



Community Magazine

Summer 2025



*2018 – St Mary's Church, Heathcote.
Children's afternoon Christmas pageant with Tilly the donkey.*

A Summer Message from our Community Coordinator

Happy December to you all.

This 2025 Summer edition of the Heathcote community magazine has snuck up on me. Time flies by just with the business of life, without a full realisation of all the wonderful support, events and work that has happened in our community over the year of 2025



Jocelyn de Kort

I would like to dedicate this to all the volunteers that have worked away in the background, often unseen and often without acknowledgement. Let's applaud them all. You know who you are.

Because of you we enjoy the lush plantings of native bush, encouraging back our native wildlife. We see traps set around the bush and hills placed there by a passionate crew, to protect our native species from introduced pests.

Because of you, we can gather at the community centre for a weekly coffee morning and homemade cheese scones. Enjoy community events, concerts, craft and spinning mornings. We have the opportunity to attend weekly Te Reo classes, visit the community library which is jam packed with the latest books for adults and children alike.

The Heathcote School PTA put together events during the year, such as our recent Christmas market loaded with crafts, delicious food, vibrant people and coffee made by the students from the school coffee cart. All this, and more, is done by volunteers with the aim of providing the school with extra funding to pay for special things such as kapa haka uniforms and school branded sports clothing.



The Heathcote Valley Community Association table at the Christmas Market.

We have a local bike track lovingly created by an enthusiastic dad. There's even a skate ramp tucked away on a hill for locals to enjoy. Recently, a new pump track has been designed and approved to be built in our community. There will be events held early in the new year to raise funds for this, and through which you will have the opportunity to support this project.

And then there is the Heathcote Valley community association (HVCA) consisting of a group of committed and enthusiastic locals, constantly providing the community with information, creating events and opportunities and a forum through monthly meetings.

All these wonderful people do this voluntarily. Thank you for your passion, hard work and dedication to our community. For myself and from the community, we shower you with gratitude, joy and love for making our community such a wonderful place to live. THANK YOU.

It's nearing that time of year to take a break, relax and celebrate our achievements. Give yourselves and each other a pat on the back and remember to say thank you for all the wonderful things we have.

Happy Christmas, happy new year and happy holidays.

See you here again in 2026. *Jocelyn*

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HEATHCOTE VALLEY ASSOCIATION

As another year comes to a close, I want to take this time to draw attention to two very special people to the HVCA.

Firstly, our dear friend and community member John Marks. Many of

you will know the wonderful John Marks. From when John and Jan arrived in the valley several years ago, they immediately jumped into involvement and have had such an impact in just a few short years. If you are part of the Maltworks Village, the Wednesday morning teas at the community centre, HVCA committee, the community garden, or the Heathcote Valley school community, you no doubt will have known John and his smiling, positive, always willing and proactive self.

One of the most impactful contributions that John (along with his

amazing wife Jan) have made in the community, is starting the Garden to Table project at Heathcote Vvalley school. What a joy to see John surrounded by 15 eager young faces as

he shows them how to harvest kale, which tomatoes are just ripe for picking, and how to train beans up a stake. If you've not seen the beautiful vegetable gardens that John built and developed on the school grounds, pop in one weekend and take



*Co-chairperson,
HVCA Sooze*

a look up by the pool area. The area is a real treasure.

It was heartbreaking to say goodbye to John in September of this year after his challenging journey with cancer. We're so grateful for the impact he has had on so many of us, and of some important kaupapa in the Valley. Much aroha to his lovely wife Jan who continues to be part of our HVCA committee whānau.

The other person I want to draw your attention to is the lovely Jackie Foulkes. Many of you will know Jackie as the always present, smiling, and positive face, as she wove connections and stimulated supported

community action within our community, in her role as Community Connector over seven years. With a background in teaching, Jackie grew to become an expert in community led development,

understanding the nuance of empowerment and collective growth. In 2020 Jackie finished in this role and moved to a role with Hato Hone St John where she continues to work.

We were delighted when in 2022 Jackie decided to come back to the HVCA committee as committee member. She's slowly increased her contribution to our committee until this last AGM where she agreed to take on the co-chair role. We are stoked to have her in this role, bringing all her understanding and experience in developing empowered and



Jackie Foulkes



John Marks

engaged communities as she helps to guide our group forward. Thanks heaps Jackie!

As the HVCA committee we regularly pause to check in with our vision and values, and to adjust, realign, reimagine the way we work to stay relevant and impactful. One of the changes we've made with our most recent review, is to reorganise how we meet as a committee. We have an amount of 'backroom' conversations and actions we need to keep on top of, and so we will continue to meet monthly on the first Thursday of the month. These are open meetings so unless indicated, you are welcome to attend if you are interested in the inner workings of our committee.

More importantly however, we are planning to have a regular cycle of topic-guided community hui. These will be centred around one of our key strategic areas including such things as 'emergency preparedness', 'cultural responsiveness', 'climate responsiveness' etc, and will be an opportunity to learn, connect, and to get involved as a resident and community member if you wish. These will be approximately every three months, with the first being on 12th February (previously advertised as 5th Feb, but changed due to Waitangi weekend) with a focus on 'cultural responsiveness'. Watch the community Facebook page and Google Groups emails for more details about the focus of this hui.

Finally, I'd like to draw your attention to the fabulous 'infographic' in this magazine, created by one of our new committee members, Lizzie Lewis. It shares with you some key stats about some of the work we have been doing. There is so much more that we could have included, but we hope this gives you an idea about how we as the HVCA

committee are beavering away to contribute to continuing to support and develop this awesome community.



Tihei mauri ora!

Kua tipu ngā rakāu
Kua pūāwai ngā hua
Kua waiata ngā manu
Kua tau to wao
Kua tau, kua tau, kua tau e
Hara mai te āiotanga
Haumi e, hui e, tāiti e

Hail the breath of life!

The trees have grown
The flowers have bloomed
The birds have sung
The forest has settled
It is settled, it is settled, it is settled
Let the peace be among us
Let us all be one

Heathcote Valley Community Association Impact in 2025

The Heathcote Valley Community Association (HVCA) is a group of individuals interested in building an engaged, connected and empowered community with a strong sense of belonging. Our committee is a dedicated team, comprised of two contractors and a number of passionate, knowledgeable and experienced volunteers.

