

SENSE OF COMMUNITY

LOCAL LIVES



Leigh and Jenny Briars share an interest in the Moutere's past, and in the young people that will shape its future.

In a village that's seen people come and go, Leigh and Jenny Briars can surely consider themselves locals. They first set eyes on their 12-acre block in Upper Moutere 28 years ago, and loved it instantly for its established trees that included a grove of hazelnuts.

At the time, they were living in Nelson, where Leigh had set up architectural business Upstream Design Group. In his spare time, Leigh built the house he and Jenny have lived in ever since, extending it over the years using new and recycled materials.

The couple, who met in Wellington where Jenny was working at Wellington Public Library, had lived and worked in Auckland and Northland before jumping in a Combi with their two children to tour the South Island in search of their idyll. "We were four years too young for the Norman Kirk Ohu scheme," says Leigh with a wry smile. "The South Island was the last frontier for us."

While running the business, Leigh and Jenny also volunteered as youth workers in the Moutere. Organising activities many nights of the week for different age groups was soon taking up much of their time, and five years later – realising there were 85 teenagers in the area – Leigh took a proposal to St Paul's Community Lutheran Church to set up a trust to fundraise for a salaried post.

Leigh was appointed as the first youth worker and the Moutere Community Youth Trust is still going strong today, with Leigh as chair and Andy and Abbey Bensemann as the current youth workers.

"We used sport and outdoor activities a lot to help develop in young people a sense of community identity," says Leigh of his four years in the role. Many from the group have stayed good friends, and one of them, Andy Marr, became Leigh's replacement.

Not one to enjoy the spotlight, Leigh says his time as a youth worker was simply about realising what talents he had and using them – empathy, the ability to relate to people, and training

young people to be leaders. "To deny the use of your talents would be a waste," he says. "As a student, I realised there were people in my life passing on things that I, too, had to pass on."

An opportunity to establish a mentoring programme in the Motueka area for seven to 13 year olds followed. The aim was to give young people an extra person in their lives to help nurture and encourage them, explains Leigh, who's a firm believer in the saying that it takes a community to raise a young person. "Though I'd add, 'so they too can help raise a young person'," he says.

During these years, Leigh added an office to their home, with plans to return to architectural design and his particular passion for healthy buildings and passive solar design. A kitchen extension was embarked upon a few years later while Jenny was undergoing months of treatment in Nelson and Christchurch for breast cancer.

Leigh and Jenny will be forever grateful to John and Mo Erni, John de Jong and all the willing workers who volunteered their time to help create their beautiful kitchen garden and new kitchen while Jenny was in Christchurch. It was hard to keep a secret, says Leigh, particularly when she would ring and hear many voices in the background. "We celebrated the following January with a big cocktail party in the garden," she says.

A collector of buttons, linen and lace, Jenny has since turned her talents to creating beautiful things from pre-loved fabrics under the name of Edie & Stubbs – her parents' names. The craftwork is an ideal 'off-season' activity after harvesting their hazelnuts and processing them into hazelnut oil and flour. As the co-author of the 1993 *Road to Sarau* book, celebrating 150 years of German settlement and village life, it seems fitting that Jenny should again be keeping history alive with her vintage creations.

Article by Beverly Sellers – ph: 03 543 2008.

Editorial

This month seems like a bit of a who's been/going where issue; Country Kids Just 4 Kids experienced an entree to travel when they visited Nelson airport lately and were lucky enough to be shown around by Mo Ernie, the smiley lady who featured on our last cover.

Sam Bennet who brings us "Sam's Spam" each month is off to Japan to take part in a televised singing competition – do check out his facebook page and send him a message of support. Claire Lane fills us in on her experience as an exchange student in Japan. Real Estate Agent Simon Thomas is helping out in Uganda of all places. And our local social Volley ball team are off to Timaru to compete in the South Island Masters.

So, if there's anyone left in the district, I hope you enjoy reading this month's issue – that is if you've got time now that Spring is finally here!

Road Race – Not Road Rage....

