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Some of us think holding on makes us strong, but sometimes it is letting go.
Hermann Hesse

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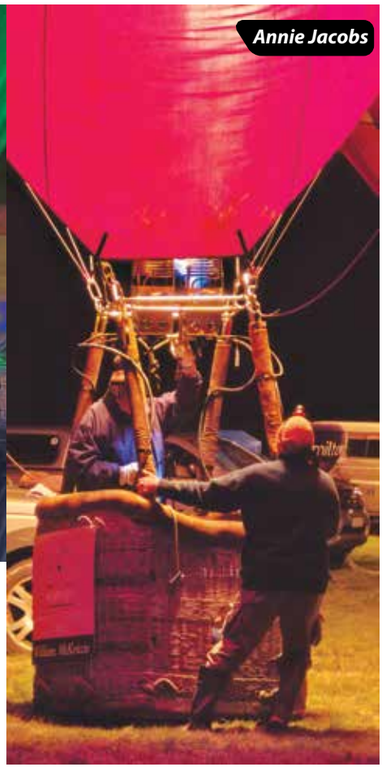
It was an eventful week leading up to the much-awaited Fire and Ice Balloon Festival in Methven last weekend.

In its second event, the festival was set to feature nine balloons from around New Zealand, but in a most unfortunate incident on Friday, one balloon and it's occupants were unable to clear the trees at the Methven Domain, landing on Methven Chertsey Road, resulting in two people having minor injuries.

The weather forecast for Saturday wasn't pleasant and in the interests of safety, organisers postponed the event to Sunday and it was as well they did. Winds on Saturday took out one of the light poles on the roundabout on McMillan Street! Winds of that strength are not conducive to ballooning!

Sunday was the day and with a crisp evening forecast, the weather conditions were perfect for a balloon festival, night glow and laser light show. Held at Methven A & P Showgrounds, Adventure Balloons Graeme and Michaela Church had a wonderful children's area set up with rides and amusements lit up for the night. Food and drink trucks lined the ring, along with an awesome dinosaur display which was also lit up. A display balloon was on it's side so that the public could walk inside to appreciate the capacity of a hot air balloon.

Stilt walkers braved the muddy underfoot conditions in an unenviable balancing act to wow the crowds and as darkness fell, the eight balloons in the central ring were inflated. The laser light show started soon after, with trees around the showgrounds lit up, coordinated in time to music with the balloons also lighting up in a dynamic display. After the light show had finished, Brad Staley and his talented band rocked out the bangers keeping the crowd entertained, as the evening closed on another wonderful Balloon Festival and Night Glow.



Shapeshifter's Epic Third Methven Gig

Annie Jacobs

For over two decades, record-breaking New Zealand electronic band, Shapeshifter has moved us, rocked us and wowed us as we've grooved to their epic sounds.

Shapeshifter: Sam Trevethick (guitar/synths/sampler), Darren Mathiassen (drums), Nick Robinson (bass/synths/MPC), Dan McGruer (synths/sampler), P. Digsss (vocals)

Methven was lucky enough to host Shapeshifter for the third time, last weekend, having previously performed here in 2019 at Mt Hutt Memorial Hall, in 2024 at WhiteOut held at Methven Racecourse and again at Mt Hutt Memorial Hall on Saturday night.

Nothing can prepare you for a Shapeshifter gig - the Methven event sold out in no time! Their fanbase returns time after time and for over 20 years, Shapeshifter have performed live night after night.

"Heavy rain didn't keep the early-arrivals away who were greeted to a mesmerising liquid drum and bass DJ and selector, Pearly. Pearly got the crowd warmed up and dried off with space to dance, even our Mayor, Liz McMillan was spotted having a boogie to Pearly," said attendee Chloe Hawthorn. "Inching closer to Shapeshifter's start time, the vibe in the hall was electric. Dancing space narrowed and the temperature climbed as Shapeshifter appeared, led by P-Digsss. They started their set with "Sams Jam," clearly enjoyed by the crowd. Following this, Shapeshifter acknowledged the passing of their dear Aaron Tokona who passed away six years ago to the day. This raw emotion is what makes Shapeshifter so popular - they share their lived experiences and connect with us on so many levels," enthused Chloe.

