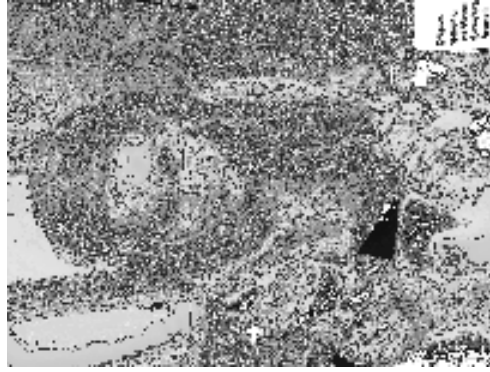


## Clyde On Sunday

Next month is the final market day for the current season. It is an event not to be missed because Clyde literally goes to the dogs that day.

Back by popular demand is the hilarious Canines @ Clyde dog show which last year attracted more than fifty entries, much to the amazement of organiser, John Davidson. It all happens on March 9

with dogs (and their owners) assembling on the green beside the Clyde Cinema at 11.30am. There will also be a display by the gun dog club.



Kate Goodsell (11) of Wanaka showed some enterprise at this month's Clyde On Sunday market. She spent several hours painting fingernails in an array of colours. She intends to donate half the proceeds to Wanaka rescue.



Drumming at Clyde On Sunday's market this month, from left, Matt Lahood, Hayden Luke, Coffie Fugah and Anna Robinson.

## It's Cavalcade Time Again



A group of local riders roaming the hills, getting in shape for Cavalcade 2014. This year it all ends in Ranfurly. (Richard and Jacqui Parson, Sharon Sandilands and Christine Williamson.



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## Brewery Starts Up Near Clyde

Clyde now has what is believed to be its first ever commercial brewery. Jabberwocky Brewing has been set up on a vineyard in Earnscleugh on the outskirts of the town by Mike Wing, a vineyard manager.

Mike (pictured) made beer at home for about four years before doing a brewing course last year and has now started commercial brewing.

Jabberwocky comes from a nonsense poem ("Beware the Jabberwocky, my son! The jaws that bite. The claws that catch!") by Lewis Carroll in a sequel to *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

There's also a Central Otago connection because apparently early musters in the Ida Valley often told new workers never to leave their lunch outside because the "always watching jabberwocky would eat it."

The name is also reflected in the eye that stares from the brewery's label on two brews so far – a hoppy pale ale and another called Red Rooster. Distribution is limited at the moment to Central Otago and can be found at the Bistro and Post Office Café in Clyde.

Jabberwocky will be pouring its ales, plus a thyme beer, at the Clyde Wine and Food Harvest Festival on Easter Sunday.



## Clyde Playcentre

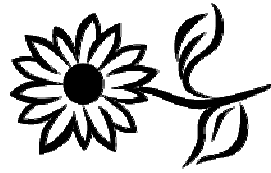
Newcomers to the Clyde area and others who might not have discovered the local pre-school are invited to come along to the Clyde Playcentre at 38 Fache St in Clyde.

Open every morning with sessions to suit all pre-school ages from babies to school days, parents and educators work together to provide an exciting programme for the children.

Playcentre is also a great place to meet new friends and gain new skills. If you would know more about us phone 021 204 3026 or you are most welcome to pop in any morning.



A budding Deidre Copeland? Lisa Hill and her daughter Kyla (4) at Clyde Playcentre.



## New Theatre Production

Rehearsals have begun for the Clyde Theatre Group's major production, *Calendar Girls*.  
The comedy-drama is based on a true story about a group of women's institute members who create a rather unusual calendar as a fundraiser.

And in keeping with the theme, the Theatre Group has decided to release its own calendar to raise funds for the Palliative Care Unit at Dunstan Hospital.

March might seem an odd time for a calendar but this one will run until March 2015.

They'll be on sale at Central Gourmet Galleria for \$10 from mid-March.

*Calendar Girls* is directed by Janis Millis and features a strong cast, many of whom will be familiar to local theatre audiences.

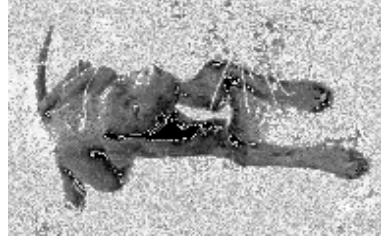
If you want to be part of the show, the committee is assembling the production team and is looking for a stage manager as well as help in wardrobe, promotion and catering for supper.

Please contact Carole on Ph 449 2557.

## Notes from the Museum

The "Our School Days" display at the Historical Museum in Blythe Street continues until next month.

The museum has also extended its opening hours from 2-4pm Tuesday to Sunday while the Briar Herb Museum in Fraser Street is open from 3-5pm Tuesday to Sunday.



## SPCA Puppies

Forever homes are wanted for three Boxer x Collie male puppies. The 14 week-old pups are ready for homing and have been de-sexed, vaccinated and microchipped. An adoption fee applies.

Please ring

Shirlene on 4492 320 or 0274 36 10 28

**Dexter**

Lions Club and entertainment by "Ukes In Thyme".

There was no shortage of entries for the next tournament, the Dunstan Women's Classic on February 21 and 22. The field was filled within two weeks of entries opening due to the great reputation this tournament enjoys.

## News From Promote Dunstan

Planning for the annual Clyde Wine and Food Harvest Festival on April 20 is well underway with the wine glasses ordered and the entertainers confirmed. This year, changes made to the Sale of Alcohol Act will mean changes to the running of the festival.

Last month members of the wine and food sub-committee met representatives from Alexandra Police, the Southern District Health Board and the District Council to discuss the festival.

One major change for this year is that there will be no sales of bottles of wine for consumption during the festival. However, it is expected that people who want to take home a bottle or two for home consumption will continue to be allowed to do so.

### Heritage Information Panels

A major project is well on its way with an application to CODC for resource consent to install 12 information panels in the Dunstan area.

The panels will be installed along the route described in Promote Dunstan's brochure, *The Dunstan Self-Drive Heritage Trail* and will give additional information as well as photographs.

## Christmas Carols Photos

Photos of your children with Santa Claus at the Christmas Carol evening can be ordered via the clydeonsunday facebook page. Just put a comment under the photo or photos you want and your email address.

## Local Athlete Wins Gold

A strong desire to do the things he had not done since high school was the inspiration behind Pete Hoskin's participation in the Masters Games held throughout the country.

A modest man who is not too willing to talk about himself, Pete had to be cajoled into revealing he had won several gold medals at the games held recently in Dunedin.

It started in 1995 when Pete competed in his first Masters and won a bronze medal in the 800 meters. In 2012 he joined the NZ Masters Athletic Association and began competing in earnest, specialising in the javelin, discus and shotput. His hard work paid off because in the last 18 months he competed in four New Zealand Masters Games, winning gold in all his events.

The only exception was a bronze medal for the shotput in the Wellington Championships.

Pete said the camaraderie of like-minded people and the support from other competitors made the games a really enjoyable experience.

In the most recent games in Dunedin he added hammer throwing which he learned from watching You Tube. He confessed his first throw was "pretty awful" but says with some advice from a more experienced thrower he immediately improved. "It's great to win," Pete says, "but the real thrill is beating yourself."

He is not alone: there are other Masters competitors in Clyde but he says it would be great to get more people competing.

Pete, who runs Clyde Dairy, turns 70 in June and has no plans to retire from competition yet.



It would be hard to miss the current squabble over the occupancy of Clyde's Railway Station that's been prominently featured in a local newspaper.

The real issue is not who occupies the heritage building but its health. As far back as 2006 Promote Dunstan expressed community

concern at the deterioration of the building and tried to build a partnership with the three members of Stationary Engine group who used the building to house their communication and agricultural machinery collections. Very little was achieved and as the building continued to decay, a wider interest group including the council, the Vincent Community Board, the Clyde Focus group, DOC, and the Rail trail Trust became involved.

The result was a Conservation Plan and Condition Report which cost \$14,290 (one third paid for by Promote Dunstan) which estimated that it will cost \$90,000 for urgent repairs. The Stationary Engine Museum group was advised last September it would have to vacate the building to allow the repairs to begin.

In spite of efforts made by the various interested parties to find alternative sites for the museum collection, none was acceptable to its owners. That is unfortunate because the unique collection contains many items which would have been lost if the Stationary Engine group had not rescued and restored them.

Right now the 1907 station needs rescuing and restoring. It is one of only a few buildings of its type in New Zealand and is of great historic value to Clyde and the region. The council has applied for funding towards the cost of repairs and hopefully work will soon get under way. Several groups have expressed interest in using the station.

## Calendar Girls

The pace has stepped up for the Clyde Theatre Group's cast who are now counting down to opening night of *Calendar Girls*.