Our numbers will be boosted on the 6th October while the National Road Relay takes place. The organisers are asking us to be patient and courteous - this will be a good time to show a lot of other New Zealanders just how good it is to be living in the area.

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A. Because his keys were on the piano.

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Gymnastics competition in the Moutere

Just Gym completed their 5th Annual Gym Competition on Fathers Day, Sunday 2 September. The primary school aged pupils came from Nelson, Richmond, Wakefield, Moutere, Motueka and Riwaka. Gymnastics skills ranged from forward rolls on floor to cartwheels on beam.

145 gymnasts competed throughout the day at the Moutere Hills Community Centre, with ages ranging from 4 to 13. All gymnasts competed in four events: bar, beam, floor and vault with the senior boys performing some spectacular dive rolls off the mini tramp instead of competing on beam. Jordan Stokes, deserves a special mention receiving a 9.6 out of a possible 10 for his dive roll.

All the gymnasts did amazingly well, working to achieve their personal best and performing to the best of their ability.

Local gymnasts did really well with the following results:

Stage 3 boys: 1st Jordan Stokes. Girls stage 3: 1st Odette Peter, 2nd Natalie Woolf, 3rd Hannah Price

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Last month I wrote from the depths of Eastern Uganda. Still here and with so many stories to tell; here's a brief update.

Life is so different! Happily I'm growing accustomed to having no running water, no Big Macs, no fuel discounts, and to living with children with no toys, one set of old clothes and big smiles.

The project I'm working with has provided around 1500 farming families with oxen and a plough to lift them out of the Stone Age. Their faces say it all.

Thank you to those brave and generous souls who donated to my appeal. We have so far raised nearly \$2000 towards my minimum goal of \$5000. You can see we are still short of what's needed to keep this project alive until its micro loans start to be repaid.

I've personally sponsored a renovation of their dilapidated office and the first of the appeal money had been paid over to them to allow for field visits, office rent and power. I really want to reach that goal, and to provide internet access to the MTCEA office, another \$250, before I leave in 6 weeks time. This will provide an essential research and communication tool but also a valuable source of income. Time is running out. Can you help? It would be so much appreciated if you could donate even a small amount, if you haven't yet done so.

Until I came to a Third World country, I had no idea just how far a little can go. Please help me to help these lovely people. Time is of the essence. Here's the account again:



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Simon



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New Residents Association lines up initial project.

A well attended public meeting of Moutere residents last week voted unanimously to form a local community association to liaise with the TDC and help drive community projects. The new association, (with a name to be formally decided upon next week), will canvass the aims and concerns of the community by way of public meetings, and address those matters as appropriate.

Several suggested projects and matters of concern were raised by residents attending the meeting, and it was agreed that the provision of a safe walkway/cycleway between the village and the Community Centre was the most pressing and desirable project for the new association to drive.

Road safety concerns were also expressed regarding the entrance to the Community Centre, and the portion of Old Coach Road adjoining the Mahana school. Councillor Trevor Norriss noted that the planned highway deviation past the Community Centre was on hold through lack of funds. However he elected to set in motion the formal process to investigate speed restrictions for both areas.

The meeting elected a committee of seven to steer the formation of the association, and begin investigating the formation of a village to Community Centre walkway, with the help of the existing cycle group and representatives of the UMO school.

The Committee comprises Andy Bensemann, Anissa Bain, Julian Manning, Michael Weller, Matthes Bender (Secretary /Treasurer), Philip Hyatt (Deputy Chair) and Tim Finn (Chair)

Mr Finn said that "...a community association can provide a useful communication link between residents and the District Council. It can also act as a focal point for other groups and individuals to share their thoughts and aspirations for the community, and to organise and drive local projects". He noted that "the larger Upper Moutere area has been one of the few communities in the Tasman District without that link."

The next public meeting will be held at the Moutere Hills Community Centre on Monday 1st of October at 7pm. All residents are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Sarau Festival 2013 is coming up!!



