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Presented in association with
Samuel French Ltd & The Play Bureau NZ Ltd

Darling Mr London

By: Anthony Marriott & Bob Grant
Directed by: Pat Lines

Clyde Memorial Hall
22 March - 28 March 2013
7.30pm



Tickets: \$25.00
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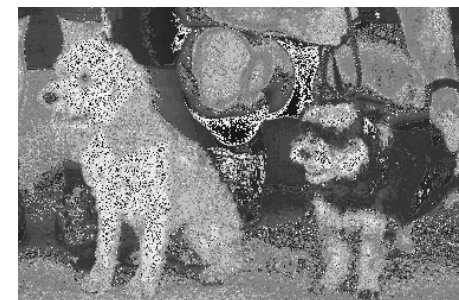
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Prize: For the best dressed 1920's costume

March 2013

Clyde Goes to the Dogs

The dog parade held by the Clyde on Sunday group on March 3 has made one Clyde man very happy. John Davidson of Dunstan House had wanted to hold a parade for some time and what a great success it was. John expected about 15 entrants and was almost lost for words when 54 dogs in various shapes, sizes and colours turned up from Clyde, Earnsclough and Alexandra. There were 16 category winners but every dog got a prize thanks to the generosity of Clyde and Alexandra businesses. The most astounding thing was that no dog showed any aggression towards its competitors in spite of the huge numbers of them. No-one can remember a dog show being held in Clyde or Alexandra and the popularity of this one proves another would be well patronised. So John, how about one during the next Clyde on Sunday season?



And not a rabbit in sight!

Save Our Station

A few months ago a public meeting was held for those interested in getting involved in raising money to contribute towards the cost of repairing/preserving the Clyde railway Station.



We are now half way to our target of \$10,000 and here is a great way that you can help us to get the rest: The Autumn Colours Garden Tour!

Autumn Colours Garden Tour



Sunday 7th April from 11am—4.30pm

Tickets will be available at Budges in Centennial Ave from 20th March. The price (\$15.00) include self-drive visits to seven beautiful autumn gardens and one very special mystery house.

Proceeds go towards the Save Our Station project. You can help us to protect our heritage.



Greetings from Promote Dunstan

We are proud and pleased to present our first edition of the *Dunstan News*, which we intend publishing each month, initially in Clyde and then further a-field in the Dunstan area.

For several years Promote Dunstan members have wanted to publish a local community news as a means of informing residents what is happening in our small community.

We are starting small but no doubt the size will increase.

Everyone we have spoken to has been most supportive and we look forward to providing you with this news-sheet.

Please contact us if you have any suggestions or wish to have something published.

Rory Butler
President
Promote Dunstan

What's happening at Olivers?

Do not be alarmed if you spot some large 2-3 tonnes trucks and a couple of diggers in Olivers garden in the week before Easter.

David and Andy Ritchie are upgrading their septic tanks after receiving approval from the Otago Regional Council to undertake the work.

It is good news for the couple and for Clyde because it means further development and restoration of the historic complex is possible.

Clyde owes a great deal to David and Andy who are slowly and carefully restoring their heritage buildings which are so important to the town's history.

Clyde's Newspapers

Back in the days when thousands of men and some women arrived on the Dunstan gold field in August, 1862, gold was the most important thing on their minds. A township of tents sprang up within weeks of the discovery by Horatio Hartley and Christopher Reilly. Hot on the heels of the miners came the traders who set up numerous businesses – among them a newspaper.

The Dunstan News appeared on December 30, 1862, printed for the proprietors by T Higgins and Co. It was the first newspaper to be published on the Otago gold fields and was two pages, cost sixpence (five cents) and was devoted to advertisements, mainly from hotels, restaurants, stores and tradesmen. It was to be published twice weekly on Tuesday and Friday mornings. There was also a smaller, one-sided supplement which contained a few items of local news, an unsigned editorial and an apology for the paper's shortcomings.

Unfortunately, the first issue of *The Dunstan News* did not record the names of the proprietors but according to a jubilee booklet published by the *Otago Daily Times*, an issue dated July 29, 1863, (Vol 1. No 61), stated that the editor was George Brodie.

It is not known when *The Dunstan News* ceased publication: only the first issue has survived. That copy was sent to Edinburgh in Scotland in 1863 and was returned to New Zealand in 1927. It is now in the archives section of the Dunedin Public Library. The Clyde Historical Museum has a photocopy.

A new paper was launched, probably in late 1863. Its full title *The Dunstan Times*,

Alexandra, Arrow, Clyde, Cromwell, St Bathans and Upper Manuherikia Gazette and General Goldfields Advertiser was soon abbreviated to *The Dunstan Times*. The earliest surviving copies date from 1866 when the proprietors are listed as Henry John Cope and George Fache.

In May, 1948 the paper was acquired by Allied Press (publishers of the *Otago Daily Times*) and is now called *The Lakes District & Central Otago News*.

Spirit of Clyde

Clyde School has developed a challenge based programme aimed at helping young New Zealanders to be connected, ambitious, respectful and enthusiastic.

The programme promotes service to the community, the undertaking of a physical challenge, academic excellence and excellence in the arts.

School principal Doug White said the pupils will be working towards gaining a Spirit of Clyde badge.

"The badges will range from bronze to platinum and will be awarded at a special ceremony each December", he said.

"A group of 14 senior pupils has just completed a physical challenge by cycling the Rail Trail from Middelmarsh to Clyde."

The programme is also helping Promote Dunstan. The *Dunstan Times* is being delivered as part of the community service challenge.

Clyde School 150th Jubilee October 25 – 27, 2013

If you are interested in being a member of the planning committee, phone Sally Bell on 021 168 5688 or 449 2608.

To register your interest email :

office@clydeschool.co.nz or
dingbell@vodafone.co.nz

Helping your community Keeping it safe

Have you ever wondered what you could do to help save lives and property in the Clyde community? Consider joining the Clyde Volunteer Fire Brigade.

It is not just a case of pulling on fire gear and rushing off with sirens wailing. You will join a great team of like-minded people, learn new skills and be part of an enjoyable social scene.

The Clyde Volunteer Fire Brigade has been a vital part of the community for 107 years and is keen to recruit new members to continue its proud tradition.

The guys and gals in the Brigade welcome you along to the training sessions every Monday night at the station. Skilled and experienced tutors will guide you through training sessions and development courses.

You also get to belong to group of men and women with common purposes – helping others in their time of need and keeping the community safe.

Call at the Fire Station between 7 pm and 9 pm any Monday evening, or have a chat to one of our members. We are particularly keen to recruit men or women who are available during the working week.

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Clyde Wine and Food Harvest Festival Easter Sunday, March 31.

The annual festival is one of Central



Otago's biggest attractions which has put Clyde firmly on the tourist map. Several thousand people, including visitors from many parts of New Zealand and overseas, throng the historic precinct sampling local wines and food.

It is a joyful celebration because around this time of the year the grapes are harvested and undergo the process which produces Central Otago's internationally renowned pinot noir wine.

This is the twelfth festival and organiser, Promote Dunstan, is confident it will live up to its reputation as one of the great Central Otago events. About 20 wine stalls are expected with a similar number of food stalls.

Les Richardson and his Jazzmen traditionally open the festival and they'll reappear later with jazz singer, Vanessa Kelly. Also featured is Invercargill's hot trio, Lipstick and local group, Cruise Control.

Date: Sunday, March 31

Time: 10.30am to 4.30 pm

Festival Glass \$5 (you must have a CURRENT glass if you wish to sample the wines)

Entry \$10.00

Children under 12 free

EftPos in the Bridge Club No Dogs.

Theatre Group Excels Again

The Clyde Theatre group has pulled it off once more with its fast-paced, lively comedy, *Darling Mr London*. The seven night season played to near full houses and reduced patrons to continuous non-stop howls of laughter.

Just how this tiny theatre group fields such talented actors and actresses to present top-class productions is nothing short of remarkable. Congratulations Pat Lines whose direction of *Darling Mr London* brought the cast up to a standard many professional theatres would admire.

Clyde – your theatre group is a gem in your midst and deserves supporting whether it is helping with productions or putting your bum on a seat. (Phone 4492 557 if you can help)

Care to Donate to Save Our Station?

We really appreciated the donations from several families in the community over the past few weeks and if you would like to make a contribution of your own, big or small, you can either visit the telecom website 'Givealittle'

(where you sign in and use a credit card) (the link to the site is : www.givealittle.co.nz//cause/SOSChair or you can post your donation to **John Cockcroft, PO Box 71, Alexandra, 9340.**



Help Requested to Plant Natives

Locals are being urged to come along and help plant native shrubs and trees as part of the ecological restoration of the Clyde end of the Clutha River track to Alexandra.

Local woman Lynne Stewart has been working with others on the project and says instead of blackberry, briar, broom and wilding pines the regenerating native vegetation will provide a habitat for native birds and insects as well restore our natural heritage.

Vegetation indigenous to Central Otago has already been planted and in a few years it will become a place where the public will be able to sit and enjoy the river, listen to the bellbirds and tui in the



kowhai and cabbage trees.

Tessa Bunny, DoC community relations manager, has again donated kowhai and other natives that will be planted on May 14 between 1.30pm and 3pm.

