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Awarded by the Pope!

Over 60 years ago an interest in a local organisation began that would deepen into a life-long commitment.

Known for volunteering, helping out, offering a bed, a farm visit, a vehicle and much more, local man Viv Barrett has become the recipient of a most prestigious award.

On Sunday, at Holy Family Catholic Church - a place dear to his heart, Viv received the highest papal award that a Pope can bestow to a lay person - the "Benemerenti

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- 25 Community Possum Trap Lib. Launch
26 ADC Biodiversity Feedback closes
28 Matt Chisholm Time Out Tour

DECEMBER

- 1 Hist. Society Raffle outside 4quare
3 ECAN Water submissions close
Twelfth Hour Gin Exp. at Racecourse
5 Methven Golf Club AGM, 7pm
6 Methven Care Trust AGM, 7.30pm
8 A&P Wheat Competition entries close

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WEDNESDAY

Methven Green Waste drop off,
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FRIDAY

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Methven Museum 2pm-4pm

SATURDAY

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Chocolate Fish Races are on!

Annabella Leov



Lachie Fleetwood

Annie Jacobs

A pretty special series of events have been running recently at Bike Methven's Skills Park (behind the Methven Primary School playground) on Methven Chertsey Road.

The events were aimed at little people and their bikes. The Methven Chocolate Fish Race is suitable for children aged three years and up. The course that they undertake on their bikes, is decided upon by age, and skill level, varying from easy, to a little bit tricky and trickier.

"It's a great opportunity for people with younger kids to come and have a go, do some fun biking in a safe environment and win a chocolate fish," said Andy Keenan from Bike Methven about the free event.

"With a broad range of boys and girls between 3 to 14, they excitedly lined up to tackle our mini, short or long course options - cheering and celebrating each other over many laps! It was fantastic to see all the kids level up their skills again this week, gaining more speed and confidence in themselves and just having a blast this beautiful evening. It was hard work to get them to stop racing even with the lure of Chocolate Fish," Andy said.

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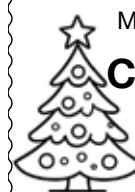
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3rd prize Christmas Cake

Blue Door Bikes is open for business

Annie Jacobs

Sam Pringle has lived in a number of places around the world and now calls Methven home.

As an avid cyclist, he saw a gap in the market and "Blue Door Bikes" began. Behind the blue door at his garage, was where Sam started his business.

Having done winters between here and Canada, he and his partner Ann-Marie purchased a home in Methven in 2015, and this is where there was a garage with a blue door.

"I've always been around bikes. Dad used to race back in the UK (United Kingdom) and we always had them," said Sam. Then at age 14, he bought himself a BMX.

"You can go places and do things. I enjoyed the freedom of being able to go do things with my friends on a bike," he said.

Fast forward a few years, and Sam wasn't able to get a visa for Canada, so ended up back in the UK for a winter and worked for a bike shop.

His friend had said there was possibly a bit of work there before Christmas. This was a turning point for Sam, who ended up working there for the whole winter. This was followed by a move to New Zealand, with Sam planning to ski. Arriving in summer, Sam worked in a bike shop in Auckland.

With a job that offered summer work (so Sam could continue with ski instructing), Sam later ended up in Mid Canterbury. Stoked Cycles in Ashburton offered the same arrangement, with Sam finishing with them in April this year.

Blue Door Bikes offers fast, easy, repair and servicing. If your bike doesn't work as well as you think it should do, Sam can fix it.

"It's the ultimate lifestyle job with fixing bikes and (where I can fit



Sam outside the blue door that gives the business its name

it in) skiing in winter," Sam said. Sam sells bike parts which he can order for each job and offers a top service where he will come and pick up and



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Sam is at the Purple Dragon site on Forest Drive (next to The Green Parrot) on Mondays from 8.30-10.30 am, 3-6pm on Thursdays, Sunday mornings 9-11am and available any other time if you want to drop your bike off to him to service.

His top piece of advice is, "Keep your bike clean, especially the chain on mountain and road bikes."

