

The Bishopdale Bulletin

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Beautiful Bishopdale!

Bishopdale Village Mall is the heart of our community but it's an often heard phrase that it could do with a bit of a spruce up. Bishopdale resident Bill Greenwood wholeheartedly agreed with this sentiment and had an idea that the community could play a part in improving the look of our local shopping area. Bill's experience as one of the founding members of the Bishopdale Menzshed has shown him that great things could be achieved as long as the right people and expertise were brought together.

At the same time, the Bishopdale Community Trust (BCT) had become interested in the piece of land that the old Bishopdale Library and Community Centre had occupied. The trust had been talking with Development Christchurch Ltd about ways in which the site could be enhanced. Subsequent discussions between Bill and the trust lead to Bill forming the Enliven Bishopdale Group (EBG), a community group that aims to look for ways to improve our local environment. However, finding funding for any potential projects was an issue.

Last year Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board awarded \$10,000 for improvements in the mall. The Council approached EBG and BCT and suggested that this money could be used by local community groups to fund a number of projects. By collaborating with community groups, who could source materials cheaply and provide volunteers to work on projects, more could be achieved with the available finance.

Further discussion and planning with the Bishopdale Centre Association and Council's Community Development Advisors and Park Advisors led to the creation of the Bishopdale Beautification Project (BBP).



Bishopdale Beautification Project Group, left to right: Lindsay Dell (Enliven Bishopdale Group), Chris Coles (Bishopdale Community Trust), Bill Greenwood (Enliven Bishopdale Group), Natalie Dally (CCC Community Development Advisor) and Clare Whatmough (Bishopdale Centre Association)

The BBP has four stages:

- To create a village green on the old library site. This will involve the laying of a permanent pathway, with the support of Allied Concrete, across the green and the planting of flowering cherry trees
- To decorate the wall of the business school adjacent to the village green with a mural
- To repair and repaint the seating in the mall, assisted by Bishopdale Menzshed and Community Guardians
- To consult with the community on what amenities they would like to see on the new village green

Planning for the first three stages is well under way. The laying of the village green path is currently scheduled for mid-August. The Council's Graffiti Unit has been consulted about the creation of the mural and local schools have been approached to see if they would like to be involved. At the time of writing, five schools - Isleworth, Emmanuel, Casebrook, Breens and Papanui High - have expressed an interest in contributing the creative and artistic skills of their students to the project. The repair and repainting of the seats is scheduled for September when, hopefully, the weather has improved.

For more information on this project or the Enliven Bishopdale Group contact Bill Greenwood on 03 359 6752 or Lindsay Dell on 03 359 6572.

Save the date!

Celebrate Bishopdale and Bishopdale Skate Jam are both returning in November. Make sure you put the date into your diaries so that you don't miss out.

Sunday 24th November 2019 at 11 - 2pm

Venue: Bishopdale Park, Harewood Road and Bishopdale Skate Bowl, Leacroft Street

If wet : Celebrate Bishopdale - cancelled

If wet : Bishopdale Skate Jam - held 30 November

Celebrate Bishopdale is a great family fun day for the local community where you can enjoy a wide range of stalls and activities, see what's happening in your community and celebrate living in Bishopdale.

Bishopdale Skate Jam is a 'have a go' skateboard event aimed at 8 to 15 year olds, but is also suitable for younger or older audiences and for the family to attend.

Event co-ordinator: Lisa Gregory. Phone 03 941 6729 / 027 227 3064 or email lisa.gregory@ccc.govt.nz.

PLANT and BOOK SALE

Saturday 14 September - 8am - 1pm

St Silas Church, 237 Main North Road, Redwood
BYO Bag or Box, Eftpos available



Let's catch up with...

Matthew at Gardenfresh Greengrocers



Matthew Chan runs Gardenfresh Greengrocers on Leacroft Street with his wife Deborah.

Are you a native Cantabrian?

