part full bottle of Lion Red through Carol's mum's back window of her car, which was parked opposite their driveway on West Coast road. (Sat 18th Aug). Did anyone see anything? Roll on summer and no doubt a lot more of this stupid behaviour!

Weed Bin

Just a reminder that the weed bin at the Waiaatarua Fire Station is for environmental weeds only, e.g. ginger, wandering jew, plectranthus, jasmine, agapanthus. This bin is not for tree prunings or general garden and household waste as has happened recently. Thanks for your cooperation.

- Susanne Timms

From the Editor

Robyn O'Sullivan

I hope, as you receive this missive, the sun is out and the weather is warming up, but as I write my feet and hands are still like blocks of ice. I am writing in the past, in that week two or three back when the temperatures dropped and 5 deg at 8am was still 5 deg at 12pm. What's a girl to do on a day like that? I went to the lowlands where it was Spring and a tad warmer and all the new spring fashions were available for purchase. This has cheered me considerably.... maybe not the MOTH when the visa bill comes in!

So now I'm doing my best to cheer Norma up. She has been slightly underwhelmed with the amount of people keen to tart up their road frontage but, onwards and upwards, has another idea for you to think about. (See elsewhere this issue) Please read it and let us know what you think...

Don't forget the quiz night and enjoy the month!

Garden Group

Eileen Powell

Early spring is a great time to be out and about as there is so much colour in the many kowhai and magnolia trees on the roadsides. Our Native Clematis Paniculata or Puawhananga will be flowering soon and can be seen along Scenic Drive and Piha Road. Our October visit is to the fascinating subtropical garden of the ceramic artist Kevin Kilsby in Mt Albert and for further details please ring Eileen on 8149 298.

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Contact John Goudge on 814 9744

From the President

Dave Pocock

Well there is good news and bad news, so what, I hear you say!

To all our members on clear.net.nz .who are wondering what has happened to Hotmail, well nothing except that your server, Clear, has put a block on emails from Xtra since August. Xtra is trying to sort it out so perhaps by the time you read this it has been sorted. I would still suggest that you contact Clear for an explanation as what else have you missed out on?

A bit disturbing is the number of property break-ins we have notified on Hotmail in the last month, please be on the lookout for anything suspicious and let Les 814 1130 or Dave 814 9697 know.

Norma is a disappointed lady as due to lack of response the road frontage competition has been shelved at this point. I sent out a hotmail to members asking for feedback and there is one reply I would like to share with you here:

Dave,

I put people into 5 groups at the moment:

- A. Those still curled up and in hibernation
- B. Those who have enough other things on at the moment
- C. Those who are happy with what they have
- D. Those who don't care
- E. Those who are keen to participate

Obviously A/B/C/D outweigh E considerably. Me, I can't work out whether I am A or B. Regards, Glenn.

I thought this summed things up pretty well and I am sure we can all relate to this.

Those of you who are wondering what this Hotmail I refer to is, well it is an email notice board where financial members receive information, council press releases and various other snippets on a regular basis.

As well as my involvement with WRRRA and Waiaatarua Drama I have now joined the committee of Waitemata theatre and ended up with Advertising/Publicity portfolio so, me being me, grab every opportunity.

Waitemata Theatre Christmas Production of PETER PAN.

Show Dates 7th to 16th December.

Just as important as those on stage is the small army working before and during the show: the production crew, we can utilise almost any skill you have, ideal for those that would love to be involved in theatre but don't want to be on stage. For further information or expressions of interest please send contact details to davepocock@xtra.co.nz or phone me on 814 9697/0274 904 064.

Well that's me for another month, see you at Quiz night,

Dave

Pilates Classes in West Auckland

Mondays: Beginners classes: 4:30 & 5:30pm – New Lynn

Tuesdays: Intermediate classes: 9am - Titirangi & 10:30am – Oratia

Wednesdays: Pregnancy Pilates Class: 5:30pm – Titirangi

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Fire Brigade Report

RFF Louisa Mullins

This year our CFO Helen Longley will have the company of Craig Dye, joining her in Sydney for the World Fire Fighter Games. These games are held every two years, with the last ones in 2010 in South Korea. Good Luck Helen and Craig.

Guy Fawkes

The Waiatarua Fire Brigade will be holding the Guy Fawkes Bonfire as usual. So come along on Saturday November 3rd (or the rain day Sunday 4th) for a fun family night. If you have any doubt about the weather just phone the fire station on 814 9213 on the night. We will light the bonfire once it gets dark. Fireworks are welcome, but children must be supervised at all times.