Sam advises bike owners to keep on top of maintenance and get the bike serviced regularly.

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Farewell to Dr John and Mary McGettigan

Known for his many years of medical service to Methven and Foothills residents, Dr John and Mary McGettigan were farewelled from their Catholic Church family on Sunday morning at a special morning tea at the Parish Centre.

Mary and John arrived in Methven with their two oldest children in June 1977 from Auckland, where John had been working on his Diploma in Obstetrics at National Women's Hospital. John had seen an advertisement for the General Practitioner position.

"We liked skiing and country life," he said on Sunday morning.

The McGettigans went on to have five more children in Methven and John was asked to chair the school committee at Our Lady of the Snows School before his children had even started school!



Zella McGirr presents John with flowers to John on behalf of the Holy Family parish

In acknowledging John and Mary's service to the community, Phil McKendry highlighted three things he'd noticed about them, "They are servant leaders - regular folk who both made huge contributions to the community. They are a witness - living a good life, raised their family and contributed in lots of ways. Their humanity - in John's work in Methven Medical Centre, he could deal with all kind of people. John has the ability to connect on a deep and meaningful level with all kinds of people," Phil said.

John recalled working with Viv Barrett when he was a councillor with Ashburton District Council and getting the current Methven Medical Centre built.

Sadly, Mary was unable to attend the farewell due to ill health, but was described as present in spirit. John and Mary are moving to Christchurch.

"Mary is not well and looking after her health is our priority at the moment," said John. "I will be poor without the Methven community," John said.

The Holy Family community presented John and Mary with a shrub in a pot - just in case it suited their new garden better in a pot than in the ground.

"I will miss Methven and I hope to be able to come back and connect one day."



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Back left: Julian (Viv's son) and Kathy Barrett, Nathan (Viv's grandson), Catherine (Viv's daughter) and Murray Dickson.
Front: Karl Barrett (nephew), Madeleine Smith (Viv's sister), Viv, Tammy Dickson (Viv's granddaughter)

Award," (Good Merit Award for those whose school Latin has been forgotten).

Having celebrated his 91st birthday on Tuesday, Viv is not planning on slowing down any time soon. The award marks years of commitment to the Catholic Church in Methven, more recently the generous gifting of what is thought to be one of Mid Canterbury's largest leadlight windows. The manufacture and installation of the window was covered in the Snowfed on 16th February and 27th April 2023 and the good

deeds of Methven's dedicated volunteer was brought to the attention of Pope Francis at the Vatican.

The highly esteemed award was presented to Viv on Sunday morning during Sunday Mass, by Father Lito Quinones. Along with a certificate, Viv was presented with a large medal and a smaller version. Viv's sister Madeleine, his children, grandchildren and great grand children were at the special presentation to witness and celebrate wonderful occasion - believed to be the first time someone from Methven has received the



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Father Lito Quinones admires Viv's medal

award. The certificate, dated 17th September 2023, subsequently winged it's way here in readiness for Sunday's celebration. Speaking to the gathered congregation after the presentation, Viv humbly asked, "Why me? This is outstanding. People ask why I do what I do? I do it because I love it. Thank God I'm well enough to do it at my age."

Along with his many voluntary commitments

in the wider Methven community, Viv takes care of the maintenance of the church and grounds and is often seen tidying the garden, trimming edges, trees and shrubs, and doing building maintenance.

"I'm thinking I will frame the certificate, perhaps with the larger medal," he said.

Doing what he loves, Viv was off to watch



Zella McGirr presents Viv with a celebratory bouquet



Viv's Medal

one of his horse's race at Ashburton on his birthday.



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Not so long ago, 24 students from Mount Hutt College's (MHC) Dance teams went to the Ashburton Event Centre to participate in the safety briefing for Mid Canterbury Dance Champs and have a practice of their dance on the big stage.

Both teams received feedback regarding their dance routines from Madi and Anna who run Life Dance Academy and Mid Canterbury Dance Champs. This was a good chance for the teams to practise their formations in a bigger space and make sure that their chants were loud enough to be heard at the back of the theatre.