The season opens on March 29 and ends on April 4.

Tickets cost \$25 and this includes coffee and cake for supper and you can BYO as well. Tickets are on sale at Gourmet Galleria in Clyde and Floor Pride in Alexandra.



## Dog Day Afternoon in Clyde

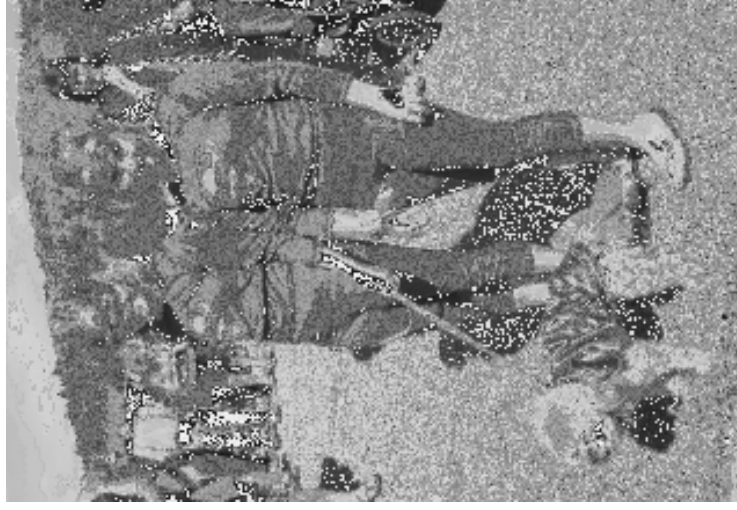
The Clyde on Sunday group ended its summer monthly markets by staging what is fast becoming a must-see event on the calendar; the dog competition and parade.

A beautiful day, lots of people and market stalls plus about 50 dogs of all shapes and sizes, combined to make Canines @ Clyde an amusing and memorable event.

This year the public was also treated to a display of fetch and retrieve and other disciplines by dogs from the Central Otago Gun Dog Club.

Once again, it has been a successful season for Clyde On Sunday which is now starting to think about its next big event, Cuisine @ Clyde in October.

**Emily and Phoebe Steadwell with their dog, Daisy, hoping to make a super impression at the Clyde on Sunday Dog Parade.**



## Facelift for Clyde's Public Toilets

The toilets in Clyde are a splendid example of 1950s architecture but unfortunately, this is one area where the preservation of old architecture is not desirable.

Members of Lodge Dunstan are soon to undertake renovations in the lodge building and want to do something about the toilets at the rear of the property. The toilets are owned by the Lodge and have been available for use as public toilets with the district council maintaining service.

Promote Dunstan recently made a submission to the Lodge Building Committee with suggestions ranging from a simple 'paint and repair' job to a more sophisticated makeover involving new facilities. These ideas have been favorably received by the committee. However because of the cost, there are no plans, at this stage, to make structural changes to the toilet building.

The lodge intends to seek funding from several sources and Promote Dunstan has indicated it will make a financial contribution when final costs are known.

## News from the Library

Farewell to

Gaye and Shelley and a warm welcome to Helen who will be at the front desk on Tuesdays from 9am – noon and Fridays from 2pm to 5pm. If you haven't been before, then visit us in the Clyde Memorial Hall for books and DVDs.



## Ready to Tackle her 18th Cavalcade



Esther Weatherall relaxes at home

Esther Weatherall, is one of Clyde's inspirational residents. At the age of 76, Esther has notched up her 17<sup>th</sup> Cavalcade and is looking forward to taking part in another walking trail next year.

Her first Cavalcade was in 1994 which started in Gabriel's Gully near Lawrence and this year she completed the trail from St Bathans to Ranfurly.

This year's Cavalcade was notable for the hot weather the walkers endured.

"It was pretty hot, with no wind but, as far as I am concerned, it was better than walking in the rain," she says.

Wading through irrigation races helped cool the walkers. Most wore wet neck scarves while one walker dunked his shirt in the race to keep cool.

Esther has lived in the Clyde area for about 50 years and in her present home in Muttontown Road, for the past 45 years, so she is truly a local. And if you want to know what's happening around Clyde, Esther is the person to ask because she has been, and still is, a member of many clubs and activity groups.

Her emphasis these days is on fitness; badminton on Wednesdays and walking excursions taking up several other days.

Esther judges how fit she is for Cavalcade when she can walk up the Clyde lookout (overlooking Clyde on the Earnscleugh side of the river) from the car park at the bottom in half an hour and then to the gate beyond in a total time of one hour.

Phew! That is quite a climb.

She has fond memories of past Cavalcades such as the 2007 walk when the group changed into period costumes at Hindon and took the Taieri Gorge Railway to Dunedin much to the amazement of tourists, walking through a paddock accompanied by an emu and, at the Waikaia river, an amusing re-enactment of claim-jumpers who were sent packing by other miners.

There was also a trip across Lake Wanaka to an island where they spotted "lots of wekas".

Esther is aiming to complete 20 cavalcades – more if possible – for "as long as my legs keep walking".

## Stolen Sign



Police are making inquiries into the disappearance of a large sign from the lookout above Clyde. The sign shows an overview of the town and includes several early photographs of and information about Clyde. It was erected by Promote Dunstan in 2010 and was a popular attraction for visitors.

Promote Dunstan is replacing the sign at a cost of more than \$300 but if you know anything about the disappearance of the original sign, please contact Promote Dunstan or Alexandra Police.

## Letter to Editor

It was a shame see the panoramic photo at the Lookout above Clyde disappear. As a business in Clyde we take all our clients who arrive in our shuttle service from Queenstown to this lookout.

It gives them a great overview of our spectacular valley and our special little town. We do hope that this is replaced in the near future. It is a shame to see that a tiny section of our community can spoil it at a cost to others.

Kathryn Fletcher (Fletch)  
Director Bike IT Now!

## SPCA Puppies

We are pleased to report that Dexter, the Boxer x Collie pup who appeared in last month's *Dunstan News* has been homed.

But his two brothers and sister are still waiting. The pups' coats are flecked with brindle and they are all of a gentle nature. They can be seen at the SPCA Kennels at the top of Blackman Road or contact Shirlene on 4492 320 or 0274 36 10 28.

## Footprints in Time

A plan to embed bronze plaques in the footpaths in Sunderland Street in Clyde's historic precinct has been approved by the CODC Roding Engineer.

The plan was put forward by Promote Dunstan to honour the contributions made to the town by various people from early days to more recent times.

The Clyde Historical Museum has supplied a list of thirty names but the initial number of plaques to be laid for the "Footprints in Time" is about a dozen.

Although a number of people have already been identified, the list has not been finalised. Promote Dunstan is inviting Clyde residents to make suggestions as to whom you think should be honoured by a plaque.

Please email suggestions to [randcbutler@inspire.net.nz](mailto:randcbutler@inspire.net.nz) or telephone 448 9049.

## Endurance Cycle Tour

Locals are used to seeing loads of cyclists in and around the town but one group who arrived recently did not come to ride the Rail Trail. The group had just completed a 215 km day including the Lindis Pass on what they dubbed, "Le Tour of New Zealand". It was the end of two exceptionally long days after losing time in the dreadful weather they struck in Canterbury.

They chose Clyde as their destination because of the easy accessibility of everything and because it looked so pretty. Clyde reciprocated by turning on a beautiful clear warm afternoon. They have done numerous cycling trips but this was the longest by far.

If you want to see more, visit their website <http://letour.co.nz>



A possible plaque

### Pat Lines

If you have ever been to a Clyde Theatre Group production, the chances are high that you've seen a play directed by Pat Lines. Pat joined the local theatre group when she and husband, John, came to the Clyde area more than forty years ago and started to put her formidable talents to good use in the community.

Over the years she has been a key figure in musical and drama productions in Clyde and the wider district where she has taken on numerous roles, not only as an actress and director but also from behind the scenes organising wardrobes and props to production manager and programme designer.

Her productions cover all aspects of theatre - children's pantomimes, one act plays, restaurant theatre, comedy, drama, musicals and monologues.

"The world of acting and drama is a wonderful world, a strange world, a world of crazy fun and humour," she says. "Rehearsals can seem endless and there are also so many people and so many tasks that are necessary for a wonderful show."

It is a world Pat herself is not afraid to enter with her eye-catching wardrobe and large assortment of marvellous hats. Her biggest pride, though, is in presenting productions of a high standard equal to that of professional theatre.

She finds a lot depends on how much imagination people have. This often provides a new way of looking at life and she believes children are even more receptive to the world of the imagination than adults.

"Put a wig on a child and they promptly respond to the new identification. A talent can be discovered, inhibitions lost and a chance to be a star arises sometimes for a short time, other times forever."

