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November already - and still a lot of Spring about, with weather still unsettled as we experienced a Labour weekend drenching, rather than the usual wind to blow away the blossom - no complaints from me...

This is proving a great Spring for Rhododendrons, Azaleas and

Dogwoods - and Roses are putting out fat buds in readiness for their grand display. Remove Green fly with finger and thumb and rust affected leaves can be removed and bagged to stop spread. Once leaves have firmed up, spray Roses with fish emulsion and an organic fungicide. Always best to spray on a dull day with less Bees around - Rose leaves should be dry going into warm nights to prevent mildew growing. Fat buds on those wonderful Peony Roses as well. Make sure they have nothing over-hanging shading them from the sun - Peonys prefer to take the stage alone. Spring is the best time for transplanting seedlings popping up from existing plants - like Hellebore ( Winter Rose) - last years Hellebore seedlings should be strong, small plants now - I have been potting some up in root trainer pots. Once pots are full of roots, I will plant out in groups under deciduous trees and around Rhododendrons, Camellias, Hydrangeas and Fuchsias - they all like the same shady conditions.

Spring bulbs and Tulips have finished and look messy at this stage, but don't be tempted to cut them back because the bulbs need green tops to die back naturally. Twist them and push them out off site under Shrubbery if you can, until they have lost vigour before pulling them from the bulb.

Box hedge: I am waiting for the new growth to firm up a little before trimming the Box hedging, If trimmed too soon, it will be a wasted effort because while foliage is very soft ,they are still putting out growth. When you feel Spring new growth is done, choose an overcast day to trim. This allows undergrowth a little time to recover before being subjected to our harsh sun. However, some sunburn on new Buxus growth is unavoidable and thankfully hedges will soon grow through the burning. Our hedge trimmer has been on the go on some other hedges - like Viburnum and Lonicera. If a hedge has reached the height and width required, trim back to the last cut - all soft trimmings can go on the garden or into the compost.

**Planting on a slope:** Spring is the best time to plant out a slope or bank - the ground is moist and plant roots are growing fast, which means they will get a good hold before the heat of Summer and while small should not be whipped out by wind. Prepare the bank first by spraying out all weeds and grass - they will compete with moisture. If it is possible, terracing a steep slope with rocks or sleepers would be beneficial to hold moisture around plant roots. If this cannot be done, try not to disturb soil / clay in areas that are not being planted. If the soil is disturbed and broken up, it will wash away with rain and watering. Planting: Dig a hole deep into the bank - but shallow, at the front, (an angle hole) this will create a hollow reserve for water. Use stones around each plant to prevent wind blowing soil away from roots. Choose plants that grow in dry conditions, like South African plants; Grevillea, Leucodendron, Proteas - ask the Garden centre assistant which plants survive well in a pot without a lot of watering. I mass plant Lupines to fill

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the gaps on a bank until all the other plants get bigger - they give a spectacular show in the second year of planting and have the added advantage of fixing nitrogen into the soil.

**Grass, Grass. Grass...** So much mowing! If lawn weeds have not been sprayed, sprinkle clippings around the garden, - wonderful humus, but don't leave thick piles. Spread it out to break down fast. Now the ground is warm, your garden can take as much fresh green growth that you can throw at it. Leave the catcher off from time to time and rake cuttings evenly over the lawn. We have had a good strike on a new area sown this week, and in bare patches left after moss removal. Moss grows because of poor drainage or mowing grass too short - either results in soil compacting. Keeping the ground firm (don't dig) just rough the top soil up before raking the seed in, covering well so the birds don't notice - then keep the moisture up until seed germinates.

**Hydrocotyle weed** is a problem on damp shaded lawns - bright green flat and round. Once it becomes established it is hard to eradicate. Frost will kill, but once the ground warms it appears again. The only product I have had success with, is a spray specifically for Hydrocotyle which will eradicate many other lawn weeds as well without killing the grass. I prefer to spot spray just where required, because whatever kills weeds will also kill all good bacteria in soil and give worms a hard time.