With a thrumming, driving deep bass, their epic shows are an electronic symphony of colour, light and must-groove-to music, created live and forged into a soul moving, full throttle mix by Tiki Taane on sound.

"No click tracks, no sequencers. Just humans and instruments. Samples and drums. We communicate in a different way to the dance floor," said guitar/synths/sampler player Sam Trevethick.

"Continuing with their set, they played more popular songs heard on the radio such as "Stars, The Ride, and Bring Change," and they even debuted a new song to the lucky audience," said Chloe.

The band was formed while members were attending jazz school in Christchurch and since then have hit a historic milestone - the first artist ever to place six LP's simultaneously in the Official Aotearoa Top 20 Albums Charts.

Photo supplied

Above: Methven's Chloe Hawthorn with Shapeshifter's Sound Engineer Tiki Taane

This year Shapeshifter's third album, "Solstice" turns 20 and to mark the occasion, they are taking their magnetic music back to the stage on an anniversary roadie tour of the motu, (country/island/land) giving Methven an incredible night of creative groove on Saturday.

Shapeshifter have had sold out stages across NZ and Europe at Glastonbury, Electric Avenue, The Big Chill, Rhythm and Vines, Big Day Out and many more.

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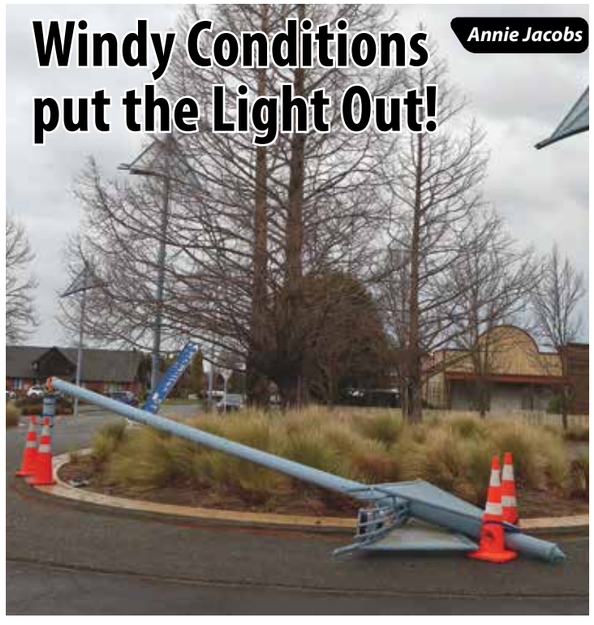

Strong norwest winds felled a light pole on the central roundabout in Methven on Saturday afternoon. The forecasted winds caused the postponement of the biennial Fire and Ice Balloon Festival and Night Glow which was held the following day instead. The windy conditions caused trampolines, barbecue covers, tarpaulins and outdoor cushions to take on a life of their own, ending up at the neighbour's or in some cases, on the other side of town!

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Great Turnout to Men's Wellbeing Night

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Back left: Dr Clive Low, Sara Davidson, Dr Chris Wakeman, Dr Louise Rouse, Methven Lions: Phil McKendry, Mac McElwain, Alastair Clemens. Front left: Dr Cheryl Tallon, Dr Laura Pfeifer

Last Friday evening, Methven Lions hosted a Men's Wellbeing Night at the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall.

The evening, organised in conjunction with Dr Laura Pfeifer at Methven Medical Centre, was a tremendous success with over 200 men and women attending.

A wealth of tips and pointers were shared by eight experts, in short, punchy, informative talks advising how a few simple steps can vastly improve health outcomes for men - our community's sons, brothers, Dad's, nephews, Uncles and husbands.

