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Thomas' Church APRIL **Notices**

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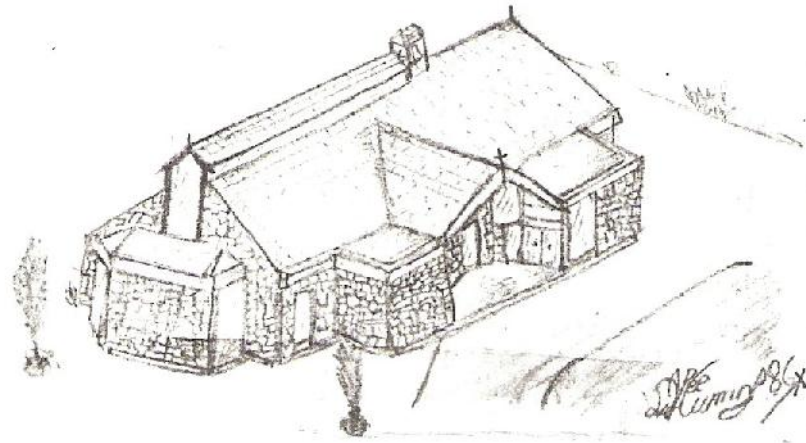
Lakeside Christian Fellowship services will be on the
1st, 8th, 15th and the 29th.

All services start at 3pm & everyone is welcome to attend any service.
Eric Mattock from Kurow Presbyterian church is available for ministry Ph 03 436 0773

Everyone Welcome

St Thomas' Church

Omarama



To all Omarama residents,

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Jenny Hayles for opening and closing the Church every day and for helping keep it looking spick and span.

Please feel free to pop in and spend some time in the serenity that this beautiful building offers, we do ask that no food be consumed in the Church.

There are Lavender Bags, St Thomas church postcards and Marion Aubrey's book "Omarama Place of Light" available for a donation which goes towards maintaining the Church.

There are also some new community activities taking place regularly;

- Bowls, once a month. April 26th at 10am.
- Bible Study, we are starting a weekly study the first will be on Tuesday the 10th of April at 10am, everyone is welcome.
- And the Yoga; Monday nights at 6 pm during school terms.

With the Church being used more often and with Weddings, funerals and Christenings all taking place we are hoping to set up a group called "Friends of the Church" so people don't have to be on the Committee or involved in Church life but they may like to be on a list of people we can call on to help set up or tidy up after an event as we the Committee are small in number and not as sprightly as we would like to think we are.

Please register your interest by phoning Kay Verheul on 4389 538.

Blessings

Mondays, 6pm at St Thomas' Church

Second term starts 23rd April

Are you getting less supple as you get older,

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Or Jan on 4389 703

Ahuriri Community Board News

Next meeting of Ahuriri Community Board will be held at Otematata Lakes Centre at 7.15pm on Tuesday 24 April, 2012.

Regards,

Public forum at 7.15

Cathy Ferguson. Ph: 03 4389785
Fax: 03 4389789 0800 743 772

Omarama Plunket

We would like to thank you for your donations during our appeal week in March.

We raised \$207.70 from donation buckets and another \$90.00 from the mufti day held by the local school.

So again thank you all very much for your donations it is much appreciated and helps to support young families in our district.

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President Omarama sub-branch Plunket



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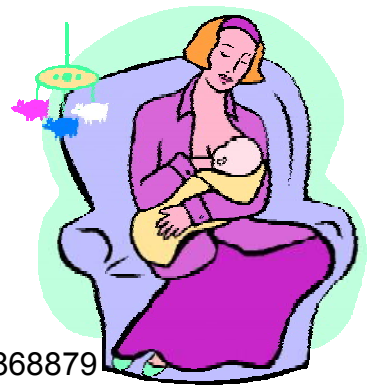
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Breastfeeding Works!"

Having a baby? Already breastfeeding a baby of any age? Then contacting a Volunteer breastfeeding counsellor will be positive for you.

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Sarah 021 326 909, Liko 0272 497 555 or Deidre 0276868879



Vetlife
OMARAMA

A big thank you to everyone who attended Vetlife's **Sheep Road Show**

on the 7th of March. It was a great morning with discussions on a range of sheep health topics.

I hope everyone got something out of it and we look forward to seeing you next year as this becomes an annual event.