**Vegetables/fruit**

All veg should be doing well after the rain - get Corn and Pumpkin in - they need a long ripening season. Strawberries, Blackcurrants, Gooseberries and Raspberries have all had a visit from Bees here - mulch with fresh grass clippings to keep the moisture from evaporating. Strawberries like soil to be on the acid side, so the addition of pine needles or coffee grinds will help. A little potash watered in around the drip line of all fruit will encourage fruiting. With Grapes, advice given in the past was to bury road kill under a grapevine. I have made our small vineyard a burial ground for whatever outlives it's time in our garden - Goldfish, Budgies, Hedgehogs, Bantams and Doves - plus this year, the addition of Pig manure. Fingers crossed for a good season....

Rockvale Gardens are looking wonderful right now - come out for a visit - open daily. *Cheers, Linda*

**Onya Bike is a pilot project** happening right here in Oamaru designed to get kids and their families enjoying biking together safely. We're shooting a music video on Saturday 4th of November at the Oamaru Bike Park in Friendly Bay starting at 8.30am. If the weather is not good on

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## Remembering our loved ones: All souls' Remembering Service

(St Luke's Church, Thursday 2nd November at 7.30pm)  
 Each year at St Luke's, Itchen St, there is a service of remembrance for those family and friends who have died. If you would like a name included in the list to be read out, please contact June Jones 434 7267. All are warmly invited to join in this service of Remembrance on Thursday 2nd November at 7.30pm as we honour and celebrate the lives of those who are no longer with us, but whose memories remain. A single bloom can also be brought along to be incorporated in our floral tribute.  
 Supper will be served at the conclusion of the Service.

## Keep your animals safe and happy this Guy Fawkes

Remember, remember the fifth of November- it's Guy Fawkes and time to take extra care of your furry companions.



While most humans enjoy the fireworks festivities, many pets unfortunately become highly distressed by fireworks, says SPCA (Acting) Chief Executive Andrea Midgen. The SPCA receives dozens of calls at this time of year relating to fireworks issues including; animal injuries, frightened animals, missing pets and occasionally, abuse of animals.

“The loud noises and bright flashes of light can be very frightening to animals and many animals become highly stressed by them,” Midgen says. “This can sadly lead to animals running away and going missing, injuring themselves or becoming susceptible to traffic accidents. We urge pet owners to keep their pets inside and safe on Guy Fawkes Night.”

Planning ahead for Guy Fawkes is key, Midgen says. “Be aware of Guy Fawkes Night and create a strategy for your animals. Making sure your pet has company, is kept inside

and has proper identification are just a few easy ways that you can ensure the safety and happiness of your pet.”

While the SPCA does not support the private sale and use of fireworks and has long called for a ban on the sale of fireworks to the public, those planning to set off fireworks in their homes should consider speaking to their neighbours, or leaving a note in their letterbox, so that those with pets can prepare accordingly.

“We ask people without pets to be aware of the stress their use of fireworks can cause others in their neighbourhood and act considerately,” Midgen says. She also encouraged people to attend controlled public fireworks displays rather than using fireworks at home.

Unfortunately the public sale of fireworks ensures that there is no 'set' day for fireworks to be used and therefore pet owners must remain vigilant at all times.

### SPCA's Top Tips for Animals and Guy Fawkes:

- Never let fireworks off close to animals.
- Think about staying home to reassure and comfort your pets; they will be much less stressed with someone they trust close by. Alternatively, find a reliable person who will stay with your pets and look after them.
- Exterior doors and windows should be secured to prevent your pets escaping and running away. Interior doors and curtains/blinds should be closed as this will help muffle the sound of fireworks and prevent your pets being startled by the lights.
- It is a good idea to switch on the radio, television or stereo to distract your pets from the sound of fireworks.
- Take special care of an elderly or nervous animal - speak to your veterinarian before Guy Fawkes about whether calming medication would be suitable.
- Make sure your pet is either microchipped, or has a collar on with up to date contact details in case they are panicked by the fireworks and escape. This will help rescuers reunite you.
- If you have small pets that live outdoors, don't forget to partly cover cages/pens and aviaries with blankets for sound proofing.
- Move horses and farm animals away from fireworks and make sure all fences are secure. Stable horses where possible.

