

Village Times

Kerikeri Retirement Village



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Hilary Sumpter - Chief Executive

Welcome... TO OUR SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Right now we are working with a specialist architect on concepts and plans to grow the Village, and re-develop the Care Facility, over the next 3-5 years.

Some of our plans include re-developing the Social Centre, and actually moving it to the front of the Village, near the existing reception area. This has in part been made possible by the extraordinarily generous bequest left to us by Majorie Paterson. It's major gifts like this plus growing the Village which allow us to operate and develop the Care Facility. There will be more on Majorie's significant bequest next year.

Over the past couple of months we've been experiencing some changes at Kerikeri Retirement Village. Change is hard for all of us and we understand this is particularly so for those whom the Village is home. Robyn Hori who has been the face of Kerikeri Retirement Village at Reception for the past 11 years has left us and we are all really sorry to see her go. Her contribution can't be over-estimated. I'd also like to acknowledge Kura Collins who recently left us after 17 years, the last 10 or so years in the Kitchen.

Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays to you all.

Volunteer To Make A Difference

Kerikeri Village Trust is a Charitable Trust. The help we get from community volunteers provides residents with extra company and frees up staff to attend to more specialised care. As well as helping in the Care Facility there are also roles for volunteers within the wider village and in our Social Centre.

In particular we're looking for someone to run a Housie Session once or twice a week, (training will be provided). We would also love to hear from anyone who could initiate a games or craft session, or organise a music, book or movie appreciation group. Or maybe you have ideas for other fun activities.

We know from our existing volunteers that they find their time in the village to be very enjoyable and rewarding.

Their efforts are very much appreciated by the residents, who enjoy having someone new to chat to.



To discuss volunteering please call 09 407 0070.



Celebrating 25 Years of Service

BY JAN GOUGH, VILLAGE CHAPLAIN



My husband and I moved to Kerikeri after he took early retirement. I wasn't ready to retire and after meeting with Jenny Blackler, who was the Village Manager here at the time, I started working here on December 12th 1991 as a Caregiver and was later promoted to Senior Caregiver.

I had always enjoyed activities with the residents so when Diversional Therapy was introduced to the Village the new Manager, Betty Petrie, encouraged me to undertake further study.

Three years later I was one of the first people in New Zealand to qualify as a Registered Diversional Therapist. This led to the Diversional Therapy Society asking me to train as a Therapy Assessor and I became responsible for training and signing off most of the Diversional Therapists in the Far North.



During this time I also became a Liaison Officer for Presbyterian Support (who helped fund the Village) and three times a year I was released from normal duties so that I could travel around the Far North soliciting donations and support.

I retired from full time Diversional Therapy nine years ago but continued to relieve and support the therapists. Having more time on my hands I also took on the role of Volunteer Co-ordinator, recruiting, supporting and organising the many volunteers who help out around the Village.

About six years ago our Village Chaplain passed away and as I had worked closely with her, I agreed to take over until someone else could be found.... and I am still here! I continue to enjoy my role as spiritual advisor and find it very rewarding.



Image captions

- 1: Jan in the early days.
- 2: She hasn't changed a bit.
Jan at the recent afternoon tea to celebrate her 25 years of service.
- 3: Hilary Sumpter joins the fun.
- 4: Yvonne Hooper also lent a hand.
- 5: Judith Kennedy travelled in style.

For more photos of this event, see the gallery at www.kerikerivillage.co.nz

Welcome to...



Alma & Ian Patton.



Gillian & Vaughan Preece.



Jo Ann Gaitens.



Anna & John Boulter.

Staff Achievements



Four of our staff recently completed training and received their Certificate in Palliative Care.

Congratulations to Rachel Barbosa, Nateeh Cueva, Shyrmagne Chavez and Jisha Peters who was unable to make the presentation.

Well done also to Caregivers Raewyn Melrose, Nga Grace, Maryanne Harris, Helen Cummings, Carol Deane and Jill Godfrey who all qualified for Careerforce Certificates as part of the ACE Training Program.

Left to right:

Rachel Barbosa, Nateeh Cueva and Shyrmagne Chavez.

