

The Estate Echo

OCE Residents' Monthly Newsletter



Learn more about this amazing bird on Pages 25-27.

Photograph by Alan Fox and edited
by Colin Pettigrew.

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THE MANY FACES OF OMOKOROA COUNTRY ESTATE



Paul mowing...



Kevin talking...



Marchers marching....



Godwits gathering. . . .



People partying. . . .

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES



**PRESS YOUR EMERGENCY BUTTON OR
PENDANT.**

WATCHDOG (the monitoring company) WILL DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Ring the phone number of the home from where the alarm emanated.
- If the phone is NOT answered – dispatch an ambulance
- If the phone IS answered confirm with the resident that there is an emergency.
- If there IS an emergency – dispatch ambulance/fire engine/police as required.
- If there is NOT an emergency, ask resident to press the “cancel” button. Please do not press the “cancel” button UNLESS asked to do so.

If you are not sure if you need an ambulance, call your doctor. After hours, or on weekends, your call will be answered by a nurse who will assess your symptoms over the phone. They will help you decide if an ambulance is required.

Healthline (a free health advisory service of the Ministry of Health) is also available on free call 0800 611 116.

The garden maintenance schedule –

5 Mar Area 1:	1-27, 53, 54
12 Mar Area 2:	29-52, 55, 56, 63-65.
19 Mar Area 3:	57-62, 66, 66A, 69, 69A, 70-92, 217, 218, 220
26 Mar Area 4:	93-95, 67, 67A, 68, 39A, 121-138
2 April Area 5:	101-119, 140-156

RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE

At the well-attended Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 22nd February, residents honoured their retiring Chair (Molly Dean) and Secretary (Fred Hartley). Long-time resident Roy Rosenberg made a well-deserved presentation to this popular pair who have worked tirelessly for the village.

Manager Kevin Searle was welcomed to the meeting at the conclusion of business. Kevin addressed some issues for the residents' information and the meeting concluded.

Eight nominations had been received for the 2018/19 committee who were elected, then retired to elect officers.

Chairwoman:	Pauline Stillwell (<i>See Profile Page 3</i>)
Secretary:	Larry Neilson
Treasurer:	Barbara Kershaw
Social:	Denis Turner/Chris Conn
Sports:	Heather Metcalfe
Bar Supervisors:	Chris Conn/Barbara Kershaw
Almoner:	Trish Winter
RVRANZ Reps:	Anton Coetzee/Heather Metcalfe

It was decided that committee meetings would be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month as previously.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday 13th March at 2.00pm.
Open forum – 1.30pm

INTRODUCING THE O.C.E. RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRWOMAN

Graeme and I have been living at O.C.E. for 4 years and moved here from Auckland. We are both originally from Christchurch, moving to Auckland 35 years ago for Graeme's work when he joined the international branch of Air New Zealand. We have two married children – our daughter in Auckland and our son in Sydney. We are lucky to have four lovely grandchildren.

I have worked in administration during my working life – and was a “single mum” for a lot of our married life as Graeme was away for lengthy periods of time during his flying career. During those years, I worked for IBM in Christchurch and then various other companies in Auckland.

Once Graeme had to retire early for health reasons, we bought a caravan in Australia and have been spending some of the NZ winters in Australia for the last 14 years. During this time we have covered many thousands of miles, seen some wonderful sights and met some really interesting 'grey nomads'.

I look forward to my time on the Residents' Committee.

Pauline Stillwell

Look for the profiles of new committee member Larry Neilson and returning member Chris Conn in next month's ECHO.

Retirement Village Residents' Association of NZ

(B.O.P. Region)

The Rates Rebate (Retirement Villages) Act

Great news! *This Bill addresses an anomaly in the Rates Rebate Act 1973 and ensures that retirement village residents are recognised as paying rates and are therefore entitled to apply for a rates rebate, regardless of the billing practice of the local authority.*

The Bill was signed off by the Governor General on 2 February so has now passed into law. Single resident superannuates with income less than about \$27,000 could be entitled to claim. It could also apply to couples receiving Superannuation if they have no other income. It is intended that the rebate will apply from 1 July 2018.

