

# The Grapevine

## MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY NEWS

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## A LIFE ON THE LAND

### LOCAL LIVES



*Dennis (Den) Gerrish and his wife Joan shifted from Neudorf to Richmond four years ago. Prior to that, Den had lived in Kelling Rd for 74 years. Den kindly agreed to share some of his memories of growing up in Neudorf at a time when life was very different from now.*

Den Gerrish was born in 1938 and lived with his parents and siblings in Kelling Rd – a road he always lived in (although in three different houses.) Den always enjoyed farm work and outside of school, he spent as much time as he could helping his father who worked on the Beuke family farm at Neudorf. “I would feed the calves on the way to school, and then feed the horses on their way home to the stables at night.” There were no four-wheelers back then or even a tractor. The six horses on the farm were used for everything, from cultivating hops to pulling ploughs. Den was “horse-mad” and greatly enjoyed working with the horses. He would also often help milk the cows at night and cut strings for hops during the weekends. Some children were reputedly kept at home during the hop-picking season to help harvest the crop.

A popular way for children to earn money was “bird-nesting.” The council feared the danger that birds might pose to crops and so offered money for the eggs of a variety of birds such as thrushes, blackbirds, starlings and sparrows. Competition was keen amongst the local children to gather the most eggs and earn some pocket money!

Technology was very different when Den was growing

up. In his younger days, there was no electricity: candles and kerosene lamps were used for light and wood stoves for cooking. Outside ‘dunnies’ were the norm and there were no telephones. Water had to be rationed carefully (no daily showers back then!) and washing was done by hand. A copper was used to boil the water for washing and a hand wringer was a very useful item. Food was “meat and three vegetables” and potatoes were a staple.

Children were very active in Den’s day: they all walked to school along the ungravelled roads, sometimes walking several kilometres. Den remembers an enterprising parent who eventually set up a bus run from Rosedale for the children from that area.

The bus trip to Motueka High School was a daily nightmare for Den as he used to get very car sick: no quick trip to Motueka then, but a long, slow journey around the coastal inlets on the unsealed road. This daily ordeal was an impetus for Den to leave school at the age of fourteen. He started working for Frank Beuke and remembers that his first job was helping to paint the new Beuke home.

*Story continued on page 4 inside*





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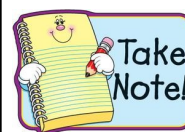
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*Warm regards to all.*



*Norm Thawley, President*



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## A LIFE ON THE LAND

*(continued from front page story)*

Den always preferred to work with stock rather than machinery and was a shepherd for many years. He also loved working with dogs and remembers feeling proud, when, as a young lad at primary school, he was able to help Frank shift some sheep along the road from one farm block to another. He also did a lot of shearing, learning the skill from one of the shearing courses that Frank helped to establish in the district. Den has fond memories of the times he and Frank would move around the district shearing small flocks of sheep for local farmers. Initially, they used to cart around on the Bedford truck a heavy portable engine into which they would plug the shearing equipment.

Local hop-picking dances were a good place to socialise and to “eye the talent.” It was at one of these dances (in Mapua not in Upper Moutere Joan pointed out!) that Den met Joan who was doing seasonal work in the area. Many such matches with young, pretty seasonal workers were made at these local dances! Den and Joan bought a house and land in Kelling Road and it was in this home that Den and Joan raised their three children. Den was renowned locally for his extensive, productive vegetable garden. In his “spare” time he looked after a flock of 100 sheep, served on the school committee and was a keen member of the Motueka Tramping Club.

During the fifty-one years that Den worked in Neudorf, he saw huge improvements in farming methods: pregnancy testing of sheep, higher lambing percentages because of improvements in sheep breeding, extensive use of machinery, such as the use of balers in hay-making. (Den remembers how hay used to be stacked in the paddocks and covered with thatch made from rushes taken from the creek).

To sum up, the many difference between life in the post-war years and now can be illustrated by one small example: during his childhood Den used to travel to Nelson about twice a year: nowadays hundreds, even thousands, do so on a daily basis.

*“Old timers” who have read Den’s reminiscences may want to share some of their own memories with readers of “The Grapevine”. If so, send them to the editor or call Sharon on 5432 814.*

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Dear Community.

As most local residents are aware, the Holdaway footbridge on Holdaway Road suffered catastrophic damage due to the severe weather event which occurred on Wednesday 12 April.