No, I was born and brought up in Malaysia. My mum was a Pākehā lady from Auckland and my father is Malaysian Chinese.

How long have you been in New Zealand?

I've been here for thirteen years. I first visited after my mother and father moved to New Zealand from Malaysia. I really loved the country and thought it would be a wonderful place to bring up children. Compared to Malaysia, New Zealand has a better education system, an easier way of life and is a lot safer.

Do you miss Malaysia?

Only the food! Although it is easy to recreate Malaysian food here in New Zealand.

In fact it is a dream of mine to teach cooking classes so that people can learn how to eat and cook well. A lot of New Zealanders just snack, they don't eat properly. My cookery classes would show them how to make great meals using produce that is in season - I think this is very, very important!

How long have you been in the fruit and vegetable business?

Only two years. Back in Malaysia my wife and I ran a coffee shop in Penang, which is famous for its street food, and I also helped cook food at a friend's restaurant.

When we moved to New Zealand I spent a couple of years in Nelson training to be a chef. After I qualified we moved to Christchurch and I cooked at the Camelot Hotel for a year and at the Koru Lounge for 7-8 years.

After that I decided that I needed to do something different and that's when we bought the fruit and vegetable shop in Leacroft Street.

What do you most like about working at the shop?

I really like picking out fruit and vegetables for people who order over the phone because I know I can pick out the best for them. I also like that we support local growers by trying to source produce that doesn't need to travel too far to get to us.

What do you least like about working at the shop?

Well, I get up at 5 in the morning. It's not too bad during the summer but much harder in the winter!

I hear that you're changing the shop's name. Why?

I want to change it as there is another fruit and veg shop in Wainoni with exactly the same name - Gardenfresh Greengrocers. People often get the two shops mixed up or think that our shop is somehow linked to the Wainoni one but that isn't the case.

We have a new name all lined up but we've yet to register it so I'll keep it under wraps for now. I don't want anyone else taking it before we do!

You're well known for your friendliness and never seem to be in a bad mood. What is your secret?

Making my customers happy is what makes me happy. So as long as I can do that I can keep in a good mood!

When I first opened the shop a customer came in and asked if I was in charge. I said that I wasn't the boss - *he was* - because he was the customer. I told him that I was just the caretaker. I take care of the shop for the good of the whole community.

What is the best thing about Bishopdale?

It's a very friendly place. People are very kind and open here - much friendlier than other places that I've been to. Some of my customers are so nice they bring baking for me. I really appreciate that. Getting some freshly baked treats on a Monday morning is great.

What do you do when you are not working?

I do work long hours but I try to spend time with my wife and three children. I like to play pool with my oldest son who is now 14 years old. I think it's really important to spend time with him before he grows up!

The shop has attracted a few celebrities in your time there. Who were they?

Last year I saw Jeremy Wells [host of TV show *Seven Sharp*] walking past the shop on the way to a photoshoot. He looked at a few shops in the block and when he came to mine he asked me why everything for sale was priced so reasonably and commented that everything was so expensive in Auckland.

During our first year at the shop we had the children's TV show "What Now" come in to film a piece about Father's Day. One of the hosts, Ronnie Taulafo, was in the shop showing how little most fathers knew about fruit and vegetables. That was fun as I got to appear on the programme.

What makes you smile?

If I don't smile what else would I do? Life is too short to complain! There is no point being sad.

Good work in Uganda

In September this year Amanda and Maria from Bishopdale Unichem Pharmacy are joining a group travelling to Uganda to support the Kyampisi Childcare Ministries (KCM). They will be helping to build a new Rehabilitation Centre that will serve as a safe place for the children and families affected by Child Sacrifice practices. They will also be working with the children at the rehab centre, in the KCM Medical Camp and spending some time with the local community.



Uganda is experiencing a rather unique form of human rights issues, namely child sacrificing. Child sacrifice generally occurs within a rural village setting and is an economically influenced human rights violation, done in secrecy. There is a supply and demand chain created with very rich people involved and it is very hard to catch the offenders.

