



A Newsletter for

Middlemarch, Hyde, Macraes,
Hindon, Black Rock & Lee Stream
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Telephone Directory Update

We are on target to have the revised edition of the community phone book on sale around the 17th December.

Cost is \$10 per book and you can pick up your copy from the Postal Agency in Middlemarch.
Also available at Farmlands
Dukes Road Mosgiel

Middlemarch RWNZ



Beef + Lamb New Zealand and Rural Support Trust

in conjunction with Silver Fern Farms,
Farmlands, Boehringer Ingelheim
and Property Brokers
would like to invite farmers their families,
staff and those that service the farming sector
to a get together on

Thursday 3 December
from 5.00pm at the
Middlemarch Golf Club

for a Silver Fern Farms BBQ
and Property Brokers Happy Hour

**Farmer and Environmentalist from
North Otago**

Jane Smith is the Guest speaker
Will Halliday - B+LNZ Senior Advisor,
Biosecurity & Animal Welfare will be available
for anyone wanting a chat about animal
health related issues.

Come catch up with your neighbours, share a drink,
good food and entertainment as we kick 2020 to touch.
Spot prizes throughout the evening.

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Middlemarch Swimming Pool is OPEN..... and HEATED!

What a great occasion this year's opening of the pool was.

It was a privilege to be the first person to jump in to the 28 degree water. I'm sure all those who enjoyed their first swim of the season are as excited as I am about the pool being heated.

This wouldn't have happened if not for the enthusiasm and hard work from Kate Wilson, Steph Macaulay and their helpers.

To fundraise and find the considerable sum of money needed has been outstanding.

The community can now be proud of a fantastic facility.

Thank you to all who came to the opening and purchased keys. It needs to be noted that a number of people buy keys and don't use the pool. They see the pool as important to the community and see this as a way of helping to keep it operating.
Special thanks to these people.

After 15 years of caretaking the pool this will be my last season in this role. It has been a real pleasure seeing kids learn to swim and become confident and happy in the water.

I hope everyone has a really great swimming season in our newly heated pool.

John Foote

Community Carol Service

Sunday 6th December 3.30pm

at St John's Church

All Welcome

Please bring a plate for shared afternoon tea

Plunket Nurse

call or txt Kelly 027 464 6557

**To arrange for a zoom session or a clinic visit
when you are next in Mosgiel**

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NOTE:

**Closing date for February 2021 issue
will be 23rd January 2021**

Police News

Well we are back into the 'silly season' again, and the time when people have time off with family and friends, and head away for the summer holidays.

I hope everyone enjoys their break away but please stay safe and drive safe during your break away.

I will be away for a week with family in Tauranga and then back for the rest of the Christmas and the New Year period.

I spent a week up in Christchurch completing my recruit firefighter course. Thanks to Footey and the Middlemarch Fire brigade for all their help over the last 18 months.

While I was away it appears there were some very strong winds and a few caravans become unstuck on the windy roads.

If you haven't noticed I'm now driving around in a 4x4 Holden Colorado. It has already proven its worth as within 4 days I have had two separate groups of people rescued in the Te Papanui Reserve. On both occasions both people had no idea where the road went. They also did not tell anyone where they had gone. One family who had a 1 year old child with them were lucky that there was cell phone coverage where they got stuck. But when speaking to the male he was certain he was on the old Dunstan trail, however he was 26kms away from the Old Dunstan Trail. The weather can change very quickly, so please be prepared when taking routes that you're not familiar with. Thanks to Matt and Amy from Rocklands Station for all their help.

I had the pleasure to attend the school athletics day in Ranfurly. What a great day, and a lot of competitiveness coming out on both the kids and parents part!

The school camp was a hit, and it was good to see Room 1 having loads of fun, and it was a pleasure to help with the cooking of marshmallows and pancakes for the children, such great manners in these young children.

There has been a bit more unlawful hunting going on in the area with deer shot and left to rot. There appears to also be a few other incidences where people are heading onto/into people's property without permission. Please, if you see vehicles that do not belong there or you don't know who it is, please attempt to obtain the registration number and try to take a photograph.

Have a great Christmas and a much deserved break. Stay safe!



Allan Lynch

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O/C Middlemarch Police Station
12 Nottage Street | Middlemarch
PH: 03 464 3750 | Cell: 021 191 4615 |
Email: allan.lynch@police.govt.nz

Fire Brigade News

Since last writing the brigade has been called out twice. The extremely strong winds on the 17th caused a caravan to blow over on State Highway 87 near Moynihans Lane. With the help of the local farmers we righted the caravan and cleared the road. The caravan will most likely be written off.