Mount Hutt College had two teams entered in the competition this year which was held in August. The first was a Year 8 team in the royal section consisting of 12 dancers, dancing to a jazz dance called "Two Left Feet." And the second, a Year 7 team consisting of 13 dancers in the mega section dancing a hip-hop dance to "Catchafire." Both teams were amazing! Mount Hutt College's Year 7 team placed second in the mega category coming away with a silver medal each and the big certificate for the trophy cabinet. Unfortunately the Year 8's did not place this year.

Thank you to Kate, Eve, and Emily for helping get the dancers to the competition and Hello Banana in Ashburton for helping us with costumes this year. Thank you to Miss Helem/Miss H for all her work with the teams.



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Thank you to all the Parents for helping to get the girls ready on the night. We couldn't have done it without you.

On Tuesday 19th September, all the Mount Hutt College dance teams came together for the end of competition season dinner. The theme was "Sunday Best." All dancers and staff came dressed in their best dress, jumpsuit, skirt or jeans. A runway walk was held outside for all the dancers to show off their best look, followed by voting for the best dressed before dinner and an award presentation.

Well done to all the dancers who competed. It's not easy dancing in front of a massive audience.

We hope to see you back next year.



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RE/MAX Town to Country

World Antimicrobial Awareness Week a timely reminder of serious threat

Within the next 30 years, resistance to antibiotics and other antimicrobial products is anticipated to kill more people around the world than cancer, according to the World Health Organisation.

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is one of the top 10 global public health threats and occurs when bacteria, viruses and parasites no longer respond to medicine, making them difficult or impossible to treat.

For this year's World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW), which runs from 18-24 November, the emphasis will be on the collaboration required to manage the issue as it impacts animals, humans and plants.

The Veterinary Council of New Zealand (VCNZ), which regulates veterinarians and sets standards to support responsible antimicrobial use among veterinarians, is about to begin developing a new strategy to minimise the risk of AMR in animals in Aotearoa.

VCNZ CEO and Registrar Iain McLachlan says the strategy will complement initiatives in other parts of the sector, including the New Zealand Veterinary Association and Ministry for Primary Industries.

"Veterinarians, as stewards of antimicrobial products and the sole authoriser of their use in animals, have a critical role to play in managing the risks of AMR," Iain says.

"We're looking forward to getting this work underway and will be consulting right across the sector to ensure a wide range of perspectives are captured."

A steering group has been established, which will review how antibiotics are currently used and antimicrobial stewardship by New Zealand veterinarians.

Members of the group will also interview stakeholders and evaluate existing AMR strategies. A discussion document summarising the group's research will be widely consulted on before a strategy is finalised.

The theme for WAAW 2023 will be an extension of last year - "Preventing antimicrobial resistance together". This calls for cross-sector collaboration to preserve the effectiveness of antimicrobials by using them appropriately; taking preventive measures to decrease the incidence of infections; and following good practices when disposing of antimicrobial contaminated waste.

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Successful Grants from Trust

The Community Trust of Mid & South Canterbury provides funding grants to not-for-profit community groups and projects that make a positive contribution to our region which goes from the Rakaia River in the north to the Waitaki River in the south and to the Southern Alps to the west. The Community Trust Board met for their fifth meeting of the 2023-24 financial year on 30 October 2023.

Operational grant requests up to \$15,000 were considered. 31 applicants were successful and a total of \$183,325 was granted. In Ashburton, a total of \$59,700 was granted including \$10,000 to Ashburton Senior Citizens towards payroll costs, \$10,000 to Citizens Advice Bureau Mid Canterbury for operational funding, \$8,000 to Connecting Mid Canterbury Charitable for the Keep

Learning programme and \$8,000 to Mid Canterbury Emergency Relief for the Mid Canterbury Rural Driver Licensing Scheme.

Wendy Hewitt, the Rural Licensing Coordinator said "The programme has had huge benefits to our participants and has been life changing for them. They have made new friends, learnt new skills, taken up employment, become volunteers for other services, as well as our own and generally integrated well into the community."

