

Heathcote Community Magazine

Summer 2022



Christmas arrives in the valley

Happy Christmas Heathcote!

It's December! That wonderful time of the year when all the way from the wintry Northern Hemisphere, Father Christmas is readying his reindeer to fantastically travel around the globe within 24 hours, delivering his 'presence' to all.

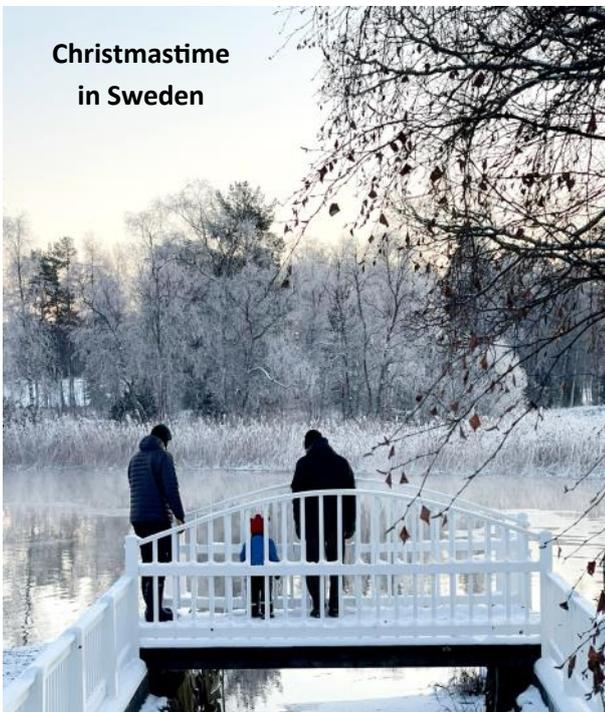


Here in the Southern Hemisphere we are racing the summer clock, getting last minute jobs done, finishing off work schedules, mowing lawns which seem to be on steroids, picking raspberries and cherries before the birds gobble up more than their fair share, all alongside preparing for Saint Nick's fleeting visit as he magically swooshes by and even more amazingly slips down our chimney to deliver a gift for Christmas. Remember to put a carrot out for the reindeer and keep a window slightly ajar, just in case Santa chooses a different option.

In amongst all this fantasy and busyness, remember to take a breath and time to remember that the true meaning of Christmas is about sharing kindness.

Half of my family are in Sweden in the Northern Hemisphere where Father Christmas evolved and the other half are in Heathcote, the Southern Hemisphere where we mimic the Northern culture. Probably because many of us originated from that foundation. In the Valley I have met and connected with so many interesting people from all over the globe. Japan, Afghanistan, the Philippines, England, Scotland, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Ukraine, Sweden, Germany, France, South Africa, Malta, Samoa, China, Greenland, Alaska, America, Brazil, Chile, Italy, Canada to name but a few. This is Heathcote, this is the culmination of New Zealand and no doubt there are many other cultures in the valley that celebrate the seasons with their own diverse traditions celebrating with kindness, sharing delicious food with others. This diversity is what makes our community.

Christmastime
in Sweden



I would like to take the time to give a heartfelt thank you to the Heathcote Valley Community Association chaired by Sooze Harris, the Heathcote Community Centre so ably managed by Jen Saunders, the iconic Heathcote Christmas tree sale team, the Heathcote Christmas market team, the Christmas carols team.

A huge thank you to all the contributors for this edition of the magazine. We aim to have the next edition out by mid-March 2023. Please have all articles to heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com by **12 February 2023**.

To join the Heathcote email list and receive updates on local happenings and news please contact me on: heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com

Enjoy the season, be kind and share the love.

Jocelyn





Te Tihi o Kahukura

Heathcote Valley School

Kia Ora!

My name is Sian Williams, and I'm the 2022 community liaison for Heathcote Valley School.

The last term of school has been really great so far and has included lots of exciting activities leading up to the end of the year, and one of those has been going on camp.

Both the year 5-6 classes and the year 7-8 class have been on camp this term.

The year 5-6 camp was during week 4, from Monday 7th November to Wednesday 9th November and was at Living Springs which is in Governors Bay.

They enjoyed lots of activities and new experiences there and some of their favourites included the zipline, swimming, mini golf, tree climbing, the creek, the



adventure stream, air rifles, archery, the monorail, using free time, and above all, being able to do these things with their friends.

They loved that they got to have new experiences, trying different things, learning and discovering new skills, and finding what they liked and what they were good at.

The year 7-8 class went to Orton Bradley Park for their camp, and went in week 5 from Monday 14th November to Thursday 17th November.

Over the course of the four days, the seniors participated in five main activities which were kayaking / raft building, coasteering, abseiling, bush walking, and a bush survival session which included making ropes from flax.

All of the activities were really fun and a good challenge.

Another thing that is included with senior camp is cooking your own dinner. Before getting to camp everyone went food shopping in their cooking groups to get ingredients for making delicious meals of their choice.

Other events that have recently happened in term 4 are the Canterbury triathlon, the very first mihi whakatau and whole school assembly this year, and the junior and senior athletics days, with zones to follow.

Left: Years 5-6 camp at Living Springs

Below: Year s 7-8 camp at Orton Bradley Park



The Canterbury triathlon was a challenge by choice event and students who wanted to enter went and competed against other children through swimming, biking, and running.

The mihi whakatau and assembly were very important events. Due to Covid, we haven't been able to have all of the students together, so it was really great to have the whole school celebrate with each other.

In October, the year 5-8 students had their athletics day where they competed in long jump, high jump,

sprints, long distance, discus, and shotput to see who would go to zones, on the 8th November.

As this is my last article of the year, I would like to thank Jocelyn and the wonderful Heathcote community for the amazing opportunity to be the 2022 community liaison. I would also like to introduce Lauren McCauley, who will be the 2023 community liaison student.

Thank you, and wishing everyone a great rest of the year.

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Bittern's Lullaby

Creeping through the reeds
Unnoticed
Hidden away from humanity
A presence rarely seen

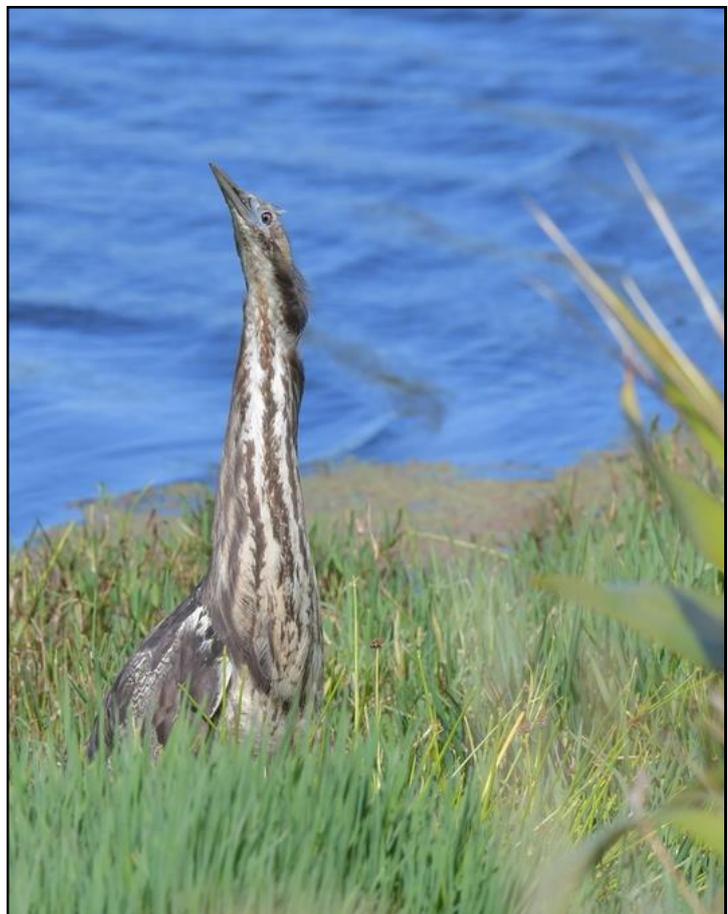
When danger comes
The long giraffe neck
Shoots up
Blending it into the raupo