TDC had been in the midst of repairing the bridge which was already closed due to damage caused by a vehicle accident. Those repair works are now, of course, redundant.

Council is now investigating whether it is worthwhile to replace the bridge and is asking for community feedback on this issue. So, if you think the bridge should (or should not) be replaced, considering all costs involved, **have your say now** by sending feedback to the Moutere Hills Residents Association.

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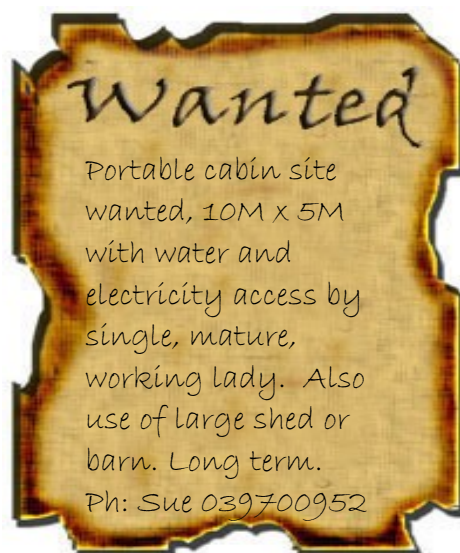
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by SooGee

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1 stalk fresh lemongrass (chopped) or Greggs  
Salt and pepper to taste  
3/4 tbsp sweet chilli sauce  
3/4 to 1 cup breadcrumbs  
3 cups grated pumpkin  
150gms chicken or pork mince  
1/4 cup canola oil or oil with little taste.



### Method:

Turn oven on to 180 degrees Celsius.  
In food processor, blend together the lime leaves, lemongrass, salt, pepper and chilli sauce. Add to this in a bowl, the pumpkin, chicken and breadcrumbs.

Don't overdo the breadcrumbs as they are only to bind the mixture.

Shape into 6 to 8 large cakes for a main meal or 20 for nibbles. Fry in light oil on both sides in small batches. Place on baking tray and bake for 20 minutes until firm and cooked through.  
Serve with salad or dipping sauce.

## BROCCOLI AND HORSERADISH

By SooGee



Whizz half a cup of mayonnaise, 2tbs horseradish cream, 2tbsp grated onion, 1/4 tsp salt, 4tsp French mustard and 1/4 tsp paprika. Chill.

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June 2017 Newsletter

## Pastel Artists of New Zealand, Nelson Region

Well the weather certainly is changing with warm, sunny days and cool, crisp nights. We are still going strong at our weekly pastel art group on Tuesday mornings at the Community Hall in Mapua. Not much to report this month as we go into the winter months. Many of us will be looking for inspiration for our paintings through our holiday pictures, the changing leaves, the bright clear skies, among other things. Our subjects come from all around our environment, including our day to day routines.

Our artists come from all walks of life and it is very intriguing to see the diversity of subjects that our members paint on a weekly basis. The styles range from photo realism to abstract and everything in between. This makes for interesting conversations and a great way to learn from the various techniques used in creating pastel paintings.

You are welcome to come along on a Tuesday morning from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the Mapua Community Hall on Aranui Road, Mapua to chat with our members and see what they are creating. You may even get inspired and decide to join our active group of pastel artists.

For additional information please contact our Area Rep, Glenys Forbes at 03 540 3388 or by email [gmforbes@ts.co.nz](mailto:gmforbes@ts.co.nz).  
Gloria Anderson

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Autumn greetings everyone,

Happy to report that our wee craft group has been a hive of activity since the beginning of the year.

By popular demand we all decided to once again break out our stash of fabric and spend several weeks enjoying ourselves by once again creating crazy patchwork under Rowena's expert guidance. We busy bees have spent a good month designing and re-designing, cutting & stitching, unpicking and re-sewing, embroidering & embellishing. Now we're almost there with our finished efforts.

To make crazy patchwork, in very, very simple terms: cut up scraps of fabric and place onto a backing cloth in a random design of one's own choosing. I found out I am no good at random at all as my fingers automatically wanted to place my pieces in some semblance of order and so it fell to the long suffering husband to design my randomness for me. If he had not, I'd still be sitting looking at it all several weeks down the line, probably with one or two grimy bits on the floor and a fair few stray pins lying around.

The next step is to neaten all edges and sew them down neatly, all in a neat and orderly fashion. Now a few of us who shall remain nameless (but we know who we are, don't we?) thought we might go a little easy on this step and do ourselves a favour by simply gluing the pieces in place somehow. I admit to being one of those who had that thought but in my defence this is a family trait.

