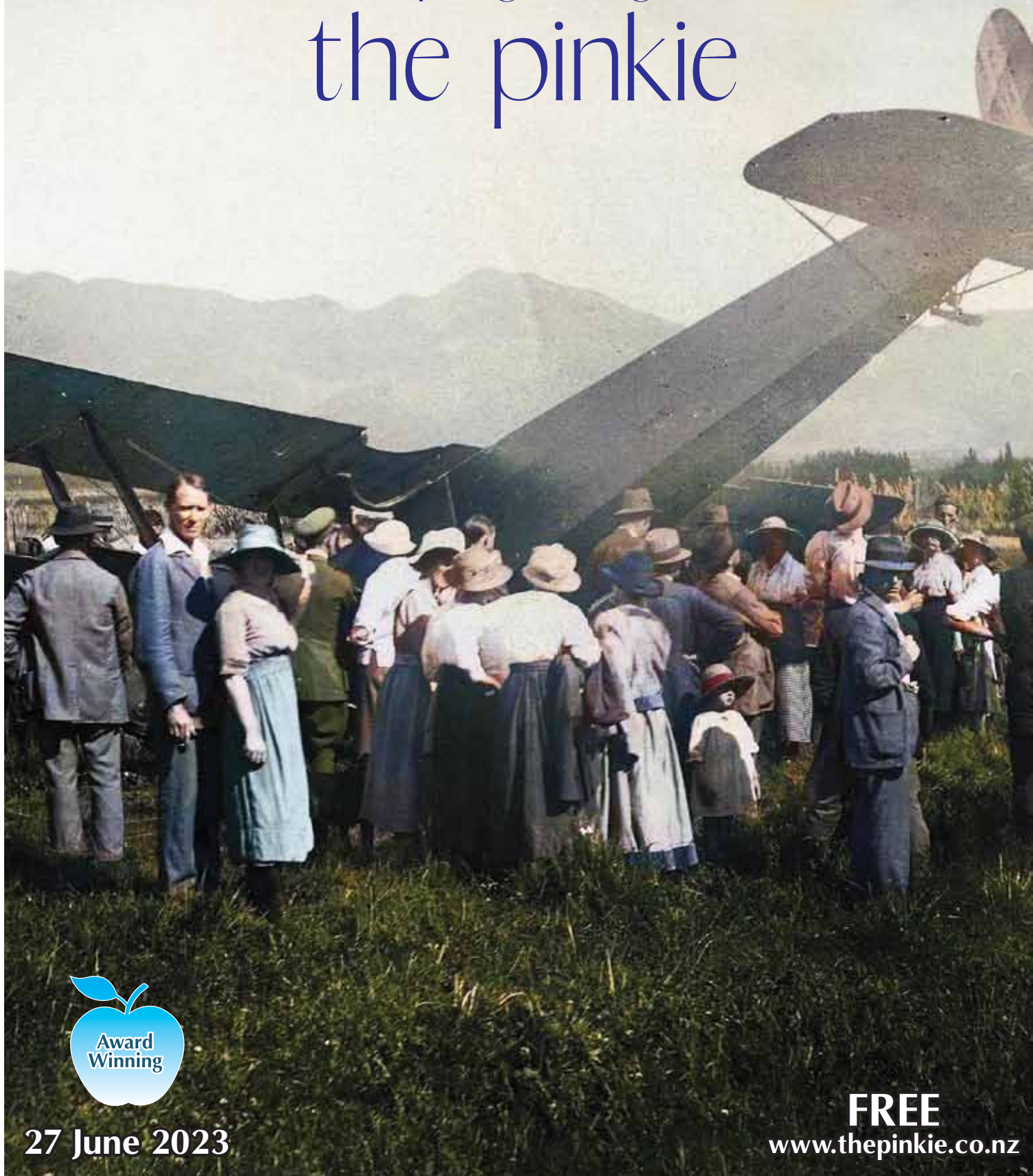


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trivia.