KCM is a registered not for profit organisation which

aims at giving the vulnerable children of Uganda the physical, emotional and spiritual springboards that enable them to live full, productive and positive lives.

When asked how they became involved in this project, Amanda and Maria explained, "this trip came about based on a chance meeting, between two people in Perth airport. That meeting compelled one man to become involved in this cause. It was our meeting with that man, which compelled us to be part of this incredibly important work."

When asked why this particular cause when there are so many out there, Amanda and Maria replied, "most of us would like to be involved making a difference, sometimes it is hard to know where to start. The opportunity for us to make a difference in the life of even one child, was one we felt compelled to take. We were asked to help with this cause, are able to do so, and so we are going to."

Part of the medical care will include eye care. If anyone has any glasses that they no longer need (for people of any age) please drop them into the pharmacy and we will take them with us.

Maria and Amanda will be posting updates on a special page on their Bishopdale Pharmacy website – www.bishopdalepharmacy.co.nz – if you are interested in finding out more.



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Walking festival

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The 2019 Walking Festival is launched with the fabulous feature walk 'Dogs Day Out' in the zone and includes several walks in the Port Hills.

Keep an eye out for the full festival programme that will be available from mid August.

For more information: www.ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/running-an-event/community-programmes/walkingfestival/

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CHILDREN and YOUNG PEOPLE

4th Christchurch Boys Brigade Company meets Thursday nights, 6-18 years from 5.00pm-9.00pm. Phone Phil Mardon on 03 359 0149 at St Margaret's Church office.

Babytimes/Wā Pēpi: Rhymes, movement and music. Korero pukapuka, puoru, korikori. Fridays 10.30am -11.00am during term time for under 2 year olds. Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library and Community Centre.

Bishopdale Cranmer St John Youth Division: Meets at St Paul's Church Meeting Room, 1 Harewood Road on Wednesday evenings from 13 Feb. Penguins 6-8yrs 5.30pm-6.30pm; Green Cadets 8-10yrs 6.30pm-8.00pm; Blue Cadets 11-12yrs 6.30pm-8.00pm; Gold Cadets 13-18yrs 6.30pm-9.00pm. We have a variety of activities including first aid, interest badges, camps, fun nights and leadership training. For enquiries please phone 027 332 3660 .

Girls Brigade meets Tuesdays 5.30pm-7.00pm for girls aged 5-16 years at St Margaret's Hub, 94 Farrington Ave. Phone Fiona on 03 359 0149.

Jumpstart: A free fun programme offered to children ages 6 to 11. Held fortnightly on Fridays during school terms at 392 Wairakei Road. Includes games, lessons, crafts, snacks and more games. Ring 03 359 9247 for more information.

Playgroup: A chance for Mums to chat while children experience a safe and fun environment with age appropriate activities. Morning tea provided. Gold coin donation per family for each session. Fridays at 10.00am-11.30am during school terms in Youth Hall, 392 Wairakei Rd.

St John's Anglican Church Mainly Music: (cnr Cotswold Avenue and Kingrove Street) has a thriving Mainly Music session. We meet on Tuesdays at 10am in our Hall, for our music for pre-school (0-5) aged children and finish with morning tea. All welcome to attend. Phone Lynne on 03 359 9692 if anyone would like to know more.

St. Margarets Mainly Music Group has moved to Isleworth School Hall, Farrington Avenue, Bishopdale. We meet on Tuesdays with morning tea starting at 10:00am, followed at 10.30am by our preschool music session, finishing at approximately 11.15am. From new-born babies through to 4 year olds, and their parents/caregivers enjoy a time of music, movement and friendship. Places are available. For further info please contact the church office on 03 359 0149 or Maree on 027 359 3559.

Storytimes/Wā Kōrero: Stories, movement and music. Korero pukapuka, puoru, korikori. Wednesdays 10.30am - 11.00am during term time for over 2 year olds and over. Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library and Community Centre.

