

WHAT'S ON AT THE BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE	7.30 to 8.30am every school day for school-age children. For details and bookings phone Diva on 027 410 9949
AFTER SCHOOL CARE	3pm to 6pm for primary school kids. Contact Adam Hendry on 385 0089 Email: brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com
HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES	8am - 6pm during school holidays. Bookings essential. Ph. 385 0089
ALZHEIMERS WELLINGTON	We meet in the RSA room on the 4 th Wednesday of the month Phone Liz for details on 939 0131
BROOKLYN WALKERS	Mondays – meet outside the Brooklyn Library at 9:30am. Phone Susannah on 384 7412 for more information.
BROWNIES	Mondays 6pm to 7.30pm in school terms. Phone Margaret on 389 3028
HIP HOP & DANCE ACADEMY	Hip Hop & Junior Jazz - Mondays 3:30 to 5:30pm Fun Fairy Ballet for preschoolers and primary school children. Tuesdays 3:15pm to 6pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020.
PILATES	Mondays 9am to 9:45am – Friday classes at 9am and 10am. Contact Beth via email: renewpilates@gmail.com
DANISH MUSIC PLAYGROUP	Sundays (fortnightly) 10:30am to 11:30am. Phone Karen on 380 1929
TOTS MUSIC CLASSES	Tuesday mornings in the Community Centre lounge from 9:30am. Contact – Encore School of Music on 976 8742. Email: info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz
INDIAN COOKING CLASSES	Saturday and Sunday evenings. Bookings and enquiries to Anu. Phone: 021 0269 7038 Email: indiancooking@xtra.co.nz
PORSE PLAYGROUP	Wednesdays 9am – 11.30 in the hall & lounge Phone Holly on 801 6814 Email: holly.cane@porse.co.nz
REMBUDEN KARATE	Beginners: Wednesdays 5:30 to 6:15pm & Thursdays 4:45 to 5:30pm Adult Beginners: Wednesdays 6 to 7pm & Thursdays 5:30 to 6:30pm Evening Cardio Power: Wednesdays 7:30 to 8pm Stretch & Tone class: Thursdays 6:30 to 7pm For more details, contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
SPCA ADOPT A PET	Saturday 8 March from 12 to 3pm. Cats & kittens seeking new homes.
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6:30 to 8pm. Contact Carol on 388 3838 or 0274 321 204
TABLE TENNIS	New! Tuesday mornings at 9am & Wednesday evenings at 8:15pm Phone Philip on 934 7445 or email: codwg@paradise.net.nz
TAI CHI CLASSES	Thursdays at 6:30pm. First class free. \$5 casual or \$40 for 10 classes. New daytime class! Fridays at 1pm in the main hall. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or email: ferne.david@xtra.co.nz
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY INDOOR MARKET	LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. Next market on 22 February - 9.30 to 1pm Tables only \$10. Phone Euan on 384 6799

Brooklyn Community Centre can be hired for classes, groups & functions.
Office hours - 8.30am - 1.30pm Monday to Friday
Phone 384 6799. Email: brooklynca@paradise.net.nz

Brooklyn Tattler



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Try Something New in 2014

Check out the great range of activities on offer at the
Brooklyn Community Centre and
Vogelmorn Hall

Everything from Tai Chi to Kids Drama
Classes to suit all ages and abilities.

View details online at:

www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz

Or see the What's On pages in this months Tattler.

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Co-ordinator's Corner

Hi Everyone

It's February already, and the first school term of the year is underway. Hopefully the best days of summer are still to come, with those extra-long daylight saving hours to enjoy.

We took advantage of the quieter period during the Christmas break, to have the Brooklyn Community Centre hall floor surface refurbished by ACE Flooring who did a great job. This month, local tradesman Neil Macdonald of Orange Roughy Builders has been busy dividing off our old kitchen to create two separate rooms, one for Adam and the After-school Care staff to store their equipment, and the other space has been transformed into an easily accessible cleaner's cupboard. Our next project is the renewal of the main hall heating before the start of winter. Vogelmorn Hall is also to receive a significant heating upgrade, with the older style gas heaters being replaced with modern electric units.

