

The Telegram

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Only 2 more issues of the Telegram left for this year. Remember to get your Christmas hours and meeting times in. Due to Christmas and New year holidays falling on Sunday and Monday - and a public holiday on Tuesday, The Telegram will not be printed for 3 weeks. We will be open again on the 8th January as normal and we will be producing the following weeks issue then. Hope you all manage to get out and enjoy the Strawberry Fare (Saturday 9th) in Waimate this weekend. Enjoy your week, Regards The Telegram.

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Gardening in North Otago 1st December 2017 North Otago is very dry while I write this - rain clouds gather, but come to nothing. I do hope our quota of rain was not a part of what fell in Central last week! How devastating for all that fruit growing region...

Cleanup here after all the hedge trimming has been ongoing - looks a little too neat and tidy, but nature will do it's best to put that right! I know you will be finding there is so much to be cut back in the garden - plants like Tree Peony which doubles in size each growing season and deciduous trees that persist in pushing out new growth wide and low - you be in charge as nature will always want to push new growth out as far as the roots spread. I have been removing low branches from Oak, Prunus, Ash, Sorbus, Maples and Walnut to allow light onto gardens.

Dead - heading of Roses is here again. Cut back to an outward facing bud on a strong lower section of the branch, to encourage new budding and flowering. Feed & water often to help keep them free of disease.

Begonias are really pushing through now & I see that I have lost a few of what were left in the ground from last year. I am guessing all the rain has rotted them. Fish fertiliser well keeps Begonias happy.. Fuchsias and Hydrangeas are making a lot of growth now - a must for a Summer flower garden and so many different varieties to choose from now. Both Fuchsias and Hydrangeas prefer shade and will brighten a dull garden.

Tip cuttings from Hebes, Chrysanthemums and Daisy bushes will root with no trouble now. A firm stem with budding new growth and some larger leaves removed. Use wet crusher dust or river sand to strike them - never beach sand.

If you are looking for something non invasive to make a show of colour against a wall, why not try Abutilon (Chinese lantern) - it comes in a number of strong shades of yellow, orange, burgundy and red, as well as white. I have planted yellow, burgundy and white together in a large container with nice lime green grasses below them. Being a rather spindly plant wanting to grow tall ,they can be spread out on wires. If trained against a wall, leave some longer branches and shorten back others to get a good cover of flowers. I remove leaves that flowers want to hide behind.

What a wonderful addition to the flower garden Peony Roses are. They are fantastic this year - or am I just seeing more in peoples gardens? The brilliant shades and very large blooms fill many vases I am sure. Remove seed pods once blooms have finished, to stop plants putting too much effort into making seed.

Lawns: We need rain to get the fertiliser on!! Lawns get really stressed from now on as the heat of the day intensifies. If your lawns are inclined to crack when dry, they have probably been planted on clay soil. Apply gypsum (soluble lime) and water in. After a couple of years of doing this, your lawns will have a spring back in them.

If lawn weeds are a problem, spray before cutting on a sunny day when weeds are thirsty, or remove flat weeds with a knife when noticed. I spot spray with lawn weed spray, because I don't want to upset the balance of the work going on in the soil beneath the lawn, by contaminating it with chemicals.

Vegetables: Perfect weather for vegetables and fruit this year - keep the hoe going because the weeds are doing well also. The days are warm and the nights a little cooler - just right for growing. Still no white butterflies in our garden! Long may it last...

Tomatoes: Cool nights upset Tomato plants. Leaves can become bluish and tend to curl, causing plants to become susceptible to blight. Glass and tunnel houses need good ventilation. Bee loving plants among Tomato plants will encourage insects needed for pollination - one Mignonette plant would do the job.

Fruit: Strawberries, Raspberries and all other berries need a lot of water as they plump up. Strawberry plants need food as well as water to keep them producing. I am using worm and Comfrey tea - plus I have spread some more pig manure around. Gooseberries are ready to pick, Black Currants are plentiful on branches ready to ripen. Blueberries need mulched to keep shallow Blueberry roots moist. Supply 1 -2 inches of water per week and protect all berries from birds scoffing the lot... *Cheers, Linda*.











Rights, Rules & Remedies

A Column by Consumer Affairs Writer, Jordan Kelly.

Selecting the Right Agent to Sell Your Property

For most of us, our home and/or our real estate portfolio represents a substantial chunk of our net worth. So, when we come to sell, we want a good price. Preferably, we also want a pleasant experience.

So it goes without saying, we need to select the right real estate agent. Or, should I say, the right VENDOR'S agent. But ... isn't an agent, an agent, an agent?