Here are just some of our community actions from the past year:

5

noticeboards maintained and updated weekly

50

email updates sent to the community containing important information and opportunities

4,320

community magazines produced, printed and delivered to letterboxes across the Valley

2

AEDs maintained

1

fabulous community showcase

10

collaborations with local groups



3,000

cheese scones baked and eaten at community morning tea

2

Facebook groups moderated with

5,700

followers

Heathcote Valley Community Centre

4,500 individuals made **12,000** visits over **355** days

230

classes / workshops run at the community centre

+ 90

community drop in sessions (such as morning tea & craft group)

In order to continue our work and grow our capacity we need your help. Please consider making an annual donation to the Heathcote Valley Community Association. Annual donations can be made each year before March 31st.

Or why not consider setting up a monthly contribution by direct credit. The equivalent of a price of a coffee each month would make a huge difference to our outcomes!

Bank account details for payment of donations:

Heathcote Valley Community Association ASB 12-3147-0553279-01

Particulars: *Donation*

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Reference: *Your address*

HEATHCOTE
COMMUNITY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Nathaniel's Message

Kia ora everyone – I am so thrilled to be writing my first update as Councillor for Heathcote Ward! Our ward area starts in Taylor's Mistake and stretches almost all the way to the new Parakiore Aquatic Centre in the inner city. It includes Sumner, Mt Pleasant, Heathcote Valley, Waltham and Sydenham.



*Nathaniel Herz Jardine
Councillor for Heathcote*

I've spent a lot of time at community events over the last four months, and most have been hosted by community facilities in the south-east side of our ward: the Sumner Centre, Redcliffs Library, Mt Pleasant Community Centre, and one I'm sure you'll all be familiar with - the Heathcote Valley Community Centre. During the campaign, I attended a celebration there of the centre and community association. The range of events was breathtaking: Zumba, weddings, scone mornings, workshops for kids, and so much more. I know the valley has always had a strong community feeling, but the Centre has created a melting pot where all that energy can come together and grow.

In Waltham, we don't have that. My wife and I moved to Waltham last year. We live on Buffon St, just a couple of doors down from Waltham School. We love it here; we're within cycling distance of town, a short walk from the river and Waltham Pool, and with the garden in bloom, it's starting to feel like

home. But that doesn't mean Waltham is getting a fair deal. Far from it.

Despite the suburb's vibrancy, its stock of long-term residents, and the many new families settling here, we don't have a village centre or Council support to create one. A revamp of Waltham Playground has been on the cards since before the earthquakes, but it hasn't happened yet. The solution doesn't have to be big and expensive – it just needs to tie together Waltham's existing assets to create a visible, vibrant hub.

To get back to the big picture: community centres in other areas help us imagine what's possible in Waltham. When I want new Waltham residents to raise their sights of what our suburb can be – I reckon I'll take them along to the next celebration at the HVCC.

If there are any Heathcote Valley residents who are keen to share their wisdom to build stronger community in Waltham, I'd love to hear from you.

Nathaniel.herzjardine@ccc.govt.nz

**Christchurch
City Council** 

Thank you to the Christchurch City Council for a grant to support the printing of this magazine. We were fortunate to receive a discretionary grant to help cover a portion of the costs following the loss of previous City Council funding. It's a big help!

Printing costs have increased so we are still reliant on revenue from advertising and your donations as well. If you would like to help with costs it would be much appreciated. Check out Page 28 for bank details.



Te Tihi o Kahukura

Heathcote Valley School

Student Council - Term 4, 2025

Kia ora, we are the Heathcote Valley School student council/community liaison of 2025. This is our very last time being published in this magazine, so we wanted to make it a bit special! But first, here are some of the things our school and class have been up to.



Our class has been doing some poetry, and we want to share one with you.

What a poem is not:

- A poem is not an alligator, but it can be scary.
- A poem is not a banana, but it can be slippery.
- A poem is not a cage, but it can trap you in it.
- A poem is not deep, but it can drown you.
- A poem is not electricity, but it can shock you.
- A poem is not a fire, but it can burn you.
- A poem is not gooeey, but it can be sticky.
- A poem is not a hazard, but it can be radioactive.
- A poem is not illegal, but it can do bad stuff.
- A poem is not a journal, but it can tell you stuff you don't want to know.
- A poem is not a killer, but it can stab you in the back.
- A poem is not law, but it can rule over you.
- A poem is not mad, but it can be mysterious.
- A poem is not nature, but it can consume you.
- A poem is not an ocean, but it can swallow you up
- A poem is not pain, but it can torture you.

A poem is not quarantine, but it can isolate you.

A poem is not a robber, but it can steal your heart.

A poem is not a secret, but it can be sad.

A poem is not a tarantula, but it can be dangerous.

A poem is not the under world, but it can drag you down.

A poem is not venom, but it can be poisonous.

A poem is not water, but it can drag you out to sea.

A poem is not x-ray, but it can give you radiation.

A poem is not yeti, but it can destroy you.

A poem is not zero, but it can be nothing

Lachlan Millynn

Athletics

Recently, we had an athletics day at our school. We had six different stations, including shotput, sprints, long distance, discus, high jump and long jump. Our senior school students spent the whole day outdoors, competing against their classmates. After this, whoever finished in the top two in each event got to go to the Zones Athletics Competition. This competition had schools from our zone compete against each other in all six different areas of athletics. This was such a fun day not only to compete and try new things, but also to connect with other children from different schools. We even had some good placings and some who will be competing in Canterbury athletics, with even more schools attending.

Huxter

We also just had the Huxter mountain bike relay, which is a competition with many different schools competing in mountain biking. You can either go in a pair or by yourself, trying to get the most laps around a course before the time is up. We had students from years 5 to 8 compete in this competition, biking around the course for most of the day. We also had some good placings with two of our senior students in the solo category, getting 2nd and 4th.