Regards, the Vetlife Omarama Team





People helping people

We need you, the famous catch phrase using Lord Kitchener's image to encourage enlistment into the armed services during World War 1. Have you considered joining your local RSA? We need your support; no military service is required these days, so you can join as an Associate Member.

What reason is there for you to join? Well there are many, we are a local organisation that is here to look after our own veterans and families in the valley. We make a promise every ANZAC Day to never forget the sacrifice of those veterans who have died on foreign shores, protecting our freedom and values, but we should never forget the sacrifice of their families made at home which allowed those men and women the means to be able to enlist and fight.

What you can do for us:

By joining, you will be helping to keep our Association strong, even if you are not able to help us physically. It would be helpful to have new people interested to enable us to carry the torch of remembrance into the future which is vital for our community. We ensure that our Veteran's and their families are cared for by supplying fire wood/coal or they can take the Christmas bonus which helps them with funds for groceries and necessities at Christmas time..

The Upper Waitaki RSA Inc sponsors the local school essay competition for primary and secondary schools. For the last 3 years, we have helped the Central South Island Charity Bike Ride Fund Raiser by supplying a BBQ for the riders when they arrive at Kurow.

What we can do for you:

If you are travelling around the country, RSA's are a great place to take your family for a meal and entertainment in a safe environment, many businesses offer special deals to members. For example if you are travelling to Sydney Australia, the Hyde Park Inn on Elizabeth Street offers discount accommodation rates to RSA Members; it is an excellent Hotel, handy to the train stations, shops and historic sites. You can enter any of the Australian RSL's using your RSA Card.

The number one reason to join is that you will be helping the people of our community, which is why I joined. I hope you can make it to a service on 25th April, don't hesitate to approach me for more information. Please give generously to the Poppy Appeal, which this year is celebrating its 90th Anniversary and remember your money stays in our community to support our community.

If you are unable to do any of this, then I challenge you in April to visit an elderly person, whether they are family or not, a neighbour, a friend, someone who may be lonely, a veteran or their widow, it maybe your parents or grandparents. Visit the local rest home, you may be surprised, the elderly have quite a lot of useful information and colourful stories. **"People helping people"** is our motto.

If you are looking for more information on why you should join then I urge you to visit www.rsa.org.nz. You need to be at least 18 years of age to join but many RSA's have a youth programme, new rule changes from RNZRSA now state that all serving military and police have full membership to any RSA.

Michael Blackstock

(President of the Upper Waitaki RSA and Associate Member)

Upper Waitaki RSA

ANZAC Day Programme - 2012

- 6.15am – Parade muster at Hakataramea in front of what use to be the Hakataramea Hotel.
- 6.20am – Parade will march to the Hakataramea Cenotaph
- 6.30am – Upper Waitaki RSA Dawn Service (in the event of adverse weather, service will be held in front of the Honour Board in the back bar of Kurow Hotel).
 - Followed by refreshments and School Essay Competition Trophy presentation in the back bar of Kurow Hotel.
- 8.15am – Wreath laying at Kurow Cemetery Gates.
- 8.45am – Poppy laying at Otekaieke Memorial Gates.
- 9.15am – Wreath laying at Duntroon Cenotaph.
- 11.00am – Service and wreath laying at Omarama Memorial.
 - We are intending to organise a march from the Omarama Memorial Hall to the Omarama Memorial Rock before the service begins. All will be welcome to march.
 - Followed by refreshments at the Omarama Fire Brigade.

OUR VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND

“Mega, Early Bird, Big Wednesday, Heads and Tails... Please!”

And that was my first day introduction to Lotto at the 4 Square and I am sure where the concept of lost in translation comes from; “Sorry Sir...would you mind repeating that” and “SHARONHELP!”

Thankfully with the patience of my fellow workmates and you the customers I think I finally got to push the correct buttons.

And now I have my fingers crossed that each and every one of you has good fortune! For me this year’s good fortune was being able to come home for such a great summer and to spend time with my family; thanks to Pam and Murray and a few people back in Canada for that opportunity. I would also like to thank the community of Omarama for making both Steve and I feel so welcome while home and the additional opportunities given to me to participate in the School Pond Habitat Project, Relay for Life and the Wajax competition. As mentioned, husband Steve was able to get time off work to come downunder with me and he spent two great months fishing in the area. Don’t worry your fish stocks are safe, Steve’s a catch and release man; he will share his fishing stories with his Canuk fire mates but not his prime sites! Let’s hope the stories encourage some more Canadian tourists! We wish good health for you and your families in 2012 and looking forward to being home again soon.