McDonalds Visit



Our residents love a good outing and a visit to McDonalds for an icecream with some excited grandchildren went down a treat.

Kerikeri School Visit



We thoroughly enjoyed a performance from the talented children of the Kerikeri Primary School Choir.

Springbank Students Tell Our Stories



The Village has a long standing relationship with Springbank School and their students continue to impress with their energy, enthusiasm and talent. Recently Teacher Jill Hatherly brought her Year 9 students in to interview some of our residents as part of their English studies. The students

then went away and wrote up their biographies with some even creating books and posters which were given to the subjects of the interviews.

We were particularly impressed with a beautifully illustrated book by Ashley Badger and have included a couple of pages here.

We have also included a fabulous poster about Torum Jenkins made by Faraday & Jessica and another about Mary Watson by Paris Sheppard & Olivia Phillips.

As we didn't have room to print everything, we have included some short extracts from a few of our budding authors.

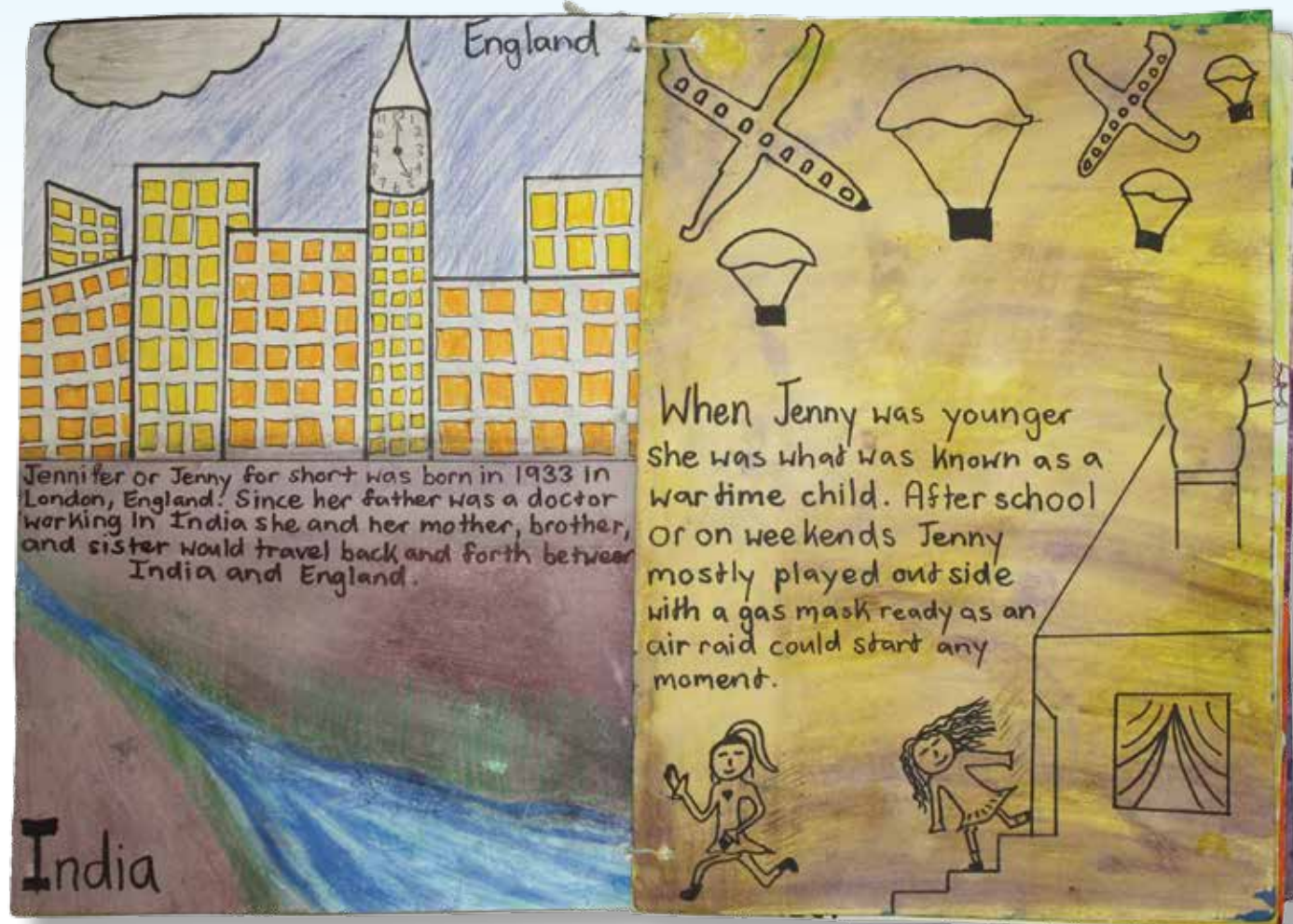
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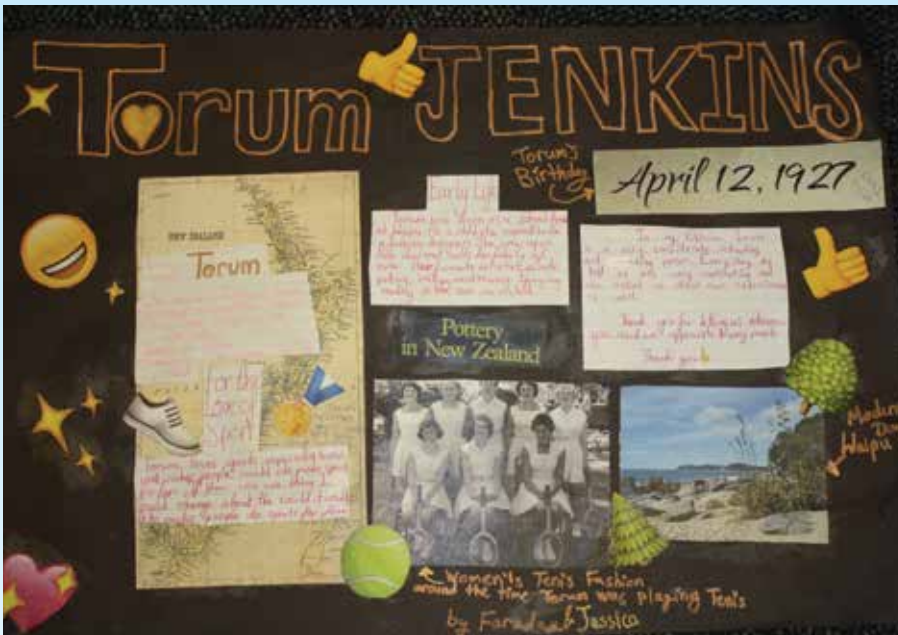
by Ashley Badger