There is general concern regarding privacy, as the rebates are means tested and the Association is pursuing the implementation procedures with the appropriate authorities.

The RVRANZ was a principal submitter supporting this Bill into law.

Another example of the good use made of your \$5 per annum subscription which, incidentally, is due this month!

You will receive a notice in your mailbox in the next few weeks with details of how to pay your subscription – remember, it is per person - not per household. A membership card will be issued on receipt of payment (instead of a receipt). Many thanks for those who have already paid – your card will be issued soon.

A hand-show vote at the recent AGM showed overwhelming support for an increase in subscriptions if that becomes necessary in the future.



Kevin's Korner

This year continues to march forward at a fast rate of knots. If you've been paying attention, the sun has been setting its morning alarm a little bit later each day. That's understandable now that Autumn is upon us. I've noticed, as I've been trying to get up early to go for a bike ride each morning. I hope things are going ok for you. Here's a few messages.

Budget/Weekly fee. Discussions between the Resident Committee's sub-group and the Operator about the budget and Long Term Maintenance Plan continue. A spreadsheet created by the sub group has presented a good opportunity to further the discussions in a positive and meaningful way. Details are being worked on with the aim of finding a good and balanced solution.

Kitchen Refurbishment. We are still awaiting approval of the building consent from WBOPDC. Although the delay is disappointing one can image how busy the Council must be given the growth we're experiencing in Omokoroa, let alone the rest of the Bay.

Safety is paramount. I was extremely concerned to receive a letter from a tree contractor stating that they have had several incidents of our residents refusing to obey signage, barriers and verbal instructions from them to stay out of their workplace. Such blatant disregard for the safety of the individual(s) involved and the contractors are not only foolish but downright dangerous. Health and Safety laws have changed dramatically in the last few years and there are severe penalties for individuals and companies who disregard them. PLEASE, for your safety and that of others, respect signage and barriers that are in place for good reason. If you have a concern about the placement of any barrier, please let management know and I will investigate. Thank you for co-operation.

HW Cylinders. The Operator has advised that Hot Water Cylinders will be assessed upon refurbishment and some older ones will be replaced. Please be observant for any minor leakage from the HWC so that any issues can be swiftly attended to.

Additional Gardener

With the completion of the Stage 5 homes and the current construction of Stage 6 homes, there is an associated increase in the amount of gardens that our dedicated team must attend to. Wishing to ensure that our gardens continue to be maintained to a high standard, the decision has been made to employ another gardener. We hope to have this additional person onboard by the end of May.

Evacuation Assembly Area (Croquet green). In an emergency evacuation of the Community Centre, the assembly area is on the croquet green. If you are required to evacuate, it is important that you go to the assembly area and not return home. This is so others who have seen you in the Community Centre are able to confirm that you got out, so fire fighters don't risk their lives trying to find you. Evacuation trials are to be held 6 monthly.

Bee/wasp stings. If you have an allergy to bee/wasp stings, let Yvonne know. If the gardeners are removing a wasp nest at your home, they will endeavour to let you know prior, to minimise the risk of you being stung.

“New diet plan: Make cupcakes for all your friends; the fatter they get, the thinner you look” ☺

Kevin

Village Manager

O.C.E. 9-hole Golf 2017 Annual Awards

(Submitted by Allan Winter)

DEREK SHERWEN MEMORIAL TROPHY

Winner Allan Winter
Runner-Up Dean Stanway

NETT COMPETITION TROPHY

Winner Barry Haine
Runner-Up Wayne Marshall

DES BUDD PUTTING TROPHY

Winner Roy Kerr
Runner-Up Ben De Wet

OCE BUS AWAY GAMES

Winner Des Budd
Runner-Up Fred Hartley



The Estate 9-hole golf group play regularly on Mondays and Fridays at 1.30pm. Ladies and men are welcome to join us. If you would like to enjoy a game in fun company, please contact Allan Winter 548 0753.

