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Oh, MAMMA MIA!

Mt Hutt College Ball

Students voted for awards:

King: Robbie Humm

Queen: Jordan Oates

Prince: Pud (Rylan McSweeney)

Princess: Ella Quinn

Cutest Couple: Harriet Brown and Liam Harden

Best Dressed: Jak Van Den Heuvel and Jeziel Lopez

Dancing Queens: Rose Fletcher-Young and Georgia Monk

Mt Hutt College held their Senior Ball last Friday evening with a "Mamma Mia" theme.

The day of the Ball was a staff only day, giving students the opportunity to (perhaps study), and prepare for the evening events which for many consisted of a pre-ball, the Ball and an After Ball.

Glitzy and glamorous, around 180 Year 12-13 students arrived at the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall in traditional Mid Canterbury style in a variety of modes of transport, with vintage and classic cars being very popular. Head students from other high schools also attend. Crowds lined the footpath to catch a glimpse of everyone in their finery before they walked up the red carpet inside. Numerous photo opportunities ensued along with greeting the College staff, a breathtest and then into the celebration for the night's festivities to dance the night away.

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Winners of the cutest couple award and looking stunning in period clothing are Liam Harding and Harriet Brown

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5 Mt Hutt College Open Morning, 9am
5 Bike Methven AGM, 7pm,
18 Garden Club AGM, 11.30am
Free Cancer Clinic, MHMH, 10am
19 Mens Health Night, MHMH, 7pm
20 Fire & Ice Hot Air Balloon Glow, 3pm
23 U3A Ashb. Proton Rain, 9.30am
Friends of OLS AGM, 7pm at school

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Lester Pearson

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The "Glow in the Park" thrilled attendees this year with a number of new light exhibits.

The free entry event is hosted by Ashburton District Council and other sponsors, with donations able to be given to Hato Hone St John. In it's fifth year, the event was attended by thousands from all over Canterbury. New this year were the illumnated flower dancers on stilts (above top left), who entertained and stopped for photos with attendees.

Above: Emily and Billy

Grace and Ella

Above: Jordan, Milla, Amy, Taryn and Sophia

Above: Eli and Gabriel

Above: David, Lars, Charlie

Above: Pinky, Rose, Anna, Jak, Olivia, Issy, Jade

Traumatic Motorbike Accident and Healing from Brain Injury

It was a freak motorbike accident in July 2016 that was exponentially life changing for Pete Van Den Heuvel and his family.

Pete came off his bike, hitting a concrete post which slammed into the right side of his chest.

"Thank goodness for Rapid response and St John because they attended in seconds. I was still conscious but really struggling to breathe, due to traumatic lung damage," said Pete.

He became unconscious and the rescue helicopter took him to hospital. Thankfully there were two paramedics on board as they were kept busy continually bringing Pete's heartbeat back.

Pete spent a month in ICU in a medically induced coma.

"It was an extremely stressful time for Sue and the kids. I am extremely grateful for the support from the community during that stressful time," he said.

After leaving ICU, Pete then spent time in the heart ward. After this, he went onto Burwood Hospital for recovery, spending a couple of weeks there. And it was here that his previously unknown hypoctic brain injury was diagnosed.

Due to the damage to his lungs and struggling to get enough oxygen immediately after his accident, his brain suffered a lack of oxygen which caused the injury to his brain.

The diagnosis meant he was able to be admitted to the Laura Ferguson Trust Head Injury Facility (LFT), which only accepts a small number of patients at a time. There they addressed the cognitive issues resulting from the injury.

Pete Van Den Heuvel, nearly ten years after his motorbike accident

It took Pete two days to learn to stand again. He had to start from scratch and regain his motor skills - this signalled the beginning of his rehabilitation of which the head injury was the big thing. At LFT, they addressed the cognition, cognitive fatigue and personality changes Pete was experiencing. They taught the strategies for communication

tone which Pete needed to relearn. It was around four months later that Pete made it back home.

"It was really tough on my family because my personality had changed and I wasn't in complete control. My brain, body and mind were not in sync. It was very challenging for everyone," said Pete. "It's taken me years to figure it out. It starts with fatigue, then you get frustrated because you're fatigued, then irritated, then aggressive, then remorse afterwards for the aggression. And unfortunately we all had to deal with that. Noises and lights would frighten me and I was easily triggered. This was tough. It was challenging to go out in public. From

Pete at his home studio "Liberty Tai Ch"

the outside, there weren't any bandages. I snapped at people. My sons would have to go back and apologise for me - that was the worst part."