... Jenny's mother had taught her how to sew, which came in handy since during that time in New Zealand, rations existed and Jenny had to make all her children's clothes.

... Technology isn't her number one priority but she does feel that it is necessary in order to stay relevant.

Also, Jenny is not a large fan of Social Media and neither are her children. Although she does like to watch TV, anything violent is completely against her nature. This comes from the fear of being reminded about wartimes.





Torum Jenkins, born April 12 1927 by Faraday Haydock & Jessica Kossmann

... Torum was born in a school house in Waipu.

... As a child she aspired to be a Fashion Designer.

... She grew up in New Zealand with her family of 9. Her favourite activities include pottery, knitting and sewing.

... Torum loves sports, especially tennis and wishes people would do more sports for fun. "If there was one thing I could change about the world it would be to make more people do sports for fun!"

Mary Crawford Watson, Age 86 by Paris Sheppard & Olivia Phillips

... She was a nurse and a matron for a school in Africa.

... One night Mary was on the train, coming back from dropping off her students to their homes. She was sitting in the dining cart and was asked if she would like to sit with some very rich looking people.

The next day she was reading the paper and found out it was actually Indian Royalty.

... If Mary went back in time she wouldn't change a thing about her life.



Just Like Mum Used To Make

Anita Jakich, Jan Chipman and the team at Neat Eats have been cooking our Community Dinners for over 2 years now and are famous for their home cooked meals "just like mum used to make".