Omarama is an awesome community!

Kindest regards and thanks

Trish Blackstock

PS: Wish they would increase the luggage weight allowance. I can’t stuff another marmite or wool product into my suitcase! Now facing excess charges! (Smile)

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Written by
R M Blackstock

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Klaus Feichtengerer's 50-minute documentary has recently won Best Wildlife Habitat Programme Award at the prestigious Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival, and has just won another award in China.

Special permission has been obtained from the BBC for the Ohau Conservation Trust's after-dinner guest speakers Ruth Dalley and Lance Shaw to show this film for the first time in New Zealand.

Lance and Ruth ran Fiordland Ecology Holidays, one of the first eco tourism small businesses in New Zealand, and took tours of the fiords in "Breaksea Girl." They were deeply involved in the Fiordland No-Fishing accord.

The Trust's fund raising dinner is to be held at the Lake Ohau Lodge on Saturday 12 May 2012. The cost for dinner plus a donation to the Trust is \$65. There is no additional charge for the film. Numbers will be limited by how many can be seated at the Lodge, so please book now if you want to be sure of a place. Please make bookings direct with the Lodge, email reservations@ohau.co.nz or phone (03) 4389 885.

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I have located a "Swins" snowboard and accessories, behind a shed in Otematata. I have no idea where they have come from but imagine they have been stolen and dumped by someone, to uplift at a later date. If you have a Swins snowboard, might pay to check to see its still there. Or if you are a cribby, let me know, and I can go and check your home/caravan to make sure the place is secure.

I recently spent a few days at Police College and attended training on the new direction police are taking to prevent crime. Basically it's all about us (Police) serving you (The Community) better. We are doing this by being more proactive and listening to your concerns. Then taking preventative action wherever possible.

So by the end of the month I will have a wee questionnaire to send out (2-3 questions max), I would ask you to take the time and fill it out as best you can. It's a chance for you to have a moan , or not, about any issues you may have. I will collate the results and let you know what the results are, and then come up with a plan of action, targeting those issues.

NZTA have advised they have approved funding for some extra school signs to be installed, which is great so we will see if that slows people down. I'm still pushing for flashing signs or even better the ones that display the vehicle speed as it goes past. But like everything these cost money.

The SAR shed in Omarama is looking pretty decrepit and I have done a deal with the landlord (Police) They are willing to pay SAR to paint it. In another life I was a painter and decorator, I need an airless spray unit for a weekend to do this, so if anyone out there has one they wouldn't mind lending out for a couple of days, please contact me.
(It needs to be a commercial sprayer not a home handyman one though).

How's everyone going with the new give way rules? I find the easiest way to remember if you're not sure, is if the car is going to hit your passenger side then they have right of way.

Keep safe

Nayland Smith (*Bear*) | Sole charge Constable NSJ641 | Omarama

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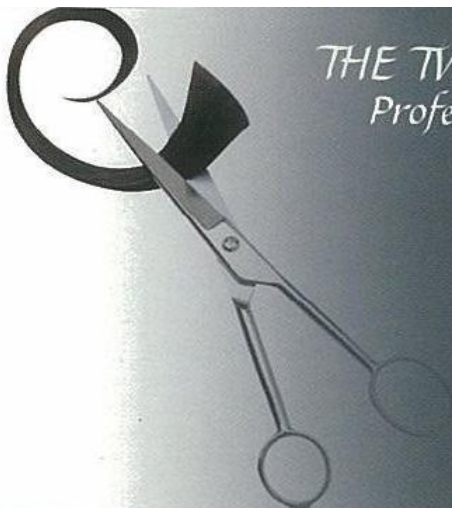
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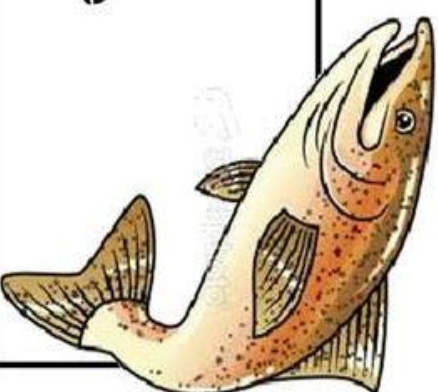
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