Health Improvement Practitioner Rachel Scott said that 75% of all suicides in New Zealand (NZ) are men. Mental health issues have no bearing on a person's intelligence and while stress can be good, if there is too much, it can wear a person down. She said that if you're worried about a mate, you don't have to fix it, but you do need to notice it. Her tips: 1 Connect. 2 Keep active. 3 Take notice. 4 Keep learning. 5 Give/lend a hand - it helps us feel good, which improves our mental health.

Dr Cheryl Tallon shared that NZ has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world and that men are less likely to get help. Risk factors include your skin type, sun exposure, family history and immune system disease. She advises covering up, using sunscreen regularly, wearing a sunhat that covers neck and ears, sunglasses, seeking shade and getting regular skin checks.

Recognising hidden carbohydrates (which convert to sugar raising blood sugar levels) in our food can help reduce the risk of type 2 Diabetes. Chelsie Flynn is a Clinical Pharmacist and Health Coach and she advises everyone to look carefully at diet, reduce stress and smoking, keep moving and reducing alcohol.

"Walking after a meal helps reduce blood sugar," she said. "If you have Type 2 Diabetes, it's likely your heart will take your life."

"Cocaine use has increased 150% since 2024/2025," said Leif Hansen Clinical Lead at Ashburton Community Alcohol and Drug Service (ACADS), "Methamphetamine causes significant harm in rural communities." While Cannabis is seen as harmless by some, it carries risks if used regularly, affecting workplace safety and reaction times. He said that, "Alcohol in NZ is often overlooked as it's often a part of social settings." Risks included heavy episodic drinking, daily drinking, 2-4 drinks per night and drinking to cope with stress, which can increase liver disease and cancer risk. Leif suggested having two alcohol free days per week and reducing intake.

Sara Davis from Hato Hone St John in Methven said they are working 24/7, averaging 525 callouts per year, so if you need them, call. She said, "When they're small issues, they're easier to fix and preventative care is common sense." One in three vehicle accidents involve substances. 72% of cardiac arrests happen at home of which there is an 11% survival rate - 1 in 9 survive. That rate drops per minute without CPR or defibrillation. Sara advised having a care plan which advises your end-of-life wishes - only 1 in 5 people have one (meaning 4 in 5 do not).

Cardiologist Dr Clive Low was straight to the point, "A heart is like the engine in a car - if it stops, you stop!"

Leading Urologist Dr Louise Rouse gave a riveting power talk on what to do to if you see blood in your urine - get it checked immediately!

Dr Chris Wakeman specialises in colorectal surgery and strongly urged everyone to send in their poo test with the kit sent in the mail. Canterbury has the highest rate of bowel cancer in NZ and Chris said risk factors are family history of bowel cancer and blood in your poo.

"If you've got symptoms, get it checked. If polyps can be caught early then things can be fixed early," he said.

The final speaker was Dr Laura Pfeifer from Methven Medical Centre who advises knowing your numbers (blood pressure, heart rate, blood sugar levels etc).

S sleep well
T train/exercise
R relationships
O outdoors
N nutrition-eat lots of fruit, veggies and legumes
G gratitude and purpose
G get checked

"Health is about fitness, strength and wellbeing," she said, "healthy ageing should include 150 minutes of cardio exercise per week."

"Do you have four people you could call at 4am in the morning if you needed help?" If not, then something needs to change.

Laura uses the acronym STRONGG: S - sleep well, T - train/exercise (she said it's a miracle drug), R - relationships, O - outdoors, N - nutrition; eating lots of fruit, veggies and legumes, G - gratitude and purpose, G - get checked.

Have regular checks for blood pressure, cholesterol, bowel, Diabetes and skin. Reduce/stop alcohol consumption, smoking, and drug use. Get an early review of chest pain, breathlessness or fatigue and make sure you have plenty of sleep and exercise.

There will be more community health events in the future, so keep an eye on your Snowfed for further information.