Actually, no. Speaking for myself and my own variety of real estate transactions and (very) mixed experiences, there are agents I would hire if I were a vendor. There are agents I might prefer to do business with if I were a buyer. And there are agents that are best not used at all.

The best strategy is to identify a reasonable number and crosssection of former vendor-clients of the agent/agency in question (and **NOT** referees provided by the agent/s). Take the time to do this background checking before you sign on the dotted line with an agent and an agency. You are about to trust this person/persons not only with your home and the financial result you achieve, but also with your ongoing feelings about the way you were treated throughout the experience . . . feelings that can last a long time, particularly if the experience was bad.

Ask the Critical Questions

Due to the limited word count of my column, I'll focus on the questions you should ask an agent's and an agency's former vendor-clients, specifically to avoid a bad experience and/or outcome, and which will help you determine what you might not otherwise find out until after you've signed up.

- How many potential buyers did the agent show your home to, in order to achieve competitive offers? (Obviously, this question is particularly pertinent if the market was/is strong.)
- Do you truly feel like the agent worked for YOU, the vendor? If, in a strong market, you opted for a "buyer interest over" strategy, did the agent negotiate hard for a good upward result on the base figure? In short, did the agent press hard to get the best possible result for YOU?
- Was the agent proactive in their communications to you? Or did you have to chase them for information and updates? How did the agent speak to you? Did you feel respected all through the listing and sale experience, not just when they were trying to get the listing?
- How did you feel about their general trustworthiness? Were they confidential and professional in their dealings? Are they intelligent? How many times did you have to explain things? Did they act reliably on any instructions you gave them?
- Did the agent ask how YOU felt about a purchaser's price, offer, conditions, approach? Did the agent listen to and respect any concerns you had?

You need to ask deep and telling questions like these. You're selling one of your most precious assets. Getting it wrong can be a costly and also a demoralising experience.

In my next column, I'll interview an agent for whom I have immense professional respect, Southern Wide sales manager, Heather Burgher. Heather provides her own tips on how to "interview" an agent before listing your property with one.

Jacqui Dean MP for Waitaki

If you would like an appointment with Jacqui in Oamaru/ Waimate/ Geraldine/Fairlie/Tekapo/Ranfurly/Central Otago/Kurow or Twizel please phone our office.



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Jute: The fair trade and eco-friendly alternative to single use plastic bags

With the increasing demand to ban single use plastic bags, Trade Aids jute bags not only offer an environmentally friendly option but also an opportunity for N.Z. to help combat poverty through fair trade.

Trade Aid has been at the forefront of promoting sustainable and environmentally friendly shopping alternatives for decades, starting with the Just Jute campaign rolled out across 80 supermarkets in the early 90s and continuing today.

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Trade Aid provides a unique selection of environmentally friendly, handcrafted, reusable jute bags. As N.Z.'s first fair trade guaranteed business, Trade Aid is proud to partner with many inspiring organisations, like the one with CJW in Bangladesh. Trade Aid has been working alongside artisans from CJW since 1973 with their products being the first shipment received by our organisation.

In 1973 Vi and Richard Cottrell, along with ten other like-minded people established a small not-for-profit society in Christchurch, known as Third World Retailers, which would later become Trade Aid. Trade Aid has spent over 40 years developing strong relationships with our partners. By supporting producers at a grass roots level with fair wages, and trading terms based on respect, Trade Aid is challenging global trade practices. Through our way of trade,

and the fair prices we pay, producers and artisans from around the globe can invest in their businesses and communities, provide for their families and secure a bright future. Our products can all be directly traced back to the individual artisans who created them



Pictured: Women from CJW groups Shadhupara, Beduria and Joynagacha. The jute bags provide the main source of income for these women.



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Our natural table features elements that can be sourced around you, pinecones and greenery, including a beautiful French Country linen table cloth. To bring both sophistication and sparkle we recommend metallic accents either through cutlery, centrepieces or spraying natural elements the accent colour.

For our coastal vibe table we have chosen duck egg blue plates accented with white platters and serve wear. Complemented with some glorious champagne and wine glasses this is a table that is more relaxed and laid back. Top Tips for Christmas – dim your lighting or bring candles or tealights to your scheme for a festive feel. Have a statement piece in the centre of your table this could be candlesticks or a floral arrangement. Metallic accents bring the sparkle to your Christmas table, some ideas include brass cutlery, candlesticks, napkin rings or gold sprayed pinecones.

Come and view our Christmas tables at Design Federation, 34 Thames Street, Oamaru



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OAMARU BRIDGE CLUB, STEWARD STREET

Community Diary

Wednesday 6th

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!

Waitaki Travel Club Christmas Dinner, The Manor Estate, bar open 5.30pm, Dinner 6pm, speaker Ethelwynn Peart, Entertainer Eden Gilchrist. Ph 434 6713.