Clyde enviroschools students will also be there and if you'd like to join in, come along with a spade or shovel and gardening gloves.

Photographs from the Autumn Colours Garden Tour



Save Our Station Appeal

Hard work by members of the Save Our Station Committee to raise funds towards the cost of repairing and preserving the Clyde railway Station has brought the project close to achieving its goal of \$10,000.

At Easter's Clyde Wine and Food Harvest Festival a person (we won't name him!) dressed as a railway station master roamed around politely but firmly suggesting a drop of cash in the contribution bucket was a good thing. While he was frequently mistaken for a member of the Salvation Army, people were sympathetic to the cause and made donations amounting to \$1,416.00. It included some Australian currency, a coin from the UK and one screw. The latter will be used in the repair process! Grateful thanks go to Bob Allen who loaned the authentic NZ Railways hat

badge worn by our collector.

Bob also raised \$65 dollars at the model railway exhibition in Cromwell the previous weekend.

The Autumn Colours Garden Tour also boosted the appeal by raising about \$1,000. Although nature did not really come to the party with her colours (she's running late this year), those who generously allowed us to include their gardens certainly DID. Their gardens (see photos on back page) were an inspiration and we thank them for their support and also to Christine Butler who organised the tour and her helpers.

Special thanks must go to Sampsa and Elena Kiuru who opened up their fascinating straw-bale house in Earnsclough Road as the "mystery house" on the tour.

Wine & Food Harvest Festival

After a shaky start with early morning rain and overcast conditions the annual festival roared off into what many are describing as 'the best one yet'.

Numbers were down again this year but the organiser, Promote Dunstan, is very happy about this. The absence of huge crowds as seen in the past made for a more enjoyable festival.

It is estimated almost 4,000 people came from near and far to taste the wines from 21 wine producers in the Alexandra-Clyde-Earnsclough basin and food from a record 29 stalls. This is truly THE wine event in Central Otago and makes a significant economic impact as well.

As is usual each year the organising committee has identified several improvements that can be made and will be working on them for next year.

Promote Dunstan sincerely thanks the residents and businesses of Sunderland Street for their help and patience with special thanks to the goodwill of the Ritchies at Olivers and Lindsay Bremner for allowing us to use their properties.



Save Our Station Raffle 2 Results

First prize (Cruise on the SS Earnslaw donated by Real Journeys): J AC, Fruitgrowers Road, Clyde
Second Prize (one day hire of two cycle bikes donated by Cycle Surgery), Jason Lines
Third prize (Kingston Flyer Concession Card), Grant McMillan

The Pinot Noir Grape.

One of the most important grapes grown in our region is pinot noir and it was well represented at the festival because the Central Otago climate suits this particular variety.

There are about thirty vineyards in the Clyde-Alexandra basin, either making their own wine or sending them off elsewhere for processing. All of them grow pinot noir.

Most are boutique vineyards which were planted in the mid-to late 1990s and the following decade. The oldest, and a pioneer in the Central Otago wine industry, is Black Ridge where vines were planted in 1981.

Each vineyard's pinot noir is slightly different, even within the confines of the Alexandra-Clyde basin. It depends on what the French call 'terroir', which means the environment in which the grapes are grown, as well as the age of the vines, the viticulturalist's experience (the vineyard manager) and the skills of the winemaker.

The pinot noir grape originated in France and is a variety that is regarded as temperamental and difficult to grow. It is less tolerant of climatic extremes than other red varieties but does well in Central Otago because it likes the big difference in temperatures between night and day.

You might wonder why bottles of Central Otago pinot noir are so expensive. The answer is that growers have to prune at least half of the bunches from each vine to let the remainder fully ripen. It is more labour intensive and fewer bunches of grapes means fewer bottles of wine.



The last day to visit the **Clyde Museum** complex is April 21st. It will then close

Clyde School 150th Jubilee

October 25 – 27, 2013

Labour weekend might be six months away but the organising committee has already been hard at work preparing a programme to celebrate the sesquicentenary (150 years) of Clyde School.

The school is closely associated with the early history of Clyde which was established during the Dunstan gold rush.

Some of the weekend's events include registration and roll call and an assembly for an official welcome and photographs. On Saturday evening plans are being made for an old time school dance and supper. The next day the school will host a mini wine and food festival and a market.

It promises to be a weekend of fun and a lot of catching up.

Keep an eye out for a special jubilee page on the Clyde School website.

The committee would love to hear from past pupils and staff members and those who have been associated with the school. For more information or if you want to register your interest, please email either office@clydeschool.co.nz or dingbell@vodafone.co.nz

If you are interested in being a member of the planning committee, phone Sally Bell on 021 168 5688 or 449 2608.

Attending the ANZAC service? Meet at Clyde Primary School at 8.30am 25th April

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Clyde Winter Bowls

Start polishing up your bowls because the Clyde Bowling Club winter season rolls off on May 6.

More than a 100 enthusiastic bowlers play on four rinks in afternoon, evening and weekend sessions in the club's indoor stadium from May to August.

A warm welcome is given to anyone who might wish to join this friendly group over the cold winter months. All we ask is that you wear flat-soled (no tread) shoes.

Contacts: Afternoon sessions - Judy and Ivor Saunders: (449 2949) Evening sessions - Lynn McArthur: (449 2617) Please phone if you want to join a team. They'd love to hear from you.



The **Clyde Library** is open :
Tuesdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm
Fridays from 2.00pm to 5.00pm

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Clyde Anzac Parade



If the soldiers who were killed in war or have since died could have been at the Clyde Service on April 25 there is no doubt they would have been deeply moved by the simple, yet poignant, ceremony as well as by the number of people who turned up at the war memorial on Anzac morning to remember them.

Heavy fog shrouded the hills and mountains, but the silhouettes of four Air Training Corp honour guard on the war memorial was moving.

A large crowd, children and adults, filled the street and about 100 more took part in the parade. Led by the Alexandra Pipe Band, the parade included RSA members, the Clyde Volunteer Fire Brigade, ATC, and children from Clyde Primary School.

This year's guest speaker was Navy Commander Shaun Fogerty. Although based in Wellington, he and his family

spend as much time as possible in Clyde where he has a property.

Commander Fogerty spoke of the meaning of Anzac Day and captured the essence of the commemoration with these words.

"We gather, as we shall always gather, not to glorify war, but to remind ourselves that we value who we are and the freedoms we possess and to acknowledge the courage and sacrifice of those who contributed so much in shaping the identity of this nation and those who continue to serve."

The numbers of those who have served in war are dwindling. Just 12 veterans from the World War Two are living in Clyde and Alexandra but, judging by the numbers of young people present at

Clyde and elsewhere, remembrance ceremonies will be held long into the future.



Speed Review in Clyde

A District Council review of roading by-laws throughout the region will include a close look at speed limits.

This will come as a relief to many in Clyde who are concerned about the speed of traffic through the historic precinct.

Council Roading Manager, Julie Muir told the *Dunstan News* that speed counts will be carried out over the next few months to see whether or not speed can be reduced in the block from Naylor Street to Holloway Street. The council is looking at imposing a 30 km per hour limit.

She says research has shown that putting up speed limit signs does not alter people's behaviour and even trying to reduce speed limits is not as easy as people think.

"There are lots of rules and legal re-

quirements about speed limits that apply to all of New Zealand and council has to comply with those requirements," she says. "Unless people are physically forced to reduce their speed to 30 km per hour and keep to it, we might have difficulty in getting approval to reduce the limit".

The two tree planters which appeared at the dam end of Sunderland Street a few months ago is an attempt to force drivers to slow down. Ms Muir says there other tools the council might use such changing the road surface or placing more planters along the street.

She says the council is aware of the problems Clyde faces and is keen to take action but it has to be done in accordance with the legal requirements.



Scanner Donation

Promote Dunstan has donated \$5000 towards the cost of setting up the room for the scanner. The money came from profits made at the Clyde Wine and Food Harvest Festival held on Easter Sunday.

We need articles, news, details of community activities. Please send any contributions to
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 ring 449 2119.

First Scanner Patient Expected Soon

Several months of putting up with dust, dirt and noise is over for staff and patients at Dunstan Hospital.

Construction of the room for the CT Scanner was finished a couple of weeks ago, equipment has been moved in and the scanner suite is expecting its first patient early next month.



Scanner installation in progress

Hospital General-Manger Karyn Penno said while the wards were barely affected by the building, radiographers suffered most.

The scanner suite has been installed where the ultra-sound unit was which meant all its equipment had to be moved and relocated. Karyn says hospital staff and visitors from Otago Radiology have been great in coping with the upheaval.

She also has high praise for the contractors, Stewart Construction, which kept the noise down to a minimum, cleaned up and contained everything within the building area making life a lot easier for everyone.

"Everyone at the hospital is very excited," she said. "We're all aware the scanner will make such a difference to the community because at least a thou-

sand people each year will not have to travel for 5 hours (to Dunedin and back) for a 20 minute procedure."

CT scanners are standard equipment in large hospitals but are less common in rural hospitals. Dunstan is the smallest rural hospital in the country to have its own

The CT Scanner

Most people are familiar with an x-ray machine but a CT (computed tomography) scanner is much more advanced.