YMCA Activities: afterschool programs for basketball, miniball, gymnastics, and hip hop dancing. Gymnastics program for pre-schoolers. Ring YMCA Bishopdale on 03 359 8320 or visit www.ymcachch.org.nz/children/recreation/bishopdale/

CRAFTS and WOODWORK

Bishopdale MenzShed meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1.30pm at the old Kendal Ave Scout Den at 55A Kendal Avenue. MenzShed brings men together in a space to share skills, have a laugh and work on practical tasks, either individually on personal projects or as a group for the Shed or wider community. Contact Richard Rendle on 03 359 7275 or rendle@xtra.co.nz.



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Bishopdale Spinning Group: Learn the art of spinning and knitting. 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. 10.00am-1.00pm at Meeting Room 1, Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Community Centre. \$4 per visit. Contact Jess for more information on 027 202 2038.

Card Making Club: a weekly club for keen greetings card makers wanting to meet others with similar interests to share ideas and techniques. Basic equipment required. New members are always welcome. Cost \$4 per week. Mondays at 1.00pm-2.30pm during school term at Bishopdale Community Trust, 100 Farrington Ave. Phone 359 1741 for more information.

Craft, Crochet & Knitters Group: bring your own craftwork and have some good laughs. A friendly, informal group with a helpful tutor. Gold coin donation. Wednesdays, 1.00pm-3.00pm at Bishopdale Community Trust, 100 Farrington Ave. Phone 03 359 1741.

Kiwi Coffin Club is open every Friday from 1.00pm-4.30pm at the Menzshed, 55A Kendal Ave. Come along and chat over a coffee.

Knit 'n' Yarn: Tuesdays 1.00pm-3.00pm. Bring along your current craft project and enjoy a social crafting time with others. Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library.

FITNESS, DANCE and MOVEMENT

Bishopdale Badminton Club: Fun, social badminton for men and women over 40. The club meets Tuesdays at 1.00-3.00pm at the Bishopdale YMCA and costs \$6 per session. For more information contact Jackie on 03 343 4645, 022 072 1656 or Jackie.deros30@gmail.com.

Bishopdale Table Tennis Club: social table tennis for adults every Wednesday and Friday at 10.00am-12.00pm at Bishopdale YMCA. \$5 per session, no joining fee, no subs. Phone Jean on 022 160 4421. Look forward to seeing you!

Bishopdale Tennis Club: 35 Leacroft Street. Contact Senior Club Captain Andrew Stanton and Junior Administrator Andrea Stanton on 03 359 1605. All are welcome, very reasonable subs, large junior section, and a friendly club. New members, come along and try out our great facilities. Resident Coach – Gareth Robb.

Bowls Papanui: friendly, local club offers 50% off for new members, special rates for students, free shirt, excellent facilities and a coaching and buddy system. Come and try out the sport for all ages! Newcomers are most welcome. Contact Bev Baxter on 03 359 6017, Barry Holland on 03 352 6158 or visit bowlspapanui.co.nz for more information.

Chans Martial Arts: teaches both kung fu and tai chi on Monday and Wednesday evenings at New Apostolic Church, 352 Wairakei Road. Kung fu: 6pm - 7:15pm; tai chi: 7:30pm - 8:30pm. Contact Nick Haslett (kung fu) on 027 406 0337 or Manle Chan (tai chi) on 021 027 59028 or visit chansmartialarts.com for more information.

Delta Rhythmic Gymnastic Club: if your daughter is interested in dance and gymnastics, this could be the sport for her. We have beginners recreational classes most days for girls 5 to 10 years. To learn more about our club see our Facebook page - Delta Rhythmic Gymnastic Club Inc. or phone 03 354 5552.

