



## RESTORED TO GLORY

### LOCAL LIVES



**An old Upper Moutere property has been given a new lease of life, thanks to Johannes and Gundula Ruebsam.**

**W**hen Johannes and Gundula Ruebsam moved into their Upper Moutere home, it hadn't been lived in for 50 years. Corrugated iron flapped from gaping windows, there were holes in the ceiling, floors had been pulled out and the interior completely gutted. "It was a spooky place, but structurally sound," recalls Johannes.

The house is possibly the oldest in the Moutere area, built by Englishman Joseph Hewitson in 1856. A flax mill also used to stand on the property, making ropes, nets and wool bales from local flax. It later became a timber mill, but by the time the couple bought the property in 1993, the mill was long disused and was pulled down soon after.

The homestead couldn't have fallen into safer hands, though. A master cabinetmaker and antique restorer, Johannes was determined to restore the property true to its original character, making the most of its beautiful totara, rimu, matai and kauri timbers.

Archived articles and photographs of the homestead survive in Nelson Museum's research facility in Stoke, so he was able to see how it looked around the turn of the century and to trace the history of the building.

"In 1875, a German called Charles Hoffman arrived in Upper Moutere on one of the first boats, and did major alterations to the property," says Johannes. As chance would have it, Charles lived just 30km from his own hometown of Hannover, and Johannes felt an even stronger connection with the house when he found Charles' name etched into one of the bearers.

"At one stage, it was a huge double-gabled building with 22 rooms and a second storey on top, but around 60 years ago one of the oldest parts was demolished," he says, adding that he has since returned the frontage to its original look.

It has not been a quick and simple project. Johannes and

Gundula moved into the only liveable space upstairs and slowly worked their way down until their home was finally complete. Finding small clues around the house and using his 30 years' cabinetmaking experience, Johannes sourced period items such as doors, locks, handles and skirtings in Nelson and Christchurch.

As work progressed, the couple were also busy bringing up their two children, Leah, now 21, and Finbar, 20. They had come to Upper Moutere for a lifestyle change after years of living in cities, and Johannes soon set up his Art of Wood business, creating furniture, carvings and kitchens to customer requirements from his workshop on the property.

In the summer months, he also ran a tepee stay for backpackers, enjoying the sociability of sitting round the campfire with young travellers and seasonal workers.

Then, three years ago, Johannes and Gundula took another new direction, opening Harakeke Childcare on the property. Gundula has always been a kindergarten teacher, working at the local Country Kids childcare centre for many years, so this seemed a natural progression – especially now that daughter Leah works alongside. Getting stuck into a major project once again, the couple built the centre using sustainable materials.

Looking after the childcare centre, working on his furniture commissions, keeping their land in good order and giving son Finbar work experience three days a week is a full-time occupation for Johannes – and one he's pretty happy with. "I can't complain; it's a nice life," he says.

Good to know that, more than 150 years on, Joseph Hewitson's home is alive and well once more.

*Article by Beverly Sellers, ph: 03 543 2008.*

## Editorial

I am writing this happy to be warmed by a fire, stoked with wood generously given to us by a neighbour, feeling lucky to be living in a community where neighbours give a hand without being asked - thanks guys (you know who you are). No wonder I rave about small communities whenever I can!

Thanks also to the volunteers who are out there training the sports teams, on these cold evenings and frosty mornings, people planning ahead, seeing a need and organising the fundraisers - dropping kids off for each other, picking up a few supplies for someone who can't get out- how does everybody fit it in? A few minutes or half an hour out of a lifetime isn't much but can make a huge difference to those around you so good on you if you are one of those people. Our community is only as good as the people in it, so therefore you help make it a better place.

Perhaps the shorter days have given you a bit more time in the evenings to reflect on how things have gone for you over the summer and maybe you feel like putting pen to paper... the next step would be to send it into the Grapevine - [umograpevine@hotmail.com](mailto:umograpevine@hotmail.com) as several people have done lately. We've had great feedback regarding the stories sent in so don't be shy, we'd love to print yours too. Don't be discouraged if there's a delay in us replying, we are volunteers and love what we do but also need some down time. We will get back to you, just maybe a bit later than normal office hours and probably a few days longer than normal business practice, not that we don't care, just probably doing more work on our life sentence block or bringing in more of that firewood.

Hope you take the chance to enjoy a hot toddy or two in the next few weeks, snuggle in, winter's here - *do you think it'll snow again this year?*

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15.04.2012 Trees on Fire West Bank road

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Ensure that your chimney is clean to reduce the chances of a chimney fire.