Pedal Mania

Earlier this term, we were lucky enough to have Pedal Mania come to our school on Walk or Wheel Week to let us experience some fun. We had a few rotations to do with Walk or Wheel Week, including Pedal Mania in the morning that the whole school could experience. Pedal mania is all about taking old bikes and remaking them to create weird and interesting bikes that we could ride on. There were four-seaters, mini motorbikes, and more unique and interesting designs. This was super cool to have at our school and such a great thing to add to the Walk to Wheel Week.

Girls Self Defence

In the first week of the term, the senior girls were lucky enough to have someone come in and teach them self-defence. This class was all about how to protect yourself in unsafe situations, learning about abuse and what it is, and they got to try out lots of moves that they could use. This class was such a great thing for the girls to learn, so that in the future they know what to do and how to be safe in bad situations. It also built confidence and togetherness.

Christchurch Schools Music Festival

Very recently, some students went to perform in the Christchurch schools music festival. This festival is made up of massed choirs from different schools, orchestras, concert bands, and rep choirs performing in the town hall. The choirs perform around 10 songs with instruments or the orchestra, as well as the rep choirs, orchestras, and concert bands performing their own songs during the performance. We were lucky enough to have about 25 kids from years 5 to 8 practise for weeks and then perform in front of parents and teachers. We also had a student representative in the concert band. This was such an incredible and enlightening performance to watch and be a part of.

Wearable Art

In the senior room, we have been working on wearable art. This is in teams with the focus on Te Whare Tapa Rima (a model of wellbeing) and creating an outfit around it. Each team gets a specific area of Te Whare Tapa Rima to create an outfit that resembles it, for example, physical wellbeing. We will be holding our now annual show later in November.

Term 4

Term 4 is a busy but fun term, with so many extras like Arts Shindig, where choir, kapa haka and jump jam perform, the music soiree for all our aspiring musicians, year 8 conference, end of year prizegiving and the year 8 dinner. The Year 5/6 students go to camp in Waipara and Year 4 has a sleepover at Heathcote Valley School. We also enjoy the luxury of having the school pool!

After our time at school, all four of us wanted to share a little highlight of our time at school.

Hi, my name is **Maya**, and some of my highlights of my time at school are definitely sailing at Omaka camp, because we got to play for ages on the boats, and something that I still remember about it was when Emma got capsized and the boat went entirely upside down! Luckily she was okay though!

Hi, my name is **Macy**, and this year I have loved getting to be a part of the student council. Being in this role, we got to organize dress-up days, connect with the community, and even make a gaga ball pit! This year, I loved going to camp at Omaka. On this camp we experienced sailing, orienteering, Willowbank, mini golf, and getting to cook our own meals. I also have enjoyed getting to do all the sports events and getting to compete with friends and kids from other schools. I think this year I have managed to make a lot of great friends and have had many cool experiences. I can't wait for the future and all the opportunities I will have at high school, and all the new friends I can make.

Hi, my name is **Amelia**, and something I have definitely enjoyed this year is all the house games we have done. We all dressed up in our house colours and did things like tug of war, water activities, and parachute. I really enjoyed leading my group around, and it was all just so fun, and I would definitely do it again! Another thing I have really enjoyed this year is Tech Fest. We did things like coding, animation, green screen, robotics, and so much more over the span of two days. It was such an awesome experience. I would definitely recommend it.

Hello, my name is **James**, and something I have really enjoyed this year is doing the Pedal Mania because we got to ride weird and funny bikes. My favourite bike was a bike that had four bikes connected, so you needed four people to ride it. Some of the other bikes are bikes with long forks, tandem bikes, and lots of other bikes.

Wheelie Bin Clips

Isn't it annoying when your wheelie bin blows over in a strong wind and the contents spill over the road and get blown everywhere? Or do you have a large inquisitive dog (or other sneaky animal) that tries to access the smelliest contents and is not concerned about the mess it leaves or the dangers of eating rotten garbage?

Well, there is an easy answer. The Christchurch City Council has easy to fit bin clips (also called latches) available from their service centres to secure the lids of rubbish and recycling wheelie bins. The cost is \$5.00 per latch. Find out more at: <https://ccc.govt.nz/services/rubbish-and-recycling/mybins>



What's on at Your Community Centre?



Spring has sprung, summer is nearly here and I'm already embracing the Christmas tunes. Nothing like a bit of Boney M and Dolly Parton to get into the Christmas spirit. I do have to confess that we still have our outdoor Christmas lights up from last year (they're a nice pick-me-up in winter) but it is time to decorate the letterbox again. Would love to see as many sparkly letterboxes as possible in the valley!

The Heathcote Valley Community Centre has positively hummed this year with a fantastic array of community groups, private events, and classes and workshops. We are so lucky to have such an awesome community space – it is the perfect place to connect with friends, family and neighbours.

Next year is looking like another bumper year with many of our favourite groups continuing on in the centre. Our website (www.hvcc.org.nz) will be updated as tutors and groups confirm their classes and workshops but I've outlined our regular schedule below.

Weekend space is filling up fast already for next year so please get in touch if you would like to make a booking:
hvcc.bookings@gmail.com

Jen x

Weekly Programme

Craft Group

Mondays 10am-12pm: Enjoy knitting, crocheting or sewing with a wonderful group of people each Monday. Great company guaranteed. Please contact Judy (judyastack@gmail.com) with any questions.

Te Reo Classes

Tuesdays 3.30pm – 5pm. Contact Ali Baré for more information and an up-to-date schedule (alison.bare@gmail.com)

Santosha 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)

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. Please note that the last morning tea of 2025 will be on Wednesday 17th December. This will be our fun, Christmas themed get-together and we would love for you to join us. We will re-start on Wednesday 21st January 2026.

Contact Jen (hvcc.bookings@gmail.com)

Yoga with Lucy

Wednesdays 6pm – 7pm, Fridays 9.15am-10.15am AND now also Saturdays 8.30am: 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)

Heathcote Valley Community Association Meetings

Held on the first Thursday of each month from 6.30pm. If you would like to hear about what is happening in our community, then come along to one of our meetings held at the Heathcote Valley Community Centre. The Committee meets at 6.30pm to address Association business, and from 8pm we discuss wider community ideas, issues and actions.