"Then you lose your confidence, you lose your career, can't participate in kids school activities, you become isolated. This took place over years. Methven has been such a wonderful place that over time I was able to reintegrate."

During his rehabilitation Pete was introduced to Tai Chi, through Margaret Lee in Methven.

"That was the beginning of giving me hope.
It helped to start synchronise my brain, mind

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Adventuring in Mid Canterbury - Finding Syme Hut

Annie Jacobs

Away out there in the back of beyond, looking for a quiet place, two enterprising brothers with the help of some mates built a hut in the back blocks of Mid Canterbury, named Syme Hut, back in the 1960's.

Lan bravely bush-bashes her way through

Don and Lan take a well-earned rest after burning off the biscuits

Lan looks in on the luxurious interior

Don Geddes and Lew Shaw at Syme Hut

Turns out, Staveley locals Errol and Ivan Syme were the two brothers and an uncle, Felix Syme, had the grazing of the block, which was pasture at that time. The block is now administered by the Department of Conservation.

The lads and their mates used a County 4 x 4 tractor to take materials into the site and put up a stock fence to keep their horses in.

The corrugated iron hut had small walls with an A frame styled pitched roof, a door, and beds up off the ground made with hessian sacks.

"Sixteen years ago, Dan Symons and I bush-bashed our way in and eventually found the hut," said Lew Shaw. "The flatter areas were in five metre high Manuka as thick as hairs on a cat's back. A severe wind since then has left bad windfall," Lew said.

Curious as to whether or not the hut was still there 16 years later, Lew and his partner Lan decided to go adventuring and see if they could find the hut again. Despite best efforts and valiant attempts, luck was not on their side and two forays ended without the hut in sight. Until.

Mountain Man of the Land, Methven Land Search and Rescue Volunteer and Fire Brigade legend Don Geddes came up with a 50 year old map showing the treasured hut. The plucky trio set off and this time, using GPS (Global Positioning System) trekked their way into the bush.

"No tracks other than deer tracks," said Lew. And they found Syme Hut.

"The hut is in average condition, a tad draughty, dirt floor and sacking bunks," described Lew. "Errol Syme was pleasantly surprised to hear of our efforts and that the hut was still pretty intact."

If you're out adventuring in the backblocks, it can be amazing what you find.

"After losing a bit of bark in the scrub, the ice creams tasted pretty good afterwards," Lew said.

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A & P Gift Generous Innovation Hub

The President of the Methven A & P Association, Mike McKenzie presented a generous donation to the Ōpuke Innovation Hub (ŌIH) at Mt Hutt College last week, to assist in the completion of the project.

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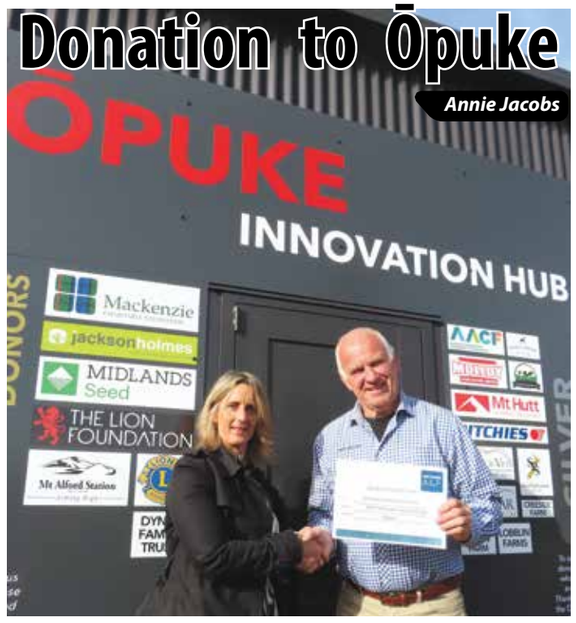
The donation of $5,000 was raised from the A & P Association's Gift Lam and Gift Calf.