The Brooklyn Community Centre was well used during January, by our popular summer school holiday programme providing fun activities for up to 60 kids per day. You can view photos from the programme online at www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz by clicking on the Gallery tab.

We are grateful to Ricoh for donating 10 Scooter Docks to the Community Centre, which are proving very useful for kids to park their scooters in. The Scooter Docks are made locally, includ-

ing material from recycled Ricoh toner cartridges. The Brooklyn Tattler is now printed and collated monthly by Ricoh Express in College Street.

All of our regular groups are now back at Brooklyn and Vogelmorn for 2014, including some extra activities. Ferne and David McKenzie who run Tai Chi classes on Thursday evenings, have just started a new daytime class on Friday afternoons from 1pm. Contact Ferne on 389 1433 or email:

ferne.david@xtra.co.nz for details.

Our first monthly market for this year is on 22 February in the main Brooklyn hall from 9:30am to 1pm. The indoor markets will run on the last Saturday of the month through until December. Stalls are still \$10 for a standard sized trestle table. Tables and chairs provided. Phone me on 384 6799 to book a space.

The Wellington SPCA will be at the Brooklyn Community Centre on Saturday 8 March from 12 to 3pm for their popular Adopt-a-Thon with cats and kittens looking for new homes. Come along and say hi to the friendly SPCA volunteers.

Last year we produced two extended colour editions of the Tattler, delivered to Brooklyn households, which proved very popular. Our next special issue is in March, so keep a look out in the mailbox for your free home delivered copy.

Have a great month

Euan Harris
Co-ordinator



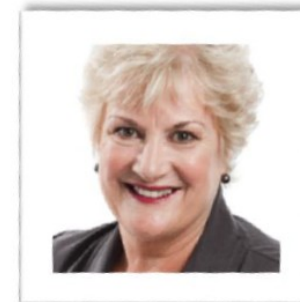
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Or just come along to try a free class - wear T shirt and long trackies. First Monday of the month is beginners class.

Tanera Park Hall, Tanera Cres (off Ohiro Rd), Brooklyn.

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Copy Deadline for the next Brooklyn Tattler is 28 February 2014

Email: kunderwood@leaders.co.nz with your contribution.

Toastmasters

Have you made your New Year's Resolution? How about tackling your fear of public speaking?

Members of your local Toastmasters Club, Turbine Talkers, meet fortnightly at St Matthew's Church Lounge from 7.30pm-9.30pm to practice speaking in public. Each speaker receives feedback from the group, which means the club has built up plenty of knowledge about the best ways to write and present speeches. This month Turbine Talkers member Trish Merz writes about her journey to overcoming her fear of public speaking.

The beginning of a new year is often a time when many of us set resolutions for the year ahead. In 2010 I made a goal to conquer my biggest fear – public speaking. Having just started in a new role with a large presentation component I knew I couldn't hide from my fear on stage in front of a live audience. I looked into various public speaking training options and discovered Toastmasters, a not-for-profit educational organisation that operates clubs worldwide for the purpose of helping their members improve their communication and leadership skills.

Toastmasters was by far the cheapest training option and there was even a club just down the street from me in Brooklyn. I turned up for one of the meetings as a guest and never looked back. Three years into my role I now regularly deliver live technical presentations, my largest to a crowd of over 500! I certainly still get butterflies before going on stage but Toastmasters

has given me the tools I need to control my nerves and use them to my advantage.

I can now say I actually enjoy public speaking and have received numerous compliments on my presentation style. I certainly never would have thought I'd be listing "public speaking" as one of my skills! While not everyone gives presentations as regular part of their job, most of us will be asked to speak publicly at some point in our lives, whether it be at work, for a family function, or something else entirely. Actually communication is a regular part of all of all our lives and learning the skills to become a more competent and confident communicator is perhaps the greatest investment you can make for yourself.