Quiz



1. How many lines are there in a sonnet?
2. For what type of book was Samuel Pepys best known?
3. What is the name of the girl who flies to Neverland with Peter Pan?
4. In what year was the United Nations formed?
5. What name is given to a member of the Society of Friends?
6. Which animal is the symbol of the World Wide Fund for Nature?
7. Grave, acute and cedilla are examples of what?
8. In the song, what do you pack up in your old kit bag?
9. What term is used for a pharmacy in the United States?
10. Campanology is more commonly described how?
11. Which fortified wine takes its name from the English mispronunciation of the city of Jerez?
12. Every Breath You Take was a chart topper for which group?
13. Name the four US Presidents who are immortalised on Mt Rushmore?
14. France and Spain are divided by which mountain range?
15. What is the name of the active volcano which stands in the Bay of Naples?
16. What are Canterbury bells?
17. What is Latin for "and the rest"?
18. Who was the founder of the Boy Scouts?
19. What is an irrational fear of open spaces called?
20. The character Maximus was played by which actor in the 2000 film, Gladiator?
21. What was the Roman name for Ireland?
22. The Space Needle is a landmark in which US city?
23. What is the name of the New York stock exchange?
24. What is the second book in the Old Testament?
25. Which North Yorkshire port is associated with Dracula?
26. The Four Seasons concertos were written by which composer?
27. What term is given to the art of clear diction and expressive speech?
28. What is the capital of Bulgaria?
29. What fictional substance is Superman's weakness?
30. Na is the chemical symbol for which element?



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1. 14,
2. A diary,
3. Wendy,
4. 1945,
5. Quaker,
6. Giant panda,
7. Accents,
8. Your troubles,
9. A drug store,
10. Bell-ringing,
11. Sherry,
12. The Police,
13. Roosevelt, Lincoln, Washington & Jefferson,
14. Pyrenees,
15. Vesuvius,
16. Flowers,
17. Et Cetera,
18. Robert Baden-Powell,
19. Agoraphobia,
20. Russel Crowe,
21. Hibernia,
22. Seattle,
23. Dow Jones,
24. Exodus,
25. Whitby,
26. Vivaldi,
27. Elocution,
28. Sofia,
29. Kryptonite,
30. Salt



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A DEEP DIVE INTO PAKISTAN

What has:

- 233,315,000 people (at 28 May 2023).
- Has 1,898 live births a day (791 every hour).
- Has a fertility rate of 3.238 (New Zealand is 1.847) (Replacement rate is 2.1).
- Has children under 18 years of age – 102,449,593.
- Won the cricket world cup in 1992.
- Has vaccinated 80% of its adult population for COVID-19.
- Has nuclear weapons.
- Only has enough financial reserves for several weeks imports at the time of writing.
- Has a public debt of \$126.3 billion (\$US) (NZ has a public debt of \$84 billion (\$US)).
- Has countrywide power blackouts.
- Currently has an inflation rate of around 36%.
- Has a very strong military involvement in running the country.
- Has 30-35% of its Government debt owed to China.
- Has had flooding on around one-third of its land mass in 2022.
- Is the fifth most populated country in the world.
- Approximately 50% of its population live in rural areas.
- Has significant gender inequality.
- Has approximately 33% of its children not attending school.
- Has second highest infant mortality in the world.
- Currency is the Rupee.

The answer is Pakistan in May 2023.

A few other features:

- Pakistan was part of the British Empire until 14 August 1947.
- India was part of the British Empire until 15 August 1947.
- The India/Pakistan split was upon a religious affiliation.
- India – Hindu religion.
- Pakistan – Muslim religion.
- Bangladesh separated from Pakistan in 1971.
- There have been four wars between Pakistan and India.
- Pakistan has approximately 60% mountain terrain and 40% of level plains.
- Agriculture is approximately 20% of the economy.
- China recently lent \$700 million (\$US) to shore up foreign exchange reserves.



HANMER SPRINGS FOODBANK

Did you know there is a "Foodbank" in Hanmer Springs that has funds available to help those that are struggling at the moment. This Foodbank money has been made available from generous donations by the Hanmer Springs community. A Four Square grocery voucher will be given to those eligible. If you, or you know someone that lives in the Hanmer Springs community that may be eligible please email:

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Or, perhaps you may like to make a donation to help those less fortunate. A suggestion could be that you round up your next Hanmer Springs Four Square shop by making a monetary donation to the Foodbank account? Please ask the friendly checkout operator next time you are shopping.