Everyone is welcome to attend from either 6.30pm or 8pm. We ask that if you have something you'd like to specifically speak about from 8pm, that you email Jen hvcc.bookings@gmail.com or Jos heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com prior to ensure we can reserve a speaking slot.

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 / Dog Training with Hear The Dog

Friday evenings and Saturday mornings by appointment: If you are looking for some awesome and effective training strategies then contact Adele adele@hearthedog.co.nz



Heathcote Valley Bumper stickers



The last batch of bumper stickers sold out, but we now have some more. Would you like one? Just send Jen at the community centre an e-mail hvcc.bookings@gmail.com and she will organize a sticker for you. The cost is \$10 per sticker, with any profits supporting the community association.



Heathcote Cricket Club

Season Update

The Heathcote Cricket Club has made a promising start to the season across the board, with several teams positioning themselves strongly as the competition settles in. The Premiers have shown excellent early-season form, securing one outright win and two first-innings points draws, which sees them sitting third on the ladder. Their performances so far suggest a side with real momentum and the capability to push even higher as the season progresses.

The 2nd XI has experienced a slower beginning, despite a number of encouraging individual displays. Results haven't quite gone their way, and they currently sit at the bottom of the table. However, the commitment and effort from the group remain strong, and with a few improvements in key phases of play, they are more than capable of turning their season around.

In contrast, the 3rd XI has enjoyed an impressive start and are currently placed second, playing consistent and well-balanced cricket. Their early success positions them nicely for a competitive run through the remainder of the season. Our new Division 2 team is still finding its rhythm but continues to improve each week as combinations form and confidence builds.

Across the lower grades, most teams have begun positively and, more importantly, are enjoying being back out on the field. The enthusiasm within these squads contributes

greatly to the club's overall spirit and culture. The junior section of the club is also performing exceptionally well, with the majority of youth teams tracking strongly and several standout young players showing real promise. One of the most notable early-season performers has been Connor Primmer, son of former Heathcote senior cricketer Craig Primmer, who has been setting the junior grades alight with the bat, including scores of 90 and 100. The depth coming through the junior programme reflects well on the club's long-term future and highlights the strength of the next generation of Heathcote cricketers.

Overall, Heathcote Cricket Club is progressing well this season, with strong signs of development, competitiveness, and growth throughout the senior and junior ranks.



Junior players acknowledge the Lyttelton Port Company for their support. Every Friday, 40 to 60 children participate in a have-a-go style of cricket, and on Saturdays, 80 to 90 juniors play team cricket.



The sun shone and the wind stayed away for the Sports Club annual Open Day on 9 November. We hosted a good number of visitors who had the opportunity to try out all our sports, and members also played something new. All around, it was a great day. Thanks to CCC Summer with your Neighbours and The French Bakery for their support to provide a barbecue lunch.

If you missed the Open Day, you are still welcome to visit us any Sunday between 10am and 2.30pm (unless raining). We are located next to the Community Centre, with plenty of parking down the drive. If you can't make it on a Sunday, give the Secretary a call to organise another time.

The weekend before, on 2 November, we had a fundraiser sausage sizzle down at Mitre10 Ferrymead. Thanks to our wonderful members who helped out on the day. Look out for our next fundraiser early next year. Sausage sales, together with subscriptions, donations and a CCC Strengthening Communities grant all help us to pay the bills and maintain our grounds and equipment for the benefit of our members and visitors.



Fundraising at Mitre 10

Lawn bowls

Sunday – 1.00pm; Tuesday – 7.00pm

Indoor Bowls

Tuesday – 7.00pm until end of October and on wet days

Petanque

Sunday – 10.00am; Thursday – 10.00am

Table Tennis

Please contact the Club Secretary on 021 521 707 for session times

Board and Card Games

All ages and non-members are welcome. First Thursday of each month, except January – 7.00pm; entry by gold coin donation plus small plate for shared supper



The Heathcote Community Sports Club is a community focussed, non-affiliated club with low membership fees. In addition to sport, we also have regular social events and our facilities are available for hire at a very reasonable cost. If you want to organise a staff or family Christmas celebration with a difference, you need to act quickly as we are getting booked up now.

For any inquiries, suggestions, or requests for additional playing times or sports, please contact the Club Secretary, Zella, by ringing or texting 021 521 707.

What are you doing for Christmas?

By the Reverend Mark Sullivan Vicar of St Mary's Anglican Church

What are you doing for Christmas?

This is the common topic of conversation that seems to begin in October and carry through until the New Year. In January the question changes to "What did you do for Christmas?"



Mark Sullivan, Vicar

Recently a friend asked my wife and I to join them for brunch on Christmas morning. When I reminded her that I was working, she asked me why the church always has services on Christmas Day? Like many, the fact that Christmas (made up of the words "Christ Mass meaning the Christ Eucharist) is a "holy day" escaped her.

Christmas Day is the day set aside for the Church to acknowledge the birth of Jesus Christ. Although we don't actually know the exact birth date, a calculated guess would have it around the time of the Census required by Emperor Augustus around 6BC. It would have been in the Northern Hemisphere summer (our mid-winter) as scripture records the shepherds watching the flocks in the fields at night, which would have been a summer practise.

A similar thing happened just before Halloween this year. I had a conversation with someone about why the church might disagree with the "trick or treat" Halloween activities. The word Halloween comes from the words "All Hallow's Eve" (the evening before All Hallows). All Hallows Day (now called All Saints Day) is one of the principal feasts (celebrations) of the church where we

acknowledge the faithful departed. I guess the idea of the spirits coming out (as part of the secular Halloween focus) comes from the Church paying respect to those who have died and now find peace in God's Heavenly Kingdom. I'm not sure where the negative aspects of evil spirits and witches comes from because that is not the teaching or the understanding of the Christian Church.

I also find the argument of the Easter trading intriguing. Good Friday is the day the Church acknowledges the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Easter Day (the following Sunday) celebrates the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The secular world seeks to hold onto the 4-day holy weekend yet conversely wants to work it.