District wide, a total of \$56,500 was granted, including \$10,000 to Cholmondeley Children's Centre for respite care for Mid & South Canterbury families, \$10,000 to Parents Centre Aotearoa \$10,000 for Childbirth and Parenting Education, \$10,000 to Plunket for Community Services and \$5,000 to WanderSearch Canterbury Charitable Trust

for Operational costs. The Community Trust receives all manner of requests from throughout the region. Trust CEO, Liz Shea said "We understand cost of living increases affect everyone, including the not-for-profit sector and our Trust is here to support the local agencies that work in our communities.

The key message we wish to share with our community groups in this very challenging time is that we remain open to funding requests and are here to help." If you are a not-for-profit group anywhere in Mid and South Canterbury, please call the Community Relations Manager on 03 687 7598 or look at the website www.comtrust.org.nz to see if you are eligible to apply to the Community Trust for funding for an event, programme or capital project.

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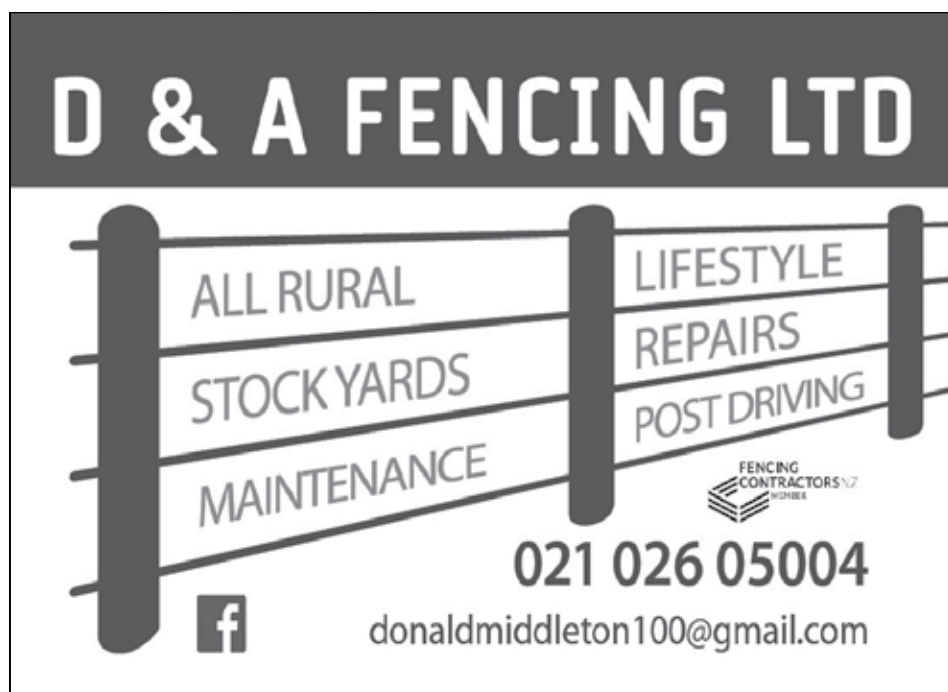
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16 - 22 November

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It was a smashing day for our Mt Somers Springburn School tennis pros' as they took part in a Mid Canterbury tennis tournament.

It was no small feat as some games took over two hours to play for our players, in a typical Mid Canterbury muggy day.

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Life is a journey filled with ups and downs, joys and sorrows. At times, it may feel as though the weight of the world is on your shoulders, and the pain of yesterday seems to linger like a dark cloud overhead.

Yet, amidst the storm, there is always hope. Just as the rain eventually ceases and gives way to the warmth of the sun, so too does life offer moments of healing and renewal. It is during these challenging times that we must hold onto faith and believe that brighter days are on the horizon.

When faced with hardships, it is easy to get trapped in a cycle of negativity and despair. The pain from yesterday can consume us, casting a shadow on our present and future. However, it is crucial to remember that pain is not perpetual. Just as the raindrops fall from the sky, they also have the power to cleanse and rejuvenate. Every drop that hits the ground is a reminder that healing is possible.