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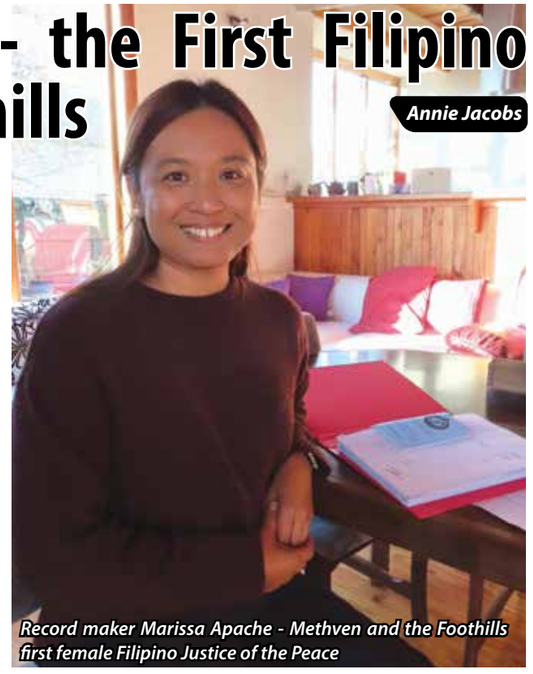
Marissa - the First Filipino for Foothills

Annie Jacobs

Methven holds a very special place in the heart of Marissa Apache, who arrived here in 2008, as a 19 year old from the Philippines with her Parents, Sandra and Romeo and she has set a record.



Record maker Marissa Apache - Methven and the Foothills first female Filipino Justice of the Peace

Marissa is the first Filipino female Justice of the Peace (JP), in the Methven and Foothills area.

Favourite memories from the Philippines for Marissa are family, gatherings and summery weather.

"The weather would be around 35 degrees and humid - I used to prefer that, but not now. They have beautiful islands there that I wasn't able to explore, but would love to," said Marissa.

"Dad worked on large ships as Chief Cook. Dad was away 10-12 months of the year and home for 1-2 months per year, although he was often away on training for a month when he was home. Most of the time Mum was away teaching so I would be at home with the helper before and after school. Dad wanted our family to be together, so thought maybe we could go away and explore other countries and maybe there would be the opportunity for the family to live there. I think it was great Dad saw that we needed to be together as a family." And so the family moved from San Jose Du Monte in the Bulacan Province, (approximately 42 kms northeast of Manila), to Methven.

Marissa went on to study early childhood, graduating from university with a Bachelor of Teaching and Learning in Early Childhood. She is now the Team Leader for the Under 2's at Methven Pre School. It was there that she learned of colleague Julie Cunneen's work, as a Justice of the Peace.

"My Mum and Dad are in Church Ministry and they serve the community. When we came here, so many people served us and helped us and so from that, I wanted to be able to give back. Julie nominated me and I took a wee while to think about it," said Marissa. After considered contemplation, Marissa felt it was a great opportunity to serve the community.

The training takes around two years and there was a wait for the District Court where they are sworn in as a JP. Part of the training was a self study with a test following. Marissa worked hard and she said there was a level of difficulty understanding the different document types.

"You have to know what the different documents such as affidavits, other legal documents, applications, marriage dissolution, different birth certificate requirements are," she said. And for applicants or people coming to have those documents notarised, it's Marissa's job as a JP to make sure they thoroughly understand what the document is, what it means and that it's a legal document before they sign it, so it resonates with her interest in education.

Having been sworn in recently, Marissa's services have already been used, helping a family.

"I've enjoyed being able to help people. I'm just happy. It's very nice to have people ask, "Marissa, can you please do this for me?" It's so nice to be a part of their application."

JP's offer a free service (no charge) to have documents notarised. Marissa is now a registered Justice of the Peace, so is eligible to do further justice qualifications.

As the first female Filipino JP in Methven and Foothills, Marissa has created a record.