For more information visit our Website
<http://6879.toastmastersclubs.org/>.

Upcoming meetings are at St Matthews Church Lounge 7.30pm-9.30pm on Tuesday 11 and 25 February, and 11 and 25 March.

See you there



RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

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FRIDAY CIRCLE: \$5
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Programme:
Craft activities 9.30am
Morning Tea 10 am
Lunch 12 noon
Arthritic Exercise 1.30pm
Guest Speaker 2pm
Afternoon Tea 3pm

Speakers for February/March 14

7 Feb: Jenny Swan
Return to Centre catch-up

14 Feb: Margaret Macawlay
"Eat Unlimited" -Heat and eat meals

21 Feb: Linda Sheldon
"Freedom Medical Alarms"
(Wellington Free Ambulance)

28 Feb: Maria Schuch
(Armchair Travel)
"Spain -Tapas, Gaudi and more"

7 March: Charlie Devenish
"What is Charlie up to now"

Welcome back to the Centre, I hope everybody had a lovely break. We have some great speakers lined up for this month. If you have a story or travel experience, we would love to hear about it, 2-3pm Friday afternoons.

Our Centre is looking for new Committee members. We meet on Monday afternoons, once a month. If you are interested, please give me a call on 384 4299.

Our Podiatrist will be returning on 7th Feb, then fortnightly thereafter.

Our Mahjong Group meets on Monday afternoons, 1-3pm, new players are needed.

I look forward to seeing you.

Jenny Swan



Emergency Defibrillators donated to Brooklyn

The Brooklyn RSA recently donated 3 Automated External Defibrillators (AED) to the Brooklyn community. They are located at the Brooklyn Medical Centre, 155 Ohiro Road: Brooklyn Central Health, 183 Ohiro Road and the Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison Street.

Every year in New Zealand approximately 1,500 primary cardiac arrests occur outside hospital. 90% of these are fatal. This is 3 times greater than the national road toll. Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) can strike anyone, anytime, so it is extremely important to be prepared to respond quickly.

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WHAT'S ON AT THE VOGELMORN HALL

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| SPIRIT TAEKWON-DO CLUB | Sunday mornings 9.15am to 12:45pm
Thursday evenings 4:45 to 8:45pm
Contact Louise on 021 272 1060
or email: louise@spirit.net.nz |
| BARBARIAN KIDS | Movement & expression classes with Jo Randerson
Monday afternoons 3.15pm to 4pm - Wild things
Monday afternoons 4pm to 4.45pm - Crazy Horses
Email: jo@barbarian.co.nz
View: www.barbarian.co.nz/kids |
| FELDENKRAIS CLASSES | Awareness through Movement
Monday 10am to 11am & evening 7pm to 8pm
Wednesday mornings 10am to 11am
Contact Barbara on 384 5249 or Toni on 475 3355 |
| KARDIO POWER
STRETCH & TONE CLASS | Monday evenings 5:40 to 6:10pm
Monday evenings 6:10 to 6:40pm
Punch that pad and get fit, or gently tone and stretch your body. No experience required.
Contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049 |
| POSITIVELY ZUMBA | Tuesday evenings 7.15pm to 8.30pm
Contact Beth via email at:
positivelyzumba@gmail.com |
| FIONA HAINES DANCE | Wednesday afternoons & evenings 3:15pm to 9pm
Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020
f.haines.dance@gmail.com |
| KIDS ART | Thursday afternoons from 3pm to 4.30pm
During school terms |
| IAIDO TRAINING | Non-combative Japanese Martial Art
Saturday afternoons from 3pm to 5pm
Contact Cam on 021 263 0351 or
cam@camfindlay.com |

The Vogelmorn Hall at 11 Vennell Street can be hired for classes, groups and functions. Contact Euan Harris the Coordinator for details. Phone: 384 6799