I have had a request that OCE's address details be listed in the "Echo" regularly. I will provide them here and I suggest you write them on the inside cover of the red telephone book. Ed.

Postal

Home [Your House #]
Omokoroa Country Estate
Private Bag 12026
Tauranga 3143.

Physical

(Your house #) / 5 Anderley Ave
Omokoroa 3172
(PS Checked this one with Kevin
and he says it is right. Ed)

Regular activities

Mon	8.15am	Exercises over 40s	Nance Gall
	9.00am	Line Dancing	Monica Stanway
	10.30am	Table Tennis	Dean Stanway
	1.30pm	Mah Jong	Pam Jeffery
	1.30pm	OCE golf	Allan Winter
Tues	9.00am	Aquacise	Dawn De Wet Joke Gerritsen
	9.30am	Rhythmic Clubs	Nance Gall
	10.30am	Aquacise	Barbara Kershaw Heather Metcalfe
	1.30pm	Scrabble/Rummikub	Monica Stanway
	7.30pm	Indoor Bowls	
Wed	9.00am	Walking Group	Meet at Centre
	9.30am	Art Group	Denis Turner
	11.30am	Falls Prevention	Liz Eaton
	12.30pm	Falls Prevention	Rex Martin
	3.00pm	Golf Croquet	David Mackay
	4.00pm	Stromboli Ukelele	Jill Collinge Muriel Hudson
	6.45pm	Singalong	Patricia Price
	7.30pm	Table Tennis	Dean Stanway
Thurs	1.30pm	Cribbage	Reg & Shirley Deane
	3.00pm	Golf Croquet	David Mackay
	4.30pm	Scottish Dancing	Barbara Kershaw
	7.30pm	Bolivia	Sigrid Hayward

More Regular Activities

Fri	9.30am	Ladies Pool/Snooker	Shirley Morton
	1.30pm	OCE Golf	Allan Winter
	2.30pm	Marching	Jeanette Craike

Sat	8.45am	Easy Exercise	Nance Gall
	10.30am	Indoor Bowls	Reg Deane
	1.30pm	Mah Jong	Pam Jeffery

Sun	3.00pm	Golf Croquet	David Mackay
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First Sunday of month:

1.30pm	Knitting Group	Marie Holden Wendy Fox
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First Monday of month

1.30pm	Card Making	Nance Gall
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First Tuesday of month:

2,00pm	Quilting & Embroidery	Dawn de Wet Sigrid Hayward
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Second Tuesday of month:

3.00pm	Discussion Group	Patricia Price Jan Mackay
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<u>Daily</u>	2.00pm	Men's Snooker	Gerald Craike
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**It's not what you gather, but what you scatter
that tells what kind of a life you have lived!**

This and that

If you were present at the Annual General Meeting, you will be aware that residents' spoke of the need for more garden staff to cope with the growth of the village. Kevin confirmed during his address to the meeting that management intend to start a new gardener around the end of May.

I have received good feedback about the February "Echo" and learnt that you don't like the contents displayed on the front cover. I quite agree with you it's a waste of a colour page but I thought it was a good idea at the time!! I hope you'll be pleased with the lovely photo which adorns our front cover this month (thanks to Allan Fox and Colin Pettigrew). Next month, I intend to take a look back into the history of the "Echo". Thanks to Shirley Morton for the idea. Editor

O.C.E. BUS SERVICE

EVERY THURSDAY *Shopping bus to Bethlehem/Brookfield.*
Leaves 9.30 - back 12.30. \$5^{pp}

2ND AND 4th
MONDAY *We take you where you want to go.*
Leaves 9.30am- back at 12.30 (ish) \$5^{pp}

Peter Gerritsen

Brains Trust



Test Your Knowledge

1. In which of the US States was J F Kennedy assassinated?
2. Which country was once known as Rhodesia?
3. Who composed "The Magic Flute"?
4. Which flower has the botanical name "Narcissus"?
5. The peach is a member of the rose family. True or false?
6. What was the first animal to be cloned?
7. How many pieces of paper are there in a ream?
8. Lockjaw is a colloquial name for what infection?
9. How old is a sexagenarian?
10. If a person is inexperienced, we say they are "wet....."?
11. What is the usual name for an "alligator pear"?
12. Who lived in Green Gables?