Pat is usually involved in about four projects each year. So far this year, there are a children's workshop and the Alexandra Musical Society show lined up. It does not leave a lot of time for her other great love, playing bridge. Rather selfishly Pat, we hope your artistic talents will continue to form a major part of Clyde's theatre scene.

### Grant for Clyde Station

An application to the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board to help fund the restoration of Clyde's Railway Station has been successful. Just a few days ago the board approved a grant of \$30,000 which has delighted the group of interested parties working to achieve full restoration of the one hundred and seven year old heritage building.

An application for funding has also been made to Central Lakes Trust and that is expected to be announced by the end of this month.

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## New Faces at Clyde Dairy



Clyde residents visiting the local dairy can expect a number of changes in the future as new owners, Trish Schealler and Lindsay McCallum settle in.

The couple are bursting with ideas and are keen to introduce new products and services in both the dairy and the cafe.

Taking over a business in Central Otago was the last thing on their minds when the Auckland couple came to Clyde on holiday to relax and slow down.

Trish immediately fell in love with Clyde while Lindsay, who went to school in Beaumont and Lawrence, always felt Central was the place to come back to.

A visit to the cafe for breakfast and spotting the For Sale sign settled the matter. "We saw Clyde, we saw how busy it was and we saw how we could be part of the community", former teacher Trish says. "And that was it".

The pair left Auckland with no regrets, eager to "get away from the rat-race".

Their plans extend to rejuvenating the courtyard alongside the cafe and to turn the old undertaker's building at the back of the property into an gallery displaying local art, pottery, curios and antiques.

Lindsay's first job is to stop the deterioration of the heritage undertaker's building and make it waterproof. Some restoration is planned although his preference is to keep it looking much as it is today. He is keen to hear from anyone who has information about the building and its past occupants.

Lindsay, formerly a corporate business development manager, has already been in contact with District Council and is impressed by its support and encouragement.

So while it is au revoir to Pete and Rosie Hoskin who are fondly remembered, it is a big welcome to Trish and Lindsay and their new venture.

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## Commemoration Plans

Promote Dunstan is planning to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War by holding a community sing-along and concert in three Central Otago halls.

The popularity of last year's travelling Sing-Along inspired the group to plan three concerts in August featuring songs and poems from the First World War era. The audience will be invited to add its voice to some of the familiar war-time songs.

Evening performances of Sing-Along Remembrance will be held in the halls at Ophir on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and Clyde on 23<sup>rd</sup> with a matinee at Earnsclough on 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Companionship Offered by Friendship Group



Just over 29 years ago, dwindling numbers forced the Central Otago branch of the Women's Division of Federated Farmers to close its doors. However a group of local women decided to continue meeting and so the Clyde Friendship Group was born.

There were 39 women at that first meeting in April 1985 and, today, there are still some from that original group who come to the monthly meetings for companionship and to welcome newcomers to Clyde.

One newcomer is Betty Perry who, 18 months after the Christchurch earthquakes and the death of her husband, decided to shift to Clyde.

"I had my son here," she said, "but I knew no-one else. Then I found there was a friendship club so I went along and was made to feel so very welcome".

Meetings last a couple of hours and might include a speaker or a discussion and there is always time for a cuppa and a chat.

But it is not all chat. Over the years this energetic group has raised nearly \$11,000 from raffles and market tables. The money has been donated to a huge number of community groups and individuals in Clyde and Alexandra.

If you are feeling a bit lonely and would like to meet some amazing women in our village, the Friendship Group would welcome you along.

**When:** 2pm on the first Thursday of the month.

**Where:** St Enoch's Church Hall, Clyde

**Contact:** Betty Perry (449 2210).

## Mid-Winter Market

Clyde Playcentre's annual mid-winter will be held on June 29 at the Clyde Memorial Hall. The market is a fundraiser for the Playcentre and will have more than 20 stalls selling a variety of wares from clothing and food to arts and crafts.

## Wine and Food Harvest Festival

The forecast did not look promising and the reports of flooding in the province left the Promote Dunstan festival organisers wondering if this was the year that it was going to rain on the day. Thankfully it turned out to be a lovely autumn day with an estimated three and a half thousand people enjoying the sun.

New this year was the banning of bottles sold for consumption at the festival. From all reports this appears to have worked well with few if any complaints.

"Once again Promote Dunstan gives its heartfelt thanks to the residents and businesses in Sunderland Street for putting up with this huge event," Festival Convener, Louise Joyce, says. "Without that support it would be impossible to hold the festival which does so much to raise the profile of our local vineyards."

## Fire Station Open Day

A great team building event as well as an opportunity to educate people to the danger of fire in the home was how Clyde Volunteer Fire Brigade Chief, Richard Davidson, described the open day held recently. He said about 3 hundred people came to station where the emphasis was on fire safety as well as demonstrations of how quickly fire takes hold, especially in the kitchen.

A feature was a blow-up replica house complete with furniture with the interior in pitch darkness. Children were invited to crawl through the space to get an idea of how to get out of a smoke-filled building as well as experience what firefighters face when entering such a building. Clyde is keen to recruit more people particularly for the daytime so if you are keen to be trained as a volunteer fire fighter, please contact Richard on 021 666 237 or 4492 892.

Coming Soon! **Cuisine@Clyde** Labour Weekend, October

## Indoor Bowls Off to a Good Start

It was a full house at the opening night of the Clyde Bowling Club's winter season last week.

Secretary, Lynn McArthur says all teams for evening bowls are full but there are usually places available for casual players.

The ten week season is played in the indoor stadium on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings featuring the popular triples competition with eight teams of three players.



## Ted Clouston anxiously watches his shot

Lynn also reports that it was a busy outdoor bowling scene over summer with several new players joining the club. One of the highlights was the centennial celebrations held last October and another was the achievement by Alistair Watson who won the Central Otago Junior singles. The outdoor season opens in late September.

Meanwhile, if you want to play winter bowls in the evening, contact Lynn McArthur (449 2617) or if afternoons are more your style, contact Ivor Saunders (449 2949) to play on Monday or Wednesday afternoons.

Club members are also reminded that the AGM will be held on Sunday, June 15 at 10.30am at the club.

**Dunstan Golf Club** raised \$4000 for the palliative care unit at Dunstan Hospital by holding the Lions Ambrose Golf Tournament and barbeque in April. Sixty players took part.



## Great Mystery Challenge

Visitors and Clyde residents who have children now have something to keep the small people occupied while they take a leisurely coffee in peace and quiet.

The brainchild of Promote Dunstan president, Rory Butler, the challenge is for children to find the 26 subjects pictured in a pamphlet and then to write in an answer to a question on each.

The subjects are all in the historic precinct so the children do not have to go too far away.

"It's something I've been meaning to do for a long time," Mr Butler says. "I thought it would be a good way to keep the kids amused and at the same time sharpen their observation skills".

The questions are available from various shops and cafes around Clyde and the answers can be checked at the Clyde Dairy and The Bike Shop.

## An Offer Not to Be missed!

The Central Otago SPCA is offering FREE desexing of dogs and cats thanks to a generous benefactor.

The operation usually costs more than \$200 and owners who have not had their pets neutered are urged to take this opportunity to do so.

The offer begins on August 1<sup>st</sup> and is for a limited time so if you want to help keep down the numbers of unwanted kittens and puppies contact SPCA coordinator, Shirlene Steel (Phone 0274 361 028 or 449 2320 or [shirlenesteel@gmail.com](mailto:shirlenesteel@gmail.com))

By the way, Shirlene is still looking for a home or a foster home for two nine-month-old collie x boxer dogs. Arnold and Tyson are well socialised and if you can help, contact Shirlene.



## Keep Fit with Badminton

Lashings of winter comfort food might not be doing much for your weight but the Clyde Badminton Club can take care of that.

If you are interested in playing badminton, pop along to the Community Hall on a Wednesday at 1.30 pm. Entry is through the side door and it costs just \$1. Not got a racket? The club has some you can borrow. Afterwards there's a cuppa and time for a chat.

Contact Esther Weatherall on 4492774 if you would like some exercise and a bit of fun.

## Cuisine@Clyde

The Clyde on Sunday team is well into organising its major annual project, Cuisine@Clyde which takes place over Labour Weekend in October.

Master classes will be held by Peta Mathias, Nici Wilkes, Jamie Stodler and Bec Stanley. The three-day event will also feature the Barbeque Challenge and a Kitchen Tour.