"We had a talk about it before the Show," said Mike. The Association committee felt that the ŌIH was a worthy cause and with $180,000 needed to get the hub fully operational, the donation was warmly welcomed by Vocational Pathways Academy Coordinator Amy Honeywell.

"This (ŌIH), is a real community effort," said Amy. "Recently

Donation to Ōpuke

Annie Jacobs



Above left: ***Vocational Pathways Academy Coordinator Amy Honeywell receives the donation of $5,000 from Methven A & P Association President Mike McKenzie***

we had families of the Trades Students, their Grandparents etc all came to have a look at the building - the place was buzzing," she said.

Amy said, "$180,000 will get the Hub fully operational, but we will still need to get the carpark sealed."

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Traumatic Motorbike Accident and Healing from Brain Injury

flow of the exercises helped me start using and re-engaging the left and right side of my brain. I practised diligently."

Pete looked into the Tai Chi Instructor requirements and at the end of 2020, sat a Tai Chi Examination in theory and practical and passed!

"It was pretty cool," said Pete, describing the feeling of achieving something again.

It was soon after that Pete started a part time job working at Opuke Thermal Pools and Spa. The management and staff were very supportive and understanding of his cognitive challenges. Pete prepares the pool cavity for opening, cleaning them before they are refilled each day and assists in tasks to prepare the facility for opening each day.

"I'm very lucky, very fortunate - the people are genuinely wonderful down there," he said.

Pete put a sign on his fence for Liberty Tai Chi, with a large room set aside as a home studio. This grew and as numbers increased, Pete was able to run Tai Chi Classes at Flow Pool and Studio, a number of times per week.

"The reward is the students. Its just so rewarding to see their balance improve, mobility and general confidence. Its a safe space for people recovering from an injury to come to, to improve. There's also the social aspect, - its' somewhere for people to go out to, its a safe space, a nurturing environment." Pete felt that there could be benefits to Tai chi in the pool and was able to persuade the management at Ōpuke Thermal Pools and Spa to run a promotion.

"In March, we had a promotion at Ōpuke for aqua Tai Chi, which was fun."

For Pete, it can be most difficult to find where his boundaries are.

"The adrenaline masks the fatigue and I often can get carried away in activities and then you can't get back. The worst part is that your loved ones pay the price. Mountainbiking is an example - tear off on an adventure and find you can't make it back," he describes.

"The difference between a physical and a brain injury is the cognitive fatigue. Cognitive fatigue spirals past forgetfulness or forgetting the simplest things. Your mind has gone absolutely blank and you have no recall. It is quite frightening."

Pete has worked hard on his recovery and the tolls it has taken. He feels very grateful.

"For the future; I feel fortunate to be living here and enjoying everything that the village has to offer. My focus now is on Tai Chi. I've replaced the adrenaline type sports with things that are good for self preservation. I've taken up Qi Gong (pronounced Chee gong), Yoga and I do body balance classes. I enjoy the social aspect of being in these classes.

Now Pete volunteers for the Ashburton Chronic Mental Health Foundation, teaching them Tai Chi and is a Peer Support person for the Laura Ferguson Trust Head Injury in a rural area.

"I'm very fortunate I have my sons Jak and Sam who has a beautiful daughter Layla with his partner Leah," smiled Pete.

Nearly ten years of many ups and downs from that fateful day, Pete describes Tai Chi as helping him to re-sync his brain. His Tai Chi classes are enjoyed by those attending, who value his empathy and compassion.

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150 Years of Foothills Education!

Annie Jacobs

Mt Somers Springburn School held their 150th celebration over the Kings Birthday weekend commemorating 150 years of education in the Foothills.

The celebration encompassed Bushside School, Alford Forest School, Springburn School and what is now known as Mt Somers Springburn School.

On Friday, the event started with the school students coming to school in clothes from the 1800's. They held "olden day activities such as hop scotch and knuckle bones," said teacher Amy Huggins, along with time capsule activities. On Saturday, the school opened for viewing in the morning, along with speeches and cutting a cake. Photos from 1pm were held in the Mt Somers Hall which the public were welcome to attend. There were photo boards from the past on display. That evening a catered meal was held at Hotel Ashburton and with the weekend's registrations numbering around 250 people, the organisers were thrilled with how things went. On Sunday, the Mt Somers Museum, Staveley Museums were open as part of the celebration with those attending able to have casual, and relaxed catchups with others.