Allowing ourselves to experience and process pain is an essential part of the healing journey. It is through acknowledging our emotions and facing the storm head-on that we can find the strength to move forward. The rain of today serves as a catalyst for growth and transformation, washing away the remnants of past heartaches and creating space for new beginnings.

In the midst of the storm, it can be challenging to see beyond the darkness. However, if we maintain a glimmer of hope, we can find solace in the knowledge that the rain will eventually cease. Like the emergence of a vibrant rainbow after a heavy downpour, our lives can

be transformed by moments of beauty and joy. These moments serve as reminders that even in the face of adversity, there is always the potential for happiness and fulfilment.

The sun's eventual appearance symbolises the light at the end of the tunnel. It reminds us that even the darkest nights give way to dawn, and the struggles we face are not permanent. The sun's warmth radiates hope, illuminating the path forward and encouraging us to keep moving, even when the road is treacherous. It is in these moments that we can look back and say, "Finally!"

Resilience is born from our ability to weather the storms that life throws our way. It is the strength to face adversity, the determination to rise above challenges, and the unwavering belief that we can overcome. Just as plants thrive after a heavy rain, our spirit can flourish and grow stronger through the hardships we endure. The rain may test our resolve, but it also nurtures the seeds of resilience within us.

The rain teaches us the value of patience and gratitude. As we wait for the clouds to disperse, we learn to appreciate the beauty that surrounds us. The smell of fresh earth, the sound of raindrops dancing on the roof, and the sight of nature coming alive after a storm are all reminders of life's inherent beauty. In the same way, our struggles can teach us to be grateful for the moments of calm and happiness that follow, enriching our lives in ways we may never have expected.

So, my friends, if you find yourself drenched in the rain of yesterday's pain, take heart. Remember that storms do not last forever, and the sun will shine upon you once again. Embrace the cleansing power of the rain and allow it to wash away your sorrows. Trust that brighter days lie ahead, and hold onto hope with unwavering faith. Just as the rain nourishes the earth, it can nourish your soul and lead you to a place of healing and growth.

Let the rain of today wash away all the pain from yesterday. Trust me; it will stop eventually. There will be a rainbow, and the sun will

come out for you, casting its warm rays upon your face.

In that moment, you will understand the true meaning of resilience, and you will be able to say, "Finally!"



SNOWFED CHRISTMAS

The last issue of your Snowfed for this year will be on Thursday 21st December.

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Annette Maw

9 Hole Tournament 2023

Our tournament was held on 14th November with 61 players. It was a windless sunny day.

Ladies

Grade 1 0 – 39.9

Best Nett **Jenny Matthews** (Ashburton) 32.
1st Stableford **Grace Lambert** (Ellesmere) 21.
2nd Stableford **Judith Tutton** (Gleniti) 17
on count back. 3rd Stableford **Elizabeth Marryatt** (Temuka) 17 on count back.

Longest Drive (No 12) **Hiromi Ikehata** (Methven).

Nearest the pin (No 17) **Wanda Campbell** (Methven).

Grade 2 40.0 – 45.5

Best Nett **Annette Maw** (Methven) 27.

1st Stableford **Angela Simonett** (Methven) 23.

2nd Stableford **Margaret Hayes** (Gleniti) 22.

3rd Stableford **Jeanette Ward** (Tai Tapu) 20.

Longest Drive (No 8) **Elspeth Jaine** (Mayfield).

2nd shot nearest the pin (No 4) **Jill Duncan** (Temuka).

Grade 3 45.6 – 54.0

Best Nett **Laurie Gould** (Tai Tapu) 33.

1st Stableford **Janice McLaughlin** (Pleasant Point) 20.

2nd Stableford **Glenys Gibson** (Geraldine) 19.

3rd Stableford **Ginny Lovrich** (Tai Tapu) 17 on count back.