The patient lies on a platform which slowly moves through a tube while an x-ray beam takes numerous images from many angles. These scans are created by a computer into one image.

The scanner is used for detecting bone fractures that can be missed by normal x-rays. It can also provide pictures of the brain, lungs, and abdominal organs where it can find abnormalities which would not show up on a normal x-ray.

Head scans are most often used to detect whether or not a patient has had a stroke and lung scans look for blood clots. The scanner will also replace some x-rays using dyes to detect kidney or bowel abnormalities.

Although patients are exposed to more radiation than ordinary x-rays, new technologies are continually being developed to reduce the level. The Clyde scanner has the latest technology but it will still need to be used with care to ensure the benefits outweigh the risks to patients. (Information supplied by Dr Gary Nixon, Central Otago Health Services.)

Going for a walk around Clyde? Would you like to help to deliver Dunstan News? If you can then please contact
Leanne Downie on 449 2700

Save Our Station –Stage Two

A task force has been set up to look at the next stage of funding for the repairs to the 106 year old railway station in Clyde which are estimated to cost \$90,000.

The Save Our Station fund raising committee met District Council and Vincent Community Board representatives, members of the Steam Engine Museum and the Rail Trail Trust earlier this month to discuss progress.

The SOS committee was \$1500 short of the \$10,000 it hoped to raise but Promote Dunstan has agreed to provide the balance on the understanding that it would be recouped at a later fund raising event.

The overall fund was boosted when it was announced at the meeting that Promote Dunstan would contribute \$20,000 to the project on the condition that the station would be available for public use when the repairs have been made.

The task force will now look at raising the remaining \$60,000 and oversee the repair process.

The meeting also looked at possible future uses of the station and the housing of the current contents of the station, a unique collection of agricultural engines and communications devices cared for by the Steam Engine Museum.

Clyde's Little Force

Those who attended Clyde's Anzac service could not have missed seeing the honour guard of four young people stationed on the war memorial.

They belong to the Air Training Corps (ATC) and their unit, 50 Alexandra Squadron, has members from Wanaka, Queens-town, Clyde, Alexandra, and Cromwell.

Twenty-five cadets aged between 13 and 18 meet weekly in Clyde's Memorial

Hall under the unit commander, Squadron Leader Jill Checketts, of Wanaka, and four officers.

Towards the end of each year, the officers visit primary schools recruiting cadets. They are given a six-week induction course and, if they want to stay, receive their uniform as well as a great opportunity for the future.

They learn about navigation, radio communication, target shooting, bush craft and tramping and can attend various courses. A national aviation course, Exercise Gold Heron, earlier this month gave Clyde cadet, Aiden Smith his first solo flight. He intends joining the Air Force next year while a former cadet, Hunter Jackson from Cromwell, joined this year.

But, as unit adjutant Flying Officer Tony Hollows explains, they also learn about teamwork, confidence-building and leadership.

"One of our cadets, Corporal Megan Taylor, aged 15, from Cromwell has just completed a senior leaders' NCO course at Burnham. As a result she'll be promoted to sergeant, and we're pretty proud of her".

The unit started in the mid 1980s and joined an army territorial unit which met in Alexandra. When their hall (now Central Refrigeration) was sold, the territorial unit disbanded but the ATC found a home in Clyde.

"It's a great opportunity for young people", says Squadron Leader Checketts, "and very rewarding for them and their instructors."

If you want to join or know more about ATC, contact Tony Hollows. Ph 448-8222.

Clyde Group Scores Top Award

It was a triumphant evening for several Clyde groups at the annual TrustPower Community awards earlier this month with judges having to choose from a record 32 Central Otago community groups.

The Regional Supreme Award went to the Dunstan Gold 150 committee, a sub-committee of Promote Dunstan.

This group of 8 spent three years developing ideas and organising events and activities celebrating the discovery of gold in Cromwell Gorge in 1862.



Dunstan Gold 150 Committee members (from left) Louise Joyce, Helena Heydelaar, Karin Bowen and Chris Cockroft.

Chaired by Promote Dunstan's president, Rory Butler, the committee included Louise Joyce, Chris Cockroft and Karin Bowen (Promote Dunstan), John Hanning (Clyde Historical Museums), Helena Heydelaar and Mike Rooney (Central Stories Museum) and Martin Anderson (Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust). It was set up in April, 2010, to prepare for the sesquicentenary in 2012.

The committee is elated by the award. Its next task is to regroup and work out how best to mount a winning presentation at the national awards in Invercargill next March. The committee will be competing against 23 regional finalists and the competition will be tough.

The Clyde Theatre Group was a joint winner, with the organisers of Roxburgh's Scottish week, in the Arts and Culture category.

Nine committee members steer the theatre and with the help of other volunteers, it is the only group in the Alexandra basin to provide live theatre. The committee is working on developing new opportunities for members as well as a five year strategic plan and a web site.

Clyde On Sunday group was recognised for its activities with a commendation in the Heritage and Environment category. The group ran a series of summer markets with themes such as Classic Clyde, Art and Jazz and Step Into History as well as a variety of children's programmes.

The group also celebrated Christmas and holding Christmas related plans afoot for a major event at



mas in Clyde by installing lights events. There are exciting Labour weekend.

Clyde Community Group

The Clyde Community Group was established after Clyde's first community plan was implemented in 2006. (A second plan was signed off in 2011) Since then a small group has met regularly with District Council representatives to discuss Clyde issues and how they might be addressed.

Storm water and sump holes, an on-going issue in Clyde, was one of the topics at the last month's group meeting.

The council's community development manager, Rebecca McElrea, reported that a number of sumps and soak holes have been repaired and the council will continue its maintenance programme as the budget allows. There is also a programme for repairing sump drainage pits.

The public toilets alongside the Masonic Lodge building were also on the agenda. It is an odd set-up: the land belongs to the lodge, but the toilets are the council's responsibility. Although the toilets are not included in the Long Term Plan budget, Rebecca says other options are being looked at. In the meantime, the council hopes to give the somewhat scruffy toilets a spruce up.

The group also held its annual walk around Clyde and inspected drains around the town. The group's message to property owners and developers was that they should remember that water needs to drain, so be careful when installing hard surfaces.

The group also noticed large drifts of autumn leaves on pavements and in gutters which can block drains. Group members suggest property owners, as well as the council,

News from our Museums

Clyde Museums have been busy this season helping people who want to know more about their family history.

Museum committee secretary Carole Haig reported that 650 people, an increase over last year, visited the Blyth Street Museum. Both Carole and the volunteers who staff the museum say it has been a fascinating project to help people learn more about their family history.

The museum holds information on many of the early and later settlers to Clyde which has been of great help to researchers.

The daybooks of Victoria Stores (now Olivers Restaurant) have been particularly helpful to one person. From those books, and the museum has a large collection, she established that a relative had an interest in horses – a fact previously unknown to the family.

Visitors have also given new information to the museum which may well help other people seeking information about their families.

The museum, plus the Briar Thyme Museum at the top of Fraser street, are now closed for winter.

Clyde's Wine Club

The Central Otago Wine Club established in Clyde three months ago is proving popular for people wanting to learn about wine.

Organised by Alexis Robin, originally from Biarritz in south-west France, the first tasting of pinot noir, at Clyde's Post Office Bar and Restaurant in April attracted 13 people. This month the wine enthusiasts sipped and slurped their way through riesling wines.



Amy Wood and Alexis Robin

Alexis is passionate about the wines of New Zealand, especially those from Central Otago:

"The goals of the club are to promote local wines and to make locals proud of them," he says "I hope people attending the tastings will become ambassadors and encourage people to taste and drink wines from Central Otago."

Alexis and his partner, Mosgiel-born and bred Amy Wood, started Word of Wine, a wine appreciation and education business in Melbourne but they wanted to live in Central Otago for the life-style opportunities it offered.

In February Amy secured her "dream job" with Sport Central and three weeks later the couple arrived in Clyde.

The wine tastings are blind (you don't know whose wine it is) and you are asked to comment on the appearance (colour, depth and clarity), the aroma and the flavour.

"At the first tasting, Geoff Price from Three Miners, supplied wine and attended the evening. Fortunately he recognised his own wine", says Alexis.

Tastings are held monthly at the Post Office Restaurant and cost \$20 per person. Half goes towards buying the evening's wine and half to the restaurant which provides food platters.

Next month Tracy Thomson from Felton Road will host a masterclass.

More than 50 people have registered their interest in the club and if you would like to register, call 022 137-2710 or email: alexisrobin@msn.com

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A Note From the Editor

Welcome to our fourth issue of the *Dunstan News*. We've had a lot of positive feedback over the past three months which is encouraging to the committee who produce this monthly newsletter for your enjoyment.

However, to publish the newsletter we need information about what's going on in Clyde and the surrounding area. So we would really appreciate any snippet of news, projects or events that you might know of or be involved in. You don't have to write it up – just send us some notes, a contact number and we'll do the rest.

If we don't have anything to publish, you won't have a news letter!

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Look out for the **Clyde Playcentre Mid-Winter Market!** In the Clyde Memorial Hall at the end of July. Keep an eye on the local paper for the exact date. Heaps of stalls and GIANT raffle in aid of Playcentre.