Sunday Feb 3rd 2013 from 3pm

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NEWS FROM MAPUA BOWLING CLUB



It is raining ... again ... and as I stare out of my office window it is hard to believe that we are days away from the new bowling season. But we are ready. The green is in excellent shape and under the watchful eye of Les McAlwee, a group of willing helpers has shaped up into the "green team" to care for our prime asset in the months ahead. I hope to be able to report soon an advance from "green team" to "dream team" ... watch this space!

A working bee on Friday 7 September completed the work that has been continuing throughout the winter months and the grounds and clubhouse are just begging to be used. Why don't you come along and see for yourselves what an excellent facility for bowling or for hire is right on your doorstep?

Monday evening has traditionally been the session when League Bowlers play. Please remember that Dave does need a response to his letter if you wish to continue with league bowls this season and thank you to those people who have already replied.

For information about bowling please call Secretary Jean Daubney (543 2765) or President Dave England (540 2934) or email s1ad2as3@xtra.co.nz

Sue England

'Fresh Blood' Wanted at the Mapua Health Centre'

Well not blood itself, but fresh people with fresh ideas would do. In the next two years Mapua will almost certainly have a new Health Centre. Just where it's located and what it looks like are questions that will need answering in the coming months.

With 16 staff and around 4500 enrolled patients the daily challenge of juggling rooms and dancing around each other is reaching an unsustainable level. Add to this the fact that more services currently delivered at your local hospital are being pushed out into the community to be picked up by GP's, nurses, and other health professionals and you can see the problem we have.

The Mapua and Districts Health Centre Incorporated is working on what will be needed to solve this urgent requirement. The Society was the original instigator of health services in the area over 20 years ago and its hard work and support for local health practitioners has served the community well.

We are keen to recruit capable and committed people to join the committee. Our AGM will be held on Wednesday November 7th at 7:30pm at the Mapua Health Centre. At this meeting there will be the opportunity to discuss our objectives and some possible alternatives. We would urge everyone interested in hearing about our plans and those who think they could contribute by joining the committee or in any other way to please attend.

**Mapua & Districts Health Centre Incorporated – AGM
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are super excited to be able to now also
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Well, is spring coming at last? In and out from the different kinds of weather.

We have just had an amazing trip to the airport. This followed an interest some of our jet-setting children have. Several of our tamariki have made many flights and understand the etiquette of travelling.

Thank you so much to Mo Erni who has taken time out to show us around, even though Phoebe was not there. Thank you also to the parents who travelled with us and shared the experience.

We saw the customers checking in, their luggage being weighed and boarding passes being handed out. There was an announcement to say that Country Kids were in the building. Ka rawa.

We walked to the hangar and saw aeroplanes; one was completely stripped out, with no seats, as the engineers checked the body work for cracks. We saw an Air Force plane, complete with guns, much to the astonishment of the tamariki.

Everyone enjoyed sitting in the sun on the viewing platform, for our picnic.

Since returning, the children have discovered all sorts of different 'aeroplane engine parts' around the building. Don't be surprised if you have engine parts lurking at home. The classroom has been transformed into a plane and we have a check-in with keyboards and in-flight magazines. The imagination continues to fly, pun entirely intended.



The Great Egg Drop Challenge



The Year 3&4 class at Upper Moutere School were given a challenge by their teacher, Miss Whalley. Working in groups, they were to design and create a craft that would protect an egg when dropped from a height. Here are some of their reports on how the challenge went.

Excitement filled the air as well as the sound of Miss Whalley's clumpy boots as she scrambled up the ladder. My heart was pumping like millions of explosives blowing me up. My teeth were chattering and my knees were clattering. I felt like I was going to faint. I held my breath and I felt my face turn a dark shade of red.

Finally the drum roll began. Our team turned to one another and gasped "Oh my God, I hope this works." Heads turned to Miss Whalley as she gently let go of our egg protector. It shot to the ground like crazy and smashed into 20 gazillion pieces.

Oh well, back to the drawing board we go.

By Jake Edwards

On Friday I was so nervous when Miss Whalley climbed the ladder on the court. "She's going to drop our egg," I remember whispering to Kiri.