On the 21st our tanker was called to provide more water at a shed fire on the Eldorado Track near lake Mahinerangi. Lawrence and Waitahuna brigades were at the fire and managed to bring the fire under control and our tanker returned to station before it got there. I always get a bit nervous when resources are called to fires so far away. Fortunately no further calls were received that day.

I note that S H 87 is now being promoted as a tourist route through to Central Otago. We are likely to see more traffic with caravans as well as campervans passing through. This year we have been to both a campervan and caravan being blown over. I hope we don't see a significant increase in this type of call.

At a couple of recent training nights the brigade has been locating and training with various water sources throughout the township and the wider community. While FENZ has legislative privilege to any water for fire fighting purposes it is good to have the co-operation of property owners, so thank you to everyone we have visited.

Congratulations and well done to Allan Lynch who has completed recruit training, **and to Hayden Geddes** who has just completed his next step and has become a Qualified firefighter. Hopefully in the new year some more members will look to progress through the ranks.

By the time you are reading this the swimming pool will be open, and the warmer water will be being enjoyed by everyone. The fire brigade has been a tremendous help to me in my role as pool caretaker, so my sincere thanks to all who helped out.

On behalf of the brigade I would like to wish everyone a Happy festive and holiday season.

Thank you all for your support of the brigade and myself over the last year.

We will be taking a break from regular training through January but will always remain prepared to attend any emergency.

For all emergencies call 111

For any other fire brigade matter
call John Foote at 464 3781 or 027 444 3784

Enthusiastic, Capable 14yr old boy
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Kissing Gate Cafe**Christmas and New Years hours**

24th December - 7.30 till 2pm

Closed 25th and 26th December

New Year's Day 1st and 2nd January

8am till 3pm (Public Holiday)

All other days - 7.30 till 3.30pm

Thank you everyone for all your support
over this interesting year,
really enjoy seeing all your friendly faces.

Hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas
and New Year.

Thanks from Jen and all the Kissing Gate Cafe staff

Strath Taieri Rugby Football Club

AGM

10th December

Club rooms 7.30 PM

Apologies to Shakey (Shane Taylor) 027 314 4307

**WANTED!**

The A & P Committee is looking for a
Home Industries convenor
to work side-by-side with the current committee
for the 2021 show.

We will help you with every step along the way.

**Must be available on show day
21st of March 2021**

Please contact Michelle Tisdall with any questions!

Wanted to buy :

Huntaway Dog, middle aged would be suitable.

Please contact Neil Grant 027 464 3004

An editorial note:

Can you please ensure that all articles
for the Taieri Pet are signed.

Thank you Editorial & Production Team

Otago Rural Support Trust**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

To contact please call 0800 787 254
or Pat Macaulay 027 201 6921

Thought for the month

'It always seems impossible until it's done'.

Nelson Mandela

Strath Taieri Community Centre**Special General Meeting**

Committee Room 7pm Tuesday 1st December

This meeting is to approve the new management
agreement between the DCC and STCC 2020-2024

On accepting the DCC agreement we then require some
alterations to the constitution,
these will be ratified at this SGM.

If you would like the agenda prior, including a copy of
agreement.

Please:- email strathtaiericc.secretary@gmail.com

Acting Secretary Emma Barker 021 37 55 68

Middlemarch Swimming Club**Vacancy**

The Middlemarch Swimming Club needs someone to help
John Foote with the caretaking of the swimming pool.

He's done a great job for many years, but it's time it
wasn't all on his shoulders.

The job involves regular testing of the water,
monitoring the levels and pumping water if it is low,
and generally making sure the pool is in good
condition.

Occasional cleaning if necessary, but regular cleaning is
done by the club.

Some remuneration is possible and that will
be discussed.

If you are interested in helping with the upkeep of the
swimming pool, so it stays available to the community,

please contact:

**Stephanie Macaulay
Club President ph 464 3366**

Social Tennis

Dust those cobwebs off your tennis racquet &
come & have a game or two of social tennis

Starting: 10th December

Time : 6pm

Cost : A gold coin donation

Balls provided, bring your own refreshments.

**Enquiries Phone/message
Nikki Hall 027 472 2846**

Strath Taieri Food Fairies

The Strath Taieri Food Fairies would like to thank the Community for their wonderful support.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from a food parcel please contact us.