Heritage Stonemasonry

Are you a resident with a stone wall or building on your property needing repair, but you do not know what to do? Hartley Arms owner Leanne Downie was in this predicament but a weekend course in stone masonry solved her problem.

The Heritage Stonemasonry Workshop was organised by Historic Places Central Otago (HPCO) at Nick Taylor's historic property in Fruitlands where Keith Hinds, a heritage stonemason, shared his extensive knowledge and skills.

On Saturday morning about 20 men and women from Queenstown to Roxburgh, Lauder to Earnsclough were greeted by a bonfire in the farmyard of Nick's Category One heritage property.

People came for various reasons. "As a first time owner-minder of an historic stone building in Clyde, I wanted to learn how to repair and maintain it,



Leanne says. "Another person, already working on an historic Clyde property, wanted to upgrade his skills and ensure that what he was doing not only looked right, but would preserve the building into the future. One man wanted to build a dry-stone wall; a woman wanted to repair her's. Some people were there simply because living in an area of wonderful stone buildings, walls and remains they wanted to understand the process of how they were originally built.

"Our first task was to learn the technique for stack stone walls which we did by rebuilding the walls around the pigpen. Keith demonstrated making slaked lime and using it to make the mud mortar to bind the wall stones. This task was satisfying and competitive with us all vying for the best and fastest building skills.

"After a short lunch break, Nick talked about how they had saved the two-storey barn from collapse and then restored it so that the original work and the repaired parts were indistinguishable.

We then had the chance to turn our hands to lime-pointing on this building. It was a great feeling to know that a little piece of our handiwork would help carry this barn into the future. "Sunday, and our first task was to take the covers off the lime-pointing from the previous day and then whack off the excess material with a stiff brush. This task, which certainly warmed us up, drives the mortar in and gives a natural look to the wall.

Then it was back to the pig pen where, with faith and trust in my newly acquired skills, I successfully mixed a batch of the mud mortar. After a fabulous shared lunch, cooked by Di from the old stone "pub" down the road, and some good chat, we learned the technique for mud-pointing. This is used inside buildings to strengthen and prepare for mud plastering if a smooth finish is required.

"The day was rounded off with a glass of good local wine and an exchange of contact details. This was a really fun and inspiring weekend. Keith was happy that we were such good students and Nick was happy that so much progress was made on the daunting task of restoring his special property." *Nick intends holding more workshops so watch the local paper in spring for details. If you are interested in learning more about the local chapter of Historic Places, please contact the secretary, Wendy Browne. (wbrowne@actrix.co.nz)*

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Did you know that in Matau Street if you look over the bank between the war memorial and the entrance to Miners Lane you can still see the marks in the ground where the early gold miners pegged their tents in the ground?

One for the Birds

As a new resident in Clyde, Leanne Downie, is living through her first winter here. It isn't quite what she expected.

"I have been a bit shocked by the amount of rain and cold overcast days where, apart from a few hardy berries left over from autumn, everything appears grey and dead. I expected it would be colder here than the coast but some things you just can't anticipate. And it will get worse. I know this because locals of long standing gleefully tell me, 'You ain't seen nothing yet'.

"Another thing locals told me is that the small birds come down from the hills when snow is imminent. I bought a bird feeder from the supermarket, a mix of shredded fat and seeds tied into a net bag which I hung in the Autumnalis cherry tree and waited for action.

"As expected the ubiquitous sparrows turned up squabbling as usual and the finches which jumped around underneath picking up the scraps. Then the big snow came in the surrounding hills and the temperatures dropped.

"It was then that I noticed something really great, my cherry tree was full of wax-eyes swinging from the feeder and surrounding branches. I was delighted because these little birds had not been common in my garden over summer. I am now onto my second feeder and the birds show no sign of moving on so maybe they will stay over winter and brighten the



Wax Eyes enjoy their winter bounty of shredded fat scraps in Leanne's garden.

the grey days.

"I had another visitor to my cherry tree the other day. A Tui bustled around in the blossoms looking for nectar and treated me to a song before he flew away.

"Finding food can be hard for the birds in the winter so consider a feeding station in your garden. You will be well repaid with song and entertainment."

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Whoops..... A last minute re-jig of last month's *Dunstan News* caused a line to be dropped at the bottom of a story. The sentence should have read: Clyde Community Group members suggest property owners

also need to take some responsibility to clear them. (gutters and drains).



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Cemetery Wall Collapses



Recent heavy and prolonged rain has caused the collapse of a section of the stone wall in front of the Clyde Cemetery. Central Otago District Council manager for Parks and Reserves, Geoff King, is seeking quotes for repairs but warns it might not be a straightforward task. He says a large section of the same wall is tilting and might need to be shored up or rebuilt and that will take some time. The schist stone wall surrounding the cemetery is more than 100 years old. (If you know anything about the cemetery's history please contact Louise on 4492-119).

Dunstan Hospital 150 Celebrations

A full programme of activities is planned to celebrate a significant milestone in the history of Dunstan Hospital.

The hospital has its origins in the Dunstan Gold Rush where surgeon Charles Morice, shocked by the lack of medical treatment, treated patients in a tent hospital in 1863.

Ainsley Webb, chair of the organising committee, says planning began in April last year, and about 150 people have registered to attend the celebrations.

The three-day programme starts on Friday night, August 9, with an informal get-together and continues over the next two days with a dinner and a service of remembrance in the hospital chapel.

On Saturday, the public is invited to an Open Day at 2pm at the hospital where the official opening of the scanner will take place.

Sunday's remembrance service will be followed by a tree planting in the hospital grounds. The committee has chosen a ginkgo biloba because of its ties to ancient Chinese medicine which links to the many Chinese miners who came to the Dunstan Gold Field.

An updated version of the history of Dunstan Hospital will also be on sale.

Clyde Theatre Group New Production

Weeks of rehearsals will pay off next month for 25 children taking part in the musical drama, *William Tell*.

Under the capable hands of director, Pat Lines, Alexandra and Clyde children aged from six to 12 are busy learning their words and their dance steps to perform the story of the Swiss hero, William Tell.

The musical was written a number of years ago by Alexandra teacher, Gerry Sawyers, for a school production. He was keen to see it performed again and the Clyde Theatre Group decided it would enthral children.

Performances are on Friday and Saturday, August 16 & 17, at 7.30 pm, with a matinee performance on Sunday August 18.

Tickets costs \$10 and are on sale from August 11 at Floor Pride in Alexandra and Clyde Primary School.

Meanwhile, the theatre committee is pondering choices for a second adult show this year.

This follows the successful season of



Pat Lines coaching granddaughter Taraleigh Lines

Darling Mr London but, as a change, the committee is looking at a couple of one-act plays with performances around Thyme Festival in November.

New Event at Clyde

The Clyde On Sunday group is planning a major event over Labour Weekend in October.

"Cuisine at Clyde" will be held over three days at various venues in the town's historic precinct.

With the accent on food and wine, events include cooking demonstrations, a food movie, a wine appreciation class and a blokes' barbecue.

Follow what the team is planning on the Cuisine at Clyde facebook page.

Missed out on a copy of the *Dunstan News*?

Sometimes our band of volunteer delivery people (we really appreciate them) miss out a house, or maybe you live outside our delivery area.

Copies are available at the dairy in the historic precinct, the Four Square Supermarket and the Challenge Service Station.

New World Supermarket in Alexandra also has copies. They can be picked up opposite the Lotto counter.

Did You Know That....

Dunstan House still has the original 1863 underground cellar in which barrels of beer were stored. The cellar was also where the dancing girls emerged into the main bar to perform to music played by the hotel's band.

Children Urged to Take Up Physical Activities

Sport and physical activity have an important role in the curriculum at Clyde Primary School because of the lasting benefits they give to school children.

Principal, Doug White, says Clyde school children have a huge range of opportunities provided by the school and local clubs to participate in sports and outdoor pursuits.

"Along the way they learn the importance of commitment, resilience, working with others, humour and a multitude of other skills which will help them live happy and fulfilling lives," he says.

These days schools are offering a wide range of options and, at Clyde, children have a choice of up to 30 sports or outdoor activities which hopefully will lead to at least one becoming a lifelong interest.

Sports include skiing, snowboarding, cross country skiing, curling, ice skating, ice hockey, sailing, kayaking, mountain biking, rock climbing, orienteering, rippa and rugby, soccer, cricket, netball, hockey, squash, tennis, cross country, athletics, T ball and softball, mini-ball and basketball, overnight tramps, cycling the Rail Trail, swimming, river safe skills, golf, bush-craft and mountain safety skills.

Mr White says if the school can sow the



seed of a lifelong interest or passion in children to keep physically active and to participate with a group of people who share that interest, then it has done something very worthwhile.

Mid-Winter Market

Clyde Playcentre thanks the community for supporting its annual mid-winter market earlier this month.

About 25 stalls packed Clyde Community Hall as well as some which set up outside. In spite of rain and the chilly day, a large crowd flocked to look at and buy from a variety of wares on sale.

The market is the second major fundraiser for the Play Centre after the Clyde Wine and Food Festival. Funds raised help keep the Playcentre operating.