I thought we had good protection around our egg. We had spent a long time designing this. But I was wrong. When Miss Whalley dropped the egg all we heard was a big CRACK! At that moment I knew our design had failed because our egg had broken. As I picked up the egg protector the egg splattered out all over the court. Everyone yelled "Yuck."

By Kellyanne Urquhart

It was now or never... there was excitement in the air even though it was silent, well silent except for the clumping of Miss Whalley's boots as she climbed up the ladder with our craft in her hand. As she neared the top the pressure built and intensified so hard it was almost unbearable. Ryan was sweating, I was sweating and Riley was sweating. As I said it was now or never.

Miss Whalley let go of our craft. Down, down, down it plummeted. It seemed to have a magnet attached to it. All eyes on the court followed it, the camera man's lens caught every second of it. My stomach did a triple flip and sank to my toes... thomp! Deadened silence.

Riley, Ryan and I raced up to our craft. When we had ripped off the last piece of sellotape Ryan inspected it briefly and gave us a thumbs up.

I held our trophy up and was greeted with a roar of glee from the eager spectators who rushed up and congratulated us on our victory. But Ryan took the egg out of my hand and gave it a closer inspection. He found a small crack. I was severely disappointed it seemed like the depression would never end.

By Louie Morris

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Upper Moutere Tennis Club would like to thank Sarau Community Trust for their kind donation of \$600 which will be used to subsidise junior coaching this season!

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For more information about booking workshops and details of the Open Studios please visit www.rubycostmouterehills.co.nz or visit our facebook page - ruby coast arts weekend.

Tidings from Tasman & Kina (September 2012)

The Tasman Area Community Association (TACA) is delighted to provide another update to the Coastal News to inform residents of the Ruby Coast of our issues, challenges and successes in Tasman & Kina.

- Finally our **WALKWAY** around the **BLIND BEND** on Kina Beach Road on the edge of the Moutere Inlet has been constructed for locals and school children to walk that section of road in safety – many thanks to TDC and Concrete & Metals for making it all happen.
- We are delighted that the three Voluntary **SLOW DOWN** signs on Kina Beach Road, designed by Tasman School children, are now in place, despite our attempts to get **OFFICIAL** speed limits for the road reduced to less than 80kph. There will, however, be another opportunity to submit on the speed limits on the Ruby Coast around Xmas time when the Speed Limits Bylaw 2004 will be reviewed.
- A further **BUS SHELTER** for school children is the process of being designed and will be erected shortly opposite Tasman Store as a result of the kind efforts of the Motueka Community Men's Shed.
- Our **PUMP TRACK** for BMX riders at Tasman Domain is now complete for the children of the area – we are just awaiting a good stretch of fine weather before we make it available to users to avoid undoing all of the good work already done.
- As part of our upgrade of Tasman Domain, TACA is continuing the **PLANTING OF PRODUCTIVE TREES** around the Domain to enhance its look and to provide an on-going source of free food for the community. The emphasis for the next planting is on low maintenance tree crops with fruit and nuts that fall when ripe.
- The **BALDWIN ROAD FLOOD RELIEF WORK** is scheduled to proceed in 2012/2013 at a cost of \$417,000. Council have reviewed the speed limits on Aporo Road; the limit through the village will be 60kph, rising to 80kph at the present 70kph sign, as far as Jester House when it will then rise to 100kph until Ruby Bay (as at present). The decision not to reduce this to 80kph is disappointing, particularly as our local Councillor lobbied hard on our behalf.
- On the **BAIGENT DOMAIN ISSUE** on the Kina Peninsula, a hearing date is set for 29 October for the Environment Court appeal by Carter Holt Harvey against the Commissioner's decision to reject their sub-division proposal.
- The **TASMAN SCHOOL CENTENNIAL** will be held on the 15-17th of March 2013. It will be a weekend to remember, so all those who are interested are urged to contact the Tasman School office on (03) 526 6818 to register. Check out their Facebook page for lots more details. We encourage you all to spread the word to family and friends who may wish to attend.
- TACA's next committee meeting is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM** in the **TASMAN SCHOOL STAFFROOM**. All residents on the Ruby Coast are welcome to attend.



MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE



We are heading into a very busy time at Moutere Hills Community Centre, with many activities, events and functions on that will cater for a wide cross section of the community. Why not check these out on our website www.mouterehills.org.nz. There is also information on there about summer sporting opportunities taking place at Moutere Hills Community Centre, including Rangers Softball Club. We are also please to be able to support other community organisations as well; you can access the present and past copies of the grapevine and also the new residents association page—all at www.mouterehills.org.nz

Adult Craft Sharing

Wednesday's 9:30am—11:30am

FREE

This new initiative provides all those creative, artistic people in our community with an opportunity to come together, socialise and share the amazing skills you all possess. Bring along your own knitting, scrapbooking, sewing, painting etc and enjoy a yummy morning tea while meeting like minded people.

OR

Why not participate in a ...

Creative Art Workshop

Wednesday's 9:30am—11:30am or

Monday's 7:30pm—9:30pm

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Helena began painting in 2002, and is largely self taught. In 2011 she began a Diploma of Art and Creativity and will complete this in March 2012. Helena is passionate about art and living creatively. Her Creative Art Classes for adults is a chance for anyone to come and be creative. You don't have to be a "good drawer" or have done it before to come. Helena believes there is no wrong way to paint, if it makes you smile, happy or proud then you have done it right!!!

Youth 'Drop In'

Due to the popularity of these evenings we will be running them during Term Four. If you are aged from 14 years why not come on down and hang out with friends at Moutere Hills Community Centre. Have a game of basketball, badminton, table tennis, play station—it will be open for your use. From 7:30pm until 10:00pm with a gold coin donation required on entry. Food and drink available for purchase.

Friday 2nd November / Friday 9 November / Friday 7 December / Friday 21 December

Social Volleyball at Moutere Hills



Eight players, who come together through Social Volleyball at Moutere Hills Community Centre will be competing in the South Island Masters Games in early October. The 'Stale Ales', who are sponsored by the Moutere Inn, will travel to Timaru with their manager Dave Watson. The team has taken on a few new players and looks forward to bettering their results from the 2011 games. Their Sunday practices and Thursday games at the centre should have them in top form for the tournament.

If you have any queries or would like to make a booking then please contact us at the centre.

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Japan

by Claire Lane.

Last year I was lucky enough to win a scholarship to study Japanese at Kun-ei Girls High School in Osaka, Japan, from May to December.



Osaka is quite a southern city, so it was not noticeably affected by the earthquake and tsunami that had ravaged the more northern Tohoku area.

Two other girls from New Zealand who I had never met were also selected, Calypso and Melissa. Being the only international students at Kun-ei meant that we were almost idolised by the rest of the students; they would often break down into giggles when they spotted us.

School took up most of our time while we were there, it ran 8:30- 3:30 Monday through Friday with a half day on Saturdays. The last 20 minutes of every day were spent sweeping and mopping the classrooms, the upkeep of which was mainly the student's responsibility. Unlike New Zealand school where the students move between classrooms for subjects, in Japan the teachers move. Classes would start and end with a class bow of respect to the teacher.

After school there was a wide variety of school clubs to take part in, ranging from swimming to calligraphy, baseball to manga (comic book) art. Most students were involved in at least one club, although it was not compulsory. I was in the badminton and tea ceremony clubs, both of which were much more fun and relaxed than I first expected.

During my time in Japan I lived with 2 different host families. The first family- a mother, grandmother, grandfather and my older host brother and sister- was also accompanied by 9 cats. My second- a mother, father and my host sister- had a tiny dog that was always dressed up in cute dresses. Both host families were incredibly welcoming and took me all over the Kansai (Osaka, Kyoto, Nara) area of Japan visiting various temples and shrines and treating me to traditional Japanese experiences such as full course lunches, dressing up in a kimono and of course karaoke centres.