Email: brooklynca@paradise.net.nz


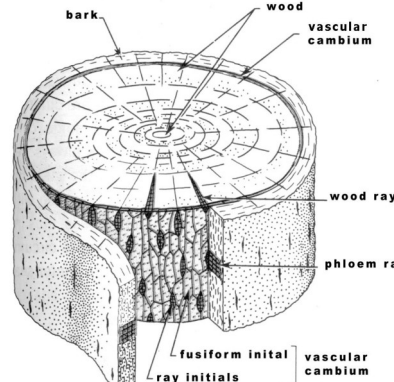
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Councillor Comment

The weather has been rather variable but I hope that everyone has had a restful break as we all settle into another year.

We will soon be going out to consult on the city's draft budget. I am pleased to have had the support of my colleagues for my bid for increased funding for libraries, a promise that I made on the campaign trail. Significant investment in cycling is also another initiative that the Council has committed to. Your feedback on these initiatives and others will be most welcome. Soon, there will also be public consultation on lower speed zones in the central city and what kind of public transport system we want into the future – light rail or bus rapid transit. Again, let us know what you think.

As indicated last year, the Council will be working with Brooklyn on a range of projects from strengthening the Brooklyn library to village planning. The potential expansion of the landfill will also generate a lot of discussion as well as the expansion of the Jefferson Street kerbing. I look forward to a productive year. Iona 384-3382 / 021-227-8509

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FOOS

By the time you read this, the New Year will be well under way, FOOS will have held its first working bee, and you will all be busy either resuming all your usual personal and community activities, or engaging in new ones that you made a New Year resolution to tackle. Well, I hope you made a resolution to make some change, however minor, and/or try just one thing you haven't done before. My something different was actually done before Christmas - canoeing down the Whanganui River, and very beautiful it was too, and not so challenging as I had feared it might be. As for more personal targets - getting more exercise, not being so impatient, tidying your desk - better to have tried and sometimes failed, than to not bother trying at all. And of course, you could always resolve to attend at least one FOOS working bee!

FOOS was working very hard before Christmas preparing to make an oral submission to the Resource Consent hearing for C&D construction and demolition landfill to expand their activities and divert some of the upper stream. We are continuing to oppose this -

development as it will destroy some of the highest value biodiversity and habitat in the Owhiro Catchment and will create significant negative effects on the rest of Owhiro Stream network.

Our next big challenge will be a submission to the Resource Consent for the WCC landfill extension, which will probably be heard sometime after February. As Martin has written: 'This is the other big one for us, which will require concerted and organised community pressure if better waste management outcomes are to be considered in this development. Please let us know if you have any ideas, time or resources that will help us continue this work.' So, if you have anything to offer, PLEASE contact Martin on 0274 166 770, or email: martinp@clear.net.nz. Actually - we are not quite so short on ideas, but time and resources are definitely rather stretched, and any help would be welcomed.

Janet Campbell
 on behalf of Friends of Owhiro Stream



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GROUP ROUNDUP

Brooklyn Walkers

Brooklyn Walkers meet Monday mornings outside the Brooklyn Library. The walks are varied covering most of Wgtn and are easily suitable for senior walkers. Our group is full of friendly people so join us. For more information call Susannah: 384 7412 or Clare 384 9054.

- 17 Feb: Paekakariki to QE2 Park, return via beach. (9:18 No.7 bus, 10:02 train).
- 24 Feb: Eastbourne to Days Bay (9:38 No.7 bus, 10:07 No.83 bus at Railway Station).
- 3 Mar: Central Park, Tanera Gardens, Aro and Norway Streets, Kelburn, City.
- 10 Mar: Brooklyn to Botanic Gardens (various routes).
- 17 Mar: Walk to Wallace Street, bus to Karori Cemetery, Kaiwharawhara, Otara Bush (9:10 start for 9:35 No.11 bus at Wallace St).



Brooklyn Table Tennis

The Brooklyn Table Tennis Club plays from 8.15pm till late every Wednesday evening.