This year for the first time, the Clyde Public Library, a branch of the Alexandra Library, held its first major book sale in the town.

Several hundred titles no longer required by the library were put on sale and librarian, Gaye Anderson, says in spite of the rain and the cold weather, sales went well and she thanks the community for its support.



Above from left: Playcentre workers Abi Hawkins, Nicole Joyce and Paula Love. Left: Some of the Market stalls packed in the hall.

Meal and a Movie Popular Package

Sam Smythe has always had a passion for films and when his parents took over the Clyde Bistro and Bar next door to a purpose-built cinema waiting for someone to run it, he knew he'd found his dream job.

Although the exterior was built, the interior needed finishing but this was a blessing in disguise. The family was able to make suggestions on several aspects including the seating and bring in some experts who were able to guide them as to the best viewing set-up. Twelve months later and with the skills of local builder, Mark Laing, the cinema opened in March this year.

A huge asset is having the bistro next door and the package of a meal plus movie has proved popular. Numbers attending the movies are steadily increasing and Sam says one recent weekend saw more than 300 people filling the theatre. Out-of-town groups from Wanaka and Ranfurly have also made trips for the movie-dining package.

Sam's aim is to continue to provide a variety of movie genres such as blockbusters, art house films and children's movies which are proving to be his busiest sessions.

The family is also developing a wine room in the cinema complex featuring wines from the family's vineyard, Barrington Wine. The room is available for tastings, private dining or meetings.

Official photographer, Donald Lamont, does his best to assemble staff and others attending Dunstan Hospital's 150th reunion earlier this month.



Down Memory Lane

One of the highlights for Clyde resident, Alan Waldron was the travelling circus. When it came to Clyde it used to set up in the section beside the fire station. Circuses were small but very exciting to a six year old. Alan remembers elephants and horses and side-shows where he tried really hard to win a box of chocolates.

Do you have a memory to share of early days in Clyde?

Contact Louise at phone 4492119 or email her at lojo.rico@extra.co.nz

Memorabilia Wanted

The Clyde Historical Museum is looking for Clyde School school memorabilia to add to a display it is mounting to celebrate 150 years of schooling in Clyde.

Clyde Primary School celebrates its Labour Weekend and the museum occasion.



150th anniversary in October at is keen to mark this auspicious

Community Sing-Along

Get ready for a good old-fashioned community sing-along later this month in Earnsclough and Ophir Halls.

It follows on from last year's popular *Dunstan Gold 150 Travelling Music Hall*, produced by Promote Dunstan as part of the sesquicentenary celebrations.

The director of *Music Hall*, Rory Butler says there were full houses at all four performances last year and many people wanted more.

"So we decided to stage a simpler version of the show emphasising the sing-along element. We promise there will lots of fun and hilarity," he said.

The evenings will be led by the Golden Nuggets, the group of singers and musicians who starred in *Music Hall* and all the old favourites have been included for everyone to sing-along.

There'll also be a special performance by the Alexandra Ukulele Group plus some little extras. All will be revealed on the nights under the eye of compare, Trevor Mills.

Performances will take place at :

Ophir Memorial Hall, August 30 and **Earnsclough Hall**, August 31. Starts at 7.30pm. BYO / Please bring a plate for a shared supper. Entry by a gold coin which will be donated to the halls to help with maintenance.



Some of the Golden Nuggets with compere Will Hope At the Music Hall last year.

A "P" Too Far

A resident in the historic precinct has taken action about a particularly obnoxious practice that is happening outside properties during late afternoons.

It appears some tour buses packed with young males are making a pub stop at the Dunstan Hotel but with not much parking space the buses park further down the street outside residential properties.

Instead of using the toilet facilities at the hotel, some of these young males have decided they need "to go" when they're about to board the bus so they are urinating against fences and stone walls.

The most outrageous incident involved a young man who actually entered a property and urinated on a bush in the garden. He beat a hasty retreat when accosted!

The resident involved, read the riot act to the bus driver and also informed the bus company involved.

If you see this sort of behaviour, the *Dunstan Times* would like to know.

Neighbourhood Support Calls for Volunteers

In the mid-1980s a group of concerned residents in an inner Auckland suburb decided to do something to make their community safe after a particularly brutal attack on a woman living alone.

They formed Neighbourhood Watch, now known as Neighbourhood Support, which spread throughout New Zealand. Working in conjunction with the police, the organisation hopes to deter criminals by using signs identifying the streets where the community watch out for each other.

Several streets in Clyde have already signed up but local organisers would like more streets in Clyde and Earnsclough to join and are looking for people willing to act as street co-ordinators.



The job involves visiting neighbours to invite them to join and to gather information such as names and contact details. This information is confidential and would only be used in an emergency.

There are already co-ordinators in Sunderland, Pyke, Blyth, and Hazlett streets, Waldron Place plus Fache street from Albert Drive intersection to Orchard street.

if you are interested, please contact Sheryll Hanning: 4492 703.

Cuisine at Clyde

If you are interested in this cuisine celebration or want to encourage your foodie friends to visit Clyde at Labour Weekend, find Cuisine at Clyde on Facebook by following the link below and "like" them. You will then get all the updates as they happen such as who the celebrity chefs will be and where.

<https://www.facebook.com/CuisineatClyde>

Wilding Pines Control

A Central Otago group has been set up to develop a district control strategy to stop the spread of wilding pines and other conifers throughout our region.

A similar group in the Wakatipu region has removed hundreds of conifers growing on hills and mountains and the Central Otago group hope to do the same.

If nothing is done there is the risk that in a just a few decades parts of Central's widely admired landscape will be hidden by these unwanted, exotic invaders.



The Central Otago District Council has committed \$10,000 towards funding wilding pine control.

The group is in the process of becoming an incorporated body and will call a public meeting within a few weeks to elect officers and a committee.

Fire and Rescue Drama

Clyde Volunteer Fire brigade members spent two hours late last month fighting a fire and rescuing a person trapped under a fork lift.

Fortunately, it was an exercise carried out in Hinton's shed in Alexandra.

Alongside the Clyde crew were members from Alexandra, Omakau and Cromwell as well as police and St John.

Multi-agency exercises like this are held fairly regularly to increase skills so that emergency personnel are prepared for any eventually.

Cemetery Wall Resurrection

Heritage stonemason Keith Hines and his assistant, Stewart Mason, have completed repairs to Clyde's cemetery wall which was damaged in recent heavy rains.

The job took two days and the first task was to straighten the bulge next to the gap. This was done with a pole jack and gentle pressure and the wall was stabilised.

The breach in the wall was next. Unfortunately some rocks, including the important capping stones had gone missing and Keith had to source matching lichen covered stones. The wall was rebuilt with the traditional mud and rubble core and packing, then sealed with a lime mortar. When the mortar is dry it will be difficult to tell where the restoration was made.

Keith has done a superb job and the council is to be commended for employing a highly qualified stonemason to make the repair.



Keith Hines (left) and Stewart Mason complete the wall.

Handyman Wanted

Clyde Playcentre is keen to hear from someone who could help keep its building and grounds in good order.

The parents are looking for a retired or semi-retired handyman to help out with odd jobs around the pre-school centre.

If you can help, please phone Nicole : 448 8191. She would love to hear from you.

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New Year's Eve

Changing times and attitudes have forced Promote Dunstan to call it a day after more than a decade holding its annual New Year's Eve street party in Clyde's historic precinct.

The celebration originally started as a family focused event but over recent years the behaviour of some of some of the participants has been disappointing and residents living in the vicinity suffered.

Increasing costs, a lack of volunteers to help run the event, red tape and the fact that it always ran at a loss also contributed to the decision.

However Promote Dunstan is looking at the future and it could hold another New Year's Eve event in a year or so but in a different format and venue.



The Gold Nuggets leading the community sing-along in Ophir.

A heap of praise from people who attended the Ophir and Earnsclough Sing-Along evenings has convinced Promote Dunstan that a similar show next year would be well received.

There was a good turnout of people who raised the rafters in the Ophir and Earnsclough halls singling familiar songs from years gone by to more 'modern' songs from the fifties and sixties.

The gold coin entry was donated towards the upkeep of both halls and there was a generous contribution of food for a shared supper (pity about the diet- Ed).

Promote Dunstan president, Rory Butler (who repeated his Music Hall hit, the Hearse Song) says it just goes to show that in spite of all the modern technology in today's life, people still enjoy good old-fashioned entertainment.

Next year Promote Dunstan plans to commemorate the centenary of the start of the first World War with a concert and sing-along, featuring songs and music from that war as well as World War 2.

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Anne Kinnaird (left) and show organiser Julie Davie get right into the swing of things.



Keeping Clyde Beautiful



We're all proud of our small community and many efforts are made to keep it in pristine condition which our residents and many visitors appreciate.

It is just a pity summer visitors cannot see the impressive display of the ornamental cherry blossom which is now in flower on trees planted along the hospital end of Sunderland street.

Nearly 230 trees were planted by Clyde members of Keep Alexandra Clyde Beautiful (KACB) eighteen years ago thanks to the efforts of local member, Graeme Wilson, using the \$1300 raised by holding a garden tour.