Answers on Page 21

RECIPE – With thanks to Liz Eaton

Decadent Chocolate Slice

1/3 cup cream

130 gm butter

450 gm dark chocolate

250cm shortbread biscuits (the varieties with a fine texture are best)

Line a deep small slice tray (about 17 x 23cm) with cling film.

Heat cream & butter, add chocolate and stir until combined.

Chop biscuits coarsely, pour over 2/3 of chocolate mixture and stir to coat. Place in lined tray and pour remaining chocolate mix over top. Tap dish firmly to remove air bubbles. Set in fridge for 2-3 hours, turn out and dust with cocoa powder. Cut in small slices.

(Can add grated orange rind and Grand Marnier if liked. Also good with chopped brazil nuts, walnuts etc.)

Next month

“No Knead” Bread – also contributed by Liz Eaton

NORAH's Early Life. *When I approached Norah to tell her story, she was well prepared with a book full of memories. I chose to tell the story of her experiences as a child during World War II. I hope you enjoy it. Ed.*

Norah Gulliford was born in 1925 on the Island of Santa Catharina – although both her parents were born in England. Her father was an Electrical Engineer and the family were fortunate to live on this beautiful island just off the coast of Brazil. The garden was located on one side of the house, and on the other side lay the beach so that at high tide, the sea lapped the side of their house. This meant that Norah could literally dive out of her bedroom window at high tide. Naturally, she could swim like a fish.

She played with all the neighbourhood children with no distinction as to class or colour – it never occurred to them to even think about that. For the first few years of her life, she spoke only Portugese or German – in fact, her mother would often comment that she spoke German in the morning and Portugese in the afternoon.

Norah was destined to be an only child but had the company of 2 dogs and a parrot. She remembers the bell that rang when their gate was opened. This would start the dogs barking – enough to scare the living daylight out of the visitors - and her mother, Sheila, would call them back. The parrot learned to mimic these commands – much to the consternation of the dogs when Sheila was nowhere in sight!

German colonies dominated the coast of Brazil at this time, and the Germans controlled the business community. Norah

remembers a visit from the Graff Zepellin when her father got her out of bed to witness the airship circling the town with large searchlights shining down and lighting the area. She was also woken to hear the first Xmas broadcast of King George V on the wireless – and could just hear his voice over the crackling. Because of her youth, she was excused when she used the wrong hand to give the Heil Hitler salute during a visit of some German diplomats to the German school she attended.

On Sundays they would go to the coast for picnics on the beautiful beaches. The air would be filled with the smell of roasting coffee beans around the mud homes of the very poor local population. They would lay the beans on the ground to dry in the sun and all day long, cats and chickens would scratch amongst the beans – thank goodness they got roasted! She also remembers the sugar cane being harvested and the poor oxen walked round and round all day, turning the wheel to extract the sugary syrup which she found very sweet.

The family left Brazil on the “Almazara”, in 1936 bound for England for Norah to further her education . On the way, her father left the ship at St Verdi Islands where he was to continue working, and the last Norah saw of him was his white suit disappearing into the darkness as the launch transferred him to shore and he died there.

Almazara arrived at Southampton on 1 December 1936 on a freezing day but they were met with a warm welcome from family. Norah remembers meeting her grandmother for the first time and noticing her lovely white hair and the tears in her eyes as she greeted Sheila after a long time apart .

This middle class family was ruled by the matriarchal grandmother and Sunday lunches were very formal with the

roast served along with vegetables in lidded dishes from which the family helped themselves. Manners were important and children were seen and not heard.