Small, friendly group, welcoming new members of all ages. We have 3 tables, good lighting in a pleasant hall. Balls are supplied and a number of club bats are available for use. For information phone: Philip 934 7445 or Gwen 384 9060.



Brooklyn Scouts

Brooklyn Scouts, Cubs and Keas meet in the Scout Hall in Harrison

Street, Brooklyn.

Keas: 5-7 years, Tuesdays 5.30-6.30pm
Cubs: 7-11 years, Mondays 6.30-8.00pm
Scouts: 11-14 years, Tuesdays 7.00-9.00pm.

For more information contact Gavin McGlashan gavin@mcglashan.co.nz phone: 939 3222



Brooklyn Garden Club

The Club meets at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday each month at the Brooklyn Resource Centre, 36 Jefferson St. Come and hear interesting and informative guest speakers, share gardening tips and plant cuttings, and enjoy the company of our small friendly group. New members and new ideas are always welcome. For further details contact Barbara on 389 4307.



Turbine Talkers Toastmasters Club

Turbine Talkers is the local chapter of Toastmasters International. We hold fortnightly meetings to teach and practice the skills of effective communication in a supportive learning environment. Turbine Talkers meets every 2nd Tuesday, at St Matthews Church on Washington Avenue. For further details. Ph. Caroline 971 8494



Brooklyn Brownies, Guides & Pippins

Brownies meet Monday evening during school terms, from 6.00-7.30pm, in the Brooklyn Community Centre, Harrison St. We welcome any girl between the ages of 7-9 1/2 years of age to join Brownies for fun, friendship and other activities. Ph. Margaret 389 3028 for

details.

Brooklyn Pippins meet Monday evening during term time 6-7pm at the Reformed Church, end of Harrison St. Contact Nicola Burdon: 971 1265

Brooklyn Guides meet Mondays 6.30 -8.00pm at Reformed Church, Harrison St. Phone Kathryn Marsh on 802 5049



Friends of Owhiro Stream

Drivers down Ohiro Road will have noticed the vast improvement over the past few years to the Owhiro Stream and its environs achieved by this local group. Work is ongoing and if you would like to find out more about it, call:

Paul – 389 8545 or Martin – 389 8995



Central Park Care Group

Our working bee is the last Sunday of the month from 10am to noon. Meet at the picnic table next to the big bridge, 2 mins from the main gate. Come along for great conversations, meet new people, fab morning tea provided and contribute to the care of Central Park! No formal meeting in January. Contact Debbie for informal times.

Contact Debbie on debbie_vanh@yahoo.com



Brooklyn Local History Group

The next Brooklyn Local History Group meetings are at Brooklyn Library @2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information contact Sharon Macintyre: 387-1487, email sharon.macintyre42@gmail.com or Chris Rabey: 384 9293



Brooklyn Junior Cricket Club

Brooklyn Junior CC welcomes all junior cricketers for the current season. Contact Mark Jones Mark.Jones@FINNZ.com 027244 4325 or Matthew Roche matthew@zooter.co.nz 021463432



St John Youth Division and Penguin Programme

For 6-18 year olds, weekly sessions, some weekend camps, and fun activities provides a structured programme for attendees to develop life skills, self discipline. The Penguin Programme for 6-8 year olds meets at St Bernard's School, Taft St, Mondays 3:30-4:30pm. The Youth Division for 8-18 year olds meets at Brooklyn Community Centre, Tuesday 6:30-8:00pm. Contact Karen for Penguins on 389 4060 and Carol for Youth on 0274 321 204 www.stjohn.org.nz



Brooklyn Food Group

Have a passion for local food and community? Join the Brooklyn Food Group/community orchard / shared gardens growing food and learning from each other and build our skills and community. We welcome new gardeners and gardens, so if you want to get your hands dirty or hear about upcoming workshops get in touch.