One of my favourite things about Japan was how easy it was to get to different places. After about a week, the train ride to and from school was no longer spent worrying about whether I had missed my stop and was about to end up in the middle of nowhere. Although this did happen a couple of times it was always relatively easy to get back home again. Calypso, Melissa and I would regularly take "the next train, no matter where it's heading" and go on spontaneous adventures all over Osaka.

We also spent a lot of time at the shopping heart of Osaka, Umeda. Umeda is home to numerous department stores, amusement and entertainment buildings, restaurants as well as an expansive underground shopping mall. We also went to a few festivals dressed in traditional yukatas (summer kimonos), including Tenjinmatsuri (the Tenjin festival), which is one of the three largest in Japan and the world's greatest boat festival.

Experiences like this made me really treasure my time overseas and I would definitely do it again if given the chance.

Redwood Valley Country Market – Saturday 20 Oct 9am to 1pm at the Redwood Valley Hall. Our market provides the local community the opportunity to sell products or goods which have been either made, created, grown, gathered or rejuvenated themselves. We welcome your enquiries regarding a stall, car boot sites or busking opportunities. Contact Diane, phone 544 8275 or maisey@internet.co.nz

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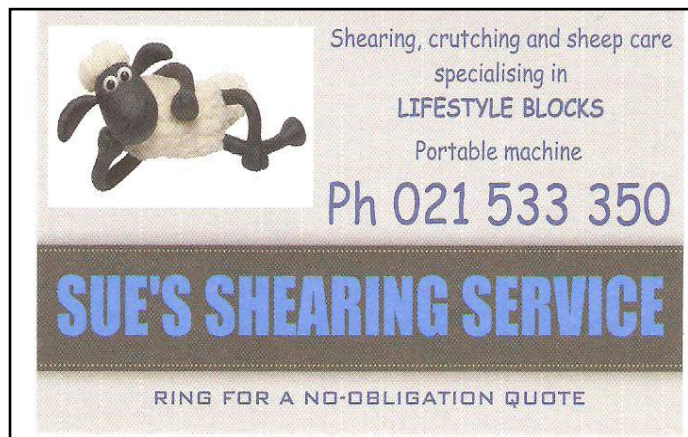
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Animals

Well, Spring has sprung and many young animals have been born. Lambs are bounding around lots of paddocks throughout New Zealand and the Moutere is no exception.

For most ewes things go well and lambs are born normally and follow and learn from their mothers; however, sadly there are many cases where a ewe or a lamb will die. When a lamb dies ewes have been known to stand over it and call to it for a week. It is very disturbing but best handled by leaving the dead lamb where she can see it. In the end she will accept it and leave the lamb. If the lamb is taken away immediately it will be much more distressing for the ewe who will call and search for a long time. Sometimes if a ewe dies an orphaned lamb can be accepted by a ewe whose own lamb dies but will need to smell like her own lamb to be accepted; it is rarely successful.

When sheep are in a large flock they are still able to hear their own lambs call and the lamb soon learns to hear its mother. They do not recognise each other by sight. Sheep are far from dumb. They are intelligent and sensitive. Yes, they run from a dog but that is a basic instinct as the wolf is a traditional predator. However sheep can be trained to come to the call as well. They can be tamed and be extremely docile but it varies from sheep to sheep. Sheep do startle easily and like most animals in flocks they follow each other's lead. If one panics they all panic. Conversely if the sheep at the front leads the way, they will all follow – a characteristic farmers have made use of over the years for handling sheep. Sheep are very amenable with other species and can be kept with cows, horses and goats. They can also become friends with cats and dogs provided they are not threatened or chased.

Out of all the different animals in New Zealand it is arguably the sheep that has been most important over the years with its meat and wool. But they also make fine pets and are kept on many lifestyle blocks. Sheep deserve to be treated with kindness and respect and recognised for the intelligent sensitive animal they are.

As always I am very happy to answer any issues regarding animal behaviour.