The street was originally planted with a variety of cherry trees which flowered at different times and the early flowering varieties are out now. Some of the species which died or were vandalised, are being progressively replaced by the sturdy Kanzan variety which flourishes in Central Otago conditions.

The trees are maintained by KACB who recently installed a computerised dripper system to ensure that the trees receive adequate water.

It has been a busy time for the KACB team. Members were active during this week's Keep New Zealand Beautiful week and spent a day cleaning up rubbish along the long length of Earnsclough road. Other community groups also did their bit around the area with support from the Central Otago District Council which covered the cost at the transfer station to landfill any items that could not be recycled.

Badminton Sessions

Would you like to meet some new people AND get some exercise? You can't do better than attend the weekly badminton session at Clyde Memorial Hall.

A small group of women get together every Wednesday from 1.30pm to 3pm for some fun and exercise. It costs just \$1 per session.

There are no experts, just a happy bunch who enjoy some physical activity and fun. Don't worry if you can't make it every week; you are always welcome. The season starts in February and ends in November.

Clyde Bowling Club Celebrates

One hundred years of bowling in Clyde will be celebrated next month with a full programme of events over Labour Weekend.

The festivities start at 2pm on Saturday, October 26 with registrations, a social get-together and finger food. The next day there is an optional 4s tournament and a Centennial dinner while on Monday, more bowls will be followed by a barbecue lunch.

To register, contact Jeanette Robertson, 11 Whitby Street, Clyde. (4492 522)

Volunteers Urgently Needed

Clyde Museum in Blyth street is seeking volunteers to join its enthusiastic and friendly team to ensure the museum is kept open during the busy summer months.

The committee has put a great deal of work into revamping and altering displays which highlight many treasures from Clyde's rich heritage dating back to 1862.

The hours are not arduous – just a couple each fortnight at the most. The committee is also looking for people who might like to help catalogue the museum's collections.

For more information, ring the secretary, Carole Haig on 449 2557.

Congratulations Dunstan Hospital

What a great weekend you had last month celebrating the hospital's 150th anniversary and congratulations to the small but hardworking reunion committee.

More than 100 people from many parts of the country renewed friendships and shared stories and photos during the reunion.

Probably the oldest participant was George Gordon, who was secretary of the Vincent Hospital Board in the 1960s. He was among many reflecting on the changes to the hospital. The high standard of facilities and treatments available today surprised many, as did the new building completed in 2007.

The hospital had its beginnings on the Dunstan Goldfield and if you would like to learn more, a book on its history is on sale for \$30.00 from Nola Neville (03) 447 4567.

William Tell Wows Audiences



The mouse (Alannah Kys) and the cat (Lauren Kys) delight the audience.

Clyde Theatre Group's latest production certainly pulled in the public playing to full houses over its season. The musical drama, written by school teacher Gerry Sawyers, featured Beau Meehan as William Tell, assisted by 25 cast. The production won't be the last for the theatre. The interest that the children showed in being part of the production, has encouraged the committee to add children's drama to its annual programme.

No Women Please!

An important item on the agenda for Clyde School Committee meeting in February 1885 was the election of members for the Otago Education Board. The *Dunstan Times* reported that there were seven candidates for three positions, one of whom was a woman, a Miss Freeman.

It was too much for the chairman of the Clyde School committee, Mr George Fache.

While not wishing to lead the committee, he said he hoped they would not support Miss Freeman who, he thought, could find more fitting employment than sitting at the Board table entering into heated discussions with a number of men!

To add insult to injury, one committee member suggested that attending to her sewing would suit her better!

How things have changed!

No doubt there will be many stories swapped at the school's 150th reunion next month over Labour Weekend. And, a gentle plea from the reunion committee, please register sooner rather than later, if you intend coming.



Clyde Primary School recently re-enacted a day at school in 1863. Taking part were (from left) Stephanie Kitto, Rachel Checketts, Megan Tyrrell and Adele Banks.

Lake Dunstan Golf Tournament.

Twenty years after a major revamp of the men's Lake Dunstan Open Tournament, the event has become one of the most popular and successful tournaments at Dunstan Gold Course.

Back in December 1993 the poor field made it obvious a new approach was needed and after a lot of work, the protocol for a new tournament was developed.

The first one was held on August 27-28, 1994 and centred on three criteria, excellent prizes, excellent food and a realistic entry fee. The new approach paid off with a full field participating in the inaugural event.

Prizes included television sets, golf gear and vouchers to Walter Peak Station sponsored by local firms and the main sponsor, the Electricity Corporation of New Zealand (E.C.N.Z).

Special stud pins were made especially for the tournament and were highly valued by participants. The tournament was won by Bert Sanders and Harry Chandler.

Last month the 20th annual Lake Dunstan Open Golf Tournament was held at the Dunstan Golf Course and once again was an outstanding success.

Prize winners for the 2013 tournament: Fraser Reid and Jamie Frewen, 1st (196), followed by Barry McCall and Paul Radburnd, (197) and Jim Meehan and Luke Meehan (201).

(Our thanks to Bruce Cassidy for information for this report.)

Double Success for Clyde Artist

For a person who claims she is useless at sewing, Clyde resident Carolyn Laing has done pretty well for herself.

It has been a momentous year for Carolyn. Not only did she win the avant garde category at Alexandra's Wool On this month, she also won the same category, with a different garment, at the prestigious World of Wearable Art (WOW) in Wellington last month.

The step into the big time came last year when Carolyn was a finalist in the WOW Bizarre Bra section. This year she decided to have a crack at the avant garde category which stipulated a psychedelic theme.

Preparing two entries for competitions held within weeks of each other meant the Laing household had "heaps of stuff" around the house for months and months and months.

Her idea was to recreate the hippy flower power era. Ninety percent of her materials came from WasteBusters. She melted vinyl LP records "squishing" them into shape for petals with CD's as their centre to make flowers knitted in with music video tapes. Her tools included a drill and a riveter.

"Even to get accepted for WOW is huge", she says. "You're up against stiff competition, so I never expected to win a prize because I was competing against professional designers." The key to success she says, is to "let your imagination go." She starts with an idea then has to work out how to do it which, after some trial and error, takes shape. Carolyn, who is extremely modest in talking about her successes, puts her creativity down to her hairdressing career when she produced unusual styles in competitions.

For three years Carolyn won the Wool On accessory category and last year she was a judge.

"Being a judge is hard enough and I was pleased not to have been one this year," she says, "because Wool On entries are just getting better and better."



Carolyn's entry in the World of Wearable Art which won the Avant Garde category.

Know someone who missed out on getting their copy of **Dunstan News**? They can pick up the latest issue at the Challenge Service Station in Clyde or from the Website, www.promotedunstan.org.nz



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Clyde Newest Motel?

If you are trying to figure out where to find Cozy Motel, don't bother. It existed for just one weekend late last month and its real identity is the Clyde Motel on Sunderland Street.

Proprietor Doreen Dawson-Clough was approached about nine months ago by a Dunedin-based movie company which wanted to shoot several scenes in and around the motel. It

was all very hush hush and she still doesn't know much about the movie except it will be screened at international film festivals.

The motel's office was refurbished to reflect the 1950s and a set built in Dunedin was installed in one of the motel's rooms.

Doreen, who has owned the motel for the past 14 years, says it was a fascinating experience. She was told that the company had looked at various locations around the South Island, but settled on Clyde Motel because of its rural aspect and beautiful gardens.



Promote Dunstan AGM

A warm welcome is extended to everyone who would like to attend the annual general meeting of Promote Dunstan.

It takes place at 7.30pm on Wednesday, October 30 at Dunstan House, Clyde.

The agenda includes the president's report on the group's activities for the year and the election of a committee.

The guest speaker is the chairman of the Central Otago Heritage Trust, Graye Shattky who will talk about the role this organisation has in preserving and recording the region's

heritage. Refreshments and supper are provided. Send any inquiries to Louise at lojo.rico@xtra.co.nz or ring 4492119.

Small Towns Conference

Central Lakes Trust made an offer to many community organisations in the region to pay half the fees to attend a conference in Balclutha last month. Promote Dunstan took up the offer and sent committee member Carol Haig. Here's her first report.

"Small Towns Conference? I'd never heard of it until I was sent an email about it. With topics and workshops on creative communities, heritage and youth, I was hooked. So, supported by Promote Dunstan and Central Lakes Trust, I went off to Balclutha for two and a half days.

"In between the amazing speakers and workshops there was time to network with other groups from small towns around NZ. I heard some innovative stories of what other small towns are doing in their communities (check out www.saltair.co.nz for a project done by the community in Pahiia) and *came* away with great ideas to use with community groups. I also learned lots about the dynamics of groups.

"Did you know that in any community there are three types of people?

Drivers – they're the workers

Passengers – they like what you're doing but although they're happy to play a small part, they don't want to do the work.

Hitchhikers – they think it's a good idea but if it happens, it happens. Easy come easy go.

"What do you think the percentage of each would be? I'll tell you in next month's edition."

Clyde on Sunday Market

The first market of the six-month season will be held in the Clyde Primary School grounds as a part of the Labour Weekend celebrations of the school's 150th Anniversary. The 'Back to School' market runs from 11.00am to 2.00pm on Sunday October 27.