Do not place clothes directly on heaters to dry. A minimum of a metre distance is recommended for safety.

Check electric blankets are sound before use and never leave them on when folded or rolled up.

Check all smoke detectors are working and the household has an escape plan.

Stay safe and warm this winter.



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**During the Anzac Day service at the Moutere Hills Community Centre, Jenny Briars gave a moving speech. We asked Jenny if we could share some of it in the Grapevine for those who were unable to attend. Thank you Jenny.**



Two brothers were admiring a beach scene in Takapuna, Auckland recently. The younger brother, who probably would be described as having a more liberal leaning, asked his older brother, an ex-Navy Officer, what his views are on changing the New Zealand flag.

Without a hesitation the ex-military man said, “NO WAY! We can’t change it. Too many men have died under that flag”.

That is a phrase loaded with emotion – with passion and with compassion. With respect for the fallen – and it contains a great deal of truth – no matter where we stand on the New Zealand flag discussion.

Today is not a time to debate the flag. We just come back to those words and the depth of meaning behind them and today is a time for remembering.

We remember the **too** many ... the too many men; the too many women who have died under the New Zealand flag – in the fight to defend both our country and others. We remember too all of those who served and our fellow ANZACS who fight under a flag that often gets confused with ours.

Some of those ‘too many’ who have fallen are commemorated here on our community war memorial. The names include nine men from the Great War of 1914 to 1918; and five men from World War 2 between 1939 and 1945. The small numbers reflect the size of our community, not any lack of zeal or patriotism. Some of you here today are relatives of the fallen from Upper Moutere; and today we remember the locals alongside the other Kiwis – those who are fallen and lost.

Not many families throughout New Zealand remained untouched by the Great War.

I have recently discovered a lost young man in my family. My great uncle Archie was born and spent his early years on the West Coast at Denniston and then at Burnett’s Face. His family left that harsh and unforgiving environment and moved to Auckland when he was 10 years old. His sister Margaret, my grandmother was 14.

In 1917, at the age of 26, Archie married his sweetheart, Helen Maria. Barely twelve months later, and two weeks after his 27<sup>th</sup> birthday, Archie died in one of the battles of the Somme in France. There is no grave. He is remembered at a memorial in Grevillers in France alongside almost 450 New Zealand men who also have no grave.

Writing before the First World War, New Zealand born artist, Frances Hodgkins wrote ‘I feel *sick* with apprehension; oceans of blood must flow and we are standing breathless before a possible tragedy the likes of which the world has never seen’.

The tragedy of the huge losses came to pass. The names of the battles are etched into our collective memory - Gallipoli, Passchendaele, the Somme.

And then history repeated itself; 21 years after the end of the Great War. When Squadron Leader Maxwell George Stubbs returned from his years of World War 2 service flying bombers in the Pacific Islands, including Guadalcanal, New Britain and Singapore he quietly decided not to apply for his war medals. Max was only briefly in Singapore before it fell to the Japanese. He was evacuated on one of the last ships to leave before the fall of Singapore. No one knows now why Max chose not to have his medals – perhaps it was a show of respect for his many friends and colleagues who didn’t return. Perhaps it was his way of trying to forget. Others did the same.

Max passed away in the late 1970’s and over 25 years later one of his daughters applied for his medals. Max’s widow, Phyllis, got to see them shortly before she died. Times had changed and she was very proud – and pleased to see the medals and her family’s interest in them. Today is the first time the medals are being worn by one of Max’s daughters.

Like many returned servicemen, my Dad didn’t talk much about the war. But peace was important to them. Peace and liberty and honour were prime motivators. So was the love that they had for their families.

In our communities today, we need to take inspiration from the selflessness of the ones who died and the ones who served. Peace and love are worth striving for at all times and in all places. ANZAC day reminds us that we need to work towards peace on a whole range of levels.

Creating a peace-filled world starts within our own families; within our own communities. If communities like ours in Upper Moutere practise peacemaking and have a genuine concern for others peace between nations can also be achieved.



Dear Editors

I wish to thank the communities of Moutere Hills for their attendance at services in Tasman, Upper Moutere, and Mapua. The sunny autumn morning helped to bring families along. We had excellent attendances at each service.