With New Zealand becoming an increasingly secular country, I wonder why schools and Government Departments require a non-religious practise or influence yet still seek to hold on to religious celebrations. A few short years ago, the idea was raised that the school and university academic year be moved forward a month summer so the break would occur in February, traditionally the warmest month in New Zealand. This would have really suited us when we had kids at school as early January weather is often changeable, unlike February/March. Interestingly the idea initiative was shelved for another period, the main reason being that Christmas "kick-starts" the summer holidays. Personally, a four-day weekend in late December with the school holidays starting a month later would have been much easier when it came to planning holidays.

Regardless however, I still find the build-up to Christmas Day exciting, I like the busy-ness of the city, the cramming of activities onto an already busy December, planning for the family to visit en-masse, the thought of trifle, cheesecake, chocolate and enjoying a special Christmas drink with friends as well as the singing of Carols and the general expectation that the pre-Christmas period offers. But my joy in the build-up comes more from a spiritual sense. It is right that we should get excited about December 25 because for Christians the birth of Jesus is important. Christ brought a new love into the world; a relationship that was not based upon a set of conditions or expectations. The love of Jesus is unconditional, always, forever and universal. So, a month of preparation as we get ready for that, is a great thing.

Now in answer to that first question, what will your Vicar be doing for Christmas?



Christmas Services at St Mary's for 2025

Carol Service

Sunday December 7 @ 7pm

Kids Christmas Service

Sunday December 21 @ 10am

Christmas Eve

Tuesday December 24 @ 1030pm

Christmas Day

Wednesday December 25 @ 9am

Our family will come to worship on Christmas Day, joined by the now large number of randoms and lonely people who we gathered up throughout the year. We will retire to our place and celebrate this special love that Christ represents over food, laughter and expectation. Our day will probably mimic the expectation of the Holy family as they sat around that stall in the Bethlehem stable. Like Mary and Joseph as they marvelled over the wondrous occasion that welcomed the infant Jesus into the world, so we will marvel too. And regardless of one's personal spirituality, we will all join a tradition of celebration that has lasted 2031 years, since that first Christmas Day.

Riding School News



Just a brief few lines to extend thanks to all of you who chose not to have fireworks this November. It was one of the quietest Guy Fawkes nights here that I can remember. All of the staff of the riding school, private horse owners and most of all, the horses and ponies, livestock and pets thank you sincerely for this. It truly makes so much difference. What a great community we live in!

Thanks!

Exciting New Project!

A quality asphalt community pumptrack for Ferrymead Park

Way back, after the Canterbury earthquakes, Huxster Mountain Bike Trust built a pumptrack for our community and those around us in Ferrymead Park. This pumptrack is located next to the main car park, to the west of the accessway off Ferrymead Park Drive. It was fantastic when it was new, but it is a shaped clay facility that is not maintained. It has now fallen into disrepair so it's no longer fun to ride and therefore not really enjoyed by anyone anymore.



The old clay pumptrack next to the main car park at Ferrymead Park, to the west of the accessway.

The good news is that Heathcote Valley Community Association (HCVA) is working with Christchurch City Council to bring a new, quality, asphalt community pumptrack facility to Ferrymead Park for everyone to enjoy. This proposed new pumptrack will be built to the east of the existing one, just on the other side of the accessway, beside the football/athletics clubrooms building.

This exciting new facility will be built by internationally acclaimed experts, Velosolutions NZ, for all of us and our neighbouring communities to enjoy. It will be a fantastic space for our rangatahi, tamariki and whanau to gather and play on bikes, scooters, skateboards and skates, sharing in the stoke of progression on a facility that caters for everyone, of any age and any ability.

Asphalt pumptracks are hugely popular facilities all around the world. They combine rolling jumps and turns found on traditional BMX style tracks with the flow of mountain bike trails and the rhythm of skate parks. Riding pumptrack teaches basic skills of carrying momentum, balance and speed by using arms and legs to pump a bike/board/skates/scooter around the track. There is no pedalling (bikes), pushing (skateboards and scooters), or skating (skates) needed when it's done right. It is an easy skill to master with practice and the momentum built on the track is fun!! Well-designed pumptracks are the perfect outdoor playground for beginners through to elite riders because a feature that a young or beginner rider can roll over, an expert can manual or jump.

HVCA is really excited to be involved in the process of obtaining an outdoor facility like the proposed pumptrack. We envisage that it will become a place where our community, and others around us, can gather and play in the outdoors and where cycling,



The site of the proposed pumptrack, to the east of the clubrooms at Ferrymead Park



Location plan. The new pumptrack will be located to the east of the clubrooms at Ferrymead Park.

skateboarding, scootering and skating skills can grow and thrive.

Like making a good cheese, community facility construction projects, like our pumptrack, can take a long time. But by working steadily, we have already come a long way. So far, we have secured our pumptrack site with Council, finalised our pumptrack facility design with Velosolutions, completed draft landscape designs with John Marsh and we've raised almost a third of pumptrack construction and landscaping costs. What is still needed before we can get stuck into construction and the following landscaping is remaining fundraising efforts and the resource consent application work, which is currently underway.

HVCA would love for our community to be involved in this fantastic project. If you have some time and skills to share and would like to participate, below are some upcoming initiatives we are working towards where help is needed and welcome:

1. We will be hosting a biking party at the Heathcote Valley Mountain Biking Park off Truscotts Rd to launch a crowd funding campaign. For this we will need:
 - A party planner that can make it happen with a biking flavour (music, BBQ, sponsored stuff, etc).
 - Anyone with contacts in the biking world that can get some famous or



Velosolutions pumptrack examples. Photos courtesy of the Velosolutions website

awesome BMX and/or Mountain bikers to come along.

- Anyone with contacts in the media world that can get reporters, photographers and videographers along to help spread the word (newspaper article, online and TV news etc)
 - Someone to set up and manage crowd funding (e.g. Give-a-Little), campaign online.
2. On completion of proposed pumptrack facility construction, a new contractor will move in to begin landscape work. For this we could well use:
- Volunteers to help with planting going in on pumptrack batters and around seating, etc
 - Volunteers to help with long term maintenance of planting (watering, releasing etc).

Please get in touch emailing Jen at hvcc.bookings@gmail.com or Jos at heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com if you would like to help make this exciting and worthwhile project happen.