SevaLight Hatha Yoga Classes: Thursdays, 6.30-8.00pm. Get fit while bringing peace, balance and upliftment to your whole being. Beginner's welcome. SevaLight Retreat Centre for Self-Realization, Pure Meditation Healing and

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Nia Dance & Fitness: Nia Dance & Fitness: Feel lighter, happier, and more energised as you move to music with a blend of movements from martial arts, dance and yoga. Nia classes encourage you to move freely and are suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Three classes each week at the St Albans Uniting Church. For more information contact Stephanie on 027 416 8283 or steph@stephaniedemay.com or visit www.PlensoryMovement.com.

Papanui Walking Group Join us on a gentle 30 minute walk and exercise programme. Meet new people and feel great! Wednesdays, term-time, 1.15pm. Walks leave from St James Park entrance, opposite Dalriada Street. Phone 03 941 8999 for more information.

Scottish Country Dancing: Starts Thursday 7 March. Come to the Burnside Scottish Country Dance Club for fun, friendship and fitness. Thursday, 8.00pm-10.00pm at Isleworth School Hall, Farrington Avenue, Bishopdale. Experience is not needed, wear some soft soled shoes and come and join us. Contact 03 327 0193 for further info.

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Tai Chi classes are run on Wednesdays at 11.30pm at St John's Church, Chedworth Avenue. Come along!

Tai Chi Classes: Thursdays 1.30 - 2.30pm at Bishopdale YMCA. Enhance your physical and mental wellbeing with slow gentle effective movement. Experienced instructor. All welcome. Enquiries to Gai on 027 827 2791.

Wednesday Wanderers Walking Group meet at 10:30am Wednesday at Bishopdale Community Trust, 100 Farrington Ave. A very friendly group, all abilities are welcome. Walks are 30 minutes around Bishopdale. Phone 03 359 1741.

Women's Social Walking Group meet at Sundbye House, 100 Farrington Avenue at 10:00am on Tuesdays. After the walk, the group heads back for a coffee or tea at Bishopdale Community Trust. Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather. Please phone Chris on 03 359 1741 for more info.

Zumba with Missy: Newbies are welcome. Monday 9:30am at Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Community Centre, Tuesday 6:10pm at Wairakei School, Wednesday 9:30am at Bishopdale Seventh Day Adventist Church, and Saturday 10:00am at Mairehau High School. New class - Strong30 - on Tuesday 9:30am at Bishopdale Seventh Day Adventist Church. Cost: \$8.00 per visit / concession card available. For further information call Missy on 021 194 6413 or visit <https://misato123.zumba.com>. For free trial text 021 194 6413.

FOOD and SOCIAL

Christchurch Widow and Widowers Social Group

The group welcomes new members aged late 50s and up for outings, friendship, movies, walks, dinners, etc. We meet once a month. Please phone Claire on 03 354 3976 or Carol on 03 981 4125 for more information.

Coffee and Friendship Group at Bishopdale Community Trust, 100 Farrington Ave. Come along and enjoy morning tea with others. We'd love to see you! Mondays 10:30am-11:30am. Gold coin donation.

Community Lunch at Bishopdale Community Trust.

Delicious soup, toast and good company! All welcome, Thursdays from 11:30am at Bishopdale Community Trust, 100 Farrington Ave. Gold coin donation.

SEATED GAMES

500 Card Playing Group: Wednesdays at 1.00-3.00pm. Beginners welcome. \$2 per session. Bishopdale Community Trust, 100 Farrington Ave. Phone 03 359 1741 for more information.

Bishopdale Bridge Club: Wednesday Bridge, 11.00am-2.30pm at Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Community Centre. Table fees \$5.00. Enquiries Janet Stokes 03 352 1440.

Book and Jigsaw Library: Bishopdale Community Trust, 100 Farrington Avenue. Open Monday to Thursday, 10.00am-3.00pm.

Jigsaw Puzzle Library: Saturdays 10.30am-12.00pm. Reese Room, Papanui Methodist Church, Chapel St. New members welcome.