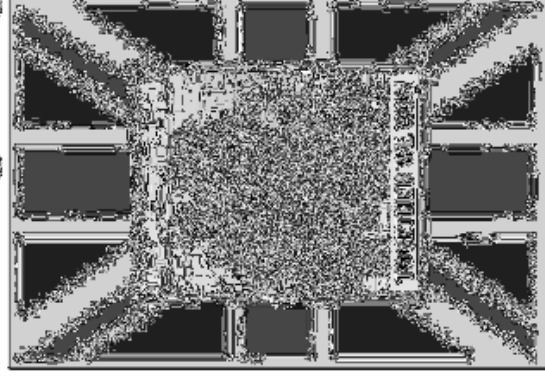


## Commemorating the 'Great War'

Three community sing-a-long concerts to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the first world war are in the final stages of planning.

The concerts, organised by Promote Dunstan member Julie Davie, will feature local singers and musicians. The audiences will be required to add their bit by singing along to well known songs from both the first and the second world wars.

## WWI Sing-a-long



There'll be two evening performances at Ophir Hall on Friday, August 22 and August 23. On Clyde Hall the following night both at 7.30pm. On Sunday, Earnsclough Hall hosts a matinee performance at 2.00pm.

And yes ... the Clyde concert clashes with an All Black test but we promise you lots of fun and no spoilers about the test result at the concert.

Cake and coffee are supplied - bring your own refreshments and nibbles. All we ask for is a gold coin donation which will be donated to the halls.

## 150 Years Ago

Did You Know ... that in July 1864 a Walter Sigley suggested diverting the Clutha River through a channel to be cut just below Clyde. It was to empty into the Manuhierikia River above Alexandra so that miners could get at the gold on the bed of the Clutha. It would also have swept the away the township of Alexandra.

## Memorabilia Wanted

Clyde Historical Museum in Blythe Street is looking for exhibits for a display it is mounting in September to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. Museum secretary, Carole Haig says souvenirs, letters, photographs and any other memorabilia would be welcomed.

Anyone who could help with material or would like to help put the display together are asked to contact Carole on Ph 449 2557.

## On Track for Station Repairs

Plans to restore Clyde's historic railway station have taken a great leap forward with the confirmation of funding for the project by Central Lakes Trust.

The Trust has allocated \$30,000 to the project providing the balance of the estimated \$90,000 it will take for urgent repairs to the 107 year-old building.

Work on the first of the three-stage project is expected to start in September and will take about eight weeks.

A call will be made shortly for those people who volunteered to help with carpentry, painting and general labour.

If you can help, please contact Rory Butler, 448 9049 or [randcbutler@inspire.net.nz](mailto:randcbutler@inspire.net.nz)

## Gaining Respect

It is not often a tear comes to the eye of Clyde Volunteer Fire Brigade Chief, Richard Davidson, but a young female volunteer certainly brought one (or two) recently as she described what the brigade meant to her.

As a rebellious teenager growing up in Gore, Chloe Dowling, is frank about "growing up too fast" and "going off the track with drugs and alcohol." But a six week boot camp course at Burnham Military Camp turned her life around.

She excelled at the course, receiving a number of glowing testimonials from her instructors, one of whom was also a volunteer fire fighter, who took her group to the Springfield Fire Station to show them what it was all about.

As soon as the course finished, Chloe, now living in Clyde, tapped on Mr Davidson's door and announced she wanted to be a volunteer.

He was amazed at the testimonials she showed him and he had no hesitation in signing her up.

Last November, Chloe appeared in a video as part of the New Zealand Fire Service recruitment campaign and spoke about her wish to earn respect and how being a member of the brigade had given her self-esteem.

"Before, when I wasn't doing so good, I didn't feel like I should be on this earth," she says, "now I have a sense of belonging. Being part of the community means a lot to me and makes me feel proud just knowing that I'm out there to make a difference whether the callout is something minor or really major.

"We're there and doing it, that's what counts. It's really important to me".

Her story and her heartfelt sincerity have touched many people after the video appeared on You Tube ([www.youtube.com/earningrespect/chloedowling](http://www.youtube.com/earningrespect/chloedowling)).

Mr Davidson, who admits to having had a lump in his throat while watching the video for the first time, says he received many emails and letters from people throughout New Zealand about her attitude.

"She's a special type of person", he says, "and she's certainly earned respect".



**A radiant Chloe Dowling (24) at the recent honours evening at the Clyde Fire Station. Chloe was presented with the Fire Chief's award, the Robin Oliver Trophy, annually presented to the volunteer who has made an outstanding contribution to the brigade.**

## Clyde Playcentre Mid-Winter Market

More than twenty stalls packed the Clyde Hall for the Playcentre's annual mid-winter market.

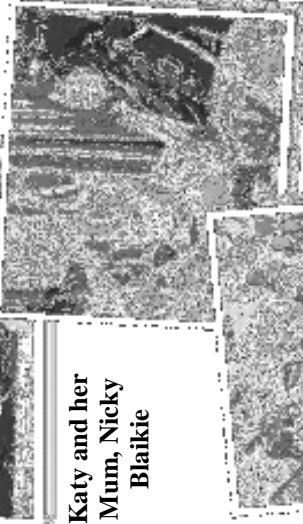
Although attendance was down, Playcentre president, Nicole Joyce, said the takings (\$2600) were about the same as last year. The raffle will be drawn at the end of July.



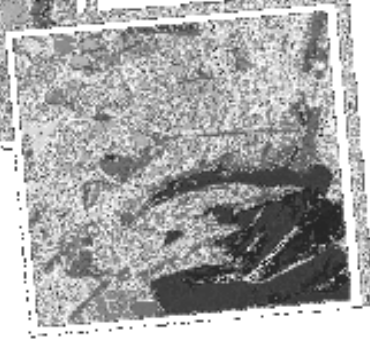
**Carole Haig & Kirsty Hayward**



**Rebecca Udy**



**Katy and her Mum, Nicky Blaikie**



**Jasmine Clark from Arrowtown**

**Rebecca Simpson (Wanaka) and her sister Anna Robinson.**

## Donations Welcomed by Clyde Groups.

Two Clyde community groups have received a much-needed boost to their bank balances from the organisers of the Alexandra Summer Markets.

The group of four women, who call themselves The Four Market-eers, donated \$1500 to the Clyde Historical Museum and \$1000 to the Clyde Playcentre. The not-for-profit group donates the income it receives from stallholders at the markets to various community groups. Last year \$6000 was donated to the Scanner Room and the Patient Transfer Service at Dunstan Hospital.

## TrustPower Awards

Congratulations to the Clyde Theatre Group on achieving an award in the Art and Culture category at the TrustPower Community Awards.

The group was runner up to the LX Ukas at an award ceremony for the Central Otago entrants held last month.

## Keep Fit with Badminton

Lashings of winter comfort food might not be doing much for your weight but the Clyde Badminton Club can take care of that.

If you are interested in playing badminton, pop along to the Community Hall on a Wednesday at 1.30 pm. Entry is through the side door and it costs just \$1.

Not got a racket? The club has some you can borrow. Afterwards there's a cuppa and time for a chat. Contact Esther Weatherall on 4492774 if you would like some exercise and a bit of fun.

**Clyde Historical Museum AGM will be held on July 28, 7.30pm in the Post Office Cafe. All welcome.**



## Touring Theatre to Visit Clyde

A company of actors is about to begin a South Island tour of a musical drama and Clyde is on the list of venues.

The Bacchannals, an award winning Wellington-based theatre company was founded in 2000 and is dedicated to making theatre accessible to everyone. The company has performed stage productions ranging from works penned by the ancient Greeks to Shakespeare to New Zealand works and New Zealand premieres of current overseas plays.

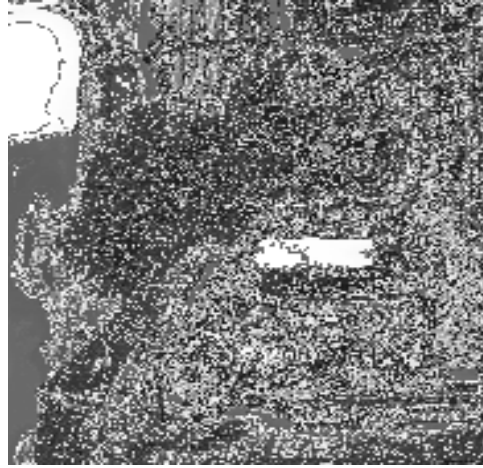
For the tour, the company will present *Once We Built a Tower: The Construction of the Waitaki Dam and the Welfare State 1928-39*.

It is about the workers who built the Waitaki Dam and the men who saw the dam's medical scheme as a template by which the new Labour Government of 1935 could create a welfare state that would benefit the entire country.

Company director, David Lawrence promises it'll be fun with lots of songs and laughs and says it'll more like a party in a church hall than a play in a theatre.



## Television Commercial Shoot Benefits Clyde



The Clyde Railway Station appeal fund is \$1000 better off thanks to the film company which used Clyde's historic centre for a commercial.

The Sydney based company, Goodoil Films, spent a day in Clyde shooting scenes for a Freya's Continental Bread commercial and wanted to make a donation to a community project.