"I just feel so grateful. I'm just grateful. There's not a load of people that have this chance to serve the community and it is a learning opportunity. I don't know where it's going to take me, I'm just grateful."

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First Windwhistle Curling Trophy

Staveley Ice Rink was a bonny place last Thursday when the inaugural Windwhistle Trophy Curling Tournament was held.

The Windwhistle Club looked very sporting with their smart, pom-pommed tartan tam

Robert Schikker lines up his curling stone

o shanters and jackets made by Megan Sutton from local business, "The Gentlemen's Tailoress" who happened to be visiting. The originals had been made by Prue Harper many years ago.

"The trophy is a one off made especially for the occasion and it will be played for annually going forward," said team member Bob Brown.

Curling has it's origins in Scotland, where more than 500 years ago, where heavy, flat, river stones of granite were hurled along frozen ice, with the first game recorded as being in 1541 at Paisley Abbey. It is believed to be one of the world's oldest team sports. With similar rules to lawn bowls, curling in New Zealand is regularly played in the South Island. The local club, Windwhistle, is based at Staveley Ice Rink. Curling stones are still made from granite and weigh 17-22kgs each, depending on the size of the stone.

This tournament was organised by Windwhistle Club Captain Graham Cocks, whose family have had a long association with the area. In readiness for the event, Rink Icemaster Alan Lowen had the rink in pristine condition.

"This was the first curling tournament held at the upgraded Staveley Ice Rink. Usually they're held down south at Alexandra, Naseby or Tekapo, but we were the only ones that had ice (outdoors)," said team member, Carl Shannon.

The morning ice was a-skirling with curling stones deftly hurled down the rink, as 40 players in ten teams representing five clubs from around the South Island, chased the

Tournament held at Staveley Ice Rink

Annie Jacobs

win.

With shouts of exuberance in what seemed like a foreign language, "He's got a coggle!" (where the stone wobbles as it travels), there was much bonhomie and good-natured ribbing from other players. Until there was a roll over. This is considered a serious misdemeanour and extracts a costly, good-natured penalty from the player.

"We've had annual games against Mackenzie, Dunedin, West Coast and

Above centre front: Bob Brown holding The Windwhistle Trophy with Megan Sutton (the Gentleman's Tailoress), with some of the Windwhistle Curling Club

Ice Master Alan Lowen congratulates his opponent on a great game

Cardrona for previous meetings but this was the first time the trophy was played for with all four clubs attending (a total of five clubs participated)," said Andrew Wright Windwhistle President.

As Dunedin has an indoor rink and the opportunity to get in plenty of practice, they were the lucky winners of The Windwhistle Trophy - that is until next time.

Windwhistle Curling Cub members are:

Bill Baldwin, Brent Stanaway, Robin Reid, Graham Cocks, Andrew Wright, Alan Lowen, John Murray, Bob Brown, Rob Withers, Jon Moodie, Carl Shannon, Ben Streeter, Ben Mee, Kerry Smith, Robert Schikker.

Schools News

Mount Hutt College

Keen Mt Hutt College Student Lillyanna Willis loves receiving the Snowfed and wanted to help out. We asked her to write a story on some of the attractions around the district and she came up with this lovely article, which we think is fantastic.

What do you think? **Email us: letterbox@snowfed.co.nz**

Looking for something fun to do today? I present to you: **Methven Activities**

Who likes to play golf? Well, we have a golf course in Methven, with a massive 18 hole with a nice community who can lend you golf trolleys if you don't have one, (for when you're playing of course). You can go on the driving range with a bunch of balls that only cost $2-5! There's also a traveller special and its only $50, for 18 holes of golf plus club hire, although it is good, check the price every few days because it could change.

Another thing that makes this golf course fun is that there are lots of hills, bumps and a magnificent view of Mount Hutt. It's perfect for people who are looking for a challenge and a view while playing.