Rummikub Club: Come along and enjoy a friendly game of Rummikub in the library. Some games are provided but you're welcome to bring your own. No need to book, just turn up and play! Mondays 1.00pm-3.00pm. Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library.

Scrabble Club: A friendly game of scrabble in the library. Wednesdays 1.00pm-3.00pm. Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library.

Scrabble Group: Come along and play scrabble with a friendly group. Exercise your brain and have fun. 9:45am Tuesday mornings. Gold coin donation. Bishopdale



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Northwest Branch : Term 3 talks

Fridays 10.00am - 11.30am. Talks begin at 10.30am. \$4 per session. Morning tea included.

Chapel Street Hall, corner Chapel St and Harewood Rd.

16 Aug Dr Susan Foster-Cohen, Champion Centre Director - The Champion Centre

23 Aug Christine Jackson - Creative Junk

30 Aug Mike McCosker, Analyst with NZ Police - Some Insight into Intelligence and Crime Prevention

6 Sep Jan-Hai Te Ratana, Community Learning Librarian - Library Update

13 Sep Michael Begg, Energy Advisor - Community Energy Action

For more information please contact Jan Tedesco on 03 351 9796 or visit cwea.org.nz.

Community Trust, 100 Farrington Ave. Phone 03 359 1741 for more information.

Social Housie: First Thursdays of the month from 1.00pm. \$2 per session. All welcome, 100 Farrington Ave. Phone 03 359 1741.

SPEAKERS, BOOKS and INFO

Bishopdale Book Club (BBC): Join our friendly group of readers to discuss your favourite books and current reads. There's no set book to read, just come along and join our relaxed and friendly social book chat. Second Monday of the month at 10.00am-11.00am or last Thursday of the month at 1.00pm-2.00pm. Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library.

Bishopdale Branch of the NZ Society of Genealogists meets on the 4th Thursday January to November in the Hub, 94 Farrington Avenue, Bishopdale at 7.30 pm. Visitors welcome, \$3 door charge. Contact Lis 03 3543993 or Fran 03 352 5605.

Bishopdale Ladies Club (formerly Probus) Good monthly outings and speakers. Meets at the Bishopdale Reformed Church, 90 Highsted Road on the second Monday of the month February to December at 10.00am. Contact Lyn on 03 359 6387 or Leonie on 03 359 6401 or 027 476 3144.

Bishopdale Toastmasters Club Do you want to develop your public speaking skills, so you can speak confidently in front of an audience? The club meets every Thursday 7.25pm-9.00pm upstairs at Bowls Papanui, 181 Condell Avenue next to Edgar MacIntosh Park. Phone Jess on 03 352 3933 for more information.

JP Clinic: Wednesday 10:00am-1:00pm. A Justice of the Peace will be available to members of the community, to witness signatures and documents, certify document copies, hear oaths, declarations, affidavits or affirmations as well as sign citizenship, sponsorship or rates rebates applications. No charge for this service. Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library.

Northwest Branch WEA meets Fridays at Christchurch North Methodist Church, (cnr Harewood Road and Chapel Street) 10.00am-11.30am. Cost \$4. For more information please contact Jan Tedesco on 03 351 9796 or visit cwea.org.nz

NZ Stamp Collectors Club for enthusiasts or beginners. Meet on 1st Wednesday of each month at 1.00-3.00pm at Christchurch North Methodist Church (cnr Harewood Road and Chapel Street). Visitors and new members welcome to buy, sell, swap or just chat. Phone Ross Stanton on 03 359 9815 or Shirley Bone on 03 359 9025.

Papanui Combined Probus Club Calling all Baby Boomers! Join us at the Papanui Combined Probus Club for interesting speakers, great outings and making new friends. Meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month at 10am at the Papanui RSA, 1 Harewood Road. Good parking. Enquiries: Marie 03 351 7708 or Sian 03 359 0057.