Heathcote Valley Online

Keep an eye on these Facebook pages for updates and local events:

- Heathcote Valley Community
A public group where anyone can post
- Heathcote Valley Community Association
The community association's page where notices of meetings and events are posted
- Support Local—Heathcote Valley
Primarily a page where local businesses are promoted

You can find out about happenings at the Community Centre and make enquiries about venue hire here:

www.hvcc.org.nz

For back copies of the Heathcote Valley Community Magazine and general information about Heathcote Valley, visit:

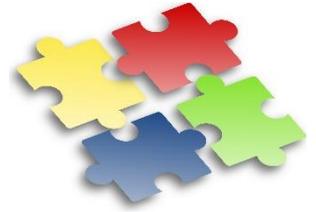
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CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

Children's books with a Christmas theme are on shelves now.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AT THE LIBRARY? We are keen to hear your ideas. Books you'd like? Opening hours? Activities? Drop us a note (with your name and phone number) into the green book return dropbox in the Community Centre carpark. We're all volunteers and we can't be a full service library, so no promises, but we're keen to get feedback from our own community!

Membership is free. **Book hire:** New books \$1, other adult books 50c and children's books free.

Library Hours

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR Closed 24 December – 3 January inclusive. **Re-open Mon 5 January.**

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We wish our loyal customers, Montessori teachers and tamariki, Thursday Book Club members, Community Centre staff and especially our dedicated and delightful team of volunteers a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thank you for your support.

Christchurch Family's Farm Legacy Draws to a Close

By Kees Chalmers

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It is the end of an era for the Shields family, who have lived on a Christchurch tomato farm for more than 100 years.

Ted Shields, 90, and his wife Dawn, 87, are selling their property in Heathcote Valley, leaving behind the rural lifestyle for a retirement village. Ted said the decision to leave the place he has called home for most of his life was very difficult.



Ted Shields

With Dawn a few years younger, he did not want to leave her with the task of maintaining the property after he is gone.

"I'm very much attached to this property, but in the interest of what's going to happen over the next few years, we thought we should move on," he said.

Ted's father, Cecil 'Cis' Shields bought the 6-acre (2.4ha) block of land in 1922, after serving as a machine gunner in Egypt during World War 1. The property initially comprised of 500 fruit trees and 24,000 outdoor tomato plants.



Ted (left) with his father Cecil 'Cis' Shields

Following World War 2, an influx of residents into the Heathcote Valley drove the demand for fresh produce. The work involved intense manual labour – and even then, the success of a crop often relied on luck with the climate.

The property has been subdivided over the years, with Ted now owning a 0.8ha block.

Ted grew up on the farm with his father, his mother Thelma and sister Brenda. He recalled roaming the hills, shooting rabbits and building huts as a kid.

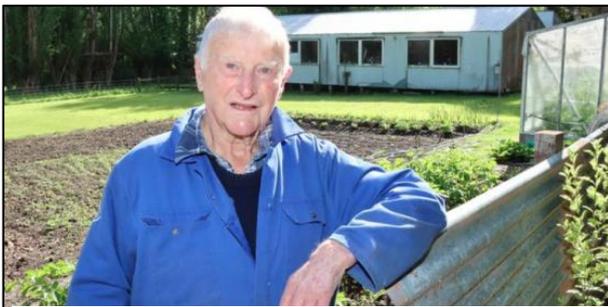
Back then, Port Hills Rd seldom had any traffic, so he and his friends from Heathcote Valley School would attach sails to their carts built from wooden apple cases and pram wheels and ride them down the road.

The sound of silence filled the valley, interrupted only by the St Mark's Church bells in Opawa on Sundays and chains rattling as the horses further up the valley turned to plough in the opposite direction.

Ted has spent all of his life on the farm, apart from two years boarding at Waitaki Boys' High School, and another two living just around the corner. He recalled receiving 127 strokes at Waitaki Boys' for "typical schoolboy stuff". He remembered the number because the schoolboys used to carve a small v-shaped notch in their leather belt for every stroke they received. "I held the record for many years," he said.

After leaving school, Ted worked at home before doing a carpentry apprenticeship. At 21, he started his own company, building residential properties in Christchurch and North Canterbury.

He and Dawn got married when he was 24 and built a house on Port Hills Rd. They lived there for two years before moving back onto the family farm, building a house of their own on the property – and have not left it since.



Ted Shields has lived on the farm for most of his life.

Ted went into semi-retirement at 60 and grew tomatoes commercially, until the fruit started being imported from Australia.

"This valley was full of tomato plants and orchards, but when they started bringing them in from Aussie, it killed the whole valley," he said. The property is no longer farmed commercially.

The family legacy living on through Ted and Dawn's children was not something that was ever considered, with all three moving away from Christchurch. "This is the way life goes, your kids take a different career and that's it," Ted said.



He is going to miss the day-to-day maintenance of the property and is unsure as to how he will fill the time. "We'll find something," he said.



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Do You Have a Story to Tell?

We hope you enjoy reading this magazine and the local stories and articles within. Many of those stories come from people just like you, so if you would like to contribute something for the next issue, please get in touch. We'd love to hear from you!

We are keen for articles about local people and happenings, poetry, artwork and photography, that are relevant to the greater Heathcote area, including Heathcote, Morgans, Horotane and Avoca valleys, and also Ferrymead.

No political or contentious issues please – we try to keep the magazine apolitical, and positive in nature.

If you're not a writer yourself, but you have a great idea for a story or article, please let us know and we'll see what we can do.

The deadline for articles for the next magazine, which will be the Autumn 2026 issue, is Thursday 12 February 2026.

Enquiries and contributions should be sent to Jocelyn at:

heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com

Nostalgia



[Nostalgia Festival](#) is a unique summer experience held within the 1900s replica township of Ferrymead Heritage Park. Now in its 12th year, Nostalgia Festival transforms Ferrymead Historic Park into a music lover's paradise on Saturday 7 February 2026. This boutique Waitangi Weekend celebration brings together around 5,000 people for a day of exceptional live performances across four stages.