About 30 locals were hired as extras for the commercial which is currently screening on New Zealand television.



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## Rabbit Antics in Clyde



The Clyde Theatre Group's commitment to give children live theatre experience has moved ahead with a second production involving children.

*Fluffy Bum*, a short play about five rabbits who outwit their hunters, was written by Karin Halliday from Alexandra and is directed by Pat Lines. It stars eight children ranging from 8 to eleven years old and promises to be a lot of fun.

Performances of *Fluffy Bum* are on Friday, August 29 and Saturday, August 30 from 6.30pm to 7.30 pm at the Clyde Hall. Entry is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children.

## Clyde Underpass Update

The long-awaited underpass crossing at the state highway by Clyde is coming a little closer.

The Central Otago District Council is now seeking additional funding to support the amount it has put aside for the project. In the coming weeks it intends to communicate directly with Clyde residents on the options available as well as some background to and timelines for the underpass.

The council wants feedback on the proposals and will hold a drop-in session so that the community can discuss the project with council staff and elected members.

## Circulation Area Grows

Copies of the *Dunstan News* will now be delivered to most people living on the outskirts of Clyde and in the Earnsclough area. These will be delivered by rural postman, Graeme Anderson along with the mail.

*The Dunstan News* is happy to accept contributions to the newsletter as well as notices of meetings and upcoming events. Just email or ring us and we'll do the rest. Contact 4492 119 or email

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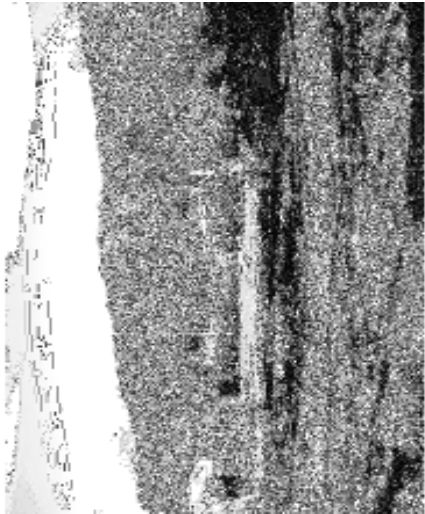
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## Blaze Destroys Clyde Cottage

An unoccupied wooden cottage in Sunderland Street was burnt to the ground last month watched by a large crowd of curious onlookers.

But it was all in a good cause.

Cottage owners, Gus and Barbara Johnston of Invercargill offered it to the Clyde Volunteer Fire Brigade as a training exercise.

"We'd camped in it for a number of years but it was beyond salvaging," Barbara said. "We needed to demolish it and we thought the fire brigade might make use of it".

It certainly did. Fire Chief, Richard Davidson said it was extremely rare that the brigade had a chance to practice on a building and he was grateful for the opportunity.

The cottage was set alight and then extinguished a number of times to enable pairs of fire fighters from Clyde and other parts of central Otago to enter the building shrouded in flames and smoke.

It was bit close for comfort for some whose plastic visors melted in the heat.

Finally it was allowed to burn in a spectacular blaze but great care was taken not to damage the nearby old schist stone wall and shed which Barbara hopes to restore.

The Johnstons plan to build on the site in the New Year.

## 150 Years Ago

On August 1, 1864 an Auction Bazaar was held at the Victoria Theatre in Clyde to raise funds for Dunstan Hospital. Items for auction included two live sheep, calves' heads, ox tongues and tails, Maori hens (Weka), glassware, jewellery and domestic items. Some items of small value were re-auctioned many times and achieved "extravagant sums". The hens were sold 58 times eventually fetching about \$40 with one person buying them nine times. The auction raised about \$208.

## History is Laid



Laying the plaque commemorating John Hollo-way, an early Clyde builder, is Gary Hopper of Poolburn (left) & Tim Dalrymple of Alexandra.

London has its blue plaques on buildings where famous people once lived; Clyde now has a series of bronze plaques set into the pavement celebrating notable past residents.

Fulton Hogan staff started work last week installing twenty plaques in the pavements in the historic precinct and is expected to be finished by the time the *Dunstan News* lands in your letterbox.

It is a major Promote Dunstan project designed to celebrate the history of Clyde and inform both residents and visitors something about the people who contributed to the development of Clyde or who were born here and achieved prominence further afield.

Promote Dunstan president, Rory Butler says the number of plaques might be increased and the group would welcome suggestions of names for future plaques

## CLYDE THEATRE GROUP

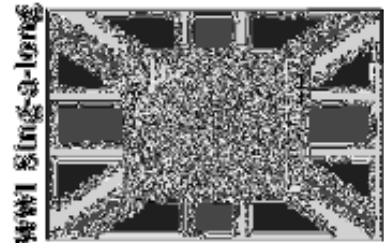
Interested in the fun and frivolity involved in putting on good theatre? Come along and find out what the group is up to.

## Annual General Meeting

5 pm Sunday 17 August 2014

Clyde Memorial Hall

## Sing-A-Long Concert



Commemorating the outbreak of the First World War in August, 1914, sing-a-long concerts will be held in Ophir Hall on Friday, August 22 at 7.30pm, Clyde Hall on Saturday at 7.30pm and a matinee at Earnsclough Hall at 2pm on Sunday, August 24.

Refreshments are provided and entry is a gold coin with the proceeds going to each of the hall committees.

## Clyde Public Toilets



It is just a mound of earth but it represents a significant development in the project to upgrade Clyde's public toilets. Contractors have installed a new septic tank near the toilet block behind Lodge Dunstan. The work is being carried out by the District Council. Other improvements include the replacement of the men's urinals to include a system to reduce the amount of flushing water needed, repairing the roof and repainting.

## Touch Typist Wanted

Promote Dunstan is looking for a touch typist who can transcribe a lengthy interview recorded on a digital recorder.

If you can help, please contact 4492 119 or [news@promotedunstan.org.nz](mailto:news@promotedunstan.org.nz)

Missed a copy of *Dunstan News*? Pick one up at the garage, the dairy or 4 square.



## Food Heaven at Clyde

Organisers of last year's successful Cuisine @ Clyde are looking to out-do their inaugural effort with a programme with more stars than a Michelin restaurant.

Star of the four day event (October 24-27) held over Labour Weekend is celebrity chef and author, Peta Mathias. She will take master chef classes in Oliver's restaurant as well as lead this year's barbecue challenge where teams of four create dishes from mystery protein packs.

"Building on a fantastic weekend of events in 2013, we're coming back with a vengeance by creating a bigger, brighter food extravaganza with something for everyone to enjoy" said committee member Andrea Ritchie.

Other cuisine highlights include demonstrations by this year's Master Chef runners up, Bec Stanley of Arrowtown and Jaimie Stodler of Queenstown.

Michelin star chef, Alan Brown (no relation to Al Brown) will lead the food and wine matching dinner. Mr Brown, who worked in London's Ritz Hotel and other exclusive restaurants, returned to New Zealand to teach at Auckland's AUT University and believes life is too short for bad food or wine.

A market with stalls selling food-related items is also planned. For full details and tickets, email [cuisineatclyde@gmail.com](mailto:cuisineatclyde@gmail.com) or go to [www.cuisineatclyde.co.nz](http://www.cuisineatclyde.co.nz).

## An Occasional Editorial

It is a great pity people in Clyde and, for that matter, Alexandra, could not have made an effort to show up to a performance earlier this month by a Wellington Theatre group, The Bacchanals.

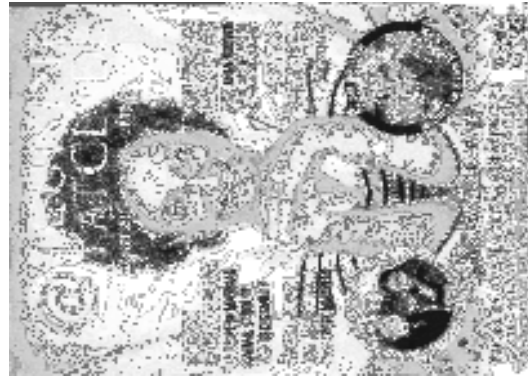
Its performance at Clyde Hall attracted fewer than 20 people but in spite of this, the company of eleven actors and musicians rose above any disappointment to give an energetic, entertaining performance about an era of politics which is not so well known today.

*Once We Built a Tower* was thought-provoking, humorous, well acted and cleverly presented. Entry was a donation (including refreshments) which was inexpensive.

It might be worth remembering that if there is no local support for visiting theatre companies, they simply won't come here and we will be the poorer for that. If you weren't there, you missed a great show.



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## Licensing Appeal to Set National Benchmark

The organisers of the Clyde food and wine harvest festival are this month testing new liquor laws.