Thank you to the many people who organized and ran these services. The school principals, ministers at each service, the guest speakers, Captain Bernard Redshaw, and Jenny Briars, The Celtic Pipe Band who led the parade at Mapua, a champion performance. The many who marched, the fire brigade and police at Mapua who controlled the traffic flow throughout, the buglers from Motueka, we thank you all. There were others who gave much needed help such as Tamaha Scouts, Motueka Cadets, Schools.

The fly-over at Mapua by R.N.Z.A.F air-craft mid service was very timely and appreciated. Thank you to the ladies who made and served morning tea and others who helped.

The parade at Mapua grows each year, led by the champion Celtic Pipe Band, with veterans, families, firemen, Motueka Cadets, Tamaha Scouts, St. Johns Cadets, school students and with Simpson and his horse and wounded Digger in mid position.

We must not forget the Spirit of A.N.Z.A.C.

Our Poppy Day Appeal was down a little on previous years but we do appreciate the good boost to our Welfare Funds.

Yours sincerely,

Norm Thawley, President, Moutere Hills RSA.

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Friday 15 June	Moutere Complex Games Night
Friday 22 June	Mid Winter Christmas Party

7pm, Sunday School hall, \$2. Phone Andy 021 2245178 or Abbey 0272434364, or 543 2949.

Coming up in June or July.... A One Direction Girls Party... and the boys are going to do a boys thing (Unless they want to come along and sing a song).

*Andy will get in touch about 14+, or give him a call.*



**Community Consultation Evening  
On  
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The Easter Holidays this year have been fantastic for weather – from a holiday point of view at least – I know we badly need the rain. ... however, we managed to get away to The Marlborough Sounds for a few nights and decided that we would detour via Blenheim to take advantage of the voucher we bid for at Upper Moutere School Fair.

We left the heavy mist of The Sounds behind and a beautiful sunny day welcomed us to Blenheim. We were greeted at Driftwood Eco-Tours by a tiny puppy named Vicks – a scampering Jack Russell full of tumbles and licks – and closely followed by Will Parsons, our host.

We were welcomed into his home to look at the lay of his land which borders the estuary but also various maps and information. Will's knowledge of the local area is vast and covers not only birds, but also plants, people, geology and history of all these subjects.

We donned the life vests, grabbed paddles hats and water shoes then started our paddle out towards the mouth of the Opawa River through stunning scenery, away from the Wither Hills. The water reeds, mud flats and wading birds were beautiful. We saw stilts, pied shags, little shags, a wonderful collection of Royal spoonbills, black fronted and white fronted terns and also a white winged black tern (which apparently is quite rare). We were treated to wonderful home baking, hot drinks and according to my son... "The most awesomely delicious, I've never had a sandwich like it" ... lunch!

Will shared his knowledge of the early settlement of the area at the mouth of the estuary. After lunch we paddled into the Lagoon. The time flew by and it was really the tide that dictated we had to head back to base.

It was a great family day out. It is well worth the trip to Blenheim to explore yet more of New Zealand's diversity but also to experience a protected wetland. All that Will shared with us gave us a much better understanding and appreciation of a truly magical landscape and all its inhabitants past and present.

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Jenny Dicks



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## Motueka arts council's Winter Workshops 2012

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6. Machine Mania
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**THE WRITE BIAS**  
**NEWS FROM MAPUA BOWLING CLUB**



Outdoor bowling has now closed and as we look forward to some indoor carpet bowls during the winter it is also time to take stock and reflect on the highs and lows of the season gone by.

We started and finished our year with sadness losing two members, Graham Young and May Whittle. Further sadness came mid-season when we were notified of the death of Honorary Member Nancy Thomas. All three will be remembered with great fondness.

The Club is indebted to all our sponsors and we were delighted to receive new sponsorship this year from Baku, Holistic Health & Training and Harcourt's. All our home tournaments were successful and well attended.

There have been some notable "firsts". A monthly newsletter now goes out to all members keeping them abreast of events and happenings. We had our first mid-winter lunch and quiz and hopefully this will find a regular place in the Club's calendar. For such a small club we can proudly boast two new coaches and a new umpire. Members keenly supported the national "Have A Go Day" and teams of ladies and men entered a newly devised Nelson Centre 5's competition.

An unknown benefactor remains a mystery but we are very grateful to him or her for donating some new garden furniture. As well as being attractive and functional, it inspired a "clean-up" and we now have a garden area with tubs of flowers and a new barbecue, a welcome place of rest after all the battles on the green.

Yes, it has been a good year.