When war broke out with Germany in September 1939, the family moved to Dorset. During these dark days, their spirits were kept up by Arthur Askey and Richard Murdoch's humour on the radio. But when nothing much happened, they returned to Rickmansworth to resume Norah's schooling at the Convent. Everyone carried gas-masks, expecting Hitler to attack with gas - fortunately, it never happened.

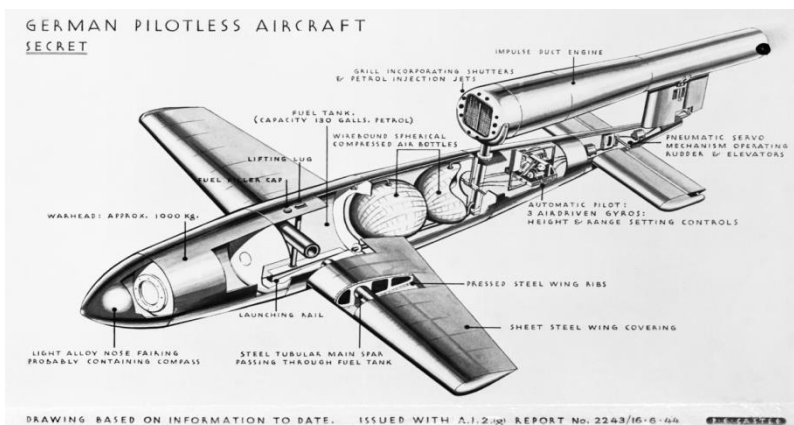
However, during the blitz, they could see the fires over London – 25 miles away. When the defence guns shot down enemy planes, the noise hurt their ears. A bomb fell on a nearby house, and the screams of those injured still haunts Norah today.

When Hitler turned his attention to Russia and there was a lull in the air raids, Norah's uncle treated her and Sheila to the theatre where they saw many well-known artists in musicals. They would travel to London by train and on the Underground and found the stations lined with wooden bunks where the population spent their nights, sheltering from the raids. How did they ever get any sleep with trains sliding in and out of the stations every few minutes?

On a school trip, the children saw Laurence Olivier perform in Macbeth – a performance which encouraged Norah to enjoy many other such shows.

While Norah was sitting her School Certificate, the students would frequently hear the Doodlebugs overhead. They made a distinctive sound and as soon as the noise stopped, the children knew that the bang would follow. The Invigilator

made note of the time the Doodlebugs were overhead, because it obviously disturbed the students' concentration and would be taken into account when marking!



Food was strictly rationed and could only be purchased with coupons – ¼lb butter, 1 pint milk and one or two chops a week. Milk was delivered by horse and cart and Norah's mother grew vegetables on an allotment to supplement their meagre diet.

She remembers one lovely summer evening, seeing Allied bombers flying in formation – wave after wave, filling the sky with their noise for 2 or 3 hours – on their way to bomb Germany. They returned in the early hours of the morning with some just making it and the family prayed that they would be safe.

Norah had just started nursing training when VE Day occurred in 1945. Groups of nurses in outdoor uniform trooped into Trafalgar Square and down to Buckingham Palace where they saw the Royal Family on the balcony.

There was much celebration and joy.

“HAVE A GO” FUN DAY

FRIDAY 23RD MARCH

- Meet at the Centre at 12.45pm for 1.00pm start.
- Nine activities to try with experienced people to help you
- Three sessions of one hour until 4pm.
- **Just make your choice on the day.**
- You'd be welcome at Happy Hour afterwards or enjoy the cup of tea we will provide.

ACTIVITIES OFFERED:

- ✓ Golf Croquet,
- ✓ Ladies Snooker,
- ✓ Men's Snooker,
- ✓ Indoor Bowls,
- ✓ Outdoor Bowls,
- ✓ Table Tennis,
- ✓ Ladies Aquacise,
- ✓ Men's Aquacise,
- ✓ Petanque.