Thursday 7th

Diabetes Walking Group Chelmer St Gardens carpark 10.30am. Ph Jan 437 2348. **Friends & Neighbours welcome you at Orwell St Church**, 10am - 11.30. Interesting & varied programme. Ph. Valerie

437 0520. **Kakanui Playgroup** 9am-12pm, Kakanui School. 1st 3 visits free.

Grey Power N.O. Office open 12.30–3.30pm, 2nd floor, Community House. Other times, Ph. Graeme 437 2220.

Mainly Music - pre-schoolers/parents. 10am Oamaru Baptist, 14 Sandringham St. \$3. Ph Angela 437 0911.

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N.O. Asthma Society Respiratory Exercise Class, 10am, St John Hall Lounge,

Exe St. Ph. 434 3202. Friday 8th

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Whitestone Chapel, 54 Weston Road, Oamaru 13 December 2017 at 7.00pm

RSVP by 8th December to: 03 434 8812 or office@whitestonefunerals.co.nz

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

Meadowbank Bowling Club Friendly Bowls 2pm. All bowlers & Non bowlers welcome. 14 Conway St. Enquiries 434 7196. **Newcomers Coffee group** 10.30am at the Opera House. Ph. Christine 027 242 8643. **Southern Stop Smoking Service** - free group clinics & 1-on-1 support, Oamaru Library

Community Room 10.00am-12.00pm. For more info Ph. Liz on 022 010 0695.

Summer Indoor Bowls at Centre, 7pm start. Ph Bob 437 1704

Saturday 9th

St. Paul's Church Bazaar 9.30am, at the church, Coquet Street. Sausage sizzle, cake stall, plants, vegetables, and more. Parade of pre loved clothing at 11 am.



Purton's Cafe & Bar

Christmas Dinner & Show with the Groove

Saturday, 9th & 16th December 2017 Playing from 8:30pm to 12:00pm. Dinner is \$35 per person per night seating is limited.

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Music Group Change of Venue 8pm Garrison Band Hall gold coin donation.

Market Day Garrison Band Hall, 9am-1pm Tools, handcrafts, cards, hand knits, jewellery, soft toys, handmade child clothing, nic nacs, gift ideas morning tea, new stall holders welcome, stalls \$5. Ph. Wendy 027 265 4822. Waitaki Lakes and River Committee meeting Kurow Museum 10 am 9th December, all welcome.

Sunday 10th

Christmas Music & Poetry - 7pm at St Luke's Anglican Church followed by a light supper **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.

Idea High School Musical, W.B.H.S., Ticket available at Idea Services, The Professionals Oamaru, Giant Leaps Speech Company (08004 speech), door sales from 1:30pm.

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

Monday 11th

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

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

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

Tuesday 12th

AA Meeting, Orwell St Chapel, 7.30pm. Ph. 4324191or 4372337.

Alzheimers Society N.O. - Support group in the Green Room - Opera House, 1.30 -3pm, all welcome. Last meeting of the year - starts again in Feb 2018.

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. 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. **Southern Stop Smoking Service** - free group clinics & 1-on-1 support, Plunket Rooms 4.00pm-7.00pm. For more info Ph Liz on 022 010 0695.

St Paul's Indoor Bowls, 2pm Church Hall. Ph. Mike 434 6722.

U3A Waitaki St Johns Hall Lounge, 2-4pm. Ph. Linda 434 6613.

Up & Coming

Cancer Society Support Group Meeting - 2nd Wednesday each month. Held at Community House Meeting Room, 100 Thames Stat 10.30am. All welcome.

Triathlon, Duathlon and Fun Walk / Run series - 6pm Wednesdays, 7th, 14th , 21st February 2018. Friendly Bay. Oamaru Triathlon and Duathlon and SISS Champs, Sunday 4th March 2018 at 10am, Friendly Bay. Kiwikids Tryathlon - Thursday 8th March, 4pm at OIS. Contact Oamaru Multisport Club, Adair 021 309439 or Diane 0 2 1 0 8 1 5 0 6 8 8. Enter online www.sporty.co.nz/oamarumultisportclub.

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Recipe of the Week: Churchill Square

1 cup flour, 1/4lb Butter, 1 tsp B.Powder,1/2 cup sugar,

3tsp Cocoa, 1 egg. Cream butter and sugar, add egg then other ingredients. Roll out, spread a filling on and then fold.



Filling 1: Beat 1 egg, 3oz sugar, 2 cups coconut.

Filling 2: Mix 1 large cup coconut & 1 tblsp icing or castor sugar with 1/2 cup milk.

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