Where: Waiatarua Fire Station – 464a Scenic Drive

When: Saturday November 3rd from 6pm onwards

Fire Safety

If you are not planning to attend the Community Bonfire or public displays then please remember:

- Only one person should be in charge of fireworks. If that's you, then make sure you take all the necessary precautions.
- Read the instructions in daylight and don't drink any alcohol until they've all been discharged.
- Make your preparations in advance, and in daylight. On the night, you will need: a torch; a bucket or two of water; eye protection and gloves; a bucket of soft earth to put fireworks in; suitable supports and launchers if you're setting off Catherine wheels or rockets.
- Protect your animals. You should take precautions to protect your pets during, before and after Guy Fawkes. Make sure they are safely inside and safe when fireworks are being let off.

Weed Bin

Can we please ask people to take care when coming to the station to make use of the weed bin. It has been very muddy around the bin over winter and the ground is not hard enough for cars to drive on. Please be aware that if you are at the station unloading weeds that the fire station can be operational at any time. Please make sure that your vehicle/trailer does not block access to the station or inhibit the fire trucks leaving the station, and do not park in the car parks as they are reserved for the fire fighters responding to emergency call outs. Thank you.

Fire Calls: Only one call last month:

05/09/2102, 7.30pm - Scrub Fire, Marine Parade North, Piha. This was dealt with by the Piha brigade.

Need A Smoke Alarm? Standard Smoke Alarms are available Free from the brigade; If you would like some smoke alarms or advice on where to put them or help installing them, please contact Louisa Mullins on 814 9282.

Waiatarua Fire Brigade Contacts: Phone 111 for any Fire or Emergency. Otherwise please call Chief Fire Officer Helen Longley (814 9855), Deputy Chief Fire Officer Gareth Mullins, Station Officer Ian Ford (814 8871), Station Officer Kevin Healy (814 9505).

New Books at Waiatarua Library

Jeannette Ziesler

Our new book shelves are full! Here's a few to choose from.

"Ancient Light" – John Banville. An ageing actor is still coming to terms with the recent suicide of his daughter. As he ponders events his mind strays to his own youth and the affair he had with the mother of his friend. What are memories?

"When In Rome" – Nicky Pellegrino. Set in Rome in the 1950s, this novel tells of young sisters out busking for money. One dreams of the handsome singer Mario Lanza and uses her money to go to all his movies. He comes to Rome. What to do? The life she knows or the one she dreams of.

"Osama" – Chris Ryan. Osama is dead and Joe knows this is so because he was there and saw the Seals' operation and them carry out the body. Now though, he's being targeted and someone is trying to destroy him. What really happened at the compound on that day and how does he find the truth?

"Toby's Room" – Pat Barker. Toby goes off to fight in WWI and is posted as "missing believed dead". His sister finds this hard to accept and tries to find out what happened. She contacts one of Toby's friends and comes to understand the wider impact of war – on the wounded, the families left behind and those working to help those badly wounded.

"The Cleansing of Mohamed" – Chris de Court. Mohamed was one of two cameleers who fired upon a picnic train at Broken Hill in 1915. Police killed the two men but in their effects were found papers showing these New Australians were angry at the part the Australian forces played in the attack on their home country of Turkey. Their difficulties in becoming part of their chosen country give an insight into the seeds of terrorism.

Grab a book and enjoy!

Advertising & Community Notices

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Community Notices are free to current financial members.

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NORMA is available to take bookings for weddings and other ceremonies. Phone 814 1868.

Otimai: Events and training centre is available for hire (Guides Auckland) and is open to view by appointment. Phone Bruce on 814 9992 for bookings.

Plants: Bromeliads \$5 - \$6; Taros, cannas and various shrubs \$4 - \$5. All sales to Nepalese Educ Trust. Phone Margaret 814 9859.

The Oratia Community Church: On the corner of Parker & West Coast roads. Fellowship (trips, meetings etc.): 2nd Thursday of each month.

Tiler / Stone layer, 20 years experience in the trade available for indoor and outdoor projects large or small. Phone Craig Starr 021610408.

Waiatarua Playcentre: 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua. Phone 09 814 8835. Sessions: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm.

West Auckland Yoga at Oratia Settlers Hall: All levels - Tues 9.15am and 6.30pm, Fri 9.15am (cost \$15). Beginners class - Thurs 7pm (cost \$12) Ph Tasha 812 8942 or Steph 0272 841 178. www.westaucklandyoga.kiwi.nz

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