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May has been the month to fizz, pop and foam as Room 3 & 4 perform experiments and trial scientific theories using common substances found in any keen cooks' kitchen. This time of discovery has generated meaningful conversations, predicting results, observing reactions and discussing how and why different chemicals react the way they do. We have grown salt crystals, mould, made butter, yoghurt, soft cheese, and hokey pokey. We have also found out that water can change into the three states of solid, liquid, and gas. This topic is causing great excitement, as it's hands-on and observable.

This term we also celebrated the opening of the new entrance and foyer to the school, with Maori and Celtic blessings. One of our students sang a song (with the help of her friends) she especially wrote for the occasion, which set the tone of the evening. The ribbon was cut by the youngest and oldest student together, and a huge green cake was cut and passed around.

We have two new additions in Room 3 in the form of cuddly, hungry, chattering guinea pigs. (Moca, and Coca) These pets have made a huge impression on the class, in terms responsibility, caring, sharing, and sheer enjoyment. I'm glad the turtles didn't eventuate.

Winter sports are underway with two netball teams (Including some students from Tasman Bay Christian School), a mini ball team, and a combined Tasman and Mahana tackle rugby team. Country schools certainly are flexible. Gymnastics is also on the 'roll'.

At the beginning of the term we continued our focus on the ANZAC's and we would like to share some of the haikus we wrote as a result of this work. Anzac is a significant day for our school as the Tasman Cenotaph is on the school grounds and is acknowledged each day as we pass it.

*The sea is stained red  
Clouds of smoke suffocate me  
Gunfire cuts off screams.  
Jennifer Guthrie*

*Deadly battlefield  
Bullets whistling everywhere  
Poppies red as blood  
Drew Dodson-Cook*



While I am sitting here thinking what there is to report, the first thing that comes to mind is 'playing together' – not only in the sense of children playing together though. I am also referring to adults being invited to play with children, teachers being actively engaged in play with children and genuinely sharing the fun and learning. Let me explain:

Lately our children choose to stay indoors a lot longer in the mornings...it is nice and cosy there while the outdoors remain cooler and damper for longer. In cooperation and with the assistance of the children we adapted the inside environment accordingly and now use the large heated floor area of the foyer to create long windy car and train tracks as well as for block building structures and other 'busy' play.

A glimpse in the play room shows it has a lot of 'quieter' activity going on...while a few children are expressing themselves in the art studio, one small group of children and an adult are sitting around a table playing a new board game with the focus on environmental issue that at the same time also introduces a lot of te reo Māori ....the 'action' component adds a lot of fun and laughter. 2 more tables are also occupied by small groups of children and adults engaged in board games – one with a learning outcome around 'time and clock' and another focussing on colour recognition, perception and quick reaction. Exploring the world of electronics with the "Brainbox" is chosen by a small group of children as well.

Our children just love playing board games at the moment – and we know that board games offer such valuable learning opportunities that we as educators (and you as parents/grandparents and friends) are wise to take up the opportunity when invited to join. It is so much fun too!

*"From early childhood board games can be beneficial in helping a child learn such basics as colour recognition, reading, spelling, vocabulary, number recognition and counting. They also teach children to think ahead, to be alert and observant and to take note of ways to win - and how not to fall prey to those who are scheming to their disadvantage. Some games also encourage children to develop their memory - and some will require them to think and respond as quickly as possible. The old card game "Snap" is of course a classic example of this. Then there is the social education children gain while playing these games. They are learning to relate to other people, to play alongside them and to just have fun through participation - regardless of who wins. It also fires them with a desire to do their best. The flip-side of this is that they must also learn how to accept defeat graciously and be good sports."*

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## Mahana School

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We decided to make Science Week at Mahana into two weeks. We wanted to make it extra special for our students because it fits so well with our school value of 'Seek and You Shall Find'. The teaching staff worked hard to set up really engaging and fun science activities that involve a lot of discussion, questioning, experimentation, and trial. The science language and understanding that has resulted has encouraged us to ensure that we always teach a 'discovery and investigation' centred curriculum.

As well as our science theme, we have been learning about ANZAC Day and what it means through visiting the WWI trenches at the 'Lest We Forget' exhibition at Founders Park. We followed this with a visit to the Nelson Museum to learn about the role of the modern armed forces in Afghanistan. These visits made a big impact on the kids as they brought alive some of the experiences and stories from the war that they have read about but may not have completely understood before. We completed this topic by building our own World War 1 trenches in Kotuku class. Our senior students were required to spend one school week in the trenches, trying to find their way around while carrying on with their normal routines. We wanted to make the experience as real as possible, and it will be an experience they will never forget.