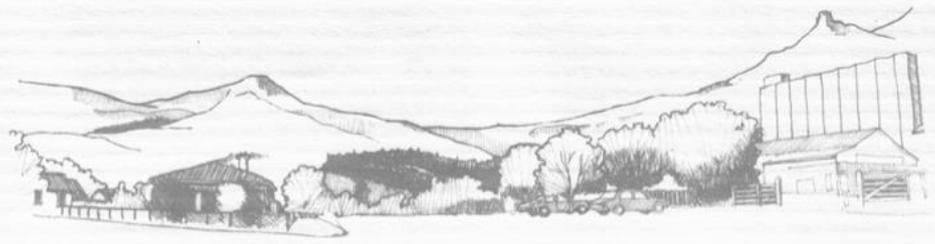
The bristly feathers
Coat the sleek brown body
Completed with speckles of tan
That make up the bittern

When it takes flight
We rarely know it's there
This is how
It lives

For when the day ends
It's eaten away
By the vast black
Of night.

Hi, I am Lauren McCauley and I am the HVS community liaison for 2023. I have lived in Heathcote since I was 3 and I love all of the wildlife around the valley and going for walks. I wasn't asked to write a full piece for the summer newsletter this time but I was still asked to put something in so I decided to use this poem I wrote for the next Write-on magazine. Thank you.





HEATHCOTE VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.



*Rear Row: Jude Campion, Sooze Harris, Jen Saunders, John Marks, Ahmad Sultani
Middle Row: Jan Marks, Hannah Watkinson, Ali Baré, Jos de Kort, Sue Henery
Front Row: Nicholas McCauley, Lauren McCauley (2023 HVS school liaison), Sian Williams (2022 HVS school liaison)
Absent: Jimirah Baliza*

This photo of these beautiful people is our new HVCA committee elected at the recent AGM with two additional members joining at the recent SGM on Wednesday 30th November. I am so delighted to have new faces, and excited to see what we can do in our community together. We have met once to get to know each other, connect with our vision for Heathcote community, and explore what roles we may all play in this. We're all looking forward to 2023, developing our work as the HVCA committee

together. We will share in later newsletters about our plans and progress, but please do be in touch with us at any point if you have ideas, suggestions, concerns. You can contact us through the heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com address that Jocelyn de Kort manages.

In the meantime, on the next page, a few introductions!!!

Kia ora, I'm **Jude Campion**. I live in Morgans Valley. I have been in this sunny spot for over 15 years. I love our friendly neighbourhood and the easy access to the hills. I have two children who have been through Heathcote Valley School, one is about to leave and another is almost finished high school. I'm looking forward to getting to know more about HVCA and helping out where I can. Ngā mihi.

"Hi, I'm **Sooze Harris**. I've lived in this amazing community for 15 years, couldn't think of a better place to live, and am passionate about creating a community who care for and value each other. I have two kids in their final years at Heathcote Valley school, have welcomed a bit of our wonderful rural outlook into our property by adding sheep to our ever growing whanau of pets, and am a keen coffee drinker!! I've been involved in the HVCA committee for over 10 years now, and last year and this year have taken on the Chair role."

"Kia ora, I'm **Hannah Watkinson**. I'm a relatively new recruit to the Heathcote Valley community, having bought a house here with my partner two years ago. I love the scenery, the friendly neighbours and the quiet streets - and feeling like all of the best things about Otago are right on my doorstep! You're likely to find me at Ferrymead with my collie dog Maisie, enjoying a coffee at Silos or a beer at the Valley Inn. I'm looking forward to contributing to the HVCA through my background in project management, marketing and communications and the environment, and a keen interest in community building."

Kia ora koutou, I'm **Jen Saunders** and I am very grateful to have been part of the Heathcote Valley community for the past 19 years. It has been a fantastic place to raise our children and we have a daughter at Heathcote Valley School and a son who has just started high school. I love living so close to the hills and feel a strong connection to Te Tihi o Kahukura. Over the past four years I have managed our community centre and have been a part of the HVCA committee. One of my favourite parts of the week is community morning tea on Wednesday, sharing a cuppa and some home baking with a wonderful bunch of locals.

Hello, my name is **John Marks**, retired electrician. My wife Jan and I moved to the Maltworks Lifestyle Village in the valley four years ago and have interests in travel,

theatre, food, and gardening. With a background in farming, I took on the challenge of coordinating the Heathcote community garden. We are both committed committee members of the Heathcote Valley Community Association and hope to share our passion and knowledge to this community.

Hi, I'm **Ahmad Sultani**. I have been living in Heathcote Valley for the past 10 years, I have loved every second of it because of the relaxed lifestyle and people in the Valley. My passion is about bringing all the different cultures in the Valley together and connecting together as one.

Hi, I'm **Jan Marks**, a retired accountant and a resident of Heathcote Valley for the last four years. Living in the Maltworks Villas complex with only a small garden to look after has given me more time to become more involved in this special community—making jam from excess fruit for charity, becoming involved in the community garden, and now the Heathcote Valley Community Association.

Kia Ora, I'm **Ali Baré**. We moved to Heathcote Valley five years ago to share a property with family. We have lived almost 20 years in SE Asia but we are enjoying putting our roots down here and want to be a part of the community. I work with children with special needs, love gardening, walking and playing the piano.

Hi, I'm **Jos de Kort**, and have lived here in the valley for a long time now. I have three awesome grown up children and three and a half grandkids. The half, a little boy, is due in February. Two live here in the valley and the others in Sweden, all of which I am immensely proud of. I have seen many changes in the valley over the years and as a natural consequence have contributed along the way. My priority and interests are family, art, music, literature, nature, community, supporting projects and making connections.

My name is **Sue Henery**. I am the mother of seven children and have 17 beautiful grand children. I have lived in Heathcote Valley for 18 years my husband has been here over 40 years. Heathcote is a wonderfully diverse community full of interesting people, but like all communities at times folk in the community need our support. I hope to be part of the wellbeing team that offers support as needed and wanted within our community. I retired last year and now have the time to work within the community.

Hi, I'm **Nicholas McCauley**. I am a student at Te Aratai College and am a member of the HVCA committee for 2023. I love nature and socialising and I look forward to seeing you around the valley.

Hi, I am **Lauren McCauley** and I am the HVS community liaison for 2023. I have lived in Heathcote since I was 3.

Kia ora, I'm **Jimi Baliza**! I've lived in the Heathcote community for a couple of years and love living on this side of Ōtautahi. I'm a creative problem solver and graphic designer by trade. I'm looking forward to working with the HVCA and the wider community.

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*Our new revitalised vision is to promote the individual and collective wellbeing of the people of Heathcote Valley, and to build resilience in the face of challenges.*

*The HVCA does this by facilitating opportunities for all those living in Heathcote to be an engaged, connected, and empowered community with a strong sense of belonging.*

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Riding School News

We are into our spring/summer term now at the riding school. Some of our paddocks have been closed to the horses so we can grow hay. We grow a lot of our hay on the property, this means that between now and when we cut the hay early next year the horses are in the smaller paddocks. This is why you can see so many together as you drive past. They have less grass to eat so they get breakfast every day and if you're up and about early enough you will see them gathering in groups waiting for Emma to arrive on the quad bike with their hay.

Muna the Kaimanawa horse has had a visit to the vet to be neutered. This would have been scary for him but he went with his paddock mate to keep him calm and coped well with the surgery. Unfortunately, the vet could only locate one testicle, the other is hiding somewhere in his abdomen (a condition known as cryptorchidism). Muna has returned home and will now be monitored to see if he acts in any way like a stallion, which would mean he would need further surgery. So far, so good, he is still a quiet and good natured fellow, hopefully the missing item is non-operational and he can join the main herd in the future.

