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Mud & more mud - very sticky underfoot with the frequent bursts of rain and lack of drying winds or frosts to firm ground. Probably the year to lift Dahlia tubers if sitting in saturated ground to prevent rotting of those you do not want to lose.

Full on pruning here now, pruning through the day, then removing thorns from fingers at night. Some thorns are stubborn to remove, requiring a dab of Magnesium Sulphate paste held in place with a plaster - this helps to draw the thorn closer to the surface of the skin. Roses live without pruning, but being deciduous they respond well to a good prune in Winter. Doing this will give you new shoots to replace the old ones and keep the plant young with more

flowers per season on shapely bushy plants. Roses are very forgiving if you get it a bit wrong - so don't worry! It is handy to have a good set of tools to make pruning easier (leather gloves, secateurs, loppers, and a pruning saw. New seasons Rhododendrons, Camellias, Azaleas and Daphnes will be on offer soon, with fat healthy buds to tempt the gardener and moist soft ground is perfect for getting these settled in the ground. Early Sasanqua Camellias are flowering now - these Camellias are fast growing and probably the most sun tolerant of all Camellias. They are extremely tolerant of shaping, clipping or espaliering and are ideal as hedges, screens or growing in containers.

If young trees or shrubs need transplanting, now is a good time to do it whilst they are at their most dormant stage. Plant with a firm stake if height is involved.

Even though frosts are few here on the coast, continue protecting tender plants inclined to produce soft growth during a mild Winter - they will be badly effected by the arrival of severe frosts.

Turn over compost - add some lime now if you have not already done so and moisture if the pile is dry.

On the coast plant in full sun seedling veg plants that are now on offer. If your veg garden loses sun in Winter, use this time to dig in manure/compost and a sprinkle of lime to sweeten.

I have long known the advantages of growing Comfrey, but have lately been reading up on it again - such a useful plant. If you can get your hands on some, I suggest you plant root sections in an area of garden where it can spread and send roots very deep into the soil to tap into much needed nutrients. It is fast growing, high in potassium and can be cut back again and again. I have listed below some uses for Comfrey around the garden.

Compost activator - add to your compost bin to heat up the decomposing materials and enrich the compost.

Cram Comfrey leaves into a bucket, add water and let them rot down. The leaves soon turn into a repulsive smelling sludge and after two weeks the mixture will be like brownish, green soup - strain it and put the sludge on the compost, then bottle the liquid to use as a base fertiliser. Use 1 part to 10 parts water.

Lay Comfrey leaves in a Potato trench and leave for 3 days prior to planting the tubers, to give a potassium rich boost of fertiliser.

Use as a Comfrey leaf mulch around plants, by layering leaves around the stems of plants. Potassium will slowly be released to the plants as the leaves break down – Great for Tomatoes, Beans and Fruit bushes.

It has been discovered that wilting Comfrey leaves become irresistible to slugs and snails - strew them around the plants they chew to distract them. Happy to share a section of Comfrey root if contacted.



Keeping warm and healthy this winter

Winter is here again so its time to get active...

...eat lots of fruit and vegetables to ward off Winter colds and 'flu. Have hot meals and hot drinks to keep your family warm and healthy and wrap up in layers of warm clothes to stay snug when you leave the house.

Why is it important to keep my home warm and dry?

It's important for your family's health that your house is warm and dry. Cold and damp homes are linked to poor health, especially for babies and small children, people who are ill, and older people.

here are some ways to keep your home healthy that won't break the bank:

How to heat your house

Only heat the room that you are in. Try and keep the temperature between 18 and 21 degrees especially if you have babies, people with illnesses, or older people living in your home.

Dress warmly for bed and make sure your bedroom is warm enough - it is very important to stay warm during the night.

Block up unused chimneys and stop draughts around doors and windows. You can make your own draught 'snakes' by stuffing rugby socks or pantyhose with newspaper or cushion filling.

Up to 20% of heating can be lost through draughts. Open windows and curtains on sunny days, and close them when the sun goes down to trap heat in your home. Trim any trees that prevent sun entering your house (but if you are renting, remember to ask your landlord first!).