For all those parents with pre-schoolers, we are running a fantastic new music programme at Mahana School. You and your child will get to play, sing, dance, and giggle together. Your child will learn and grow through activities that stimulate brain growth, build motor skills, enhance social - emotional development, and much more. Our trained Kindermusik educator, Kath Munn, will guide the class as well as help you understand what your child is learning. *We will running a free demo class on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 9.30am to 10.30am in the Mahana School library.* If you would like to learn more or are interested in taking part, contact Kath Munn, 03 5289685 or ring Justin at Mahana School, 03 5432 887.

Please remember that families are welcome to visit us anytime, or check out our new website at [www.mahana.school.nz](http://www.mahana.school.nz), check out our class blogs, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter. We have an excellent school that is not far away. We have a student – teacher ratio that allows us to put kids learning first. We have a special place and we are proud of it. Come and take a look!

Justin Neal

Principal



Lucy, Eylish, Sapphira, and Meila check out science activities.



**Thanks to Room 5 at Upper Moutere School for these excellent examples of creativity. Lottie's is a 'haiku' for autumn; Grace has written a poem taking the first line from a School Journal poem; and Ursula has based her ideas on a similar poem, but with a different topic.**

Birds flying through bare trees  
Last surviving leaf descends  
Silent, floating down

**By Lottie**

Sun Shadow

The sun shone a tree over my yard today  
Stretching out its twisting arms  
Into a hug around my garden.  
Its sly arms  
Clambered up the sides of my house  
And into the window  
Were its winding fingers  
Drew a picture on my arm.

**By Grace**

The Artist

Hands lightly stroke the page.

Colours create a piece of art.

Legs straight as a paintbrush.

Back bent in pride.

Hands covered in achievement.

**By Ursula**



We had a lovely morning for our Open Day. New visitors and known families came to view, eat sausages and try out the bouncy castle. The teachers decided that chatting with parents was much more pleasant than skinned elbows falling from the castle. Trial and error is one form of learning that even the kaiako found out the hard way!

Thank you so much to Walnut the Clown who recently visited. The laughter echoed through the building from children and adults alike. Laughter makes you feel so good, which is just what is needed as winter sets in. Don't you just love having humour that goes over little heads, now and again?

We have been taking lovely walks in the paddocks, enjoying the autumn colours and collecting natural resources from the environment, such as leaves and wool. These are fantastic for extending the children's learning about the seasons and for the art table.

It has been said before but, there is no such thing as bad weather just inappropriate clothing. Please bring gear for ALL weathers for your children. There are so many germs about in the region so we should do our best to discourage them.

We have spaces available in all of our programmes; you are welcome to come and visit us any time. We are open from 8am to 5 pm each time. We close at 4.30pm on Mondays for our staff meeting though.

WEBSITE [www.countrykids.org.nz](http://www.countrykids.org.nz)



## RANGERS RUGBY



The rugby season is well underway. We now have U11, an intermediate, two U6 teams and an U7 team playing JAB rugby Training is on Thursdays from 3.30 pm at the Moutere Hills Community Centre, new players are always welcome.

The seniors team play every Saturday and training sessions are at 6pm Thursday at Moutere Hills Community Centre. New players are also welcome.

It was fantastic to have sunshine for the Rangers Football and Rugby Club Day on Saturday 12th May. We had a great turn out to support our teams who all played very well

A big thanks goes out to all the volunteers who help make great community days like these run so smoothly . And an even bigger thanks to all the sponsors of the rugby club - we greatly appreciate their donations.

Social touch is being held under lights on Tuesday nights at 6pm come on down and see what it's all about!

## RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB



### Club day 12<sup>th</sup> May

Rangers Club day dawned sunny and mild. This was a relief for organisers after all the rain during the week. The day was a joint event for both the soccer and rugby codes and the atmosphere was wonderful with soccer and rugby games playing alongside each other.

The age of players ranged from four years old to 15 years, with a total of six Rangers teams playing. All the Ranger soccer teams had a chance to show off their skills on their home turf.

Special thanks go out to Teresa, Vanessa and Katrina from the Moutere Hills Community Centre who did all they could to support the club in holding the day.

A big thank you also, to Sefton and Kris at the Upper Moutere Store who continue to support Rangers football club with their hugely popular ice cream vouchers for each team's player of the day.

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**Ray White**

Title?