Promote Dunstan has historically been given responsibility for control of alcohol consumption at the festival and for sales of bottles to be taken away. However, citing new laws, the local licensing agency required every winery at last Easter's festival to have licences for takeaway sales.

Promote Dunstan believes that is not what Parliament intended and has therefore appealed to the national licensing authority, seeking an interpretation of the new laws.

The hearing is in Queenstown on September 30, and the authority's decision will have a major impact because it will guide local licensing agencies around the country on how to licence future wine and beer festivals.



**Verdun Burgess and Sue Edwards of Blackridge Vineyard do brisk business at this year's festival.**

## Vandals attack Seaton Square



Local residents around Seaton Square were disgusted earlier this month to find deep gouge marks from a vehicle whose occupants obviously thought it was a great way to leave their mark. If you saw or have heard anything about this mindless vandalism, please contact the Alexandra police.

## Future Use of Clyde Station

Two applications have been received by the Vincent Community Board by parties interested in the future use of the Clyde Railway Station.

They will be assessed based on parameters approved by the Board at its August meeting.

These include a low impact on the recreational reserve and the historic fabric of the building, agreement to a mix of commercial and public/community space, financial viability and contributing to strengthening the connection between the Rail Trail and the Clyde Railway Station.

The applications will be heard by the Board next month.

## Museums open this Month

The Clyde Historical Museum in Blyth Street and the Briar Herb Museum (near the Railway Station) will open for the season on September 27.



## Sing and Have Fun



Three years ago a Clyde couple had an idea that has now developed into a vibrant group bringing great pleasure to both its members and audiences. Steve and Chris Brown decided that singing was a good part of life and they wanted to do it for fun and so "Clyde Singing For Fun" was born.

"Initially we advertised and put up posters in Clyde for members", Steve said. "If we had 10 people come along it was a good night. When we started people would bring along sheet music or clips downloaded from YouTube to sing."

But that changed when Steve caught up with his former Teachers College friend, Joe Stevens. Well known and respected in local music circles, Joe became the group's musical director and things took off.

Last year funding was received from the Alexandra Community Arts Council to hold a singing workshop run by former Dunstan High School music teacher, Clair Stevens. This attracted people from as far away as Wanaka.

This year the Council funded two workshops, both run by Clair and, as a result, the group now has about 25 members.

Clyde Singing For Fun made its debut concert at Ranui Rest Home late last year and it made quite an impact performing last month with the Promote Dunstan Sing-A-Long concerts. The group goes into recess over summer and resumes next April, meeting every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Clyde School library.

If you are interested in joining contact Steve on 448 7698 or email him at [steve.chrisb@gmail.com](mailto:steve.chrisb@gmail.com)

## 150 Years Ago - September 1864

*The Otago Daily Times* reported that a dairyman named Sloan, met with a serious accident while riding along Sunderland Street at a brisk pace. His horse fell over on its side and on top of its rider.

"The poor fellow was picked up perfectly insensible and to all appearance dead. He was at once carried to the Brian Boru Hotel where Dr Jackson was immediately in attendance, who succeeded in so far recovering his patient, that he was able in the course of a few hours to walk home unassisted."

## Clyde Underpass Drop-In session

Clyde residents are urged to attend a drop-in session the council is holding to discuss the options for the underpass crossing on State Highway 8.

Council staff and some councillors will attend and hope to hear feedback from the community as well as answer questions about the three options that have been identified where the crossing might be located.

Preliminary layout plans and more information are available on the council's website: [www.codc.govt.nz/clydeunderpass](http://www.codc.govt.nz/clydeunderpass) as well as at Clyde Primary school office, Clyde Library, Bike It Now (Holloway street) and the council offices in Alexandra.

Submissions can be posted to the council, emailed ([submissions@codc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@codc.govt.nz)) or submitted online. By now everyone in Clyde should have received a leaflet in letterboxes giving details of the proposals. Come and have your say at the drop-in session at Clyde Memorial Hall on Tuesday, September 23 between 3-6pm.



## Outdoor Bowls Season Starts This Month

The new season starts with an invitation to anyone interested in trying their hand at playing bowls to come along to the open day on Sunday, September 21. The season runs until mid-April and there is plenty of activity during that time.

Several tournaments are planned and these include the Veteran Pairs on October 30 and, the following month, a Christmas Hamper tournament. First up in 2015 is the New Year Triples which usually attracts a number of entrants from locals as well as visitors.

Meanwhile, the end of the winter indoor bowls season finished on a high note with a great social function in the clubrooms earlier this month. Pre-dinner nibbles were followed by a truly tasty pot-luck dinner and prize giving.



The Champion Fours Indoor Bowling team (l to r) Jeff Bell, Lillian Robinson, Bob Allen and Trevor Robinson.



## War Songs Sing-A-Long Enjoyed by All

Toes were a-tapping and tonsils were tickled at last month's Sing-A-Long featuring songs and music from the First World War era along with some favourites from other wars.

Evening concerts were held at Ophir and Clyde halls while the matinee session at Earnsclough Hall was especially popular with residents of Castlewood and Ranui Rest Homes.

On left : The Sing-A-Long Cast.

## Clyde Lions Start with a Roar.

The Clyde and District Lions Club, formed just three months ago, has set itself a hefty programme of community based activities in and around Clyde.

At its monthly meeting last Monday (October 13), a brainstorming session came up with a number of projects, including making a survey of about 40 organisations in Clyde to find out what they might need and how the Lions can help.

Members also intend to mark World Service Day for the Community this Sunday (Oct 19) by holding a working bee to clean up either the Clyde Lookout or the area near the Dunstan Rowing Club. (If you want to help, meet at 1.30pm in the Bowling Club's car park.)

The club is planning an open day at the railhead near Trail Journeys from 10am-3pm on Sunday, November 2, to raise money for diabetic research. This will involve market and food stalls, a barbeque and, for children, a competition for the best decorated bike.

Secretary Debbie Blee says the club is still excited about its achievement at Blossom Festival when it joined forces with the Alexandra Lions and the Alexandra Dunstan Lions Clubs to build a float. It won both the contemporary award and the people's choice.

The Clyde group now has 35 male and female members and meets every second Monday at 6pm at the Clyde Bowling Club. If you want to join, email Debbie [blees@xtra.co.nz](mailto:blees@xtra.co.nz) or phone 4488330. You will be most welcome.

## Railway Station News

The Vincent Community Board, at its meeting on Oct 20, will discuss the expressions of interest received from two businesses who wish to move into the renovated station.

One room is being reserved to display old station memorabilia, some of which is currently being stored in the Clyde Historical Museum.

New finials for the station, built to the original design, have been made by Alexandra's Men-in-Sheds.



**Working for their community – Clyde and District Lions Club members (from left) Heidi Birgel, Liz Nichol and Launa McNaughton.**

It's Springtime! With paddocks full of lambs, Rascal (not a lamb), meets Lucy!u, a newborn rejected by her mother. Unfortunately, he's not too keen on being a surrogate mum—but maybe being a playmate is OK.



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## Treasures Uncovered

Renovating an old building can often reveal surprises, as David and Andy Ritchie discovered during the current work at Olivers.

They found a cache of black and white original prints that had been stowed away a long time ago and then forgotten.

The eight prints were found in the ceiling above the stone store originally built by Benjamin Naylor in 1870. They show satirical images of British society. They're part of a series called "Monstrosities of 1822" by G. Cruikshank and were published by Thos Mclean in London's Haymarket in 1835.

Mrs Ritchie says they'll be framed and hung in the building. They also discovered a coal delivery receipt on a post card with a King George V stamp, posted in 1930.

The current work at Olivers involves removing unwanted structures in preparation for the rebuilding which will start in a few weeks. An archaeologist has been on site during the excavations because the building is more than a hundred years old. So far, nothing has been uncovered.

The project, which will include a boutique brewery, cafe and restaurant, is expected to be completed by next March.

**Andy Ritchie proudly displays the unexpected treasures found at Olivers.**



## Liquor Licence Hearing for Clyde Festival

Promote Dunstan has withdrawn its appeal over the special licence granted for last Easter's Clyde Wine and Food Harvest Festival.

The decision was made by festival convenor, Louise Joyce, after the Alcohol and Regulatory Licensing Authority judge, John Hole, said he could not make a judgement because the event had already been held.

However Judge Hole described the section of the act relating to special licences as an "incomprehensible piece of legislation" saying the authority had suggested changes to Parliament - exactly what Promote Dunstan hoped the appeal would prompt the authority to do so.

Under the previous liquor laws, which were replaced last December, Promote Dunstan got licences allowing alcohol to be consumed at the festival and for takeaway bottle sales. But the Central Otago District Licensing Committee ruled that, under the new Act, Promote Dunstan could not hold an off-licence. Consequently, each winery needed to obtain its own licence for bottle sales.