Lastly, the staff and especially the ponies would like to thank everyone in the Valley for making this one of the



quietest Guy Fawkes so far, the message regarding fireworks and animals seems to be getting through.

Thanks again!

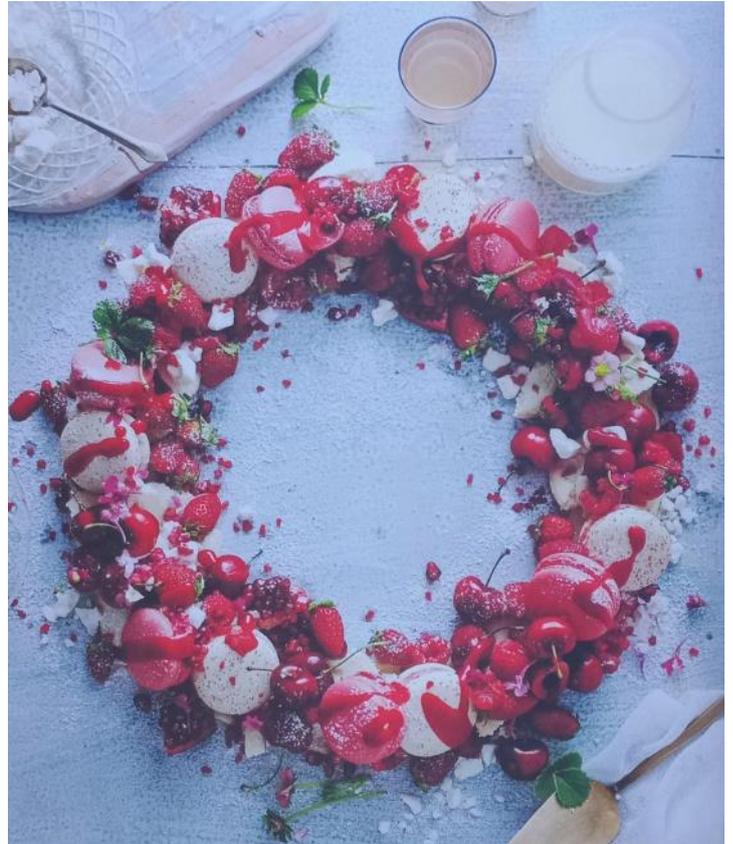
Emma and the team

Recipe

Easy Festive Dessert

INGREDIENTS

- 250g raspberries
- 1 tablespoon icing sugar, plus extra to dust
- 300g white chocolate melts
- 200g coconut macaroons, quartered
- 6 raspberry macarons
- 6 strawberry macarons
- 250g small strawberries
- 200g cherries
- 1 medium pomegranate (approx. 320g), halved and broken into small pieces
- 25g mini plain meringues
- Edible flowers (optional), to serve
- 3/4 cup (180ml) whipped cream



METHOD

1. Place 75g of the raspberries in an airtight container; freeze for 2 hours.
2. Process frozen raspberries until finely chopped, return to the container, freeze until required. In the same food processor bowl, process 125g of the raspberries with icing sugar until pureed. Push puree through a fine sieve over a small bowl; cover and refrigerate until required.
3. Place two sheets of baking paper, slightly overlapping, on a work surface to create a wider sheet. Using a 40cm bowl trace a circle. Using a second 30cm bowl, trace a second circle in the centre of the first circle. You now have a template for the chocolate ring.
4. Stir chocolate in a heatproof bowl over a saucepan of gently simmering water (don't allow the bowl to touch the water) until melted. Using the template as a guide, drop spoonfuls of the chocolate in the ring, then using the back of a spoon, spread the chocolate thickly and evenly to fill the ring. Leave until set.
5. Carefully lift the chocolate ring off the paper and transfer to a large serving board. Place coconut macarons and macarons equally around the ring, layering with strawberries, cherries (you can halve the cherries and remove the stones if you wish), pomegranate, and remaining raspberries. Crush mini meringues over the wreath, sprinkle with the frozen raspberries and fresh flowers, if using. Dust with icing sugar and drizzle with a little raspberry sauce. Serve with remaining raspberry sauce and whipped cream in separate small bowls for guests to help themselves.

TIP

Macarons, often sold or labelled as 'macaroons', are the French-type sandwiched biscuits, whereas macaroons are traditionally the single chewy coconut and egg white biscuits. Both are used in this recipe.

Heathcote Cricket Club

December 2022

The benefits of local sports clubs run deep in communities. For many, it's their chance to socialise outside work and immediate family. It allows us to interact with people whose paths we may otherwise seldom cross. Clubs bring together diverse social, economic, and ethnic backgrounds, and with that the potential to foster tolerance and acceptance.



I may be a little biased, but the sport of cricket is the ultimate platform for strong club environments. Cricket is a team activity which is open to almost everyone, age regardless. The event for many is a family one. The game itself often takes a back seat to the organisational logistics, the history and the endless anecdotes and stories – long, short, and tall! All of which build connections and bonds through the community.



As for this season at Heathcote Cricket Club, the weather has largely been on our side and the domain looks picture perfect. Importantly, club numbers are looking strong with 12 junior teams, 10 adult teams and the continuously popular Friday evening junior sessions.

The Heathcote Domain itself is central to our Heathcote community, and a great example of how public spaces can help build a “community feel” and

focus. It's such a treat to see the space bringing so much joy to not only the sportspeople but also the recreational users and spectators.

Largely, the club's teams themselves have been performing exceptionally well. Particularly nice to see our 1st XI team becoming a force to be reckoned with in the city's Premier grade and our 2nd XI looking strong and topping the Division 1 grade.

It's a real pleasure to have quite a few new players join the club in all grades, and particularly nice to have a couple of international players – Philippe from the Netherlands and Andre from the UK – helping us build a strong reciprocal, international exchange programme for our young promising players.



A bit of a thanks to all those who work behind the scenes at the club. As I get a chance to write about the club in this publication, I will take the opportunity to highlight a few of those outstanding volunteers that are central to maintaining our vibrant club. In this issue, I think a shout-out should go to Matthew House. Matthew came to the club on exchange from Gorran Cricket Club in Cornwall, UK over 10 years ago. His home club provided generous rebuild support to Heathcote post-earthquake and, although unplanned, that generosity extending to gifting us Matthew. Matthew has been instrumental in growing our junior club, running the Friday night sessions and the Monday night junior academy that has grown players from beginners through to premiership players. Matt is now settled very nicely in his own home in the valley, and on December 10th he will marry the very lucky (Matt's words) Georgina Diack. All the best to you both, Matthew and Georgina, may there be many years of sunny summers and flat wickets ahead for you both.

Ralph Bungard
President

Heathcote Community Sports Club



We are quickly approaching the Christmas holiday period and everyone very busy planning and attending functions already.

Our club is no exception, and again this year our advertised playing days and hours over this time will cease. Dates are from 22nd December to 6th January. Committee members and members who hold keys can arrange games between themselves should they want to play during this time.

The club had planned to hold an open day at the end of November, and invite members of the public to attend, and try their hand at playing bowls and petanque. However with the roadworks surrounding us, both in Bridle Path Road and Port Hills Road it was decided to delay this until later in January. 2023.

We are always looking to increase our membership, and new people are very welcome to come along and enjoy some sporting activity and meet new people to socialise with.

Our full membership subscription is \$70.00 and covers all sports for a whole year, or our Pay & Play on the day is \$5.00.

Outside of the holiday period, our normal playing hours are:

- Bowls Tuesday 7pm-9pm. Sunday 2pm-4pm
- Petanque Thursday 10am – midday. Sunday 10am – midday.

The club wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

Steph Green
President



Fancy Playing Some Tennis with Family or Friends?

Two courts are available at the Mt Pleasant Tennis Club, 11 Quarry Road (off The Brae) anytime except Thursday evenings and all day Saturday. No booking necessary.

Good courts and nets, balls available, and a volley board.