(in the fridge is best) rather than in the microwave.

Cheap ways to be green and save money

Install eco-friendly bulbs. These bulbs can last for many years and they use 80 per cent less power than standard light

An energy efficient showerhead can use up to 50 per cent less hot water than a standard one. Consider installing one yourself, or ask your landlord if one can be fitted.

Check the seals on your fridge to make sure they are still working. If they stop working or become less effective, warm air will enter your fridge, making it work harder and use more power. To test your seals, put a piece of paper in the door and close it. If the paper can be easily pulled out, you may need to have the seals replaced. Do the same with your oven, as it could be losing precious heat energy whenever you cook. Companies that will replace the seals are listed in the yellow Pages under fridges and freezers - Servicing, or Ovens and stoves.

Double glazing on windows is an effective way of controlling heat loss and condensation, but can be very costly. A cheaper alternative is to buy a window insulator kit, which involves fitting plastic film to the inside of wooden windows. This can be done easily, and will make your windows 90 per cent more energy efficient. These can be purchased in the South Island from Community Energy Action, 198 Armagh Street, Christchurch, or email: info@cea.co.nz or in the North island from Negawatt Resources, email: info@nrl.co.nz or phone 0-4-939 0313.

If you are replacing an appliance, try to ensure the replacement appliance is as energy efficient as possible. The higher initial cost will benefit you in the long run through savings made to your power bills.



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Wednesday 12th Community Diary

Afternoon Social Housie. 1.30pm St John, 21 Exe Street. All welcome. Relaxed session using counters. Graeme 437 2220

Cancer Society Support Group Meeting, Community House Meeting Room, 100 Thames St at 10.30am. All welcome.

Excelsior Petanque Club Day, 1pm. Ph. 437 1590 or 437 0388. **Eveline Indoor Bowls** 7pm at the Centre. Ph 437-2471.

N.O. Patchers & Quilters meeting - St. John's Hall, Exe St. at 7.30pm. New members welcome. Ph. Helen 434 5680.

Parents Centre Playgroup (0-6yr) 10am, Salvation Army Hall. **Social Housie.** 1.30pm St John, 21 Exe St. All welcome. Relaxed session using counters. Graeme 437 2220.

St Patrick's Indoor Bowling Club, Centennial Park, 7pm. Ph. 434

Waitaki Community Gardens Working Bee, Wednesdays 1-3pm. All welcome! Call Ra on 021 115 4884 for 2 hours of fun!

Weston Indoor Bowls, 7:30 Weston Hall Ph. 4348281.

Yankee Bowls 1:30pm, Centennial Park. Ph. Bob 437 1704 or Gilda 437 2471.

Thursday 13th

Awamoa Indoor Bowls Club at 1:30 pm, Bowling Pavilion Towey St. Ph. 434 5061.

Diabetes Walking Group Chelmer St Gardens carpark 10.30am. Ph Jan 437 2348.

Kakanui Playgroup 9am-12pm, Kakanui School. 1st 3 visits free. **Mainly Music -** pre-schoolers/parents. 10am Oamaru Baptist, 14 Sandringham St. \$3. Ph Angela 437 0911. mainlymusic.org.nz

N.O. Asthma Society Respiratory Exercise Class, 10am, St John Hall Lounge, Exe St. Ph. 434 3202.

N.O. Rose Society - meet at the Vintage Car Club Rooms at 7.30, Ph. Christine 434 2223

St Paul's Thrift Shop open 10am - 2pm.

Friday 14th

AA Meeting, Orwell St Chapel, 12 noon. Ph. 432 4191 or 437 2928.

Saturday 15th

Meadowbank Community Stadium Bowls, 14 Conway St, 1.15pm. all welcome. Ph. 434 0951.