Please bring sunhat, sunscreen, and a smile



If you intend to try Aquacise, please bring your togs and a towel.



ST PATRICK'S FUN NIGHT

**SATURDAY 17th March, 2018 -
7.30pm**

Come and join a fun evening at Omokoroa Country
Estate while celebrating St Patrick's Day

Enjoy a taste of an Irish dish and an Irish drink.

**Make it a night to celebrate by wearing something
green**

No charge – all welcome

Bar opens at 7pm

Scenes from Childhood



I don't remember a time in my life when I was not surrounded by dogs. My earliest memories include them. Other animals too, but mostly dogs. Mum was keen on showing and breeding dogs you see.

My first performance at a dog show happened when I was four. Mum thought it might be fun to enter me in the 'tiny child' handler class. So I made my debut in the ring with our obedience-trained dog, Shep. He was twice as big as me – a black and gold German Shepherd with a sweet nature. He and I had great fun together at home, but I had never taken him on a lead. I was about to find out he was much easier just to play with, because we only managed half a lap of the ring before he pulled to a stop. Nearly yanked me off my feet he did – I'd been running to keep up with his long loping stride.

He sat.

I tugged on the lead and commanded Shep to come.

He sat.

In the end I got mad, stamped my foot, yelled "Stupid dog!" and promptly stalked out of the ring, leaving Shep to his own devices.

The spectators were tickled pink.

Mum was mortified.

Four must have been an awful age for my parents in their management of me, there came the day I announced I was sick and tired of this place – I was leaving home!

“OK”, said Mum, “I’ll pack you some sandwiches and a bottle of drink, and away you go.”

To be perfectly honest, I was a teensy bit surprised at her reaction. I had fully expected her to throw a wobbly and beg me to stay. She didn’t have to sound so darned keen. Of course, I couldn’t back down then.

Mum took Shep from his kennel, put his lead on and assured me the dog would look after me. So I mounted my trusty trike, tied the dog lead to the handlebars, and with my bag on my back, left home for greener pastures.

I had been well-disciplined in keeping to footpaths, and knew I must use the lights when crossing the road. The dog also possessed curbside manners, so Mum knew I was perfectly safe. Besides, we lived in a quiet suburb.

We travelled for miles and miles (probably a mere step down the road) before we stopped by the stream in the park, where Shep was able to have a drink, and I partook of my refreshments. Then we carried on a few more miles.

I was enjoying this freedom – singing away, saying “hello” to passers by, and taking in the change of scenery.

Suddenly I was aware that the sun was going down – it would be dark before very long. And, my tummy was rumbling – I was hungry! I guess I could have turned around and gone home, but oh – all of a sudden I was awfully tired.

Can you imagine my relief when I heard a familiar voice call out – “Hi! Having a good time?”

It was Dad. He stopped the van alongside. I couldn’t let him know I was deadbeat, so I carried on pedalling flat out and answered, “Nice to see you Dad. Are you coming along too?”

“Well, yes, if you’ll have me. Tell you what though, how about we all go in the van – much easier in the dark.”

(Whew, what a Godsend!)

Of course I was fast asleep by the time Dad got us home. I was put straight to bed, slept soundly till morning, woke and ate an enormous breakfast – and nothing was ever said.

Such was the wisdom of my parents, and the faith they had in Shep. That faith was being directed into my being as well. My interest in dogs was only just beginning, but little did I know then, it would become a huge part of my future life.