\$5 per person per hour. Pay cash into the red pipe, by the clubhouse, or pay on-line

(details at www.mtpleasanttennis.org.nz)

Twinkle Tots



Twinkle Tots meet each Friday morning, during school term.

Song and dance activity for pre-school children, up to 4 years.

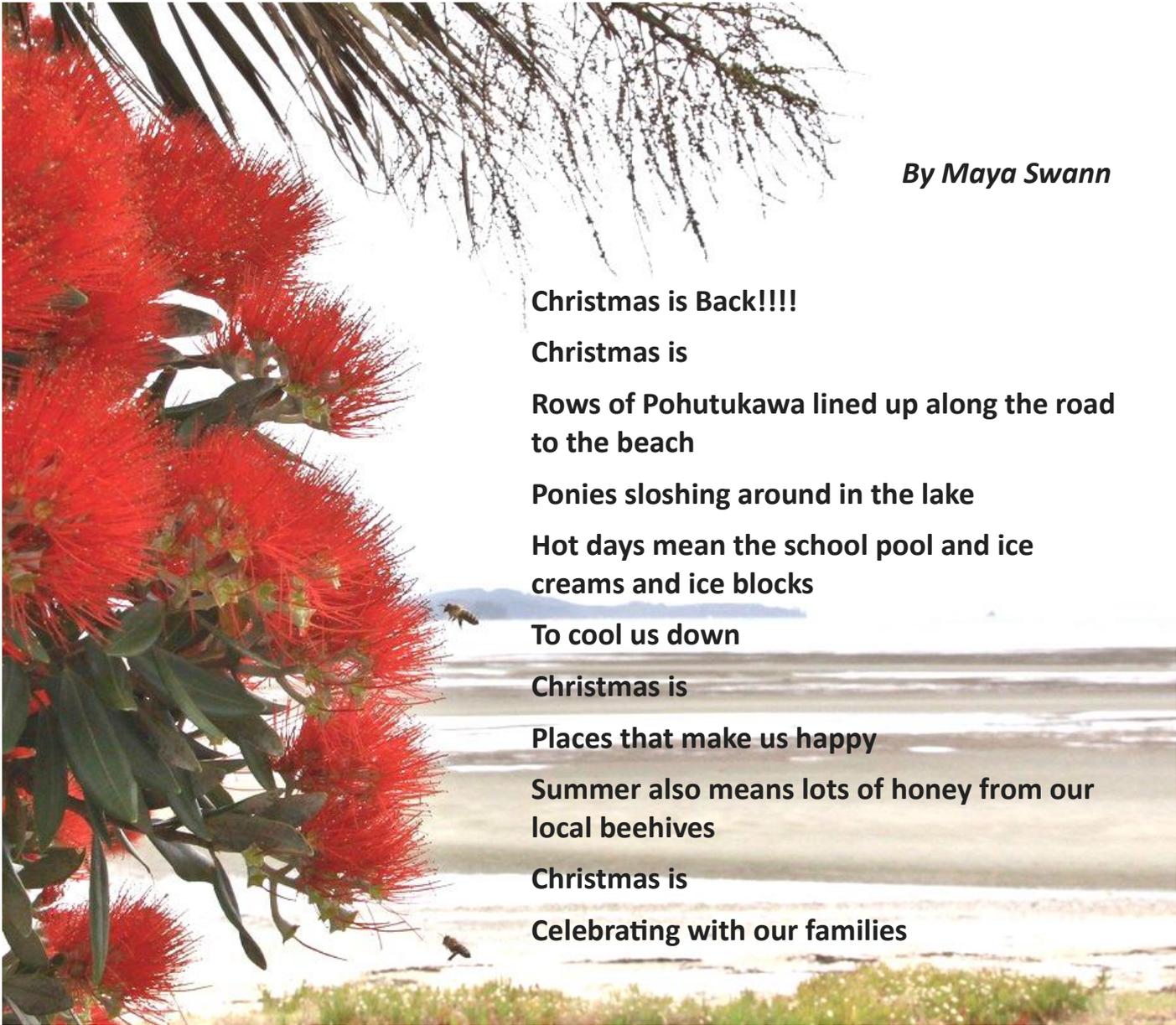
St Mary's Anglican Church Hall, Corner of Martindales Road and Truscotts Road.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

We meet 10.30am to 11.15am and then have a relaxed break for morning tea/coffee or water and something to eat – children can play safely.

Free to all, regardless of faith or creed. Gold coin donation.

For more information contact:
Suzanne Stewart **027 285 1843**



By Maya Swann

Christmas is Back!!!!
Christmas is
Rows of Pohutukawa lined up along the road
to the beach
Ponies sloshing around in the lake
Hot days mean the school pool and ice
creams and ice blocks
To cool us down
Christmas is
Places that make us happy
Summer also means lots of honey from our
local beehives
Christmas is
Celebrating with our families

Do you have a story to tell?

Articles are invited for the next issue of the Heathcote community magazine, which will be the autumn edition.

We are looking for stories about happenings, people, environment, or local history. Poems and photographs are welcome. In fact anything with a local connection and that you think your neighbours will enjoy, but please, no politics or contentious issues—there are other forums for that. Please note the editor decides what gets published and some articles may not be suitable. Please ask if you would like more info.

Deadline for articles is **Sunday 12 February.**

Enquiries and contributions should be sent to:
heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com

Santa Jokes



Where does Santa keep his suit?
In his Claus-et.

Where does Santa stay on vacation?
In a ho-ho-ho-tel.

What did the ocean say when Santa flew over?
Nothing. It just waved

Which of Santa’s reindeers has bad manners?
Rude-olph

What do you call Santa when he’s wearing ear muffs?
Anything you like. He can’t hear you.

Why does Santa have trouble spelling?
He thinks the alphabet has no-el

What does Santa say on Christmas Eve?
“Time to hit the sack!”

What's on at Your Community Centre?



Confession time – I LOVE really cheesy Christmas music. In fact we did a day trip to Arthur's Pass in the weekend (totally recommend walking up the Otira Valley by the way) and we had a Christmas CD cranked up for the entire car journey, cue Boney M, Dolly Parton, Elton John and Wham and really bad (that'd be me and Chris) harmonies. To be honest the kids looked a bit traumatised by the time we got home.

I also really like Christmas lights....which is why our fence is still adorned with solar fairy lights from last year (they are a great pick-me-up in Winter), and I get great joy in seeing Heathcote letterboxes decorated with baubles, tinsel and looking generally sparkly. Time to get your letterboxes looking festive again!

Taking a moment to reflect on 2022, I am happy to say the Heathcote Valley Community Centre has positively hummed this year (despite the odd Covid interruption). We have had a fantastic array of community groups, private events, and classes and workshops in this shared space.

It has been really neat driving past and seeing happy celebrations taking place – baby gender reveals, birthday parties with bouncy castles and treasure hunts, and even several gorgeous weddings. But it has also been a space where families have taken time to remember loved ones and to reconnect after Covid limited travel.

Throw in some amazing health and wellness classes, fabulous workshops (floristry, quilting, yoga, healing, workshops for girls and so much more) and of course

our wonderful craft group, community morning tea and library. Such a great range of events and we are so lucky to have such a brilliant community space to connect in.

If you have something to celebrate or need a versatile space to meet in 2023, then don't forget the community centre is available for private hire. Please feel free to e-mail me (Jen) any time with enquiries – hvcc.bookings@gmail.com.

Next year is looking like another bumper year with many of our favourite groups continuing on in the centre. Our website will be updated as tutors and groups confirm their classes and workshops but our regular schedule will be as follows -

Craft Group

Mondays 10am-12pm: Enjoy knitting, crocheting or sewing with a wonderful group of people each Monday. \$3 per session and morning tea and great company provided. Please contact Wendy (chamberskw26@gmail.com) with any questions

Community Morning Tea

Wednesdays 10am – 12pm: Come and join us for a cuppa, some home baking and plenty of good company. Everyone is welcome, come alone or bring a friend. No charge.