You may recall last year local teen, Tom Filmer was selected to represent New Zealand in the under 19 World Mountain bike Champs in Switzerland but was forced to withdraw due to a knee injury.

Although greatly disappointed, Tom has remained focused on his goal to represent NZ and through determination and hard work has again been selected for this year's world champs in Austria.

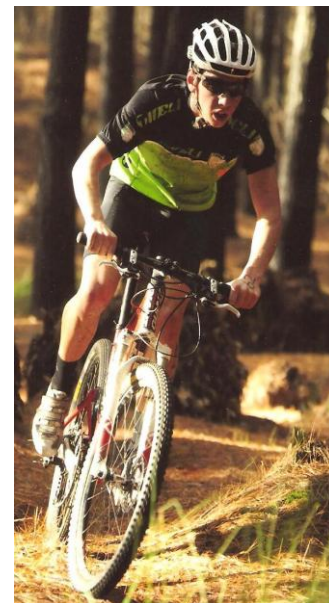
Next month the 18 year old will wing his way firstly to North America, then to Europe for MTB events. Tom needs top 20 finishes in one of the two North American World Cup races to confirm his spot in the World Champs in Austria. The races are in Mont Sainte-Anne, Quebec and a week later in Windham, New York State. He then flies to Neuchatel, Switzerland where he will base himself for 7 weeks in preparation for the worlds.

For Tom, gaining a silver medal at the Oceania Champs and his Rainbow rage win (in record time) have been the main highlights over the past 6 months.

He still has funds placed in a bank account from fundraising/donations raised for his trip last year and would like to thank the many people in the Moutere (and further afield) who have contributed.

Anyone wanting to follow Tom's progress can view his website: Tom Filmer.com.

We wish him all the best.



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### A new class for the Senior Members of our Community:

**Sit & Be Fit** - run by a qualified instructor. This is a seated exercise class providing strength, balance and flexibility while gaining confidence through fun exercises - just \$3 a session. Enjoy a chat afterwards with tea/coffee provided.  
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### July School Holiday Programme

During the July School holidays we will be running a two week programme for children aged 5 – 13 years.

Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July and 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July

Time: 8:30am – 3:30pm daily

Cost: \$25 per day

**Activities:** we provide a safe, fun and friendly environment in which everyone can participate in a wide variety of activities including arts, crafts, drama, music, cooking, games, and sport. There are some great theme days coming up these holidays such as "A Bakers Delight", "Flying High", "Reflections of Me" and "Down the Garden Path" plus some amazing workshops on offer for the 9 years + age group with "Scrapbooking", "Canvas Art", and "Gourmet Goodies". Why not check out our full programme on our website [www.mouterehills.org.nz](http://www.mouterehills.org.nz) - you can even book online!

### Centre Renovations

We are currently renovation the changing room and old kitchen area at the community centre to provide more storage, a space for the toy library and better access to the changing facilities. From these renovations we have some items up for tender. Please contact us at the centre for further details.



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## Sam's Spam

June 2012



Hi Readers,

The rise of social networking sites means it is so easy to keep in touch with friends and family. Unfortunately it also means that people who you might want to keep away from might also be able to find you. I read a disturbing article recently that told how this is being done. Although most of us don't have to worry about hiding from the private detectives mentioned in the article, it is good to know how you can take some steps to stop your privacy potentially being invaded.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/technology/digital-living/6888084/How-web-detectives-find-out-where-you-live>

Cyber stalkers can track people using geolocation applications that are attached to freely available open-source software. You may unwittingly be providing geolocation data about where you are when you use a mobile phone to post a tweet on Twitter or upload a photo to the image-hosting website Flickr.

There is an aptly named programme called 'Creepy' which at times has been used by private detectives etc. This free app collates geolocation data attached to a person's tweets and pictures to figure out where people work etc. As yet, these programmes do not seem to be actually breaking current privacy laws as many people knowingly publicly post updates of where they are.

If you do not want to be tracked, some of these websites allow users to disable geolocation, but those like Foursquare and Gowalla depend on it. Twitter users can choose to enable it when they join and Facebook says it strips off the location data on photos.

Is there a 'good' side to tracking? Well, for some parents, mobile apps that use geolocation can also be a source of reassurance, for example Family Track and Life360 are apps parents can buy to show where their children are on a map.

### Free Stuff

This month's free stuff is <http://littlebirdtales.com>

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That's all for this month! Remember, for anyone out there needing help with computers and other technology etc. my phone number is 03 544 0737. Average job price \$30.