Sunday 16th

Excelsior Petanque Club Day, 1pm.Ph. 437 1590 or 437 2557. N.O. Tramping & Mountaineering Club: Herbert Forest Working Bee. Clearing & improving the tracks. Bring loppers, grubbers etc. Ph. Robbie 434 6363. Depart Medway car park 8am. St Paul's Church, Coquet St, 10am.

Oamaru Farmers Market 9.30 - 1pm, cnr of Wansbeck & Tyne St

Monday 17th

Happy Scoundrels, over 55 10pin bowling12.45pm, Galleon Complex. Ph. Mike 437 0224 or Garry 434 1463.

Tokarahi Rifle club indoor range. Tokarahi Hall at 7-30pm.

Kakanui Playgroup 9am-12pm, Kakanui school. 1st 3 visits free.

SeniorNet Oamaru 10am, 2 Trent St, Ph. Dorothy 434 7278.

Tokarahi Spinners & Weavers meet at the Tokarahi Hall at 10am. Ph. Christine 434 2223.

Woodturners, 1pm @ Clubrooms, Racecourse. Ph. 439 5795.

Tuesday 18th

AA Meeting, Orwell St Chapel, 7.30pm. Ph. 4324191or 4372337. **Age Concern Gentle Exercise Programme, over 60's** Orwell St Chapel Hall, at 1:30pm. Ph. Heather 437 2404.

Arthritis Peer Support Group, Star & Garter, 10.30am. Barnardos Kidstart Playgroup 9-12noon, preschool children & parents, St Mary's Anglican Church Hall, Bring morning tea. Diabetes Walking Group, Chelmer St Gardens carpark 10.30 am. Ph Jan 437 2348.

Justice of the Peace, 11am-1pm, W.I.N.Z building, Coquet St. **Meadowbank Indoor Bowls,** 7pm at the Centre, Centennial Park, Ph. Noel 437 0217 or Bob 437 1704.

Oamaru Club Indoor Bowls 7-9pm, Oamaru Club Hall, 32 Severn St. Ph Maria 439 5240.

Oamaru Garrison Band Practise Nights, Band Rooms, Cnr Severn & Isis St, 7.30pm.

St Paul's Indoor Bowls, 2pm Church Hall. Ph. Mike 434 6722. **Waitaki Road Safe A.G.M.** 7pm, at rear of Oamaru Police Station. Guest speaker Senior Sergeant Steve Larking of Dunedin Police, supper included.

Public Notice

Tsunami warning siren test. Monday 17th July at 10am. Siren is situated at 329 Kaik Rd on the south bank of Waitaki river. A message from the Waitaki Bridge Civil Defence - ph 434 3536. Guinness World Record for Grabatology – largest collection of men's neckties? It is being held on Saturday 29 July 2017 from 9.00am at 153 Thames Street Oamaru - (the former BNZ building) corner Coquet and Thames Street Oamaru.

It is open to the public and open to public inspection. I expect to reach the new world record about 3.00pm

Waitaki Power Trust - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in Thomas's Dining Room, Brydone Hotel, Thames Street, Oamaru on Wednesday 26 July 2017 at 5.30pm. The Trust's 2017 Annual Report will be available from 19 July 2017 from Network Waitaki Limited, 10 Chelmer Street, Oamaru during normal business hours or by contacting wpt@clear.net.nz

The Gleanavy Flower Show is Changing!!

We are changing from being a 'Spring' Flower Show (September) to an 'Autumn' Flower Show (March)... REMEMBER - we welcome anyone to enter, no matter which district you live in.

"Watch this space" - for the NEW Show date and when our revised schedule comes out. Then check out the sections and classes that you can enter into.

Any enquiries, please phone either:

President – Digger McCulloch 03 689 3818

Secretary – Katrina Taylor 03 431 3868

Operation Cover Up

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Donation towards the freight would be very welcome.