Anita's mum, who was also a caterer and later worked in a cooking school, taught Anita how to cook and inspired her passion for food. Once a year Anita's mum prepares and cooks Tripe for our Community Dinner and there's always a good turnout for that night. Anita's family are Fijian and Croatian and she says "both sides love their food". Some of her most popular recipes have been passed down through the generations or are a modern twist on old family favourites.

Neat Eats also does a wide range of other style foods including canapes, platters and high teas. They cater for weddings, dinner parties and 21st functions. "Pretty much if there's food involved we can do it" says Anita.



For more information or menus visit
www.neateats.co.nz

Christmax Variety Show

For more photos of this event, see the gallery at
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Volunteer's Christmas Party

As a Charitable Trust we rely on support from the local community. This takes many forms but one of the greatest donations we receive is the gift of time. People who read letters, arrange flowers and give companionship make life that much better for our residents and free our nursing staff up for more specialised care. The Volunteer's Christmas Party was our chance to say **"thanks for all the great work you do!"**



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Charity Ride

Congratulations to staff member Anthony Chalder-Royle who, together with locals Dr Simon Bristow, Matt Cooper and Mike Quilter, completed a scooter ride for charity the length of New Zealand from Bluff to Cape Reinga.

The ride became more of an adventure than they expected when the quake struck while they were in Blenheim and along the way Dr Bristow attended at a car accident.

But they arrived in one piece and contributed almost \$12,000 for their chosen charities. Here is Anthony pictured with his fans at the Village.



Frances Shaw, Anthony, June Crowden and Jo Chalder-Royle



Lyn DeAth, June Ward, Dr Simon Bristow, Phyllis Wagstaff, Pat Scott

Founder's Day

We celebrated 30 years of Operation at our Founder's Day Function held in the Social Centre on September 26. Amongst the guests were village residents, past and current board members, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Far North, Betty Petrie and lots of volunteers and staff.

Nell Graveson, who bought the first cottage built in the Village and still lives there today, cut the cake and then the party really got going!

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Putting the GOLD in Golden Years



When the Olympics finished, Kerikeri threw a parade for gold medallist and local sailer Blair Tuke and his team mate Peter Burling.

The parade started just across the road at Woodlands and event organisers Lynda Hurley and Dave Keen kindly organised a pre-event visit to our residents who were thrilled to meet the team in person and get a close look at their gold medals.

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Fun Times Fundraising

Our staff contribute a lot of time and energy over and above their paid roles. We are planning some décor improvements in the Robinson Wing and a few of the team, led by Dawn Cheeseman, decided to fundraise towards the project.

On November 3rd they sold homemade muffins around the village and the following day they held a 'bring and buy' in the Social Centre offering an array of delicious cakes and biscuits, free range eggs, avocados and lemon honey.

Several residents made donations. Willy Rademaker from the Thursday Social Centre Group also donated his second place winnings from the Melbourne Cup Sweepstake bringing the total raised to an impressive \$262. Thanks to all those who contributed.



VIEWING NOW - 2 bedroom cottage!

Under offer!



This lovely 2 bedroom cottage is located in a quiet, sunny cul de sac.

To arrange a viewing contact Frances Shaw 09 929 5836



FEATURES

2 Bedrooms • New Kitchen • Modern Bathroom • Extra WC • Spacious Lounge & Dining • Garden Patio • Internal Access Garage

Diary Dates

Afternoon Tea

Wed. 4th January | 2.30pm

Wendywood afternoon tea.

Afternoon Movie

Wed. 18th January | 2.30pm

Afternoon movie in the Social Centre.

Community Dinner

Tue. 31st January | 5.30pm

Community Dinner in the Social Centre. All welcome.

Picnic

Fri. 3rd February | 10.30am

Cottage and Wendywood residents picnic at Matauri Bay. Departs reception at 10.30am.

Seated Tai Chi

Every Monday from 10 - 11am Jill Freeman from 'Simply Wonderful' runs seated Tai Chi in the H.Murray room at the Village.

The class is designed to help those with arthritis and mobility issues to retain their strength and range of movement and, according to participants, is "also very relaxing".