Susan Mott

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Vet Talk with Tasman Bay Vets

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The basics of bulls

While most of us are sitting back enjoying the spring daffodils and the lambs and calves frolicking in the paddocks, for dairy and beef farmers preparations are already underway for the next lot of calves to be born. Mating season is just around the corner and for many people that will mean replacing some of last year's bulls.

When introducing a new bull to your property there are a few pertinent things to consider from a disease point of view. Venereal diseases such as campylobacter, trichomoniasis and ureaplasma are rare. Of greater concern are Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) and Leptospirosis.

BVD has been a particular problem in dairy herds for well over a decade. While many dairy farmers are aware of the BVD status of their cows through bulk milk testing, it is easy to forget about the potential of new bulls to bring this unwanted disease on to the farm, with potentially disastrous consequences. BVD is being diagnosed more frequently amongst beef herds now, where it has the potential to cause significant losses through lower in calf rates, abortions and calf deaths as well as production checks in young stock. We cannot stress enough the importance of ensuring that any bulls you bring on to your property have been blood tested negative for BVD and vaccinated.

Leptospirosis is still a concern for dairy farmers. While cows and young stock are generally well vaccinated these days on an annual programme it is easy to forget about the potential for bulls to introduce and spread this disease. Ensure any new bulls are vaccinated before they arrive on the property and that existing bulls get an annual vaccination at the same time as the cows in Autumn.

It is also important to consider parasites when you are introducing new stock to your farm. With drench resistance increasing and causing economically significant losses now days no stock should be brought on to your property without an exit drench prior to leaving their current property. If this has not been done then do a quarantine drench on arrival on your property. Choose a high quality combination drench or a novel drench such as Startect or Zolvix. Do not bring someone else's drench resistance problems onto your place!

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Soo Gee has the drinks sorted for spring!

Elder Flower (Sambucus Nigra) Cordial

40 clusters of Elder flowers, 4-5 Lemons,
1.8kg sugar, 1 ½ litres water, 4 tablespoons citric acid.

Pick flowers when dry and away from road side spray. Don't wash to remove insects just give them a shake or I put them in the freezer for a short time. Place in a clean bucket with a lid.

Remove the zest from the lemon with a potato peeler then take off as much pith as you can. Slice remaining lemon and add to bucket.

Bring sugar and water to boil stirring until dissolved, add citric acid, pour over flowers, cover and leave for 48 hours.

Strain through a sieve which you have lined with muslin. Bottle in, clean bottles.

Uses: This is a refreshing drink dilute to taste with water, you can add it undiluted to Gin or sparkling wine. Use a little in a light vinaigrette – good on mixed greens. Just for fun, but a 1.5l of lemonade, remove 200mlm push in fresh elderflowers, cap and put back in the fridge for a day. Result: delicious fast fizz!

I look forward to Gooseberry pie – roll out sweet short pastry, pop the gooseberries into the pastry shell combine some sugar to taste with custard powder and sprinkle the mix over the gooseberries.

Dribble some elderflower cordial over the top. I don't add water as there is plenty of juice in gooseberries. Bake in a hot oven until cooked.

Add cordial to apples in apple crumble or it is also good as a flavour in cakes and muffins.

In the garden – Consider planting a tree or Rhododendron.

Get your salad greens in – rocket, cos lettuce, flat leaf parsley.

There are lots of beans out there, try a different one. The Country Trader in Mapua has a great selection of seeds

Get out there when the sun's out and make the most of it!

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days for us all to get out and have
some fun.

There will be a girls night out (High School age only) in the holidays.
Give Abbey a call if you're interested in coming along.

Remember there's Family Touch Rugby at the Community Centre at
6pm, Tuesdays. The Riwaka Competitions start the first week back at
school - October 18.

Y is every second Tuesday, after Family Touch Rugby. Meet 7pm at the
Church Hall.

Sports Night, Moutere Centre (High School age only) is coming up in
November.

Friday 19 October	Photo Chase – 7pm, Church Hall.
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Hi everyone! It's almost the holidays and I'm sure many of you will be going away and taking photos. I've got some great **free** photography apps below.