Rotary Club of Bishopdale Burnside meets on Monday nights 6.00pm-7.30pm for networking, guest speakers and for planning future community projects. Contact David Conroy on 03 358 5555 or check bishopdale-burnside-rotary.com for more information. Don't wait to be asked, we'd love you to be involved.

Technology Help Drop-In Sessions: Thursday mornings 10.00am-10.30am, term-times. Free casual drop-in sessions for help with your computer or device. Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library.

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Tennis club hits fifty

Bishopdale Tennis Club celebrates its 50th anniversary over the weekend of Friday 22 - Sunday 24 November. Current and former members of the club are invited to attend the anniversary weekend.



The anniversary weekend begins with a "Meet and Greet" on Friday from 7:30pm to 11pm in the club rooms at 35 Leacroft Street. Saturday events include social tennis at 1:30pm, photographs at 4pm followed by happy hour and a dinner at the club at 7pm. Sunday there will be social tennis at 10am followed by a barbeque. Registration is \$15 per person.

For more information about anniversary weekend please contact: Lorraine Bezett on 021 137 9727 or 03 354 1096, Robyn Calvert on 027 298 3228 or 03 359 7444 or email btc50ann@gmail.com.

History of the tennis club

The Bishopdale Tennis Club was established in the growing suburb of Bishopdale in 1969. According to Guy Calvert, original committee member and life member, "the first opening day was meant to be on Saturday 22nd November but due to bad weather it was shifted to the following day. It was held at the Bishopdale Primary School where we used to play on concrete courts and there was no back fence. If you missed the ball, it would go half way along the rugby field and you would have to give chase to retrieve it!"

The first three fenced courts on the club's current site were added in 1971. Members were required to raise \$2000 before funding could be secured from the Waimairi County Council. Fundraising activities included auctions, candle making, socials, cake stalls, bottle drives and donations. In 1978, the club's pavilion was built "with the painting inside and out done by club members after work and on weekends."

Today, the family friendly club has a highly regarded junior tennis programme, tennis coaching, social tennis, and large number of competitive interclub teams including a Men's Premier Team. See www.bishopdaletennis.org.nz for more information.

Women's walkabouts

Every Tuesday morning at 10 (9.30 in summer), a group of women set off from Sundbye House on Farrington Avenue to walk the streets, alleyways, and parks around Bishopdale, Papanui, Burnside, Harewood and Casebrook for an hour.



Members of the women's walking group about to set off from Sundbye House.

The women's walking group has been operating for over 20 years, first as a YMCA group organised from the Bishopdale Community Centre, and later as a Bishopdale Community Trust group run from Sundbye House. Some of the women have been with the group for nearly its lifetime, others have joined more recently. Its members are also active in other roles at Sundbye House, including delivering the Bishopdale Bulletin to local homes.

The attraction of this walking group is that it is local, no transport required, there is lots of chat along the way, and after the walk the group returns to the congenial atmosphere of Sundbye House for coffee (and sometimes cake). The group takes a different direction each week and has such a collection of walks that it doesn't repeat a route in its six monthly programs.

Every fifth Tuesday in the month (or if they just feel like it any other time) the group walk takes them to a local-ish coffee bar. Regular lunches at mid-winter and Christmas also provide opportunities for past members,

and those not able to walk regularly, to connect with the group and catch up on everyone's news.

"We cater for all abilities, except maybe the very fast and very fit", said Helen Kidd, who's been a member of the group for 21 years. "We all came for different reasons, but we stay for the convenience of the local walk, and the social aspect of the group. We enjoy the company, and we look after each other".

Reasons for coming to the group in the first place include looking for a way to meet people after moving to Bishopdale, needing exercise for health reasons or for recuperation after knee or hip surgery, wanting to learn more about the area we live in, chance conversations with strangers, or just enjoying a couple of hours out with friends.

Anyone is welcome to come along for a morning's walk and coffee. There is no pressure to formally join the group - just come for fun. For more information ring 03 359 1741, email bcctrust@xtra.co.nz or just turn up!

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