Orchard working bees: 5.30-7.30 Monday nights end of Harrison St thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com and www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ



Lines from the Library

We were recently asked at the library to submit a list of books enjoyed during 2013 so I thought I would share my top 10 with you. Personally I find the world we currently live in far stranger than anyone could dream up, so I apologise to avid fiction fans as the list includes only one fiction title.

Jeremy Narby is a young Swiss anthropologist looking for a new understanding and 'Intelligence in Nature' will challenge all you believe about nature – yes, slime moulds can solve puzzles. Oliver Burkeman's 'The Antidote: Happiness for People Who Can't Stand Positive Thinking' balances out the current obsession with positivity by reminding us that it is OK to sometimes not feel like jumping up and down with joy.

'The People's Songs : the Story of Modern Britain in 50 Records' by Stuart Maconie offers an entertaining perspective on the evolution of our popular culture, while Linda McQuaig's 'Billionaires' Ball' examines a darker side of cultural development in tracing the incredible inside story of how America's 1% got to where they are and what could be done about it.

Brian Christian's 'The Most Human

Human' and K. Thompson's 'Smarter Than You Think' are good to read back to back as they offer engaging and absorbing appraisals of our information age from two very different positions.

Daniel M. Klein's 'Travels With Epicurus: a Journey to a Greek Island in Search of a Fulfilled Life' is a lovely story about the author's return to a Greek Island as an aging man who wants to revisit his most treasured philosophical books to see if they still make sense, while Cheryl Strayed's 'Wild' is a travel book from the other side, as it features a lost young woman who seeks to find herself by tramping a 1000 mile trail alone with no camping experience whatsoever and is very funny, yet quite moving.

Lawrence Osborne is an excellent travel writer and 'The Wet and the Dry: a Drinker's Journey' is possibly his best yet as he travels the Islamic world to see where he can get a drink and offers a wonderful array of anecdotes concerning the history of alcohol along the way, while 'The Forgiveness' is Osborne's first, and very successful, foray into fiction that tells the story of a weekend long party held at a rich couples lair in Morocco that goes horribly wrong.

As always, happy reading!
John

Brooklyn Residents Association (BRAI)

Welcome to a new year. One we hope proves more positive for you, our local community and the community at large.

The Residents Association has continued working through the summer (?) with involvement in discussions over the proposed huge Stage 4 extension to the Wellington City Council Southern Landfill (proposed extension of another 80 years or so of activity and fill and corresponding traffic volumes) and the Burrell Landfill (otherwise known as C & D extension application). We have been working alongside Friends of Owiro Stream (FOOS). Both have substantial ecological, environmental and traffic flow implications that will directly impact our area and certainly rubbish / waste vehicles transiting through the Brooklyn Village / lights pose traffic and pedestrian risks and hazards to the local community.

We note also the proposed changes to the Jefferson St / Cleveland St intersection (next to Khana Khazana takeaway) due to concerns of the proximity of the bus stop to the pedestrian crossing and potential risks to pedestrians and flow through traffic. This is an ongoing matter Jefferson St residents are strongly engaged in.

As well as these immediate matters, the BRAI also have a watching brief including – but not solely – on:

We note the intentions of all three landfills along and down Ohiro Road between Brooklyn and Happy Valley have expansion plans for the size and longevity of their respective operations. These proposals will mean increased traffic vol-

umes. Further development of Brooklyn – these Resource Consents for construction are generally considered Non Notifiable activities. So we have no control or even a modicum of input as to what some parties can build and dump in our suburb, or consider the potential scale or impact on traffic for example.

11 Vennell Street – we note ground has been "broken" ahead of construction of so called affordable housing units under the auspices of the Wellington Housing Trust.

We also sadly note the demise of the Vogelmorn Bowling Club and wonder aloud what is to become of this facility and its use for the public – retained or potentially sold off by WCC?

Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) ongoing proposed changes to the city and region-wide bus services, timetables and reorganisation of bus routes. We note this has now been postponed to 2015. Eventually, we look forward to the proposed local service expansion of the Kowhai Park / Panorama Heights full weekend bus service and how they join together and meld. We look forward to seeing you at our March 2014 meeting.