Want to refresh your mind? Why don't you take a walk down the Enchanted Forest? It's a nice 1km walk filled with fun facts about the fairies who live there peacefully, up high and low. Watch out on the second bridge - there is a troll! You don't want to get gobbled up by him, do you? If you don't fancy walking, you can bike, which will only take around 15-30mins. When you get to the end of the walk, run or bike, you will meet the RDR, (Rangitata Diversion Race), a very cold canal. It gets used for the Peak to Pub annually.

Exhausted? The Opuke Thermal Pool & Spa will fix that. Even just half an hour there and you won't know yourself. It's such a peaceful place, especially at night with it's beautiful lights. In the kid's zone, the lazy river can move a person in the water, without them having to put any effort in! Another thing that's in the kids play zone is a 1.5m deep pool with water guns - cool, right? There's a cafe with lots of delicious food such as chips, eggs, toast, burgers, pizza, and more.

Want to read but you don't have a book? The Methven Library can fix that - they have lots of books along with peace and quiet. To surprise you it's not only a libary but also a museum filled with great knowledge of the past and birds. There are some very nice helpers that can help you with what date was Methven founded, or where is this book? They will answer with care and will try to help you. The opening times are, Tuesday 2pm-4pm, Friday 2pm-4pm and Saturday 10am-11am.

Hungry? Why don't you stop in for a munch at The Blue Pub or The Brown Pub? The Blue is the perfect place to have party and hang out with your friends. while The Brown Pub is more cosy and chill; even kids can play there because there is a sandpit. The Blue is also the finish line for the Peak Pub - well not exactly in the pub but outside the pub is where the finish line is. Fun fact; The Blue and Brown Pub are neighbours and are owned by the same person - crazy right?

Hope you will enjoy your time exploring Methven.

Researched and written by Lillyanna Willis

"Humans of Opuke" is taking a short break and will be back soon.

Schools News

Our Lady of the Snows School

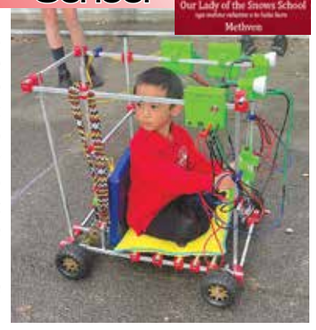
We were up and away early on Tuesday 9th June as the Year 5 – 8 children were off to the National Young Leaders Day at the Christchurch Town Hall.

We heard from five amazing speakers who each shared their knowledge, personal experience and helpful tips we could us in our lives.

The first was William Pike an adventurer and innovator who had survived a volcanic eruption and the loss of his leg. His messages were "kids are not fragile," "you can do hard stuff" and "don't let challenges wear you down but instead use them to build you up."

Next we heard from Graci Kim who shared her story of multiple company failures, as well as the partial loss of her sight. She is now an award winning best selling author. Her messages were, "be the hero of your own story not the side character in someone else's story," "fail forward," "the worst that could happen did… and you are still here," "make mistakes not regrets," and lastly, "failing isn't failure."

The third speaker was Lola Fisher, a 17 year old from Tāmaki Makaurau who co-founded Gen-Z Aotearoa and is working globally with more than 50 organisations. Starting small at her house she now has 120 bright young minds contributing to her "Create Happy" magazine. Her message is, "don't wait for someone to fix it – be the someone." She also said, "leadership can be lonely so you need good people around you." She talked about having a peer/mentor/mentee to give you support.



The fourth speaker was Julie Pihina who comes from Christchurch. She is helping make technology fair and accessible for everyone by closing the AI gap. She's helped over 23,000 people learn new digital skills, run 85 programmes and reached millions online. Julia told us she was a nightmare at high school and did not achieve well at all. She upped her game at University but still was not using her best skill – adaptability. In the workforce she used this in her HP job earning $1K aged 24 and then again in her Californian job earning $2k, but she was not happy. She had emailed the Prime Minister asking her what she was going to do about the digital divide between households but she got no answer. She then quit that job and began her own NZ company that went about doing something to close the AI divide herself. Her message; "you might not find your potential at school or Uni, but it will come."