This is the first of a series of stories by Shirley Morton – I hope you enjoy them as much as I do. *Editor*

Quiz Answers:

1. Texas 2. Zimbabwe 3. Mozart 4. Daffodil 5. True
6. A sheep 7. 500 8. Tetanus 9. In 60s 10. Behind the ears
11. Avocado 12. Anne

Happy Birthday

MARCH

2 nd	Joy Hempstalk. Enid Marter
3 rd	Michael McLevie. Brian Fickling
5 th	Monica Stanway
6 th	Will Pleydell
7 th	Marylyn Smith
9 th	Anne Coetzee. Graham Campbell.
10 th	Adrian de Graaf
12 th	Jean Williams
13 th	Brick Taylor
14 th	Alan Winter
16 th	Mac McGregor. Jean Kirkham
17 th	Margaret Hartley
18 th	Wullie Burns. Ruth Auld
19 th	David Auld
25 th	Bob Loader. Jessie Fitzpatrick
27 th	George Adams
29 th	Russell Jones
30 th	Koi Muschamp
31 st	Barbara Barbour. Jeanette Crampton. Colin Pettigrew Phil Longley

Our Bar Tailed Godwits (Kuaka)

Every year, this Arctic migrant flocks to New Zealand in their thousands. Most come from Alaska to spend the summer here. It has a slightly upturned black bill with a pink base. In the Tauranga Harbour the Godwits flock together during high tides, and can often be seen flying overhead in their distinctive V formations (Migrant).

For the last few years during the 'Godwit' season, we have taken to having our morning tea on the patio on the north-western side of the house. We do this to wait for a flight of Godwits moving from the Waipapa Estuary to the Mangawhai Estuary. Not every day do they fly across with the noise of their wings and the chattering of calls to each other but when they are sighted they come in a large V formation. Sometimes as many as 200 to 500 birds at a time and quite often about 6 to 8 flights appear with perhaps eight to ten minute intervals. We have noticed that they will be arriving about an hour later each day. They make a tremendous 'swooshing' sound and herald a highlight for the day.

Alan Fox keeps an eye on the Godwits and photographs them at rest on the sandy bar in the Mangawhai. From the photographs he counts them and records the numbers and sends the information to the ornithological society. As many as 5,000 are counted.

They spend their time feeding on the tidal flats of the estuaries trying to build up their reserves for their long flight ahead. When they arrive in New Zealand in late September they are in a desperate need of rest and food to restore their strength. All through the Spring and Summer they feed on the mud flats

only to be moved by the incoming tide. In late March and April they have restored their reserves and nature calls to begin their long flight northward. Some will stop off briefly on the way, up through Australia and Asia – particularly in China - before heading off to Siberia and Alaska where it is now known that they breed.

Building up their reserves once again, they set off on their return journey to New Zealand. It is fascinating to learn that many of them travel non-stop the 11,000 kilometres across the Pacific to once again feed on places such as the Waipapa and Mangawhai estuaries.

On their long journey back they travel nonstop, taking about 5 – 7 days. Science has enabled the birds to be monitored en route and as a result some radio stations are giving out progress information as to when the birds are due to land. Before the Christchurch earthquake, bells were rung to alert the city that the Godwits had arrived.

To the early Maori and later the European settlers, the Godwit was recognised as a beautiful eating bird and many were killed off. Papers Past describe a scene – “The favourite and most effective methods of shooting the birds is from motor cars which, on 90-mile Beach are driven at anything up to 60 miles per hour to effect a quick approach, and when the flock of Godwits take to the air, the shooting commences. Whenever the birds do not immediately take a short turn seaward or otherwise frustrate the aim of the guns, it is by no means rare to drop six or seven Godwits with the first barrel, and a brace at least is expected.....”

By 1937 attitudes were changing: decisions made under the Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921-22 (as quoted in the

Annual Report of the Department of Internal Affairs, 1937, Page 6) included the following – “Shooting season: It was also decided, in acclimatization districts where a shooting season for Godwits would be held, that the period was to be for a fortnight only and not two months as previously. There is a growing public opinion that the Godwits should be placed on the list of absolutely protected birds.

By 1941 the decision had been made: “An important step taken was to remove the Godwit from the list of birds which could be shot under license, and this most interesting migratory bird now enjoys the full protection afforded to absolutely protected birds under the Animals Protection and Game Act”.

Article written by Colin Pettigrew. See pictures front cover and inside front cover.

[The Godwits are due to start their migration this month. Ed.]