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## Animal behaviour

Horses and ponies have partnered with humans for hundreds of years. It is hard to measure what contribution has been made by these wonderful creatures. There have been numerous books, videos, DVDs on how to communicate best with a horse to get the most effective results.

Natural horsemanship has been around for many years but it is relatively recently that it has become the preferred approach by an increasing number of people. Many people have seen promotional films on Monty Roberts, Pat Parelli and Buck Brannerman and seen the positive results they have achieved. So what is natural horsemanship? The reality of the term means an understanding of how a horse thinks and communicates. It is important to understand that even though horses have been domesticated for hundreds of years, they are first and foremost a herd and flight animal. Therefore any perceived threat is met with a desire to get away as fast as possible from it. If a horse is forced to face the threat they will resort to the only defence they have which is to rear, buck, bite or kick. It is therefore totally unacceptable to contain a horse and subject them to pain and punishment; they will feel as though there is a threat to their lives. Fear will result in a huge rise in adrenalin and inability to learn. Yet the number of riders that hold onto the horse and hit them for some misdemeanour is very high and they wonder why the horse "does not learn its lesson" and becomes paranoid about certain situations as they associate it with pain and fear.

A happy horse is a calm horse - one that trusts its human companion who does not feel fear or associate situations with a negative experience. Horses are very sensitive creatures; they are intuitive and can react very quickly to new situations. They are naturally used to following a herd leader and observing body language therefore a horse owner must adopt that calm decisive manner for the horse to feel confident to follow. Horses do not have human logic. It is not acceptable to punish a horse even five minutes after the incident; it simply cannot connect the punishment with the event. Positive and negative reaction to the horse's actions must be immediate for it to be effective.

Lastly, endless patience is required to be an effective horse owner. All horses can react unexpectedly; their perceptions are generally superior to humans and are very aware of sensory changes. If you understand how horses think and are willing to be a calm partner can enjoy many happy years together. To have total trust with a horse is both humbling and magic.

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### **Borlotti Bean and Savoy Cabbage.**

Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a deep pot and fry 150 grams of smoked, chopped bacon (bacon ends are good) until golden. Lower the heat and add 1 chopped onion, 2 medium carrots sliced, and 2 sprigs of rosemary. Gently fry for 10 minutes and add 2 medium potatoes diced and cook for a further 2 minutes. Add 225g tin of tomatoes, 1 litre chicken stock and simmer gently for 30 minutes until vegetables are cooked. Add one 400g tin of borlotti beans which have been drained and ½ a small shredded Savoy cabbage. Simmer until tender.

Taste and season if required.

Serve with a sprinkle of parsley and a swirl of pesto if you have it. I use a spoon of chunky dip which has pesto in it.

### **Corn Bread**

Oven – 200/180C fan. Grease and flour or line a 20cm square tin.

175gm maize meal, 150gm flour, 3 tablespoons sugar, 4 teaspoons baking powder, ½ teaspoon salt. Mix together in a large bowl.

Mix 225 ml of yogurt and 50ml milk with 1 egg and a pinch of chilli.

Combine with the dry ingredients and put into the prepared tin. Sprinkle with a few seeds (eg: sesame) before baking.

Cook 25 minutes or until it sounds hollow when tapped.

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*a Rosedale tale by Ruth Moore*

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One morning everyone was in the kitchen. My brothers and sisters were ready for school, and Dad went to get the car out to take them to the bus. Next thing we saw him sailing down the driveway by himself, having completely forgotten about stopping for the kids.

He retains nothing anyone tells him. He shuts doors when they're meant to be open, and opens doors when they're meant to be shut (then again, he does that most of the time). Mum thinks it's incredible that he can open and close every gate on the farm, and yet leave the gate to the garden open every time he goes out.

After realising that some expensive rams have been sent to the freezing works, he then remembers that in fact he put them in a paddock up the hill.

He takes out bags that have been left next to the door intentionally, thinking they're just rubbish, and ends up burning his children's expensive Sony Ericson phones. Sometimes he goes to meetings that are next week or last week, but he gets to have a cuppa with them anyway.

The good news is, he rarely injures himself when he's busy. So the time he broke his wrist falling off the motorbike, and the time he stabbed himself in the arm, were all complete coincidences.



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## A Rainbow Tale - (You're never too old!)