Nestled in the heart of Heathcote Valley, Nostalgia unites the community through the magic of music, showcasing a curated selection of feel-good New Zealand and international artists. Wind through the vintage festival streets to discover incredible local food, craft drinks, roving theatre, markets and more.

Headliner Balu Brigada leads a stellar lineup of New Zealand talent in the heritage park's unique 1900s setting, also featuring Balu Brigada, Ladyhawke, Troy Kingi, Hollie Smith, Harper Finn and Tami Neilson. Between sets wander through markets, catch roving theatre acts, and enjoy local food and craft beverages. Book at moshtix.co.nz

The Wonderful World of Ratites

By Lyn Benfell

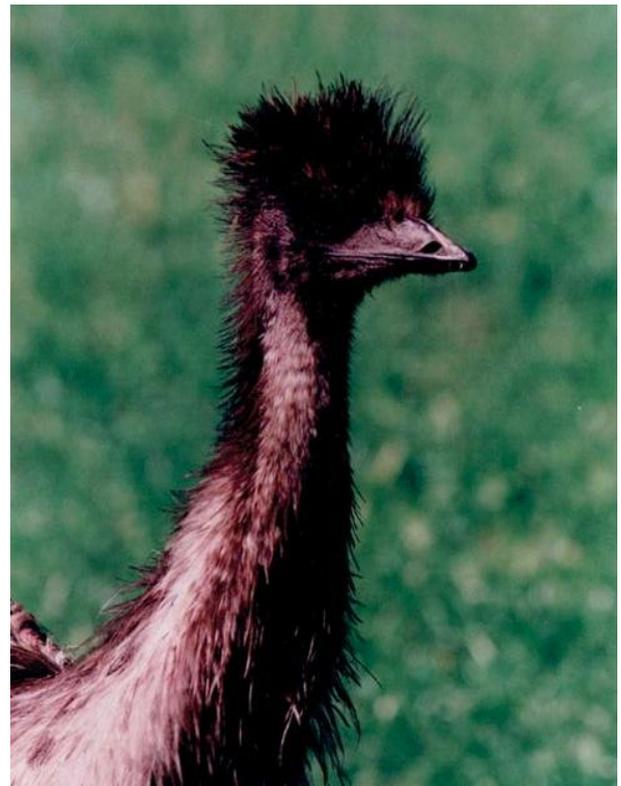
Some years ago, when we were looking at options for our land in Bridle Path Road, we were introduced to a group promoting farming ratites, such as emus and ostriches. They held meetings once a week, and we became hooked. The ratites are a large group that includes the emu, ostriches, kiwis, rheas, cassowaries, and the now-extinct moa, to name a few. The next step was to find out if zoning would allow us to have emus in Heathcote Valley. I rang the council, and the officer I spoke to said poultry farming was prohibited. I explained emus were not poultry; they were ratites.

His reply was “you are splitting hairs, Mrs Benfell” but we got the okay. There was a lot of preparation to allow us to safely contain the emus, including 6 ft-high fences. As our grandchildren visited regularly, we chose emus rather than ostriches. They are more docile. We purchased an older breeding pair, Ned and Nora. They settled in, and Nora began laying the beautiful big green/blue eggs. Gathering them was a quick grab while they were not looking. Nineteen eggs went to the hatchery. In due course, we brought home these striped babies.

The local school asked if they could view the babies and learn about ratites and the kiwi. It was a lovely afternoon with the chicks running around like silly teenagers. The children enjoyed the chicks’ nonsense. We also took the children into the packing shed to show them our old apple grading machine, which was modified to sort our tomatoes by size. To be honest, the old grading machine was more interesting to some children than the emus.

We bought another breeding pair, Delilah and Cashmere. Delilah was a flirt. She would run up and down the fence line, fluttering her long eyelashes any time my husband went near the paddock.

Emu meat has very little fat; it is very lean. You must take care when cooking emu meat as it is easy to overcook. In the wild, it is interesting that a pair will set up a nest with their eggs, and other females will lay eggs in it too. The male will incubate the eggs for 52 days.



Delilah

Three emus escaped. We spoke to the local ranger, who assured us they would have gone up into the hills and would come down in three days for water. Apparently, they crashed a wedding being held at Scotts’, much to the delight of the wedding party. We got a call



Ned with chicks

from a neighbour who told us he had locked them in his garage. Rod and I thought we might be able to put a large veggie crate over them and transport them onto the truck. We worried the emus might damage the cars with their large claws. The plan worked, and they were safely back home.

The Emu Working Group negotiated the legal killing of the emus for human consumption.

Unfortunately, MAF decided an officer would have to be employed at \$80,000 a year. The volume of emus did not warrant that. That idea was dropped. You could transport the emus to Nelson, where killing was legal, but they do not travel well, so this was not a good option.

We allowed Ned to sit on a clutch of eggs. He sat for 52 days. The chicks started to hatch, but we would find them dead. We then observed the female killing one when it hatched. That was a learning curve; you must remove the female. Ned became a proud father of six chicks. We started blowing the eggs for the people who made beautiful artwork with them. Eventually, an American doctor bought the emus and transported them to a farm he had established. His clients had hands-on experience with the different animals on his farm.

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Powering the Future

Cutting-Edge Locomotives Hit the Tracks

By Barrie Woods

Have you noticed the trains lately? Some of them are much quieter – and their horns are different too!

The reason is KiwiRail's recent introduction of its new DM class diesel electric locomotives manufactured by Stadler of Spain. These replace the aging DX class locomotives, some of which are nearly 50 years old. I decided to find out a bit more about the changes.

(Note: for the avid train buffs, of which there are at least a couple locally that I know of, there is much more detailed information available. I've tried to summarise the basics here and keep it simple for the average Joe/Joanne.)

Let's start with the old DX class locomotives (also known as 'Dixies'), because they are interesting in their own right. These were built by General Electric Transportation in Erie, Pennsylvania, USA, between 1972 and 1976. New Zealand Railways ordered 49 of them, which initially went into service only on select North Island lines capable of handling their



One of KiwiRail's DX class locomotives

heavy weight. The routes were expanded as line upgrades occurred, mainly involving bridge strengthening.