Never Fail Sultana Cake

8oz Butter,8oz sugar, 3eggs, 12oz flour,1 tsp Baking Powder,Pinch salt, 12oz Sultanas, Any essence liked.(e.g 1tsp ea lemon,almond,vanilla) Before starting, mix 1/2 tblsp of cornflour in 3 tblsp cold water. Add to 1/2 cup of boiling water



and thicken. Leave to cool while you cream butter and sugar. Add essences. Add eggs - one at a time, then dry ingreds, alternately with prepared sultanas and cornflour mixture. Bake in 7 or 8 inch tin for 1.1/2 hours at 325deg. One wine glass of Sherry,Port wine or any fruit wine can also be added with essence.

Emerging issues form basis of public debate

A new set of rules governing everything from the keeping of bees in urban areas to responsible cat ownership is now open for public discussion.

Known as the General Bylaw, the rules are put in place to protect the public from noise, odour, and other hazards and minimise the potential for offensive behaviour in public places and reserves.

Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale says the existing General Bylaw is 10 years old and out-of-date and the new bylaw recognised new issues that have emerged in the intervening years.

"The draft General Bylaw covers a multitude of issues from street appeals, collections and street photography to busking in public places," says Cr Tavendale.

"The four main areas we are most concerned with are responsible cat ownership and the keeping of bees, roosters and other birds in urban areas. We are proposing that pet cats are limited to three per household, rules around keeping bees are to be relaxed, with two beehives in urban areas to be permitted, and that keeping of roosters in urban areas are not permitted."

"During the course of reviewing the bylaw, we have been discussing these proposed changes and the suggested changes have not been taken lightly. The updates reflect changing community needs and are designed to allow people to enjoy their surroundings without public disturbance.

The bylaw has been drafted to prevent various forms of nuisance, including noise, which can cause considerable distress for neighbours and people living in urban areas."

The consultation period has opened and will close on Thursday 3 August. Full details can be found at www.waitaki.govt.nz

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make circles in the air. We even had some fireworks to finish off the night. Thanks to all the families who braved the

drizzle to make this such a memorable occasion, it was such a great turnout! Some children were lucky enough to visit our local Weston Fire Station last week also. It was great fun exploring the station and the fire truck and trying on some of the



fire fighter's gear. Kylie even turned the siren on for us too-



it was so loud some of us had to cover our ears!!! Thanks for having us...hopefully we can come for another visit soon. If you and your pre-schooler would like to join in the fun – pop along for three free visits to see if Playcentre is right for you. 2 Airedale Road, Weston. Open Tuesday – Friday, 9am – 11.30am during school term time.

Lunchtime Recital.

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U3A Meeting

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A REAL ESTATE UPDATE

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WINTER IS HERE....

July signals the arrival of winter, but enquiry levels are still very strong and there is limited stock available for buyers to view. The winter market could be the ideal time to sell you property.

Here's a few reasons why:

- ** Less competition properties
- ** More buyers than there are properties for sale
- ** Warm houses sell in winter

Getting through the colder months

While homeowners might be checking to see if their heaters and fireplaces are in working order, there are many other things to make sure the colder months are bearable.

Have a 'deep and meaningful' with your kitchen

Now is a great time to get amongst the nitty gritty bits of your kitchen that you've been neglecting. Pulling out the fridge and cleaning the coils at the back, wiping down the back wall and removing anything icky the kids might have 'hidden' in there and forgotten about back in January.

Get the lighting and heating right

Adjust the temperature in each room so it suits its use. Concentrate the heat on areas that will be regularly lived-in, and use what you need.

The same applies for lighting: eco-friendly bulbs can save money, and ensure everyone turns off lights when they leave a room.

Don't be lazy with the linen

Pulling out musty linen as soon as it gets cold is a truly miserable experience. After sitting in cupboards or boxes for months at a time, make sure to give it all a solid laundering before it gets put into use.

Trim the trees

One part of winter that can wreak havoc is the wild weather. Now that most of the leaves have fallen away, it could be a great time to get pruning on your backyard plants and trees.

Clear the gutters...again

You may feel like you have just done this, but with so many leaves falling this time of year, it's best to do it once more before winter. If you don't get all the leaves out they can cause blockages which can damage your pipes and if it gets really bad can cause household leakages. So, prevention is better than cure.

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