My Dad grew up in Fulham, London and lived through the Blitz. (Obviously he did otherwise I would not be here would I?) Point being that during those years he and other lads like him learned how to fend for themselves, what with their families being bombed out time and time again. Those lads learned how to make do and how to make a bob or two when not supplementing their diet by nicking from market stalls.

The first serious effort my Dad and best mate tried to make a quid was selling unbreakable mirrors at the local market. However, there was only ever one unbreakable mirror.

Next venture, once their personal Carter Gents had called the

all clear, was suits. Yes., I said suits, the trousers and jackets type of suits. The first step was to buy the ready cut cloth from a local tailor. Please don't ask me where the money came from because sadly, I can't remember what he told me. Most likely, the money came from offering bits of help here and there and assorted bottle returns. Anyway, you stitch the bits together yourself at home in that 'work from home' type way and then free to sell it to the punters. Enthusiasm up. Sorted.

The sale of knock-down bargain suits went well for the first few market days. There was only one problem and that was that the sewing bit got a bit old quite quickly for two lads. So they devised another way to put the remaining suits together. Yup. You are all ahead of me. Glue. Twice as many suits in half the time. Why hadn't they thought of it earlier? Glue was the answer.

It wasn't until a rather irate man strode up to them with his harried wife behind him and his trousers coming apart at the seams that they realised that this money spinner was unravelling before their very eyes & that a stitch in time would have saved a sight for many sore eyes.

With that in mind and bucking a family trend, I steered clear of secretly gluing bits of my own crazy patchwork and opted instead for a tried and tested method and learning this skill as shown by Row.

We couldn't have done it without you, Rowena, and you have given us all a skill set that we can take away with us to use in our own leisure time whenever we wish. Fabric scraps will never be the same again. Next step: door stops, felt and fabric doorstops to be precise and still no glue allowed but more about those next month.

Anyone with a couple of hours to spare of a Friday morning, we meet in the supper room of the Hills Community Church between 10am and midday. \$2 towards the rent and koha for materials if used. You don't have to be a crafter as such. Just come along and join in.

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## Moutere Community Youth

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#### Junior Youth

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*\*Come early after school for afternoon tea, gold coin donation*

- 2 Movie Afternoon
- 9 Magic Trick Night
- 16 Dovedale Event
- 23 Kidpower
- 30 Movie "Despicable Me 3"



#### Intermediate Youth

*2nd & 4th Fridays/6:30-8:30pm/Year 7 - Year 9/\$2/meet at UMO church hall*

- 9 Device Night (BYO Devices)
- 23 Torch Light Super Sofa Shuffle

#### Senior Youth

*1st & 3rd Fridays/6:30-8:30pm-ish/Year 9 - Year 13/\$2/meet at UMO church hall*

- 2 Young and Inspired - Stories from young Nelsonians living their dreams out in the real world, Suter Art Gallery, 7:30-10pm, Nelson Youth Events
- 16 Sports at MHCC - Badminton

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**Make sure your dog gets its yearly check up and vaccination.** A Town & Country Vet will be able to pick up most health problems early enough to start successful treatment, and to help you keep your dog healthy. Also, make sure that your dog gets its yearly Leptospirosis vaccination to help prevent the deadly disease (spread by waterways, livestock, rodents, and wild animals).

**Notice signs of arthritis early.** Slowing down a bit? Limping occasionally? Slow to get up on cold mornings? These are all signs of early arthritis. If you treat arthritis early in life (sometimes simply with easy injections or supplements), you can slow down the progression of arthritis- which will let your gun dog work for longer. Discuss arthritis with one of our small animal vets before it becomes a real problem.

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These days Otto is a quiet, gentle, loving donkey. He loves to mouth me without his teeth and often wants to sit on my lap! My wonderful farrier, Kevin, has been so quiet and patient with him that he will allow his feet to be trimmed without being tied up; he just stands there and now shows no fear of the procedure. He adores my big horse, Holly, and always keeps an eye out for her. Otto has taught me a lot about donkeys and their sensitivity and intelligence and it makes me sad to think of how many are so badly treated around the world. They make wonderful, quiet loving pets but owners need to know how to handle them.

**Pet tip for the month:** Despite their rugged appearance donkeys love shelter and being warm.

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