Springburn, Alford Forest, Mt Somers and Bushside Schools all started in 1876. Whilst Alford Forest and Bushside later closed, The Minister of Education officially declared the merger of Springburn with Mt Somers in 1997, with Mt Somers being the continuing school site, with Springburn being sold and becoming a residential home.

A stunning limestone sculpture was unveiled to commemorate 150 years of education in the Foothills.

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Methven Reserves Conquer Mt. Somers

Darcy Keenan shows the determination that Methven Senior Reserves help defeat Mt Somers in a great game of Rugby at Methven Head Quarters on Saturday winning 19-14.

Clayton Yaxley

Lily Shepherd and baby Henry enjoying the sunshine and the rugby

METHVEN FOOTBALL CLUB

John Peneycad

Methven's early season good form has taken a bit of hit in recent weeks.

The recent drubbing at the hands of Waimak provided a chance to set the record straight against the Bombers.

Unfortunately for the Mountaineers, FC Twenty hadn't read the script and despite the early exchanges played at a speed which suited both teams, the home side demonstrated blistering counter attacking capabilities.

Methven lost the ball on the halfway line and were unable to recover possession before the accelerating strikers grouped in numbers in the Methven box to convert the first goal of the afternoon, 1-0. Despite growing into the game, the visitors were dealt another blow when a midfielder pounced on a loose ball on the edge of the box. His piledriver nestled perfectly in the top corner, 2-0.

The second half saw Methven lay siege on the Bombers goal. Many corners were driven into the danger area with menace and but for some brave last gasp defending and goal line clearances, the game may have swung in terms of momentum.

Alas, another breakaway attack after Methven committed players forward resulted in another goal to the Bombers, killing off any chances of a comeback, 3-0. The bombers added a further two more strikes compounding Methven's torrid afternoon, finishing with FC Twenty Bombers 5 V Methven FC 0.

The Mountaineers will be hoping for a change of fortune this Saturday, when they welcome the Western Rhinos to the Bowling Alley, marking the midpoint of the season.

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Volunteers: The Heart of Hospice

Diane Haslett

John and Murray hard at work

Greta, Leen and Margaret at Exercise Therapy Class

Volunteers are always praised for the work they do at Hospice Mid Canterbury (HMC), but we often forget what expertise and life skills they bring to the work they do.

At HMC, we have a large volunteer team including retired business people, teachers and nurses, those with a retail and office experience, people with farming backgrounds, those who have raised a family and run a household - all helping in different roles to make HMC the strong organisation it is today.

What HMC does so well is place volunteers where they feel comfortable and can do the most good. An important attribute for any volunteer is generosity, both of spirit and time, and of course, people skills that they have learnt over a lifetime.

Surprisingly, we often find volunteers thriving in roles very different to their working life.

A visit to Kōwhai House will often find a retired teacher and well-known GP working together tending the gardens. And you never know who will be one of the helpers at the Hospice shop or the exercise therapy classes. Every volunteer contributes in their own unique way, working to improve the quality of life for our clients.

If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer with HMC, see below for contact details.

If you or someone you care about has a life-limiting illness and would like our support, contact us on 307 8387, or 027 227 8387 or email: **manager@hospicemc.nz**. We welcome new referrals.

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Schools News

Our Lady of the Snows School

On Thursday and Friday this week, Ruma Kauri has been busy with the EPro8 Challenge. This is a massive interschool Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) competition and educational programme that runs across New Zealand. The name stands for Engineer, Problem-solve and Innovate (E-Pro-8)

From our in-school days we select a Year 5/6 team and a Year 7/8 team of four students each to compete against other schools in regional heats and then grand finals. The teams have to score as many points as they can by completing various engineering tasks. They use specialised construction kits to build large-scale models that involve mechanics, electronics, and problem-solving.

The EPro8 Challenge is a STEM and engineering programme that develops hands-on building, electronics, and creative problem-solving skills. Working in teams, students learn to tackle real-world challenges using limited resources and strict time limits.