We do take a break from morning tea over the Summer school holidays. The last morning tea for 2022 will be on Wednesday 14th December and it will re-start on Wednesday 1st February 2023. Any enquiries to Jen (hvcc.bookings@gmail.com)

Tradie Yoga

Mondays 6pm-7pm: Keep your body and mind healthy with this great yoga class designed for tradespeople (and anyone else interested!).

Contact Michele (mlaingphysio@gmail.com)

Santosh Yoga with Breeze

Tuesdays 6pm – 7.30pm: Small group yoga designed for all ages and stages. Connect with your body, de-stress and get stronger and more flexible.

Contact Breeze (yogawithbreeze@gmail.com)

Yoga with Lucy

Wednesdays 6pm – 7pm: These classes are suitable for all levels of experience, and a wide range of ages. The focus is on linking the breath with our practise, flowing and stretching through a mostly simple range of asana (poses) the outcome of which brings you into a good alignment with your centre.

Contact Lucy
(lucydolankang@gmail.com)

Movement Rewired with Nicky

Fridays 11am – 12.30pm: These are gentle floor-based lessons that will help you to improve your overall well-being. They utilise gentle movement, mindfulness and breathing approaches which are suitable for all age groups and all levels.

Contact Nicky (nickywoodwardnz@gmail.com)

Puppy Training with Sit Happens

Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. We are very lucky to have Sit Happens and their puppy classes at the Heathcote Valley Community Centre. The Sit Happens team are passionate about puppies so if you are looking for a pawesome puppy class, head over to <https://www.sithappens.co.nz/puppy-classes>

Floristry Workshops

The very talented Anna Heyes from Honey & Moss runs a variety of floristry workshops including some school holiday options for children. She uses fresh and dried flora and helps you create some amazing floral pieces such as wreaths, wall art and arrangements. For more information check out <https://www.facebook.com/honeyandmossnz/> or contact Anna (anna@honeyandmoss.co.nz)

Quilting Workshops

Kirsten Duncan is an internationally recognised quilter and we are lucky to have her running regular workshops at the Heathcote Valley Community Centre. Her work is exhibited, published and collected so you couldn't get a better tutor. You can find out more here <https://www.kirstyduncanquilt.com/> and contact Kirsten (kirstenduncanquilter@gmail.com)

Celebration Day for Girls



Alice Tabak runs these amazing one-day workshops that educate and empower girls about their menstrual cycle, body literacy, health, self-care and well-being. At this stage the next workshop at the Heathcote Valley Community Centre will be in April 2023. Groups are kept small so be sure to book your daughter in soon. Contact Alice (cdg.alicetabak@gmail.com)

Mikaku Tea Workshops

Leeya from Mikaku Tea runs these fabulous tea workshops where you can blend your own tea and take part in a tea ceremony. Check out <https://www.facebook.com/Mikakutea> for dates and extra information. Contact Leeya hello@mikakutea.co.nz

**Christchurch
City Council** 

We would like to extend our thanks to the Christchurch City Council for their financial support. This has helped us continue to support Heathcote, strengthen our relationships, remain a strong connected and engaged community.

This summer, explore Heathcote Valley with iNaturalist NZ – Mātaki Taiao

By Jon Sullivan

iNaturalist NZ–Mātaki Taiao is a place to observe and identify all species. Wild or cultivated, feathered or scaly, plant or lichen. iNat does it all. You can use the iNaturalist NZ website (<https://inaturalist.nz>) or the free iNaturalist app. Both let you upload photos and sounds of any living thing. You get species identifications with a combination of iNaturalist's Computer Vision, which gives you immediate suggestions, and then input by the extensive community of experts and nature enthusiasts.

iNaturalist NZ is Aotearoa-New Zealand's part of the global iNaturalist Network, which is dedicated to getting everyone outside documenting the world's biodiversity. The global headquarters of iNaturalist and its team of developers are in San Francisco at the California Academy of Sciences. By using iNaturalist NZ, you can not only satisfy your curiosity about some odd critter or weird mushroom, and you also add to our growing knowledge of nature in NZ (and around the world).

This all happens online and in public view, but you have options if you don't want to announce to the world exactly where you are when you observe. You can choose to "obscure" any observation, which randomises your location in a 16 km mile by 16 km square. That way people will know what city you were in, but not much more.

If you've got young children curious about nature, you can get them started on the app Seek by iNaturalist. All Seek observations stay on the app by default and are never shared with the public on iNat. Children just need to point the Seek at an interesting species and the app will attempt to identify it. It does this using a condensed version of iNaturalist's Computer Vision that stays inside the app without needing to upload the photo to the cloud.

In the Heathcote Valley area, including the Summit Road, almost 400 people on iNaturalist have so far recorded over 1,300 species, half of which are native. That's still just the start, as there's a lot more to find, and observations are needed to map out where these species live and see which are spreading and which are in decline. It would be great to know what interesting things are living in your part of the valley.

Here are a few things you might want to look out for in the Heathcote Valley this summer:

Boneseed (<https://inaturalist.nz/taxa/404420-Osteospermum-moniliferum>): a nasty yellow-flowered woody weed on the move.



Boneseed

Kererū (<https://inaturalist.nz/taxa/204520-Hemiphaga-novaeseelandiae>): these are only occasionally sighted in Heathcote Valley, but hopefully more will show up as the forest grows.



Kererū

Tūī (<https://inaturalist.nz/taxa/12580-Prosthemadera-novaeseelandiae>): now settled in to Akaroa, the occasional tūī explores out into Lyttelton harbour and sometimes into the city. Be sure to get at least an audio recording of its song if you think you've heard one.



Tui

Little humped spiders (<https://inaturalist.nz/taxa/521225-Philoponella-congregabilis>): these are small spiders that live communally in one big messy web. They're a new arrival from Australia currently spreading through the city. There's been on report on Main Road and one on Humphries Drive so they're on their way.



Little humped spider

Hairy-legs groundsel (<https://inaturalist.nz/taxa/405985-Senecio-esleri>): this Australian plant has been spreading southwards through NZ. It first showed up in Canterbury in Ferrymead in 2021. Look out for its very hairy stems.



Hairy legs groundsel

Planted trees: if you're planting trees, uploading these to iNaturalist is a great way to tell future naturalists what was planted so they'll know what is wild. When uploading planted things, be sure to tick the "captive/cultivated" option.

Black field crickets (<https://inaturalist.nz/taxa/397920-Teleogryllus-commodus>): These large crickets have a loud call that sounds like a bird. They're an Aussie species that's been spreading south and is just starting to settle into Christchurch. Keep an ear out for an unusual bird-like call coming from the ground in the evenings, and upload a recording to iNaturalist.



Black field cricket

Explore the observations in the Heathcote Valley area: https://inaturalist.nz/observations?nelat=-43.55045670554178&nelng=172.7257666310279&place_id=any&swlat=-43.593986104148144&swlng=172.67667147721932&verifiable=any

Hello from Allie

Hello. My name is Allie McMillan and I have had the great pleasure of living within the Heathcote community for almost three years.

My first introduction to Heathcote happened way back in my childhood, when my family was living in

Somerfield. Dad loved the countryside, and whenever possible we would be bundled into the car for a Sunday drive, which often took us to Heathcote. My fond memories are of farmland, orchards blossoming in the spring, and the stark Maltworks buildings. The best time of year was when we would buy lovely fresh apples for our school lunches.

We would pass the Maltworks again, when it was Mother's choice. These were day trips, when Mother and Dad would take us on their bikes to the underground bicycle park in the city. From there we would make our way to the (old) railway station and travel on the train to Lyttelton. On the way we would yet again be confronted by those bleak Maltworks buildings before travelling through the tunnel to the port, the jellyfish thick in the sea. We would walk to Corsair Bay, where Mother would sigh with pleasure as she waded into the rippling waves.

Little did I know then that I would end up back in each of those places to live. Twenty three years ago I shifted to Lyttelton, and enjoyed twenty years there amongst a lovely community, in a home with wonderful views of the port and the hills. Three years ago it became time to shift off those steep hills and find a new home closer to my family. Fortunately for me the Maltworks was being developed and I went through the rigmarole of packing up and moving into my new home. Once again I find myself living in a small village, among a lovely Heathcote community nestled in a crater, and with the added bonus of being close to Lyttelton.