However, a change to the new law is unlikely before next Easter's event.



## Rail Trail Marathon

Keen cyclists and popular hosts at Dunstan House, John and Maree Davidson took part late last month in an unusual challenge to bike the whole 150 kilometre rail trail in one day.

It was held in honour of Jim Millar, a highly respected guide for Pure Trails New Zealand, who died of motor neuron disease in July.

The Davidson's got to know him well during his many visits to Clyde when he brought groups from Christchurch to cycle the rail trail. They were keen to join the challenge which was also to raise awareness of the disease and to raise money for the Motor Neuron Disease Association.

Twenty friends, family and colleagues set off at 6.30am from Dunstan House on the gruelling journey. Fifteen cyclists completed the ride with the first finishing in seven hours. John managed the whole distance while Maree called a halt with 30kms to go but none-the-less was extremely happy with her effort.

Considering the journey usually takes about three days, it was an outstanding effort from everyone involved.

## Cuisine@Clyde

Months of planning involving countless emails and phone calls will come to fruition at Labour Weekend when Cuisine@Clyde gets underway.

Building on the success of the inaugural event last year, the Clyde on Sunday group has kept some of the events featured last year but has added several new ones to the programme.

The Friday night food market in Oliver's restaurant has attracted a good number of stalls and, with the emphasis on food, Oliver's will run a barbeque and the Bank Cafe will serve desserts and coffee.

Another new event is @yourtable where several homes and businesses throw open their dining rooms to display



a variety of table settings.

"Planning is going quite smoothly, says committee member Andy Ritchie, "and we have had tonnes of local support."

"Tickets are nearly sold out for the Barbeque Challenge and the wine and food dinner," she says.

And what will the committee be doing after the four day food celebration? They'll be thinking about next year's Cuisine@Clyde!

For full programme details go to:

[www.cuisineatclyde.co.nz](http://www.cuisineatclyde.co.nz) or contact [cuisineatclyde@gmail.com](mailto:cuisineatclyde@gmail.com) or phone 449 2962

THANKS to the people who responded to Promote Dunstan's call for a touch typist to transcribe a taped interview. We are most grateful and may well be touch with you for a future project.



**Lindsay McCallum inspects the sign on the old undertakers building in Holloway street.**

make it earthquake proof.

"As I get the money I'll do a little bit more", he said.

The ultimate goal is turn it into a gallery for art and craft produced by locals. He hopes to start that project this summer by using two open-fronted sheds at the back of the stone building until it is ready for occupation.

## Have Your Say on Council's Draft Policy.

If you have ever been frustrated over decisions made by the Central Otago District Council now is your chance to have a say.

The Council has developed a draft Significance and Engagement Policy (SEP) which will guide the way it gives the community an understanding of how and when it can expect to be involved in shaping decisions about the Council's key plans, policies and issues.

"Many people believe that Councillors are elected to make decisions", Mayor Tony Lepper said. "But others would like to have more of a say on what decisions are made. We need to get that balance right and determine when our community expects to hear from us as well as how they want to hear from us."

Residents and ratepayers who want to comment on this draft policy have until Friday, October 31 to do so. ([www.codc.govt.nz](http://www.codc.govt.nz))

## 150 Years Ago – October 1864—from the Otago Daily Times

In agriculture we are making great progress.... in the immediate vicinity of the township (Clyde) a number of small gardens are being made. Young gums, wattles, and other Australian trees have been planted ... among the later arrivals maybe mentioned a live opossum. In the event of there being a Dunstan Acclimatisation Society, this specimen will probably be something to start with; at all events the warm, dry climate of the Dunstan appears to agree remarkably well with the Australian "joey".



**Clyde on Sunday....**  
... are about to launch into their summer programme of Sunday Markets. However, this year there is a major change... of venue. With all the construction work going on at the back of Olivers, it was thought wise to move, and they are moving to the Railway Station precinct, up by the Briar Herb Museum.  
See you there on Sunday 30th!

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## Clyde Masonic Lodge toilets

Those males who have had occasion to visit the lodge toilets recently will have admired the new urinals ensconced therein. We trust that this will not be the last of current enhancements to the edifice. Meanwhile, a new toilet and washroom are currently being added to the interior of the lodge itself. Lodge members are delighted in anticipation of no more shivering trips on a cold winter's night to the adjacent facilities!

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## New Care Programme for School Children

Clyde School is offering working parents a new service starting early next year. Primary school teacher, Sandy Rose, will be running a 'before and after school care' programme which will be on site at the school in the old school house. Sandy's aim is to help take some of the pressures and stresses off working parents who can have difficulty finding care for their children out of school hours. She'll provide the children with a home away from home environment with areas for fun activities and games, as well as space for quiet times and doing homework.  
For further information call Sandy on 0210547642 or Megan Tyrrell at Clyde School. By the way – if you have any unwanted board games or toys, Sandy will gratefully take them off your hands.

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**150 years ago...** Australian trees were planted in Clyde and with them came an opossum which thrived!!!



Your letterbox will have received this flyer recently.  
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## New Display at Clyde Memorial Museum

In recognition of WWI commemorations, we have a new 'Lest We Forget' display at the Blyth St Museum providing a local slant on this tragic and turbulent period in our history. This season we will also be hosting some informal talks about interesting aspects of Clyde's past. Join us at the Blyth St Museum on

**Wednesday November 19  
at 1.30pm**

when John Davidson, will share some of his amusing stories about the early days in Dunstan House. John and Marie are the current owners of Dunstan House.



The new display panel by Daniel Paton of Dunstan High

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## Clyde Railway Station Progress

By now everyone will be aware that work has begun on the repairs to the Clyde Railway Station. The \$90,000 renovations involve mainly replacing timber damaged by years of weather, some re-piling, and a new coat of paint – in the original station colours. Some of the main station veranda supports were rotten at their bases and these, too, are being strengthened with new timber.

Following an approach from Bob Allen of Clyde, Promote Dunstan has voted to finance the building of a model of the station and its environs. This model will be placed on display in the public area of the station and will show what the station area used to look like when the station and the railway were active.



Rory Butler and Karin Bowen of Promote Dunstan inspect progress at the station

The C.O.D.C. has received strong interest from businesses wishing to make use of the station as their premises and, following the resource consent process, it is hoped that the station will be occupied by March next year.



Hazel Grant's house is not hard to miss especially in spring. Just down the road from the Masonic Lodge, she has the most amazing spring garden with hundreds of tulips, hyacinths, snow drops and blossoms. The garden, however, is nothing like it used to be. Once there used to be 3500 tulips, and 4500 annuals that Hazel and her late husband, George, planted each year.

The 32 fruit trees have been reduced to 14 and lawn has replaced many of the garden beds but the garden is still spectacular with many buses and other vehicles stopping and coming back for a second look.

Hazel, now 83, came to Clyde three days after her wedding to George in 1952.

"I was a bad asthmatic and George thought Clyde would be better for my health," she said.

The couple came from Nightcaps in Southland where George was a coal miner and Hazel served in her father's grocery shop. Initially the couple owned Oliver's store which was a grocery and drapers shop at that time and they lived in one room across the road in Dunstan House. Sometime later they bought the home in which Hazel still lives. It was then just a small cottage, although many additions have been made as their family of two sons and a daughter grew.

Hazel remembers the time when Clyde had two drapers shops, two banks, a butchers and a grocery shop. She also recalls the dust when the Clyde Dam was being built in the 1980s as well as the noise and vibrations of the explosives used during its construction.

Another memory is of steam trains puffing and whistling past the back of her house heading into the gorge on their way to Cromwell and the young children playing on the railway reserve.

Over the years Hazel was a member of many community committees; today she is a member of the Clyde Friendship group. She still bottles 30 jars of fruit salad from her trees "so that there is always something to give visitors for dessert".

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Not up to our usual journalistic standard? That's because Louise, our regular editor, has sailed into the Greek sunset on a Mediterranean cruise, to take a well-deserved break. She's indulging her passion for ruins and antiques. Come back Louise, all is forgiven. We need you to organise Wine and Food for next Easter Sunday!



## Cuisine @ Clyde a winning formula



Winner of the Blokes, Broads and Quisine (BBQ) contest were the team from Spark, Alexandra. From left : Peta Matthias, Wendy Biggs, Roydon Cullimore, Greg Biggs and Angela McKeen

## Clyde Plaques Fascinate Visitors



David and Sharon Taylor from Nelson

Many visitors to Clyde have wandered the street admiring our new plaques which celebrate those identities who have left their mark on our village. The Taylors from Nelson said that "They are really lovely and are a great way to get the local history."