The programme fosters several core competencies:

- Mechanical & Structural Engineering: Students design and build sturdy structures using aluminum framing, gears, axles, and pulleys.
- Electronics & Automation: Participants use sensors, motors, and electronic components to automate their creations—such as automated barrier arms or motorised trolleys.
- Creative Problem Solving: Students are presented with unique scenarios and must innovate solutions using unconventional materials.
- Teamwork & Collaboration: Because groups consist of four students, individuals learn to divide tasks, play to their strengths, and communicate under pressure.

- Resilience & Time Management: The strict time limit and trial-and-error nature of the builds teach patience, perseverance, and the ability to handle setbacks

Our OLS Results: 1st EPro8 Masterminds Tristan, Zian and Teddy.

2nd The Avengers Mariadne, Zyna, Dex and Kelsey.

3rd Blox Liam, Opeti, Edward and Jay Jay.

Schools News

Mount Hutt College

Humans of Ōpuke - a Mt Hutt College Project

Introducing Sammy Ridge

I grew up on a family farm just out of Methven. My Mum says I was kind, funny, compassionate and goofy. My childhood was mainly just motorbikes, school and football. On the farm I helped out with roguing and spud digging. My sisters used to pick on me a lot when we were younger. One day the power was out and they said there was no water in the tap, so I went out to the tank and filled up a pot so I could cook my noodles. They were just standing there in the window laughing at me. As a teenager, my Dad taught me to drive our traction engine, so if you see the traction engine coming through town, it's usually us.

My fondest memories from school were the girls football tournaments and Outdoor Ed when we skied three times a week, did lots of kayaking, snow caving, rock climbing and mountain biking. I am an outdoors person and I enjoyed camping with my family and friends all over the South Island as we grew up. Gateway class was one of my favourites. I wanted to be a joiner, but my Gateway Coordinator thought that it would be too heavy for my little self. So I tried carpentry out. While demolishing a barn I fell three metres through a roof, landing on my back. The company's Health and Safety letter followed on what not to do! I decided that school wasn't really for me as I'm more of a practical hands-on learner. Mum said, "Either go back to school for your last year or go get a trade." So I became a painter.

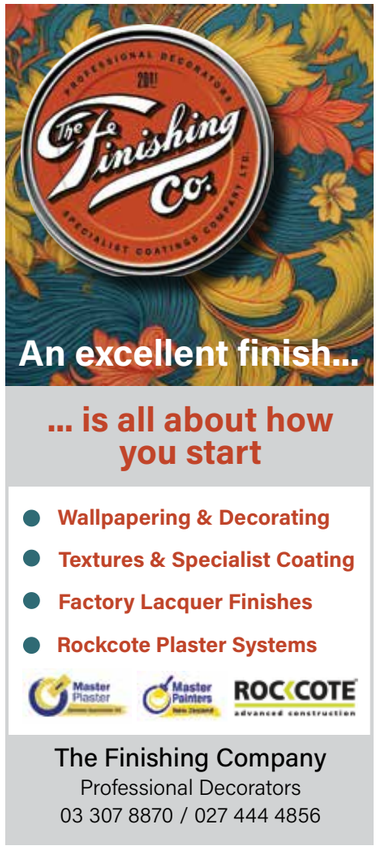
The best advice is always going to come from my Mum. She's my role model and always gives me great advice. Even just the simple things such as when I started working, she told me to open up a Kiwisaver Account. That was the best thing I've ever done because I was able to buy a house in Methven. She supported me with little things like, "Do you really need to buy a car?" Or, "Why don't you go travelling because you'll make more memories?" My advice to others is, if you want to do something, don't be afraid. It might be daunting, but just go for it.

I lived in Christchurch for six and a half years, then went travelling. I was in England for a year and travelled to nine different countries. I have skied all my life at Moutt Hutt, and I've been over to Whistler in Canada. Whistler makes Mt Hutt look tiny, but we are really lucky to have the mountain on our doorstep. When I came back from traveling I started painting again, then ended up getting a gas job. I have been the LPG operations manager in Mid Canterbury for Genesis for eight years, and still the only Genesis female driver in New Zealand.

My passion is acts of service. This stands out in my job at Genesis and benefits the community with my local fire brigade volunteering. I have just received my medal for five years of service.Additionally, I now volunteer with St John. I am friendly, happy, bubbly and love to be there for people in any way I possibly can. I like to make even the smallest difference to someone. I love helping people, making them smile, even if it's just a wave. I will wave at people all around Mid Canterbury like we are friends, even if I don't know their names. This is what directed me into the fire brigade and St Johns. This has been the biggest highlight of my life, because it's a way I can help others - even on their darkest days.