As always, we welcome any food donations which can be dropped off at the Middlemarch Police Station or to Emily, Kirsty or Anna.

Thank you

**Emily Jones 027 696 0356
Anna Wilson 027 469 4230**

Middlemarch Postal Agency/Farmlands Alert Level 1 Information

We would like to thank everyone for adhering to the level guidelines to date.

Please be aware that under alert Level 1 there are no restrictions in store.

We look forward to being of service and thank you for your support.

For enquires please phone: 464 3875

Strath Taieri School School Board of Trustees Election

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at 4pm on 2nd December 2020

Signed Karen Gruppelaar Returning Officer

Special Notice from the 'Pet' Editorial and Production Team

We need to hear about your organisation/club events so that they can be shared with the wider Strath Taieri Community please.

Local Farm For Sale

For sale by tender for the first time in 52 years Glencreag /Camberleigh is offered.

This 972ha sheep and beef breeding property is a mix of hill country and pasture including some irrigation by a private gravity fed scheme.

Tenders closing 12:00pm, Friday 11th December 2020 unless sold prior.

For further information please contact :-
Neil Grant 027 464 3004 or
email :- neil_glencreag@xtra.co.nz

Middlemarch Swimming Club Thank you

- To all those who have helped with fundraising

AAW Jones Trust, DCC,
Middlemarch Rural Women,
Strath Taieri Lions, Strath Taieri A & P,
Singles Dance, A & B Wilson,
R & I Millington, J & J Stevenson,
MJ & J Hewitson, J & M Rowe,
Kissing Gate Café & F Howell,
Eaton Spraying, F Thomas, L Williams,
McLarens Transport, Silver Fern Farms,
N Tisdall, Hyde Honey,
C J Macaulay Building Services

- And to Mark, Haagen and Hans from PEC, who made it happen

Please note some of these people have been mentioned previously, but this was the list on 28th November at the Middlemarch Swimming Pool opening.

Combined Churches Christmas Service

23rd December at 5pm

Phone Kate Wilson for venue information

Kate Wilson 027 443 8134

Middlemarch Motorbike Trail Ride

**December 12th
9am**

At Kelvin Grove

Enquiries phone Bruce 027 484 6730

Middlemarch Web Site

The Middlemarch web site has been reinstated. It is a similar, but updated version of the previous web site.

The new address is: middlemarch.nz.

**Email information for inclusion to
info@middlemarch.nz and our web master
Dennis Bowers will deal with this promptly.**

For other enquiries, comments and suggestions please contact:

**Dawn Coburn dawncoburn1@gmail.com
ph 464 3696**

**or Bales Elliot bales@actrix.co.nz ph 464 3731
Interim co-ordinators**

Surgery News

While level 1 has meant the easing of almost all our day to day restrictions, some restrictions remain at the surgery and we would appreciate your support with these.

The door is unlocked but cars are to be used as waiting rooms if able.

No-one will be seen without an appointment, please phone first.

Only one person at a time in the waiting room. If you have respiratory symptoms stay at home and phone for advice.

In an emergency call 111

Please phone the surgery number after hours 464 3877 if you need advice/medical assistance.

Thanks Stephanie and Leeann

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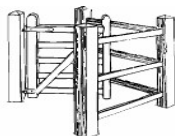
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Email: tapdough@gmail.com

Gin tasting night: Thursday 10 December

Cost - \$50 p/p. We have five gins on the tasting list and
each of them will be served with food consisting of
items such as pâté, sliders, meatball kebabs and
bruschetta.

*It is essential that you book before or on Monday
7 December to allow us to put in orders for catering
purposes.*

December hours

For the first part of December we will maintain
our current hours.

We will be closed from Tuesday the
22 December until Saturday 26 December.

Note that we will also be open on
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Calendar – December 2020

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3	Thursday	'Kick 2020 to touch' B+LNZ & ORST	Middlemarch Golf Club	5.00pm
4	Friday	Library	Middlemarch Library	10.00am- 11.00am
5	Saturday			
6	Sunday			
7	Monday	Nurse's Clinic Line Dancing Beginners: 6.30-7.30	Surgery Swansea Street STCC	9.00am - 1.00pm 6.30 - 9.00pm
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To all our readers
We wish you all Seasons Greetings for the coming festive season and Best Wishes for 2021
A HUGE THANK YOU from Middlemarch Rural Women to the people who contribute information, our Editorial & Publishing Team and to those who distribute the 'Pet' each month.