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Brooklyn History

An old identity long since deceased, was Reg Taylor, who lived in Brooklyn for nearly 80 years. He remembered when money was scarce, his mother would get him and his brothers to catch a couple of rabbits in the gorse bushes above Todman Street, so they could have them for dinner. They were a tasty morsel, and tasted even better because they didn't cost anything.

Sometimes when Reg was a bit lax in getting off to Brooklyn School, he'd team up with the Doig boy down the road and head for Reuben Avenue. Around about the holly trees up the top of the Reuben Avenue you could catch a hare or two, if you waited long enough. They made a pleasant change from rabbit, which they caught time after time.

However another peril awaited Reg if he was late for school. The Headmistress, Miss Brown. The boys recalled she was one of the best teachers in Wellington. She never stood on ceremony if one of the boys was late. After the bell had stopped ringing, she'd wait on the concrete steps outside the school. The poor offender was then taken into the classroom, spread-eagled across her desk, then whacked soundly with her cane. Reg never forgot her cane. Shiny black about two feet long and could it hurt!!

She'd bring it down solidly on the boy's bare bottom, until she thought he had learnt his lesson. The cane didn't seem to do much harm though.

While at school there was always plenty of drama one way or another, with Reg and his mates.

After hearing about a man called Boshier, who was hanged in Wellington after murdering a couple in Petone, a related incident occurred in the Brooklyn School's playshed. One of the boys in Reg's class decided to copy the case. Funnily enough he was also called Reg. Anyway, he had strung up a rope in the playshed after school and nearly hanged himself before we all found out. We rushed over and cut him down in time.

Later on when Reg left school at about 14, he was apprenticed to a Harry Drummond in Willis Street. He was lined up for a career in painting and decorating. He served his time there, probably one of the few people to get their full indentures.

One day this bloke Drummond asked Reg to climb St Johns Church in Willis Street and paint the spire. In those days the ladders were strapped together and tied to the tower. And he shimmied up the ladders to paint the spire from the top downwards. No safety gear or harnesses then, but there were very few reports of mishaps on these jobs. There seems to be more accidents occurring these days with all the safety gear available than there were then. Reg was the last apprentice ever to climb that tower. Drummond did it himself after that. The spire is about 12 ft long and a fair distance up. Pretty dangerous work, nevertheless the job got done.

More stories next month.
Chris Rabey

Brooklyn Scouts Join us for 2014

2013 what a year! Her Worship the Mayor of Wellington (Celia Wade Brown) awarded two of our Scouts the Chief Scout's Award. This is a huge honour and a wonderful achievement for our two Scouts. The last one was 30 years ago.

Our 'Endeavour Venturers' group took flight with combined Venturer troops from the Brooklyn, Island Bay, Kelburn and Eastern Bays Scout Groups. We have been very busy upgrading our Brooklyn Scout Hall. What a difference new paint makes and an almost finished, totally revamped basement. 2014 will see us introducing exciting activities for boys and girls and we have spaces in every one of our groups.

Keas 5.5 – 8 years old on Tuesdays 5:30 – 6:30 pm; Cubs 8 – 10 years old on Mondays 6:30 – 8 pm, Scouts 10.5 – 14 years on Tuesdays 7 – 9 pm; and Venturers 14 – 18 years on Thursdays 7 – 9 pm.

If your child likes hands on adventures, learning real life skills, and achieving goals, then scouting is for them. Find out more, visit www.brooklynscouts.org.nz or call: Gillian Boyes on 972 9904 or email



Hi Editor

I just wanted to say a big thank you to you and all that contribute to the Brooklyn Tattler. I've just read the December edition, and as usual have thoroughly enjoyed it!

We moved to Brooklyn in February and absolutely love how Brooklyn residents have managed to keep an active community going. It's refreshing in this era of individualism and very much appreciated!

All the best and have a happy Christmas,

Katie Simmons

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