Restoration Work at Olivers

Builders have been busy at Olivers these last few weeks on major repairs to the first building on the site which originally housed Benjamin Naylor's Victoria Store and, in the 1980s, Olivers Restaurant.



The walls have been re-pointed inside and out to protect the stonework, and the roof has received a complete makeover. After the corrugated iron roofing was lifted, two enormous metal rods were inserted running the length of the building and secured on the outer walls by large round bolts.

Oliver's owner, David Ritchie says about half of the roofing iron was able to be reused and the other half came from an old demolished Christchurch warehouse.

All but one of the chimneys have had iron rods inserted and filled with cement to ensure they are secure, while the remaining chimney and fireplace in the middle of the building has been restored and will continue to be used.

Mr Ritchie says other strengthening work bring the building well beyond any building requirements. This means that the 140 year old building will probably last for another 140 years.

The last major work on Olivers was the upgrade of the septic tanks which now have UV filters and a larger capacity. The restoration started three years ago and is being done in stages, starting with the accommodation.

Cuisine@Clyde

Months of planning will be rewarded over Labour Weekend with Clyde showcasing a feast of local food and wine in a series of masterclasses involving well known New Zealand chefs and a barbecue cook-off hosted by comedian, Dai Henwood.

The Clyde on Sunday team came up with the idea for the event late last year during a brainstorming session discussing projects that the group could develop.

"Our meetings usually include cheese, nibbles and wine," said Melanie Eade, one of the organisers, "which led us to discuss the huge amount of talent and homegrown produce in the area and our own celebrities, (and former Clyde residents) Fleur Sullivan and chef, Michael Coughlin."

The popularity of the master class television series led the group to base the event on a series of master classes involving food and local wines. After receiving positive feedback from possible participants and sponsors, the group went ahead with Cuisine@Clyde.

The result of their planning is likely to have a wide appeal and Melanie warns people to get in early because tickets to each of the fifteen sessions are limited. (cuisineatclyde@gmail.com)

Demolished!

The corrugated iron garage, one of Clyde's quaint landmark buildings was demolished recently to the consternation of a number of local residents. Although the sign-writing was fairly recent, the building was much older and was the last corrugated iron construction remaining in Clyde's historic precinct. It is understood it will be replaced by a small residence and art gallery. Should it have been demolished? What do you think? Email us at: news@promotedunstan.org.nz



Biking Business Expands

Cycling business Bike It Now has been bought by three enterprising people who want to give their customers an unforgettable Central Otago adventure.

Kathryn Fletcher, Lisa Joyce and Duncan Randall have expanded the cycle hire business to include a much-needed workshop for repairs and maintenance as well as a retail section selling bikes and everything a biker needs, from energy bars to clothing and accessories.

Duncan, who managed R and R Sports in Dunedin for 11 years moved to Clyde to be closer to his father-in-law, Stu Cameron, and to share the beauties of Central Otago with visitors.

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[www.facebook.com/historicclyde](http://www.facebook.com/historicclyde)

"Walk Around Clyde" brochure available from various retailers in Clyde.

### Sports

**Bowling Club outdoors in summer and indoors in winter:** Contact Lynn McArthur 449 2617 [www.sportsground.co.nz/clydebowl](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/clydebowl)

**Clyde Off-Road Walkers:** Contacts: Judy Blanch 449 2580 or Elinor Edgar 448 6767

**Dunstan Arm Rowing Club:** Pat Cooney 448 8609 (Office hours)

**Clyde Earnsclough Rugby:** Dave Tweeddale 449 3166, [www.sportsground.co.nz/cerfc](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/cerfc)

**Golf** Sec: Mike and Bernie Butler 449 2575, [www.sportsground.co.nz/dunstangolf](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/dunstangolf)

**Tennis** Linda Stephens 448 7823, [www.sportsground.co.nz/clydetennis](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/clydetennis)

### Activities

**Yoga Tuesday** Yvonne 448 9584

**Yoga Thursday** 5.45 Cherie 021 330 167

**Central Otago Wine Club.** Held in Clyde. Contact Alexis Robin 022 137 2710 or alexis-robin@msn.com

**Masonic Lodge Dunstan** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month 7.30pm. Interested in finding out more? Contact John Hanning 021 151 8340 or Malcolm Moore 440 2144 (Wk) or 448 7955 (Hm)

**Air Training Corps** Thursdays 6.30pm till 9.30pm in Clyde Hall. Contact : email alex50atc@gmail.com



## Alcohol Survey

Young adults in the region are being asked to help the Central Otago District Council develop a local alcohol policy (LaP) to guide the hours, locations and conditions for places that sell alcohol.

The Council is promoting an online survey to find out what people aged between 18 and 30 think about alcohol and the issues surrounding its use.

Louise van der Voort, Manager of Planning and Environment, says the LaP, a provision of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, will be an important tool in trying to minimise alcohol-related harm in the community, especially amongst youth.

The online survey can be found on the 'Getting on it in Central Otago' Facebook page or on the Council's website. It closes on Friday, November 22.

All those taking part go into a prize draw for a \$100 Highlands Motorsport Park voucher.



Fruitgrowers Road remains closed by a large slip which can be seen in the back ground of the photograph above. It is hoped that the road will reopen by Christmas.

In the meantime, the Clyde Dam is open to traffic wanting access to the picnic area and the Dunstan Arm Rowing Club.

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# Dunstan News

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## Labour Weekend Exceeds Expectations

Clyde was certainly buzzing over Labour Weekend with four major events being held in and around the town.

The school and the cricket club celebrated their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversaries while the bowling club turned 100. Added to that, Clyde was a mecca for food and wine lovers who attended the annual Alexandra basin Wine tasting and Cuisine@Clyde.

Melanie Eade, one of the organisers of Cuisine@Clyde, says it was a resounding success and will be held again next year.

The main events, the food and wine match dinner and the barbecue challenge with comedian, Dai Hayward, were sold out and there were large audiences at the cooking demonstrations and other events.

Sally Bell, a member of School reunion Committee described the weekend as "just wonderful." More than 200 people registered with many coming from all parts of New Zealand and Australia. The person who travelled the greatest distance was Lynette Morrow who came from Switzerland to be part of the celebrations.

Costs were able to be kept in check by using the school's new hall for the sell-out dance and Sally says there is a demand to hold another reunion in ten years.



Comedian Dai Haywood celebrates with The Fridge team, winners of the barbecue challenge. From left: Sarah Reid, Scott MacDonald, Dai Haywood, Tracy Paterson (partially obscured) and Bodean Cowley.

## New Museum Display

The Blyth Street Historical Museum has a new display to complement the celebration of Clyde Primary School's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The museum is showing schooldays memorabilia and we urge you to pop in and have a look. (Open from 2-4 pm Tuesday to Sunday.)

## Cupcake Day at Clyde Playcentre

Parents and staff at the Playcentre are extending an open invitation to come along and enjoy a cupcake or two.

Each year the Playcentre celebrates the support it receives from the community and has an 'open house'. Come along on November 12, from 10.30am at 38 Fache Street.



Sally Bell (Clyde School Reunion Committee) with her book on Clyde School.



## Returning Artist Builds Cottage and Gallery in Clyde

An artist who kept coming back to Clyde "like a homing pigeon" has finally come home to roost and is building a one bedroom cottage and art gallery-studio on the historic section next to the Alexandra Bridge Club (See 'Early History of the Site' box)

Ann Rasmussen is conscious that the demolition of the buildings on the site was viewed with concern by some residents. She assures locals that what is being built is in keeping with the historic precinct.

"If we could have kept the existing buildings, we would," she says, "but they were too badly vandalised or too far gone to be restored."

If experience is anything to go by, Mrs Rasmussen knows what she's talking about. Over the years she has restored several historic buildings including Speargrass Inn which was a ruin when she bought it in partnership with Annette and Bert Kemp in 1982.

She bought the Clyde section in February this year after taking a walk down the street and spotting the "for sale" sign. Since then, it has been a long process gaining resource consents and consulting with the New Zealand Historic Places Trust.

"I complied with everything they wanted", she says, "including retaining and repairing the remains of an old schist stone wall." (This wall was part of the original Clyde school whose ruins were demolished in 1951).

Some of the corrugated iron, lead head nails and hardwood will be reused. Part of a sign dating back to 1878 found on one of the tin sheds will be preserved and put on display along with photographs from old editions of the *Auckland Weekly* which were glued on the walls. Her big regret is that no relics were found during the excavations which were monitored by an archaeologist.

The old garage, while picturesque, did not qualify as a historic building under the Historic Places Trust Act because it was built sometime after 1947. The sign on the garage was painted within the last two years.

Mrs Rasmussen's association with Clyde began in 1969 when her husband, Graeme, was transferred as supervisor of the Alexandra Post Office. She sold her first painting which was hung in Dunstan House, then owned by Fleur Sullivan. Since then Mrs Rasmussen has sold her paintings throughout New Zealand and overseas and established art galleries in several towns.

The building is expected to be finished by Christmas or early New Year and, because her house plans which she designed look so authentic, the Historic Places Trust has requested she erect a small sign saying when it was built.