Allie McMillan

About 100 people live at the Maltworks, which is designed for people who wish to live their lives as independently as possible as they age. My life continues as it was, and I belong to a number of groups, both in and outside of the village. While I loved my previous home, now I deeply appreciate the solar power, and the double glazing. And of course the added bonus of a safe environment. The community of Heathcote is very special, and I enjoy the Wednesday morning teas at the community centre. I have a new love of succulents, which now scramble all over the huge boulders at the rear of my house. And I am in love with the hills, in their glory when the sun turns them to gold.

In my working life I was an educator, and I love learning and bringing anything back to the residents which might meet a need. At present I am working to enhance transport options for the Maltworks. In future there may be developments for all who live in this lovely part of the world. Let's keep sharing ideas.

Allie

Craft Group

Heathcote Valley Craft Group meets on a Monday morning 10 am – midday. We are a friendly group of women (we would welcome men) who all enjoy doing some type of hand craft. We have a laugh, share a coffee and admire the talent of the folk who attend. There is always room for newcomers (first session is free). We pay \$3 weekly for hire of the centre and tea/coffee costs.

Our last group for this year is Monday 12 December and we will be back on January 16th 2023. Come and join us!

Judy and Wendy

Heathcote Valley Food Forest

Reflection Time

What better way to round off the year, than to ask our group, "**What were your highlights this year at the food forest?**"

"My highlight was the feeling of being connected with like minded people. Doing stuff together creates a bond."

"The raspberries! Yum. Seeing everyone together to help dig trenches for the water pipes. Watching and learning about replanting and preparing the tree root balls for the olive trees."

"Putting on last year's Christmas play. The bake sale and building huts."

"How quickly the new plots are becoming established, and seeing people picnicking under the big oak tree last week. I hope more people find this nice spot,"



"Working together to create a beautiful space... being blown away by how far we've come in a short time."

"Spending time in the reserve listening to the bird life."

"Getting the Irrigation taps in. Expansion into new areas and new plantings and more

variety. The bake sale, and for realising what a network there is in Christchurch of other food forests and community gardens that we can share knowledge with."



"The open day fundraiser was a fun social event, and the children had a blast."

"Playing games, especially sneak up granny... making nature huts... the rope swing"

"Running in the paddocks with the lambs."

"I love the reserve. The trees. The berries.,

"Playing with my friends at Birdsey."

"Seeing everything burst into life this spring was the highlight of the year".

"Seeing the teamwork involved in things like getting the irrigation trenching in, developing new garden plots, trimming back the ngaio and boxthorn. Seeing everyone pitch in with weeding, planting, mulching, watering and Amelia's regular emails keeping us on track."

"I wrote two haiku...building forest helps; spying on little sparrows; picnics under trees.

Running through the trees; Flax, Harakeke; swaying in the breeze."

And one final, cheeky reply; "embracing a high flatulence diet with Jerusalem artichokes."

We meet weekly so feel free to drop by. If you'd like to keep in the loop for food forest news, email ameliaknightbare@gmail.com.



Birdsey

A tribute to one of Heathcote's early characters

By Barrie Woods

You are probably familiar with Birdsey Reserve on Bridle Path Road. The reserve covers about 3 hectares and is home to our local food forest. Like me, you might have first heard the somewhat unusual name 'Birdsey' and wondered if there was more behind it than just a possible ornithological reference. I decided to do some digging and here is what I found.



Birdsey Reserve is named after Mr John Birdsey, one of the early settlers in Christchurch and an interesting and somewhat colourful character. His connection to Heathcote is that he established the Valley Hotel.

John Birdsey was born in England in 1824, but we take up his story in 1844, when he married Sarah Olton, in Geelong, Australia. There he operated a hotel in Geelong called 'Three Tuns' and possibly another named 'The British' though it is possible the name was changed and they were both the same establishment. It seems Birdsey's ventures in Geelong were not a great success as court records show claims for insolvency and the unpaid salary of a Thomas Etherington who was the manager of the bowling alley at Three Tuns in 1859. Sarah died in 1857, aged 37 years, and later the same year Birdsey remarried to Harriet Clark. Their first daughter, Lilian, was born soon after in 1859.

Seeking a new life, John and Harriet emigrated to New Zealand on the sailing ship Omeo, arriving on January 2nd 1861. On the 12th of May that same year, their second daughter, Emma, was born. Just the day before John, in Saturday 11th May, John Birdsey had opened his new hotel, 'The British' on High Street in the city, near the junction with Cashel Street.

Birdsey was described as a first class cook who would appear in his chef's cap and apron. It was reported that

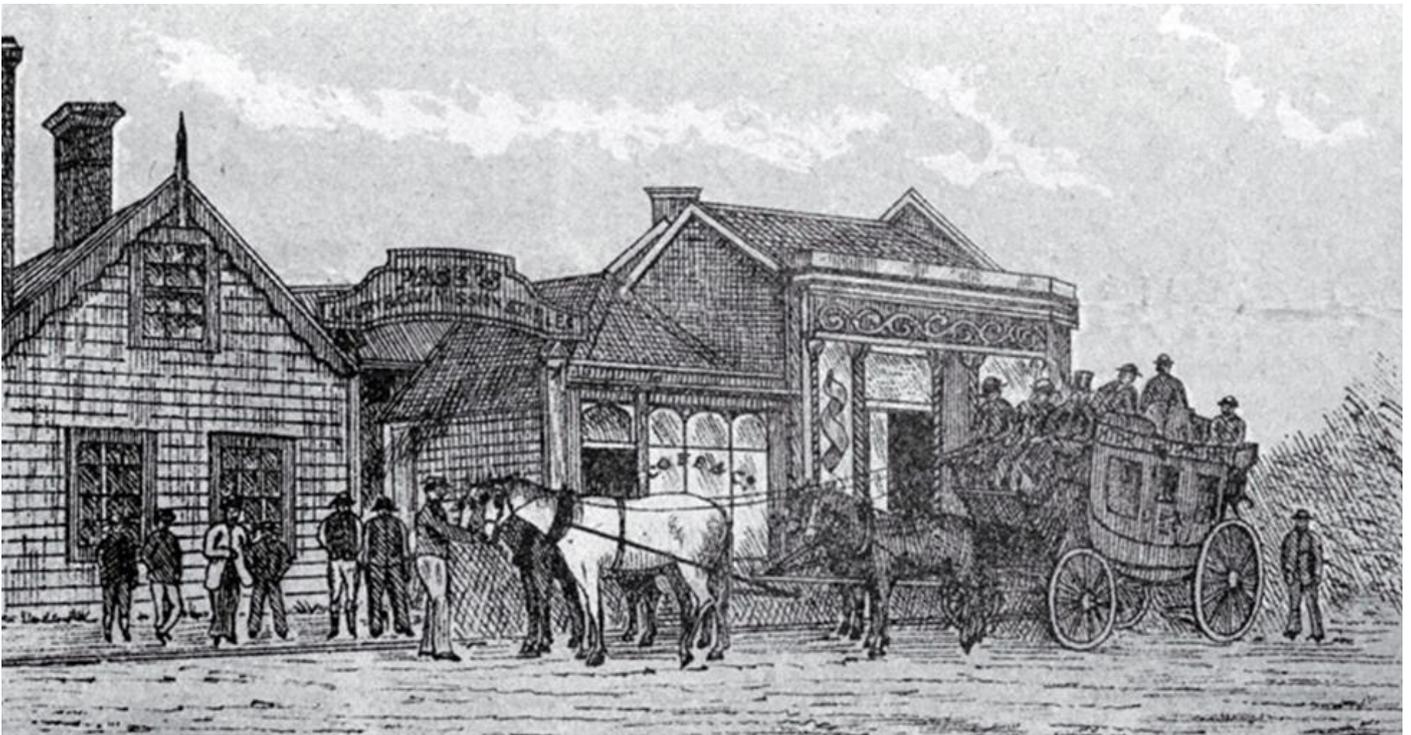
"The opening of such a house as this promises to be, where a dinner well cooked, and served with cleanliness and despatch, can be obtained, will prove a real acquisition to the town."