<https://www.spcaauckland.org.nz/about-us/news-and-updates/keep-your-animals-safe-and-happy-this-guy-fawkes/>

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1 zucchini, peeled and grated, 1 tsp baking powder  
3 Tbsp oil

### Method:

In a bowl add the flour, milk, cheese and seasonings to the beaten egg and set aside for 10 minutes.

Add the grated vegetables to the batter with the baking powder just before you cook the patties.

Heat the oil in a heavy-based frying pan and drop in tablespoonfuls of the mixture.

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## Resource consent changes designed to fast-track development

Changes made to the Resource Management Act earlier this year have been designed to help increase the supply and afford ability of housing, grow the economy with more jobs and higher incomes, support infrastructure investment and improve environmental management, according to the then Environment Minister Nick Smith.

These changes will have a particular impact on resource consent processing for councils like Waitaki, giving us the ability to waive consents for minor issues and introducing a new fast-track 10 day resource consent process for some activities.

Planning Manager Hamish Barrell says these new reforms came into effect from 18 October 2017.

"Currently we have rules in our District Plan that require a minimum setback for a building or activity from a boundary," says Mr Barrell. "Common examples include yard setbacks, height restrictions or fence rules. A key change to the legislation is making these activities, known as 'boundary activities', exempt from having to obtain a resource consent, as long as the applicant can secure the written approval of the affected neighbour/s."

Changes have also been made to the process for considering when resource consent applications are to be publicly notified.

"In some instances we won't be able to publicly notify resource consent applications for some residential activities, boundary activities and subdivision of land. This will change the way certain rules in the current Waitaki District Plan are applied".

With the changes made to the Resource Management Act at a national level and the review underway for Waitaki's District Plan, now is an ideal time for people to consider how the current rules in the District Plan might be amended.

"I would encourage everyone to get involved in the District Plan review. The rules that govern the way land is used in our district can have significant impacts on people's lives, for example where buildings can be erected in relation to another property owner's boundary."

"We want people to think about how the existing rules might be applied to where they live, both as property owners / occupiers and as neighbours. Then we want suggestions for amendments that would better meet the changing needs of our district."

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**Cancer Society Volunteer meeting** - Dean O'Riley Lounge - beside Basilica, Reed St, 10.15am. Ph. Rayna Hamilton 431 7897.

**Excelsior Petanque Club Day**, 1pm. Ph. 437 1590 or 437 0388.

**Golden Oldies Afternoon**, Sponsored by Network Waitaki. 2-4pm. Gold coin donation. 60 & over. Ph. 434 7008.

Parents Centre Playgroup (0-6yr) 10am, Salvation Army Hall.

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

### Thursday 2nd

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

**Grey Power North Otago**: Office open 12.30-3.30pm, 2nd floor, Community House. Other times, ph Graeme 437 2220.

**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](http://mainlymusic.org.nz)

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

**Friends & Neighbours welcome you at Orwell St Church**, 10am - 11.30. interesting & varied programme. Ph. Valerie 437 0520.

**Remembering our loved ones: All souls' Remembering Service** St Luke's Church, at 7.30pm

### Friday 3rd

**AA Meeting**, Orwell St Chapel, 12 noon. Ph.4324191 or 437 2928.

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### Sunday 5th

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**Excelsior Petanque Club Day**, 1pm. Ph. 437 1590 or 437 2557.

**St Paul's Church**, Coquet St, 10am.

**AA Meeting**, Orwell St Chapel, 6pm. Ph. 437 2928 or 437 2337.

**Oamaru Farmers Market** 9.30 - 1pm, cnr Wansbeck & Tyne St. Fresh food & produce.

**Waitaki Forest and Bird's** next tree planting event is at Fenwick Park 10am to 12 noon. Please bring a bucket and spade.

### Monday 6th

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### Tuesday 7th

**AA Meeting**, Orwell St Chapel, 7.30pm. Ph. 4324191 or 437 2337.

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

**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.

**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.

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**Iris Garden Open Days** - South Canterbury Iris Group are holding open days at the Makikihi Iris garden, behind the Makikihi Country Crafts shop. The gardens will be open from 1 - 4pm, Sat 4, Sun 6 & Sat 18 November.

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