While regretting the need to demolish the old buildings, Mrs Rasmussen hopes her new gallery-studio will be an asset to Clyde which both locals and tourists will enjoy.



Ann Rasmussen working on a new painting for her gallery opening in Clyde.

## News from Dunstan Golf Club

Information at your fingertips about what's going on is now available at the club's website. Although it is still a work in progress, details of tournament draws, closures and results are there for you to check out at: [www.sportsground.co.nz/dunstangolf](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/dunstangolf).

Twilight golf has started and is held on Thursday evenings with tee-off between 5 and 6pm. The entry fee is \$5 per player and play is followed by a barbecue. Make up your own team of four or just come along and join a team.

The Dunstan Golf Club has been active with community events this year beginning with a Save the Station tournament in January followed by the Lion Charity Ambrose in April. Last month the club combined with Placemakers to run the Prostate Awareness fundraising tournament which was another successful day.

### Early History of the Site

Ownership of the land on the apex of what became Block 1, dates back to about 1863 when it was held by a publican, Anthony Fitzpatrick, who sold it to Owen Robert McPherson in June 1864.

The following year it was bought by Henry Pelling who sold it to Alfred Moore in 1868. Moore is the first confirmed proprietor of the Junction Hotel although a sign for the hotel appears in a photograph dating to about 1864.

Moore held the property until October 1895 when it passed through a succession of owners including a draper.

Between 1910 and 1947 some of the old hotel buildings were replaced and the corrugated iron stables were truncated.

The section was also greatly reduced in size after 1947 when the Naylor Street junction was widened and the site of the oldest hotel building was lost beneath the tarmac.

Source: Jackie Gillies + Associates Archaeological Assessment, July 2013.

## Clyde Theatre's New Production

There is no resting on its laurels for the Clyde Theatre Group even though it has already presented two major productions this year.

The group is presenting "Two In A Box", as part of Thyme Festival this month with performances being held in Clyde and Alexandra.

The two one-act plays have a cast of six and are described as light-hearted which will have wide appeal.

Performances will be held at Clyde Hall on Friday, November 15 and at the ODT Cinema at the back of Central Stories Museum in Alexandra on November 16 and 17. Entry is just \$5 and bookings can be made at Community House, 448-6115.

### Small Towns Conference

Last month Carol Haig wrote about the dynamics of communities and how they're made up of drivers, passengers and hitchhikers.

About 10% of people are drivers, 75% passengers and 15% hitchhikers.

Let's look at **passengers**. They've offered help before and you turned them down or haven't got back to them – make sure you follow through on offers.

They've helped before but felt they weren't appreciated – be sure to thank them and ask how it was for them.

They see a request for help but think "they wouldn't want me". If you get no response be specific and say we still need people to help us.

And finally – passengers like to know exactly what is required of them so be specific such as "we need people for 2 hours a week."

**Correction!** Last month we reported local designer Carolyn Laing winning a category in the World of Wearable Art. She was in fact a finalist in the Man Unleashed category. We think that she should have won it!



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www.promotedunstan.org.nz  
www.facebook.com/historicclyde

### Museums

Clyde Museum Sec : Carole Haig 03 449 2557  
Herb Museum 449 2571 (answerphone),  
Station Museum Evan Blanch 449 2580

**Clyde Theatre Group:** Sec Jackie Smith,  
Pres Carol Haig 4492557

**Central Otago Arts Trail** Brochures available  
various retail outlets

**Movies at Clyde Cinema** 4492379

**Clyde Bridge Club:** Sunderland Street,  
Monday 7.10pm, Wednesday 7.10pm , Friday  
10.25am (April - September)  
Holiday Bridge: January Wednesdays 7.25pm  
For Partners ring: Monday 448 8964, Wednesday

### Eating out

**The Bank Café** Sunderland St, Clyde  
**Clyde Café and Dairy** Sunderland St, Clyde  
**Post Office Café and Bar** Blyth St, Clyde  
**Clyde Bistro** Cnr Naylor and Holloway Sts,  
Clyde  
**Dunstan Hotel** Sunderland St, Clyde

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022068330  
**Clyde Beauty Therapy** Muttontown  
Rd, Clyde 449 2582  
**Clyde Village Vineyard** 16 Naylor St  
449 2287  
**Dunstan Motors** Sunderland St, Clyde  
**Four Square** Sunderland St, Clyde  
**Sausage Alley** Fridays 8.00 till 5.00  
**Splurge / Touch Yarns** Sunderland St,  
Clyde

### Clyde Railway Station

Over the past few months several meetings have been called by CODC to investigate the relocation of the Steam Engine Museum items currently displayed in the station. The committee is seeking both short term storage and a suitable place for a permanent display. Restoration work on the station will begin when the station is cleared and the balance of funds is raised.



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# Dunstan News

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## Playcentre Celebrates End of Year



Children attending the Clyde Playcentre entertained their families and staff recently at their annual end-of-year concert. The items were presented by 21 kiddies with the youngest performer just 2 years old. After the concert, everyone joined in a barbeque. Front row (from left: Briar Adamson, Annie Love, Lexie Rose and Piper Lambeth.)

## Clyde Christmas Lights

The festive season in Clyde gets off to a spectacular start with the switching on of the Christmas lights in the historic precinct on Wednesday, December 11.

The Clyde on Sunday team is planning a fun-filled evening in Olivers Garden, featuring a Christmas tree decorated by children and a visit from the big man himself, Santa Claus.

A performance from 'Ukes In Thyme' will be followed by carol singing and, in keeping with the Christmas spirit, mulled wine and truffles will be available.

The festivities start at 7.30pm and continue until 10pm.

## Market Days in Clyde

Clyde on Sunday's market season is now well underway with its third market planned for Sunday, December 29. The group is repeating its winning formula from last year by having themed markets and December's theme is "Buskers and BBQs" followed by "Jazz and Art" on January 12.



## Nervous Times at Clyde School

There is one very nervous teacher at Clyde Primary School at the moment.

Sally Lloyd is crossing her fingers that the year eight class has learnt their lines for the school's annual pantomime, *School Days*.

The year eight pupils, who are in their last year at Clyde school, take the major roles and they've been in camp for a number of days. However, it is not a new situation for Sally because this is the ninth pantomime she has written and produced for the school.

It all began after headmaster, Doug White, started writing the first pantomime based on a monster in Lake Dunstan. Other duties took up his time and Sally took over writing it, which she said was very challenging because it was written in poetic form.



Sally checks details on her pantomime script

a team."

"I love watching and listening to the whole school working together. It makes me feel very proud to belong to it."

*School Days* opens with a matinee on Tuesday, December 3 and runs over the next two nights. Tickets are on sale at the school.

## Clyde - Nationwide

A brochure dedicated to Clyde is about to hit the South Island and all the major tourist entry points in the North Island. The 30 page brochure features maps and directions to finding places in the town as well as Clyde's history, geography, climate and local industries. It also includes details about visitors' activities such as aerial sight-seeing, cycling and water activities as well as information about services, food, retail and accommodation.

## New Year's Eve Reminder

New Year's Eve celebrations will not take place in Clyde this year.

Promote Dunstan, which has organised the street party for about 12 years, decided not to hold it this year because of increasing costs, red tape, and a lack of volunteers to help run the event.

However, Promote Dunstan is looking at holding a New Year's event in a different format and venue in the future.

## Clyde Mums Prepare for Big Event

An all-out effort to raise funds for the relay For Life has paid off for a group of Clyde mums.

The Clyde "Keep Calm and Keep Walking" team of 14 raised just under \$2500 at a quiz night and auction held recently in the Community Hall.

Co-Captain, Janine Neville said 14 tables were sold which, considering the time of year with Christmas related festivities, was a good response.

"We were overwhelmed by the generosity of local businesses which donated the prizes and the support we received from Clyde residents," she says. "We also owe a big thank you to Trevor Mills, our auctioneer, who rallied people to bid for goods."

Relay For Life raises funds to support the Cancer Society in Central Otago and takes place at Cromwell Racecourse on March 15 & 16 next year.



## Auditions For New Play

The Clyde Theatre Group is on the go again after its recent performances of two one-act plays during Thyme Festival last month.

Auditions are being held for the group's major 2014 production, *Calendar Girls*, a comedy-drama based on a true story.

Director Janice Millis is looking for 12 women and four men to perform in the play which follows the antics of a group of Women's Institute members who decide to raise funds for charity by posing, somewhat provocatively, for a calendar.

The stage play was adapted from the 2003 box office hit movie.

Auditions will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Clyde Hall (not everyone in the cast has to shed their clothes) and the play opens on March 29 next year.

## Lodge Looks at Improvements to Building

Lodge Dunstan has formed a small building committee to consider what needs to be done to its historic building to improve and tidy up its appearance.

The building was opened in 1869 and is now considered to be one of Clyde's historic gems.

One area which came under discussion at a recent Lodge meeting was the public toilets at the rear which are owned by the Lodge but maintained by the District Council.

If you have any concerns about the toilets or have any suggestions as to improvements, please send your ideas and thoughts to [news@promotedunstan.org.nz](mailto:news@promotedunstan.org.nz) and we will pass them on to the Lodge.

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