We loved the day and all the messages we got. Back at school we have been using our mistakes and "fail forward" doing Computational Thinking with Beebots and EPro8.

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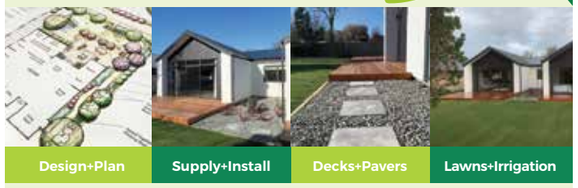

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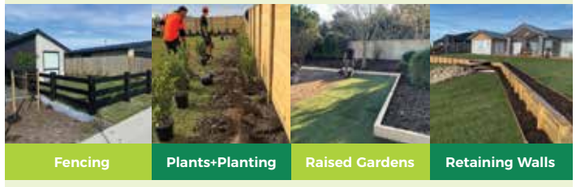

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Schools News

Methven Primary School

This week in Māhuri L has been full of exciting learning and special events. We were fortunate to welcome Dave, Linda, and Inaya, who travelled down from Hamilton as part of the Fire and Ice Festival. They visited our school with a hot air balloon demonstration, sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm while teaching students all about how hot air balloons work.

It has also been Book Week at Methven Primary School. The school hosted a successful book fair, along with whānau drop-in sessions where families enjoyed reading with their child's class. The week finished on a high with our book character dress-up day on Friday, where students and staff dressed up as their favourite book character.

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METHVEN GOLF CLUB

Ladies Results 17th June

Competition 4th Margaret Lilley Putting, 1st Sarah Maw

Putting: *Emma Hampton* 27 putts. Hammer Hardware Best Nett Of Day *Judith Sommerville* 71.

Nearest The Pins: No 4 Open Methven Pharmacy *Wanda Campbell*, No 6 Open Primo No 13 Open & Bronze B 2nd Shot Farmhouse Design & Decor, Station Coffee *Judith Sommerville*, No 17 Open Methven Foursquare *Linda Ayers,* No 14 Silver & Bronze A end Shot Hard Yards Ltd *Wanda Campbell*.

Two's And Nett Eagles: *Wanda Campbell, Bev Isherwood, Judith Sommerville* x2, *Linda Ayers.*

9 Hole 19th June

4th Putting: *Karen Currie* 55-23-32, 13 Putts. *Angela Simonett* 56-26-30, 14 Putts. *Baden Sommerville* 49-12-37, 14 Putts.

PGG Wrightson Best Player *Karen Currie.* Methven Travel 2nd Shot *Karen Currie*.

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25 June - 1 July

Tyler Adams 14
Mark Moodie 11
Charlie Moodie 2
Deidra O'Shea 49
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Working closely with our Administration & Logistics Manager, you will play a key role in supporting customer orders, logistics, inventory management, reporting, weighbridge operations, and general administration.

About the Role

Your responsibilities will include:

- Customer order processing and administration
- Weighbridge operations and documentation
- Recording stock movements and inventory administration
- Logistics and dispatch support
- Preparing and maintaining operational reports
- Data analysis and spreadsheet management
- Reception and customer service
- General administration support

About you

To be successful in this role, you'll have:

- Advanced Microsoft Excel skills
- Exceptional attention to detail and accuracy
- Strong numerical and analytical ability
- Confidence working with data, reporting, and spreadsheets
- Excellent organisational and time management skills
- Strong communication and customer service skills
- A proactive, positive attitude
- Experience in administration, logistics, inventory management, manufacturing, or agriculture would be advantageous.

About Advanced Feed

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We continue to invest in our people, technology, and facilities to support our growing customer base.

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GROW YOUR OWN

Mary Ralston

More on Fruit

Even though fruit trees grown on a grafted rootstock will fruit earlier, produce reliable fruit that is 'true to type' and may be more disease resistant than trees grown from seed, it is also possible to grow good fruit trees from seed.