Longest Drive (No 3) **Laurie Gould** (Tai Tapu)

2nd shot nearest the pin (No 6) **Catherine Ford** (Geraldine)

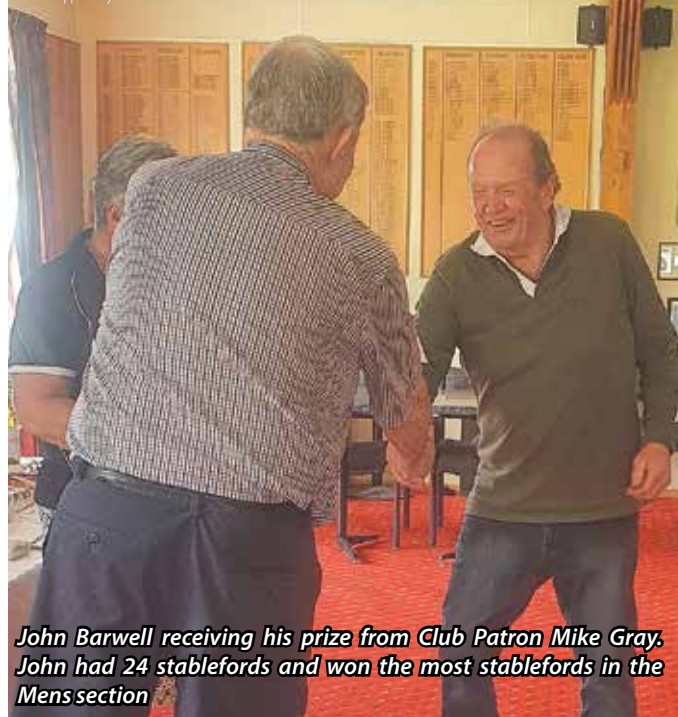
Men

Best Nett **John Barwell** (Methven) 30.

1st Stableford **Mike Markillie** (Methven) 21.

2nd Stableford **Richard Maryatt** (Temuka) 19.

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John Barwell receiving his prize from Club Patron Mike Gray. John had 24 stablefords and won the most stablefords in the Mens section

3rd Stableford **Baden Sommerville** (Methven) 17 on count back.

Longest Drive (No 18) **Bryan Petrie** (Methven).

Nearest the pin (No 13) **not struck**.

Best Local Player: **Annette Maw**.

Lucky Cards: 1 **Gail Gutsell**. 2 **Kevin Thompson**. 3 **Colleen Davidson**. 4 **Tina Halewood**. 5 **Joan Pascoe**. 6 **Karalyn Johnston**.

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*Karen Hardwick Heather Forbes (seated),
Mary Stone at the back*



Louise Etheridge and Di Callaghan



Nellie Frame



*Jordana Colgan discussing peonies with
Flo Lowe*

Annie Jacobs

Methven Garden Club made the most of the sunny weather last week for their monthly garden outing.

The first visit was to a peony grower at Greenstreet. Jordana Colgan has a number of garden beds established with peonies at her property on Ashburton Staveley Road. Along with growing them for pleasure, Jordana grows peonies to sell, from her property.

The next visit was to Peter and Louise Etheridge (ex Drummond and Etheridge). The Etheridges have an extensive five acre parkland garden.

"It is amazing to see the enormous variety of gardens that there are tucked away in our immediate area," said Club member Erena McCaw.

The club members enjoyed the day out in very pleasant weather conditions, taking ideas home to try in their own gardens.

METHVEN BRIDGE CLUB



North / South:

Colin Clemens	Mary Stone	58.33%
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The choir will be singing some favourite Christmas songs under the direction of Sylvia Watson who has returned to lead us in this concert. Carolie Andrew is accompanist.

Come along and get into the groove of Christmas in an afternoon of enjoyable music.

Afternoon tea will be served after the concert.

"This is a deviation from our usual Friday lunchtime and teatime concerts to make the most of Martin's availability," said Director Carol Gunn.

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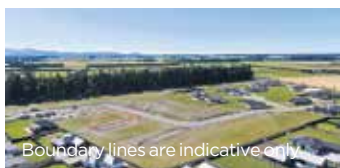
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- Three phase power supply & fibre on site
- Smart water Wi Fi system, ring main & water piping with 6 taps
- Waste system required

Deadline Sale
closing 2pm
Wed 29 Nov 2023
(unless sold prior)

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