On Saturday last, a new hotel, "The British," was opened in Christchurch, under the auspices of Mr. Birdsey, who has brought with him from Victoria a well-earned reputation as a good caterer. The display in the window on that occasion was a perfect masterpiece of art, nor do we learn that those who went in to test the efforts of 'mine host' came away disappointed. The opening of such a house as this promises to be, where a dinner, well cooked, and served with cleanliness and despatch, can be obtained, will prove a real acquisition to the town.

The British started off initially as a dining restaurant, but within a short time expanded to become a public house offering lodging and bar service. The dining room was redecorated and a very large and ornate lamp was installed outside. One night some practical jokers put a tom cat in the lamp, much to the amusement of the early patrons, but not so much by those awakened by the poor cat's yowling. By 1864 Birdsey was hosting the local Jockey Club in an area set aside, which soon included a Public Subscription Room (betting room). The Cobb & Co coach arrived and departed from outside The British, with many travellers partaking of food and liquid refreshments.

John Birdsey's reputation grew and soon he was catering for a number of events and occasions. The most notable of these was perhaps the celebration of the turning of the first sod of the railway tunnel. This

RAILWAY!
BIRDSEY'S BRITISH HOTEL,
CHRISTCHURCH.
WANTED,—For the RAILWAY FETE on
the 17th instant,
TWENTY WAITERS,
And a Lot of POULTRY and BOUQUETS.
Apply early to JOHN BIRDSEY,
British Hotel,
Christchurch.



Cobb and Co's 20 passenger "Jack" coach in 1864 standing outside Birdsey's Hotel, opposite the White Hart, High St, Christchurch, about to leave for Kaiapoi. Captain Anderson was driving. This drawing was taken from a photograph by Dr A. C Barker. Artist unknown.

was a lunch held at the Heathcote portal of the tunnel on July 17th, 1861. A crowd of some 1500 assembled; the weather was wet and the speeches tedious. There was a marquee set up for official guests and food and refreshments for others were to be served outside. Protesting at the poor quality of the food and beer provided for them, the outdoor crowd attacked the marquee and destroyed it, along with a quantity of glass and crockery. The cost of the damage amounted to around £200, of which Birdsey had to stand half. There were letters of complaint to the newspapers and considerable unhappiness at what had transpired. One witness said, "We never recollect having witnessed a more disgraceful scene or one which reflected greater discredit upon the persons concerned in it." Other events were more successful and were reported favourably in the newspapers.

Birdsey was a supporter of the Agricultural and Pastoral Association and provided his services as a judge. He offered to provide refreshments at the Show, but was respectfully declined. He did however put up funds amounting to £1100 to support the visit of the English cricket eleven in February 1864, in return for "all privileges", which meant he could profit from gate sales, catering and liquor sales. This was an immense

outlay of money at the time, and whether any profit was returned is not known. In fact, events that played out soon after suggest it was no money-maker.

Birdsey's connection to Heathcote was more than the ill-fated tunnel luncheon. Recognising an opportunity with the tunnel workers, he obtained a licence to sell liquor in 1862 and began to serve refreshments from a hut in Bridle Path Road. Soon he opened a new two-storey wooden hotel, also in Bridle Path Road, about 50 metres down from the junction with Port Hills Road. (Not on the site of the current Valley Inn, but approximately where Birdsey's Reserve now is.) This was known as Birdsey's Valley Hotel and also served as his family residence.

John Birdsey appears to have been something of a colourful character. Though well acquainted with the local notables of influence, he was also somewhat acquainted with the courtroom, both calling for justice to be done, and on the receiving end of justice himself. A Mr John Ward was charged with stealing a mustard pot and two bottles of pickles from the hotel. He was found guilty and served two months in Lyttelton gaol. Then there was a great fuss and court case when a Mr A R Sturge was found to have presented a forged cheque at the British Hotel.

BIRDSEY'S

BRITISH



HOTEL,

OPPOSITE THE TOWN HALL,
CHRISTCHURCH.

(LATE OF THE BRITISH HOTEL GEELONG.)

BILL OF FARE, FOR THIS DAY,
MARCH 29, 1862.

SOUPS.

Ox Tail, Julienne.

FISH.

Flounders, Mullet.

JOINTS.

Roast Suckling Pig—apple sauce.
Roast Sirloin of Beef—Yorkshire pudding.
Haunch Mutton—red currant jelly.
Roast Lamb and mint sauce.
Roast Fillet of Veal—tomata sauce.
Calf's Head—brain sauce.
Rump Steak and Kidney Padding.
Boiled Leg Mutton—caper sauce.
Roast Ox Heart—seasoning.
Corned Beef.

POULTRY AND GAME.

Roast Chickens.
Roast Ducks.
Salmi Wild Ducks.

ENTREES.

Lamb Cutlets aux Concombres.
Veal Cutlets aux Fines Herbes.
Filet de Bœuf aux Tomates.
Kidneys stewed in Champagne.
Currie Tripe au riz.
Beef Collops.
Omelette aux Fines Herbes.

SWEETS.

Vegetables in season.

Table D'Hôte at 2 p.m., sharp.

JOHN BIRDSEY,
Proprietor.

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room at The British, and then became involved in some sort of discussion with another lodger resulting in the breakage of a water jug. Birdsey went to the room to investigate the disturbance, whereupon he beat Mr Pennington severely and evicted him by throwing him down the stairs, rendering him unconscious. Mr Pennington required medical attention and subsequently sought redress through the courts, seeking restitution of £100. The magistrate agreed an assault had occurred, but only awarded Mr Pennington the sum of £2.

It is fitting that Birdsey Reserve is, today, home to the Food Forest. In 1863 Birdsey took on the lease of a 'Fruit Garden' which had been established by Mr William Wilson (the first mayor of Christchurch who went by the nickname of 'Cabbage' Wilson). Mr Wilson

GRAND OPENING DAY

FOR

BIRDSEY'S FRUIT GARDEN,

7½ acres in extent.

THIS GARDEN is acknowledged to be the finest in the Southern Hemisphere, and is known as Mr. W. Wilson's Nursery and Fruit Gardens.

Strawberries
Cherries
Gooseberries
Raspberries
Red Currants
White Currants
Black Currants
Apples
Pears
Plums
Peaches
Nectarines
Figs
Filberts
Medlars
Quinces
Damsons.

&c. &c. &c.

The Opening Day for the above Gardens is
THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16,
BEING THE
ANNIVERSARY DAY OF THE PROVINCE.

Admission, 2s. 6d.

Tickets to be obtained at Birdsey's, British Hotel, and at the gates.

FRUITERS SUPPLIED AT WHOLESALE PRICES.

On the receiving end, Birdsey was fined 10 shillings in 1863 for failing to clean his chimneys. Then in December of 1863 he was charged with 'furious driving' and drunkenness on the occasion of the Flower Show on 20th November, resulting in a fine of 20 shillings.

The next year Birdsey again found himself before the court, this time charged with assaulting a Mr Pennington. Apparently, Mr Pennington had taken a

owned several gardens or nurseries where he raised trees and plants for the new settlement, among them gorse, broom, willow and fruit trees. Birdsey's Fruit Garden, as it then became known, covered 7½ acres in what is now the central city, and featured a wide variety of fruit trees. A grand opening day for the public was held on 16 December 1863.

In 1863 Birdsey had to renew his licence to serve alcohol at the Valley Hotel. It was argued that he didn't show a sufficiently sober example to his patrons and the application was declined. The official reason given was that the court did not think two licences should be granted to one person.