Sammy Ridge

My biggest struggle right now is building a new version of myself. I've had a lot of injuries in the past year that I've never experienced before. Having great support around me has helped with that - I've always had a really positive family. We grew up with great morals and always look after each other. Everyone has got something different to share that helps me move along. The fire brigade is really good for it because we always debrief on everything we do. I've always thought open communication is going to get you further than you think. If you're closed up you're not going to move forward. I deal with my stress and struggles with dog snuggles - it's the best therapy ever.



NATIONAL MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
Tacking a Growing Threat in Our Backyard

James Meager

Wilding pines are, quite simply, a massive pain.

More seriously, they pose a significant environmental and economic threat to the South Island, with areas like Mid Canterbury and the wider high country on the frontline of their spread.

Left unchecked, wilding pines spread aggressively across our landscapes. They swallow up productive farmland, choke the iconic open vistas our region is known for, put pressure on already sensitive water catchments, and significantly increase wildfire risk. For a community that relies on farming, tourism, and the natural environment, that's a risk we simply cannot ignore.

Photo: Manaaki Whenua

That's why the Government's recent announcement of an additional $79 million in Budget 2026 to ramp up wilding pine control is such welcome news. It brings total funding for the programme to $109 million over the next three years and targets high risk areas across Canterbury and the South Island.

This is a major win for our region. It's not just about clearing trees, it's about protecting livelihoods, preserving our landscapes, and backing the people on the ground who do the hard work every day. Farmers, contractors, iwi, councils, and volunteers have all been playing their part in holding the line against wildings, often in tough and remote conditions. This funding boost strengthens that effort and ensures momentum is not lost.

Independent analysis shows that for every $1 invested in wilding pine control, more than $30 in benefits are returned. That's a significant return, protecting not just the environment, but also regional productivity, tourism, and infrastructure.

More than two million hectares of New Zealand are already affected by wilding pines, and the problem has been growing at around 5% each year. Without continued and increased action, the cost, both financially and environmentally, would only escalate.

For Mid Canterbury, this investment is about the future. It's about ensuring that the landscapes we value today are still here for the next generation, and that our rural economy remains strong and resilient.

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Weekly Community Heroes

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Rowan Smithers

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GROW YOUR OWN

Mary Ralston

May really has been a lovely weather window.

Anything could happen now that it's officially winter: wind, snow, rain… but for a month we have had pretty much calm, settled and sunny autumn weather. Who would have thought this was possible?!

Although the weather has been nice, there really hasn't been a lot to do in the garden because the days are getting shorter and colder and soil temperatures are dropping. There's always pruning and planting garlic. If you still want to plant broad beans but haven't yet, it might pay to wait till early spring… but then again if this dry weather continues, you could try now. My broad beans and rocket, planted around ANZAC Day, are emerging. I've put some wire netting over the rows to keep the birds from nipping them off or just messing around and flicking soil over the top of them.

Small weeds amongst the leeks and brassicas can be left to grow. They won't be going to seed for months yet and aren't competing with the plants you want and are serving the useful purpose of covering the soil surface which protects it from frost. Their roots are feeding soil microorganisms and maintaining soil structure. Older plants that have gone to seed; parsley, silver beet etc, can also be left. They're also maintaining soil structure, covering the soil surface and providing a haven for insects to over-winter.

Winter is a good time to plant fruit trees. It's best to have a plan: how much space do I have that gets plenty of sun; what types (apples, pears, plums, etc.) do I like best? Then some homework on the varieties – Granny Smith or Discovery? Some will get a lot bigger than others and some need pollinators… there are different types of rootstock that fruit trees are grafted on to and this determines how big a tree will get. And then there's the question of whether it's best to buy bare rooted tees or potted ones… more on all this next time.

New Books at Methven Library

The Italian Correspondent Belinda Alexandra

Yesteryear Caro Claire Burke

Ironwood Michael Connelly

The Other Catherine Lauren Keenan

The Wife the Maid & the Mistress Ariel Lawhon

Son of Nobody Yann Martel

26 Beauties James Patterson

The Palace Women Jennifer Ryan

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Jenny Thompson 50

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Pop into Methven 4 Square Supermarket for your surprise!