The idea started in January when Jane Wells said to Phil one bike riding Wednesday "Do you fancy signing up for the Rainbow Rage?" After a little bit of thought the answer was "Yes why not" and from then on training began in earnest in preparation for 17<sup>th</sup> March- the day of the race. Wednesday rides got tougher and longer trying to find similar terrain and distances to the Rainbow trail in our local area—not a difficult job. Riding was done in all weathers just in case the day of the race was wet.

As the day of the race got nearer Phil started to think he might just need some better gear so was reluctantly persuaded to get into well padded lycra and do something about improving the comfort of his hybrid leisure/mountain bike. A new seat was bought and advice taken from old hands at the racing game on food and gear to take.

As the 17<sup>th</sup> March drew nearer everything was well organised. Jane had booked a house in Hanmer for an overnight stay, the training had been done and Pat (Jane's other half) and myself, the drivers and backup team, were looking forward to a leisurely scenic drive after dropping off Phil and Jane just outside St Arnaud.

The day before the race all nearly went pear shaped when I decided to fall in our courtyard landing on concrete pavers. A trip to A&E confirmed I had broken my elbow and when the doctor told Phil to go home and get me some overnight clothes ready for an operation the next day he turned grey but took the bad news fairly philosophically! He phoned Jane to tell her the bad news and momentarily the air was blue.

However, a few hours later the consultant decided to do the operation the following week and my arm was put in plaster. The fact that there was a National touch Rugby tournament on in Nelson and the players were filling up the accident unit with sprains and broken limbs might have had something to do with the change of plan. Anyway we were all happy again with great weather promised for the trip.

An early start on a beautiful morning found us at Tophouse for a 9am start to be met by a paddock full of over 200 bikers all preparing and getting psyched up for the day. Soon the sea of riders starting getting in place for the start. Equipment was checked as no one was allowed to race without suitable gear. A slight delay occurred as someone was found not to have a windproof jacket. Fortunately one was found so a riders fun day out was saved. Two medics on motor bikes and a helicopter at the ready to patrol the track during the race the line of bikers set off led by the organiser in his 4 wheel drive guiding the way for the first few km. Then it was every racer for themselves.

Pat and I wished our two good luck, photos were taken for proof of the start and off we set for a leisurely, scenic drive round to Hanmer planning a few coffee stops on the way. Our bikers had given us an estimated time of arrival to the finish line of 4 pm so we had plenty of time to enjoy the journey, settle in to the rented house and get stocked up with a few beers to meet our expected tired bikers.

We arrived in Hanmer about lunchtime and saw a contestant's numbered bike parked outside the local supermarket only 31/2 hrs from the start of the race. We shrugged and said "not possible" and carried on filling in time before going to the local park at 4pm the finishing line to the race.

The park was busy with weary bikers and the tempting smell of free yummy food was welcoming. Plenty of tales were being told but our partners hadn't arrived yet. After what seemed an endless wait Jane came racing in, still smiling, with Phil following shortly afterwards. They clocked in their time and were given a small gift for finishing the race. On receiving his pot of ReadySetGo AntiChafe cream I heard Phil say "I should have had this at the start of the race" and as it transpired later he did have a very, very sore backside! I asked Jane if she had enjoyed it and would she do it again. Yes she had enjoyed but as for doing it again the answer was "not bloody likely" followed by "where are the beers"



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An hour to recover, back to the house for a shower and then to the prize giving at 6:30pm in the park. An interesting hour was spent watching this and listening to the amazing times some of the riders had done, averaging over 30kph over the rugged terrain. Here we met up with Phil Hyatt – one of the Moutere locals that many will know to be an experienced mountain biker and trainer. Phil was staying with us in the house with another young cyclist from the Moutere.

The evening ended with a meal at Jolly Jacks café with some reminiscing of the day and talk of improving the time next year!! Jane will kill me for mentioning it but she did get a prize for the best time in her class. As she pointed out, no other woman of senior years entered the race but those who come into contact with Jane know she is a keen biker, runner and tennis player.

We rose next morning to another beautiful day and this time we drove through the Rainbow passing some hardy riders cycling back enduring a head wind. We stopped to enjoy the scenery at various points to take photos of the stunning scenery but it still took us nearly 4 hrs of driving time, slower than the winner of the race on a bike!

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### Moutere Hills Rose Society pruning morning

Members of the society will be doing the annual pruning of the roses outside Mapua Hall on Sat. 7th July from 10am. If the weather is foul we will try on Sun. 8th July.

We like to make this a bit of a social event providing morning tea and inviting anyone interested in roses or wanting to learn a bit more about pruning and the care of roses to join us. Why not put the date in your diary and come along.



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