## Clyde Underpass

It won't be long now! The C.O.D.C. meet shortly, following lengthy public discussion and many submissions, to decide which of the three proposed underpass options will get the go-ahead. It would seem that more funding may now be available so that even the more expensive options may now be affordable. Whichever is chosen, it will be a relief for those parents whose children have to cross the main road and cyclists, too, will cross in safety.

## Clyde Primary School Show

The kids are getting busy again. The play at the end of the year has been a feature of Clyde Primary School for over twenty years now. Early shows were written by Wendy Bamford and, when she left, Sally Lloyd took over the task.

This year's show is called

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and, once again, will tar every student in the school.

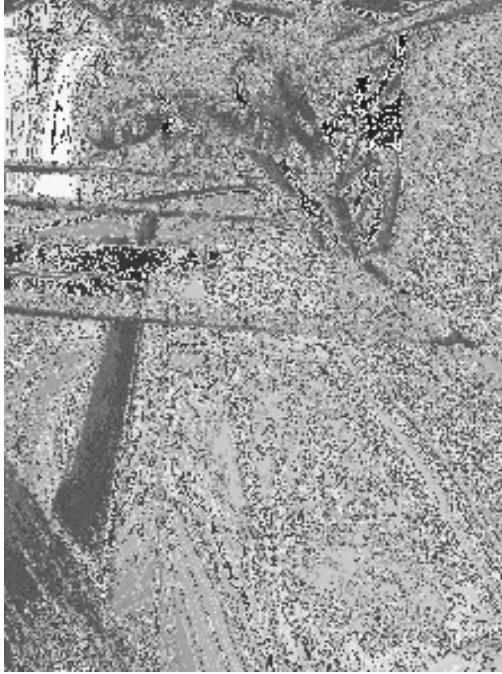
The show goes on stage (in the Clyde Memorial Hall) wit a matinee at 1pm on Monday 15th December. This is followed by two evening shows at 7pm on Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th of December. Tickets will be obtainable from the school office from early December and will cost \$5.00.

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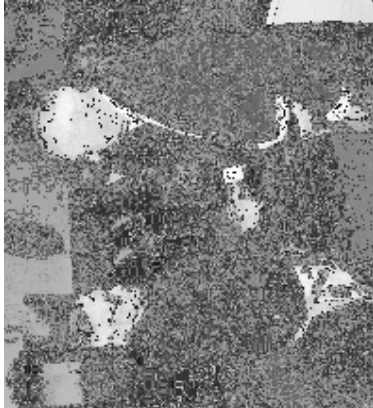
Well known Clyde artist, Graeme Miller, paints the name Clyde on each end of the renovated station using old photographs as his guide. Also visible in the picture is the base of one of the two new finials made for the station by Jim Robbie of Alexandra, as a part of a Men-in-Sheds project.

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## Long Service Recognised at Lodge Dunstan

At a recent meeting of Lodge Dunstan in Clyde, two long-standing members were recognised for their long service to Masonry. On the left, VW Bro Gordon Girvan presents W. Bro Murray McSkimming of Clyde with his 60 year bar. On the right, VW Bro Malcolm Moore presents W. Bro John Grellet, also of Clyde, with his 50 year badge.



## Clyde On Sunday Market

Building renovations at Olivers have forced the move of the monthly market this year to the Railway Station Reserve. Just follow Fraser Street past the Four Square shop up to the Briar Herb Museum which is alongside the reserve. The next market on December 28 features Art and Jazz and on January 11<sup>th</sup> the theme is Fruit Fiesta. February's market on the 8<sup>th</sup> will have a Waitangi theme.

## 150 Years ago .... December 1864

"On Christmas Eve, a number of persons from the outlying gullies paid a visit to the Township and the various tradesmen drove a very satisfactory trade. Mr William Grindley of the Victorian Butchery, observed the time-honoured custom of his craft by making a display of both joints and whole carcasses of the members of the bovine race, together with fat porkers, sheep and lambs, which spoke highly in favour of the grazing capabilities of the pasture lands of Otago." (ODT)



## The Highlanders take up the Clyde Challenge



Joe Latta and James Lentjes were looking for answers to the clues given in the Great Clyde Mystery Challenge on Thursday (18 Dec). They were among the 38 squad members who were in Alexandra for a couple of days of training and bonding. Our reporter on the scene commented that they were struggling to find the answers. You can take the Clyde Mystery Challenge too. Get your copy from Bike It Now...

## More Residential Development Suggested for Clyde

The Alexandra/Clyde and Districts Business group is suggesting Clyde needs to develop more land towards Alexandra and describes the area between the two towns as a natural area for residential development.

This is one of the recommendations the group made in a submission to the Central Otago District Council on its review of the district plan.

Clyde residents made it clear in the 2006 Community Plan and later endorsed in a council blueprint study, that they did not want residential development to extend beyond Sunderland Street and the hospital.

They wanted to preserve the unique character of the historic town and stop any urban sprawl. Residents who attended the 2006 public meeting where Clyde's future plan was discussed wanted to avoid Clyde becoming another Queenstown, Wanaka or Arrowtown.

However, that was eight years ago and opinions might now have changed. Submissions on the District Plan review closed in November but it might not be too late to make your views known to the Council.



## Strong and Sturdy and Ready for Adventure

What were four Shetland ponies doing grazing in the vacant section next to the Masonic Lodge in November? More than a few people asked that question, and the answer is that they were about to start a four-day 79k trek of the Rail Trail.

The trek was the culmination of a long-term plan by owners Karen Wilson (Mandeville), Shona Cusack (Oamaru), Andre Price (Timaru) and Jean Reid (Dunsandle) who own and breed Shetland ponies. The group travelled the Wedderburn to Middlemarch section in November, 2012, and this year aimed to complete the journey from Wedderburn to Clyde.

The Rail Trail was chosen because it was a safe place (not too much traffic) for the ponies and although they had been on other outings, the Rail Trail was their biggest adventure. It was something of a challenge, too. There were a few mechanical problems with bikes and gigs and bad weather. Strong winds battered the group for the first three days and, on the last day from Chatto Creek, torrential rain forced an end to the journey at Alexandra.

"The ponies were getting a bit cranky with the rain and the wind and when we reached Alexandra we were all wet and cold", Karen says. "We made a call not to complete the last 8k to Clyde. The weather doesn't usually beat us, but we felt because our ponies had done so well, it was kinder to abandon the last leg of the journey".

The support crew which rode the trail on bikes, raced to their base in Clyde to pick up vehicles and floats to bring ponies and people back to the town - but Karen is hopeful one day they might come back.

"All the people we met on the trail were truly lovely and so excited to see us and the ponies. Sometimes we felt like celebrities as the cameras came out".

The group is grateful to DOC for allowing the gigs to pass through gates which are normally locked to prevent vehicles accessing the trail and also to the people who accommodated the group and their ponies.

"Shetland ponies are such wonderful natured ponies and although small, they are very strong and we know they are capable and willing to do what we ask of them," Karen says. "We had such great fun and it will be something we will brag about to our grandchildren for years to come."



**Jean Reid & Malcolm, Shona Cusack & Asterix and Karen Wilson & Lilly on the Rail Trail**

## Pupils Honoured at Clyde School

A special assembly at Clyde Primary School in December acknowledged the achievements of pupils who were awarded a Spirit of Clyde badge this year.

The programme highlights living and lifelong learning skills and includes categories such as service to school and community, academic excellence, physical activity and excellence in the arts.

The Spirit of Clyde

awards have been made for the past four years and this year, more than sixty pupils, who completed the requirements for their badge, were awarded their badges and certificates.

Clyde School is working with families and the community to encourage its pupils to live, learn, work and contribute as active members of their communities.



**Zoe Hislop, Finlay Russell, Cameron Smit and (in front) Christopher Nevill**

## Grave Matters

Local historian, Wayne Stark, was wandering around the oldest part of Clyde Cemetery (top right corner) earlier this year looking at the few graves that have survived and came across one that aroused his interest.

The grave was not in the best of condition but Wayne could still read the name of the person buried there in December 1863. His curiosity led him to delve into the past to find out about this man who was so respected in the community that more than 200 people followed the cortege to the cemetery.

If you would like to know more, join Wayne at the Clyde Historical Museum on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 11am.

A big thank you to all the pupils from the school who helped deliver copies of the *Dunstan News* during the year. This community service counted towards their Spirit of Clyde Award.

## Clyde Museum victim of Burglary

Burglars have broken into the little shed at the back of the Fraser Street Museum (formerly the Briar Herb Museum). Some tools and weed spray were taking. Police are investigating. Residents should be aware that there are burglars around!

.....Promote Dunstan would like to thank all our *Dunstan News* readers and our supporters for what has been a busy year. We wish you the Merriest Christmas and a most rewarding New Year. Have a great break. Our next issue will be in February.