METHVEN GOLF CLUB

Mens Club Champs Final Day 23rd May

Senior: *Dayle Lucas*. **Intermediate:** *Kane Hickman*. **Junior:** *Athol McAlpine*.

Best Nett: *Dayle Lucas* 69, *Pete Woods* 70, *Rob Withers* 71, *Kane Hickman* 72, *Frikkie Greybe* 73, *Athol McAlpine* 75, *Richard Houston* 76, *Mark Gazzard* 76, *Grant Hargreaves* 77, *Hamish Woolsey* 77, *Graham Gunn* 77, *Phil Thomas* 78.

Nearest the Pin: No 4 Charterhouse Farm *Pete Woods*, No 6 Hunters Wine *Rob Withers,* No 13 Ski Time *Frikkie Greybe,* No 17 Methven Pubs *Frikkie Greybe.*

Twos: *Alister Maxwell, Piers Rolton, Grant Hargreaves* x 2, *Paul Middleton*.

Stableford Round 30th May

Best Nett: *Aaron Allred* 93-23-70 37 points. **2nd Best Nett:** *John Robinson* 35. 33 *Richard Houston*. 32 *Alister Maxwell, Wendy Campbell, Paddy Johnson*. 31 *Michael Kemp, Piers Rolton*. 30 *Peter Harper, Mark Gazzard*.

Nearest the Pins: No 4 Charterhouse Farms *Michael Kemp,* No 6 Hunters Wine *Alister Maxwell,* No 13 Ski Time *Richard Houston*, No 7 Methven Pubs *Dayle Lucas*.

Ladies Results 27th May

Competition 4 LGU, 3rd Tuis: *Karen Smith* 35, *Heather Middleton* 35.

Silver: *Robyn Maw, Ellen Kemp*.

Bronze A: *Roz Grant, Tania Wilson*.

Bronze B: *Heather Middleton* 74 C/B, *Karen Smith* 74.

Hammer Hardware Best Nett Of Day *Heather Middleton* 74 C/B, *Karen Smith*. Mt Hutt Lodge Best Nett for May *Tania Wilson* 73 C/B, *Wanda Campbell* 73.

Nearest The Pins: No 4 Open Methven Pharmacy *Tania Wilson*, No 6 Open Primo *Judith Somerville*, No 13 Open Farmhouse Design & Decor Station Coffee *Karen Smith*, No 17 Open Bronze B 2nd Shot Methven Foursquare *Heather Middleton*, No 14 Bronze B 2nd Shot Hard Yards Ltd *Heather Middleton*.

Two's and Nett Eagles: *Sharon Burrell-Smith, Karen Smith* x2,

9 Hole 29th May

4th Mary Fahey: *John Barwell* 61-36-35, *Alister Goodwin* 58-22-36, *Karen Currie* 59-22-37.

PGG Wrightson Best Player *John Barwell*. Methven Travel Nearest the Pin *Wynand Putter*. Methven Travel 2nd Shot *Annette Maw*.

METHVEN GOLF CLUB
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METHVEN NETBALL CLUB

Social 27th May Methven Blue Pub vs Celtic Green won 25-13.

Premier 28th May Methven Wareings A vs Celtic A lost 27-74, POD *Meg McIntyre*.

Methven EuroAgri B vs Rakaia MEC won 26-22, POD *Sienna McGinity*.

Yr1/2's 28th May Methven Garage Gym vs POD *Adalene Booker, Frankie Ridgen and Mila Barker.*

Methven Netball Club Inc.

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- Elegant new build set on 4044m2 amongst extensive plantings & landscaping
- 371.85m2 home with an emphasis on low maintenance
- Multiple living options with large upstairs living space
- This home will capture your heart

Price on Application

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* A separate art room adjoined to large separate garage

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25 Sam Holmes Drive, **Methven**

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Lot 3 Hobbs Road, **Methven**

- Attractive 1.0596 hectare block located down a private laneway just off Hobbs Road right on Methven township boundary
- Waste water system required
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2969 Methven Highway, **Methven**

- Lot 2 DP 308461
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