The best candidates in our area are nectarines and peaches. They are reliable producers in our climate and are easy to grow. I have a nectarine tree that produces delicious whitish-green fleshed fruit; I am keen to try to grow it from seed despite the fact they may not fruit for years or be true to type. In the summer, I collected stones from this year's fruit, washed and dried them and just recently planted them in a tray of potting mix. Hopefully, by early summer they will have sprouted and can then be planted out in individual pots.

The seeds need a cold period of 2-3 months (called stratifying) to activate the seed to grow, so planting them around now should do the trick. Wrapping in a damp paper towel and putting in the fridge will work too, then they can be planted out later.

When buying fruit trees, there's a choice between bare rooted trees (only available in winter) or potted trees – most people get potted ones because it is more convenient. But bare rooted trees are often considered better: they establish faster and more easily because their roots haven't been confined in a pot. A disadvantage is that they can only be planted in winter when the trees are dormant, and once out of the ground, need to be planted asap so the roots don't dry out.

Specialist tree nurseries such as Southern Woods take orders for bare rooted trees. Their on-line catalogue is worth a browse as they have lots of lovely disease resistant fruit trees. Whichever type of tree you buy, choose a sunny well-drained site, dig a good-sized hole for it, water well after planting and stake so it withstands the wind, which is sure to blow again one day.

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Ideal Skills & Experience
- Engineering industry experience (trade qualification preferred but not essential)
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METHVEN NETBALL CLUB

Results for the week ending 20th June

Social Weds 17th June: Methven Blue Pub vs Celtic Green won 26-20. Methven Brown Pub vs Celtic White won 27-20.

Premier Thurs 18th June: Methven Wareings A vs Allenton A won 51-38, POD Amelia Holmes. Methven EuroAgri B vs Allenton B won 37-19, POD *Ruby Keeley*.

Yr1/2 Thurs 18th June: Methven Garage Gym PODs *Luke Pearce, Evie Rodgers, Bella Rodgers*.

Yr3/4 Fri 19th June: Methven Southface Contracting vs Tinwald Diamonds PODs *Kora Hickman, Samantha Rollinson*. Methven Martin Seed Dressing vs Southern PMR PODs *Georgia Copland, Kelsey Naidoo*. Methven Paddock Vets vs Southern NBS PODs I*sla Wright, Zyla Cooksley*. Methven CG Ag vs Longbeach Stars POD *Ellie Gibbs*.

Yr7/8 Sat 20th June: Methven R&R Spreading vs Southern East Coast Transport POD *Alexis Sherborne-Nelson*. Methven Kayla Dynes-Bayleys vs United Junior Chicks POD *Whole Team*.

Yr5/6 Sat 20th June: Methven Gluyas Motor Group vs Southern Hinds Seeds POD *Georgie Gray*. Methven Coleridge Law vs Tinwald Tactix POD *Alissa Grieve*. Methven Dargue Hedge Trimming vs Ingold Builders Allenton & ACS Ascend POD *Whole Team*. Methven Clemens Seed Dressing vs Borough Black POD *Harriet Woolsey*. Methven Clear Ear vs ACS Accelerate POD *Alyssa Cuttle*.

Senior Sat 20th June: Methven Trucking vs College Snr Res POD *Poima Brightwell*. Methven Shearmac vs Hampstead U18 Dev POD *Leah Wilkins*. Methven Panel & Paint vs College 9b POD *Ashlyn Lee*. Methven South Pacific Seeds vs Allenton Snr Yth B POD *Asha Macfarlane-Hydes*.

METHVEN BRIDGE CLUB

North / South:

Jennifer Hooke	Bob Todhunter	57.50%
Janet Cuttle	Willie Ensor	42.50%

East / West:

John Barwell	Colin Clemens	52.50%
Murray Hawkes	Jane Helmore	47.50%

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