This magazine is produced at OCE by the residents, for the residents. Contributions are very welcome - please leave in "Echo" box in mail room (window end), or email to

hdmetcalf@kinect.co.nz

Constructive criticism is also welcome.

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Thanks to Yvonne for her help with printing

Our OCE garden staff is a willing team, but please, only written requests on Area Sheets in the mail room. Your garden will be given attention when your Area is rostered.

Garden rubbish is collected each MONDAY and THURSDAY. Please put rubbish out no later than 2.30pm

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DO YOU WANT TO UPDATE YOUR DRIVING SKILLS?

Age Concern, Tauranga, are offering a FREE driver refresher workshop which covers road rules; intersection rules and negotiating roundabouts; car care and maintenance reminders; and driving on our rural roads.

Age isn't necessarily a precursor to being an unsafe driver. "All drivers, regardless of their age, need to continually assess their driving skills to maintain their high levels of safety." says Deb Grainger, the workshop facilitator.

The course will be held at the Omokoroa Settlers Hall, 9.30am – 1.30pm with a break for lunch. Participants need only bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Please register with Age Concern on 07 578 2631

Mark your Diary for March...

Fri 2 nd	4.30pm	Happy Hour
	6.00pm	BBQ
Sun 4 th	4.00pm	Happy Hour
Mon 5 th	7.00pm	Housie
Wed 7 th	10.00am	Management Morning Tea
	11.30am	Falls Prevention Class
	12.30pm	Falls Prevention Class
	4.00pm	Happy Hour
Fri 9 th	4.30pm	Happy Hour
Sun 11 th	4.00pm	Happy Hour
Wed 14 th	10.00am	Casual Coffee
	11.30am	Falls Prevention Class
	12.30am	Falls Prevention Class
	4.00pm	Happy Hour
Fri 16 th	4.30pm	Happy Hour
Sat 17 th	7.30pm	----ST PATRICK'S DAY FUN---
	7.00pm	Bar opens
Sun 18 th	4.00pm	Happy Hour
Mon 19 th	4.30pm	---WINE & CHEESE TASTINGS---
	7.00pm	Housie

Mark your Diary ...Cont'd

Wed 21 st	10.00am	Podiatrist Home Visits
	11.30am	Casual Coffee
	12.30pm	Falls Prevention Class
	4.00pm	Falls Prevention Class
		Happy Hour
Fri 23 rd	1.00pm	- - HAVE A GO SPORTS DAY - -
	4.30pm	Happy Hour
Sat 24 th	6.00pm	---TASTY THYMES---
	5.00pm	Bar opens
Sun 25 th	4.00pm	Happy Hour
Wed 28 th	10.00am	Casual Coffee
	11.30am	Falls Prevention Class.
	12.30pm	Falls Prevention Class
	4.00pm	Happy Hour
Fri 30 th		---- GOOD FRIDAY ----
	4.30pm	Happy Hour
Sat 31 st		---- EASTER SATURDAY ---

A PLEA FROM OUR TREASURER, Barbara Kershaw.
 When using cheques for the Social Club, (for Tasty Thymes meals etc) please make them out to **OCE SOCIAL FUND**.
 There is a stamp available for your convenience in the mail room (by the shredder).

WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT OUR VOLUNTEERS



BAR

Brick & Lorraine Taylor are retiring after 5 years of managing the bar for us. Their cheerful manner – when behind the bar, restocking it, or selling tickets– will be missed. Enjoy your new freedom from this commitment and thanks for your efforts.



LIBRARY

Mavis & Roy Rosenberg have been running the library for 8 years. Their commitment to providing books for our reading pleasure is second to none. The library is a pleasant, tidy place to visit; with regular additions and immaculate management.

OCE RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Roy Rosenberg makes an elegant speech and presentation to retiring Chairman (Molly Dean) and Secretary (Fred Hartley)

Part of the large number of residents who attended the AGM and gave the outgoing committee approval for their year's work.



OCE Residents' Committee
Chair for 2018/2019 -
Pauline Stillwell.