Today the DX class is still used primarily on heavy freight trains and now also operate in the South Island, predominantly hauling coal trains between the West Coast mines and Lyttelton. These are the noisy beasts us Heathcote locals are accustomed to. They pull up to 30 hopper wagons, each carrying up to 52 tonnes of coal. Apparently six of these locomotives are required to haul a full-length train up the 3% (1 in 33) west-east grade of the Otira Tunnel! The DXs are also used for general freight operations and is employed periodically to haul the TranzAlpine and Coastal Pacific passenger trains.

KiwiRail also has other classes of locomotive, which are used for passenger services, shunting and other freight haulage, but the DXs are the main ones that have thundered through Heathcote for nigh on 50 years.

The DX locomotives weigh in at around 105 tonnes and are powered by a turbocharged V12 General Electric 7FDL-12 engine producing 2240 kW (approx. 3000 hp). This engine first went into production back in 1956, but its origins are even older as it is based on a design by Cooper-Bessemer from sometime in the 1930s or 1940s which was purchased by GE. It's interesting that these locomotives use engines that were designed at least 75 years ago. There have however

been multiple upgrades over the years, some of which have been retrofitted to the New Zealand locomotives and include increasing the power from the original 2000 kW (2750 hp). The DX locomotives have a maximum speed of 105 km/h.

You may have heard the term diesel-electric referring to railway locomotives. This means the diesel engine drives a big alternator, which in turn powers six traction motors to drive the wheels. It serves a similar purpose to a gearbox in a car but uses different technology to deal with the much greater torque involved. To provide speed control with the technology of their era, the DX locomotives use DC (direct current) traction motors. Though effective, such motors are inefficient by today's standards, meaning higher fuel consumption.

In mid-2018, it was announced 15 of the DX class locomotives were to be overhauled. They would be fitted with a 3,300 hp-rated engine with electronic fuel injection and an upgraded engine control system to improve efficiency. The previous year, in August 2017, KiwiRail began discussions with global suppliers to construct replacements for the remainder of the DX class. In the end, only a few upgrades were completed before the project was canned in 2020 as the cost of the upgrades turned out too close to that of purchasing new replacements.

On 11 October 2021, Spanish company Stadler Rail announced it had won a contract to supply 57 new locomotives for KiwiRail at a cost of \$403 million. These would be the new DM class, which are a similar size and weight

to the DX (they are slightly longer) but feature a V16 Caterpillar C175 engine that produces 3,000 kilowatts (4,000 hp), which is 30% more powerful than the DX. Despite this, the DM's maximum speed tops out at 100 km/h, which is slightly less than the DX. You may be interested to know that each cylinder has a capacity of 5,289 cc, making a total engine displacement of 84,624 cc. Compare that to the engine under your car bonnet!

Like the DX, the DM locomotives are also diesel electric, but they employ AC (alternating current) traction motors rather than DC, which has only become possible with the development of modern power semiconductor technology in quite recent years. This makes them much more efficient than the older locomotives and provides almost twice the tractive effort (pulling power in everyday language). The latest electronic control systems provide greatly reduced emissions. Compared to road freight these locomotives produce around 80% fewer emissions per tonne carried, which is about 20-25% better than the older DX locomotives. Another difference is the horn. It's more a toot than a blast, though I'm sure it's effective and meets the necessary standards. And, of course, the driver's cabs are air conditioned.

The first two DM locomotives were unloaded at the Port of Lyttelton on 19 October 2024. They were described as the prototypes and were commissioned at KiwiRail's Middleton Depot, undergoing in-service trials. This included runs through the Otira tunnel, which is considered to be one of the most challenging sections of rail in the country. Stadler engineers came to New Zealand to

oversee the trials alongside KiwiRail's engineers.



The first of the DM locomotives is unloaded at Lyttelton.

The two 'prototypes' passed their trials and entered into service on 21 July 2025, with one hauling its first train from Middleton to Timaru. These are the new locomotives that now run through Heathcote.



Undergoing trials on the Arthur's Pass – Otira line.

A second delivery, also consisting of two locomotives arrived early November of this year, and we should see them on the tracks before long. More deliveries will happen during 2026, so we can look forward to even more quieter trains on the tracks over the coming months.

New Neighbours?

The local real estate agents have been busy of late, which means quite a few of us have new neighbours. Here's a great way to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.



The Heathcote Valley Community Association has welcome packs available for you to give to your new neighbours. These are a smart calico tote bag with some goodies inside.

Welcome packs can be obtained from the Community Coordinator, Jocelyn de Kort. You can contact her by email at:

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Merry Christmas

The Heathcote Valley Community Association committee wishes all Heathcote locals and supporters a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

RECIPE

Christmas Gingerbread Cookies



Fun to make, fun to enjoy, gingerbread cookies are a special Christmas treat. They make great inexpensive gifts, or you can enjoy them yourself or share with family and friends.

- ★ Makes up to 60 cookies
- ★ Prep time 1 hr
- ★ Cooking time up to 1 hr

INGREDIENTS

180g unsalted butter, softened
½ cup brown sugar
⅓ cup golden syrup
1 medium size egg
1 ½ tbs ground ginger
3 ⅓ cups plain flour
1 ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
2 tbs milk

METHOD

1. Using an electric mixer, beat the butter, brown sugar and syrup in a large bowl until creamy. Add egg and beat to combine.
2. Sift over ginger, flour and bicarbonate of soda, then add milk and stir to combine.
3. Knead the dough on a lightly floured surface until smooth. Divide dough into 3 portions. Wrap each portion in baking paper, then set aside for 30 minutes to rest.
4. Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan-forced). Line 3 large baking trays with baking paper. Roll each dough portion between 2 sheets of baking paper until 5mm thick.
5. Use an assortment of cookie cutters to cut out shapes. For Christmas you could choose trees, stars, candy cane shapes and, of course, gingerbread people. Re-roll scraps of dough as needed. Place shapes on baking trays.
6. Bake, in batches, for 8 minutes or until slightly golden. Stand the gingerbread on trays for 10 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.
7. Decorate as desired using festive colours. If gifting, you can put the cookies into small jars or boxes.



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