On that subject, I won't be available for jobs until after the 10th of October because I am going to Japan! I have been selected to represent NZ as one of only 20 contestants in a televised singing contest called 'Nodojiman The World'. The show will be broadcast to an audience of over 10 million on one of Japan's largest networks!

If you would like to keep in touch and follow my progress with the show, please 'Like' my Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/samuelanthonybennett>. **You can also listen to and download some of my songs for free.**

Free apps

Instagram is the most popular mobile photography application. Since it was bought by Facebook for over \$1 billion USD last year, the application has grown to have over 80 million active users. The program can be used to apply various filters and effects to your photographs, which you can then upload to your Instagram account and share with your friends.

Available on both Android and iOS

Naver Line Camera is Japan's answer to Instagram, although the program is entirely in English. Like Instagram, it has a number of filters and effects that can liven-up your photos. However the main difference with this app is that it can also be used to add "Stamps" to your images: small graphics which add fun decorations to your photographs.

Available on both Android and iOS

Snapseed follows the same vein as the other two apps, but its features are much more precise and suited towards more advanced users. It can be used to make selective adjustments to any specific part of the image, rather than a filter which covers the whole photograph.

Available on iOS

Photosynth from Microsoft is a fantastic app which you can use to make 3D panoramas with your smartphone. It works by stitching a set of images together to make one virtual 3D image. All of your panoramas are stored on your device so you can view or share them at any time. Plus, you can view everything in your existing Photosynth.net account on the device with the interactive streaming viewer.

Available on Windows Phone and iOS

All of the apps mentioned above are completely free and can be downloaded from your phone's App Store.

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.

Rocking da house!

A colourful riot of music and entertainment was the name of the game at Rock Da House. This combined schools choir festival, which ran over three nights at the Motueka Memorial Hall in August, was an event to remember.

Rock Da House was about bringing together children, and celebrating the joy of making music in a big group. Sharing the stage over the three evenings were Upper Moutere, Ngatimoti, Dovedale, Mahana, Lower Moutere, St Peter Chanel, Tasman, Mapua, Motueka South Parklands and Riwaka schools. The students belted out numbers such as Queen's *We Will Rock You*, Survivor's *Eye of the Tiger*, Bruno Mars' *Count on Me* and Train's *Hey Soul Sister* to the accompaniment of a live rock band.

"It is our wish that you leave tonight's performance with a spring in your step, warmth in your hearts and a desire to encourage your children to extend their musical experiences," said chairperson and co-musical director John Phillips, who put together the event with Paulette Nott and Christine Sutton.

John was a finalist for the 2011 APRA Children's Song of the Year, and has written many songs for children, including *Bad Hair Day*, which was performed at the show, with the children donning a wild collection of wigs (see picture).

A music specialist in Nelson schools, John develops choirs and rock bands with the goal of promoting a 'have a go' attitude to performing. The children all did just that at Rock Da House, including several soloists and duet singers.



The audience was also treated to a performance by The Peasants, a group of Garin College students who won the national Smokefreerockquest in 2011.



National Road Relay Saturday 6th October 2012

The 2012 national road relay will take place from the Moutere Hills Community Centre, on a circuit including Neudorf road, Rosedale Road, Rosedale Saddle, Thorpe-Orinoco road, Jacobs Ladder Saddle, Dovedale Road, Thorn Road, Neudorf Saddle, Blackbird Valley Road and Kelling Road.

It is expected that about 130 teams (800-900 competitors) from throughout New Zealand will be competing. Inevitably this will lead to some congestion on the roads between 9.00am and 3.00pm, particularly at lap change points.

The organisers (Athletics Nelson) are seeking the patience of local residents travelling on that day.

Full details of the course are available on the Athletics Nelson website www.athletics.nelson.co.nz If you have any questions, please call Ian Morrison on 03 545 0687

Upper Moutere School is holding a Scarecrow competition as part of its Nov 3 Village Fair. It's for the whole community - anyone can enter - so please join in. There are great prizes and just \$10 entry fee. Visit the website www.uppermoutere.school.nz and click on the fair logo for entry forms, instructions and categories.

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