John Birdsey, Heathcote Valley, general license. Mr. Duncan appeared for Mr. Birdsey, and presented a memorial from a number of persons, certifying that the house was a convenience to the public and travellers generally; that they had never heard of any complaints against the house; that the want of the house would be much felt, and that additions to the house were now going on rapidly, and would soon be completed. Mr. Duncan stated that bedrooms and sitting rooms were now being added to the house; that increased accommodation was not required, nor had it ever been demanded, and he trusted the Bench would grant the renewal of this licence.

The Bench informed Mr. Birdsey that they had resolved to refuse this license at their former meeting, and they now saw no reason to change that resolution; they had resolved now to refuse it; that in future they did not think two licenses ought to be granted to one person.

Unable to trade, Birdsey was forced to put the hotel up for sale after only one year of trading.

Unfortunately, within a fairly short time The British also acquired a reputation of attracting some of Christchurch's rougher element, and profitability suffered. Together with losses on the Valley Hotel, and possible losses on his underwriting of the cricket team visit, Birdsey found himself in financial trouble. In March 1864 he announced he was retiring from the province and had both The Valley and The British hotels up for sale.

Fate was cruel for John Birdsey and on 10 June 1865 he died, aged 41. Just three months later his wife, Harriet,

HOTEL BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

ON FRIDAY, THE 17TH DAY JULY NEXT.

MESSRS. AIKMAN & WILSON are directed by Mr. John Birdsey, to offer for sale by public auction, at their offices, in Christchurch, on Friday, the 17th day of July next, at one o'clock, if not previously disposed of privately,

THE VALLEY HOTEL,

situated at the foot of the bridle-path close to the mouth of the tunnel and railway station.

The house (when the alterations now going on are completed) will consist of three sitting-rooms, private bed-room, four double bed-rooms, kitchen, bar, store-room, and cellar, with stabling and other offices.

The Valley Hotel is at present doing a capital business, which can be considerably extended, with the increased accommodation afforded by the improvements now in course of completion.

To ensure a sale, the property will be put up at a low upset price, on easy terms of payment.

Further particulars may be obtained at the offices of the Auctioneers, or from Mr. John Birdsey, British Hotel, Christchurch.

Sale at 1 o'clock. Terms at sale. 2782

FIRST-CLASS HOTEL.

BIRDSEY'S.

IN THE MOST COMMANDING SITUATION
IN CHRISTCHURCH.

MESSRS. J. OLLIVIER & SON have been instructed to offer for sale

The remaining portion of the Lease of that valuable property in Christchurch, known as

BIRDSEY'S BRITISH HOTEL.

The hotel contains a commodious bar, with all the requisite fittings for a large business; it is quite new and decorated in the first style. Adjoining is a large public café and bar, leading to the dining rooms; and beyond these a private bar and private room attached, hitherto used by the Canterbury Jockey Club.

The kitchen is fitted up with every convenience, and contains the largest range hitherto imported into the colony.

The bedrooms, 13 in number, are well furnished and fitted.

The lease of the house has 18 years to run, at a moderate ground-rent.

The property will be submitted for sale by
PUBLIC AUCTION,

also died, on 10 September. Their two daughters, aged 4 and 6 years old, were orphaned. The local community held benefit events to raise funds for their welfare but little is known of their subsequent childhood. However both grew up and were married and have descendants living in New Zealand today.

After Birdsey's death the lease on The British was taken up by a Mr Morton and was renamed Morton's Commercial Hotel. The building was demolished in 1935. The Valley Hotel was sold to George Fitzmaurice who was granted a license. During the next few years, the Valley Hotel became one of the most notorious after-hours drinking establishments in or near the city. Seamen would walk through the tunnel or over the Bridle Path from Lyttelton at any hour of the night to get a drink and others would come out from the city. Apparently police raids were common but were ineffective at stopping the trade.

After the hotel moved to the site of the present Valley Inn in 1877, the original building continued to be used as a residence but eventually fell into disrepair. It was demolished in 1938.

John Birdsey was bankrupt when he died, but his estate inherited a tidy sum after the death of his father in England. Court records show that when his affairs were finally tidied up in 1892, his estate was worth a mere £888 9s 10d (equivalent to approximately 10 years wages at the time). After payment of his debts, the remaining funds were passed over to Birdsey's two daughters.

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Community fruit harvesting is a food rescue project. We pick and distribute unwanted fruit (and sometimes vegetables) to Christchurch food banks.

We will be available this year to pick and distribute fruit in the lead up to Christmas, and after January 5th 2023.

Heathcote Valley is a treasure trove of fruit trees, and now that we are in our third year, word has got out!

We need the following help!

- Picking fruit - this could be as little as once a month for an hour.
- Brown paper supermarket bags for transporting fruit.
- Making jam - everything provided to your doorstep.
- Do you have freezer space for freezing fruit for winter preserving?
- Small, clean, jam jars with screw lids.
- Those who can transport fruit to Aranui - do you head to Breezes Road often?
- And most importantly, we need fruit to pick!

Follow us on Facebook, 'Heathcote Valley Community Fruit Harvesting' or email: pickfruihtheathote@gmail.com

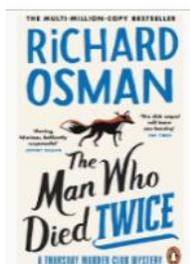
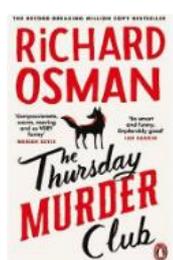


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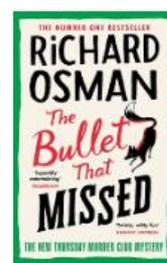
Located at the Community Centre, Bridle Path Road

Librarian's Choice . . . Author Richard Osman

You may know TV comedian, producer and game show host Richard Osman from guest appearances on *QI*, or as host of TV quiz show *Richard Osman's House of Games* but he has also become a multi-million best-selling writer of cosy crime. There are three novels so far in his "Thursday Murder Club" collection:



and now . . .



Four unlikely friends with interesting skills living in a peaceful retirement village solve cold cases. Best read in order if you can. Warm, witty, ingenious and very funny. Richard Osman can't write them fast enough for his huge legion of fans.

If popular books are out on loan, you can order them.

Just call in to the library

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	Wed	11.00am - 12.00 noon
	Sat	10.30am - 12.00 noon

Christmas / New Year Hours: Closed 24 Dec – 2 Jan inclusive. Re-opens 3 Jan
Books can be returned via the green dropbox outside the community centre

Not a library member?

Drop in, we're always pleased to sign up new readers of all ages

Support Your Community Association

Currently the Heathcote Valley Community Association (HVCA) depends on grants and residents' donations to fund its activities, including the creation and distribution of our printed newsletters, support of community events and the maintenance of community facilities such as the community centre and noticeboards.

We would love it if you could show your support and ensure our work continues by making a donation to the association.

Any financial support is welcome, however our suggested donation is \$15 per household per year.

You can donate by direct credit (details below). We will not send a receipt unless you specifically request one.

Internet Banking:

The Heathcote Valley Community Association's bank account number is: 03-1369-0182187-00

Please use the following codes:

Particulars: Donation

Code: Your family name

Reference: Your address

Queries: Heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com

In Case of Emergency...

Local Defibrillators



Although we hope you never need one—it's good to know there are some about.

- Lyttelton Road Tunnel Control Room
10 Bridle Path Rd. Access 24/7
- At the top of the Gondola
- The Valley Inn—open every day 10am to 11pm
- See <https://aedlocations.co.nz> for more locations around Christchurch.

Heathcote Valley Online

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates and local events at :

www.facebook.com/heathcotevillageproject/

Snap Send Solve

Snap Send Solve is the Christchurch City Council's smartphone app to help make reporting issues easy.

It works by identifying the location the photo is taken using the phone's GPS data. It sends an email to the Council from your email address, including the incident type, notes, address of incident, photo, and contact details. The report is then allocated to the relevant Council department.

The more information provided, the better they can help isolate and investigate the issue.

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Everyone welcome, come alone or bring a friend

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