- Presently Pakistan's economy is on the brink of collapse.
- 1,600 garment mills were closed in October 2022 because of the withdrawal of power subsidies – five million people lost their jobs.
- National currency is the Rupee, which was depreciated by 20% against the US dollar in January 2023.
- The country is not earning enough foreign exchange to pay for its imports.
- NZ exported approximately \$40 million (\$US) to Pakistan in 2022 year. NZ imported approximately \$67 million (\$US) from Pakistan in 2022 year.
- Pakistan has approximately doubled its public debt every five years over the last 25 years.
- The Government debt servicing obligations exceed the entire Government income – this cannot work in any country for long.
- The Pakistan floods in 2022 are estimated to have cost \$30 billion.
- Approaches to the International Monetary Fund for a bailout have been declined so far, mainly because Pakistan cannot cope with the IMF loan conditions – these conditions are basically "101" economics.
- At the time of writing, Pakistan had only enough foreign currency to cover 18 days of imports.
- The Central Bank recently increased interest rates to 17%.
- Staple food item is wheat – second is rice.
- Only 22% of women are in employment.
- Present unemployment rate (and rising) is 6.4%.
- There is an export ban on some foods.
- The length of the Pakistan/Afghanistan border is 2,670 km.
- 60% of households pay tax, 40% pay no tax.
- Gross domestic product (GDP) in 2022 per capita – \$1,668 (\$US). The New Zealand GDP in 2022 per capita in \$US is around \$40,500.
- Nine million Pakistan people live in other countries and remit substantial sums each year back to Pakistan – \$31.2 billion (\$US) in 2022 – mainly from Saudi Arabia.
- Pakistan is the 34th most corrupt country in the world (195 countries).
- One US dollar is worth 278 Rupees (4 March 2023).
- One New Zealand dollar is worth 174 Rupees (4 March 2023).
- Capital of Pakistan – Islamabad (population 1,672,384).
- Pakistan has been obsessed with politics almost since 1947.
- The 2022 floods killed 1,700 people, with 90,000 people displaced.
- The IMF is presently looking at a \$7 billion loan.
- Fuel and food prices have almost doubled over the last 12 months.
- Since 1947 (76 years ago) the IMF have made 23 previous loans to Pakistan – an average of one every 3.3 years.
- There has been an overwhelming control of politics by the military.
- China, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates (UAE) have all lent money to Pakistan, but are sick of there being no economic reform – donor fatigue.
- Nearly all of Pakistan's problems have been self-created.
- Pakistan has been living beyond its means for many years and has been simply piling up debt.
- The country has broken many promises to the IMF on previous loans – most IMF loan conditions are pure common sense, but unpopular to Pakistan politicians.
- There is no petrol in many pumps at the time of writing.
- The country is heavily reliant on imports, but has no money to pay for them.
- Pakistan has been a slow moving train wreck for some years and has had no capacity to cope with floods, the cost of the Russian/Ukraine war and the cost of living increases. With its population estimated to increase to 338 million by 2050 (only 27 years away) it is hard to see many positive features for the country. The loans from the IMF and perhaps other countries will certainly help in the short-term – but in the long-term it will need more than just money – it will need an improvement in its overall financial and people management of 100%.
- Pakistan is on the brink of bankruptcy.



Ode to the Mule Rider

Author unknown – thanks to Claudz from 4 Square for unearthing this doggerel, or is it mule-erel?

When you are tense, let me teach you to relax
 When you are short-tempered, let me teach you to be patient
 When you are short-sighted, let me teach you to see
 When you are quick to react, let me teach you to be thoughtful
 When you are angry, let me teach you to be respectful
 When you are self-absorbed, let me teach you to think of greater things
 When you are arrogant, let me teach you humility
 When you are lonely, let me be your companion
 When you are tired, let me carry the load
 When you need to learn, let me teach you
 After all, I am your mule

and now the real story...

When you are tense, let me teach you that there are dragons in the forest, and we need to leave NOW!
 When you are short-tempered, let me teach you how to slog around the pasture for an hour before you can catch me
 When you are short-sighted, let me teach you to figure out where, exactly, in the 40 acres I am hiding
 When you are quick to react, let me teach you that herbivores kick MUCH faster than omnivores
 When you are angry, let me teach you how well I can stand on my hind feet because I don't FEEL like cantering on my right lead today, that's why!
 When you are self-absorbed, let me teach you to PAY ATTENTION. I TOLD you about those dragons in the forest.
 When you are arrogant, let me teach you what twelve-hundred pound of a YAHOO-let's-go mule can do when suitably inspired.
 When you are lonely, let me be your companion. Let's do lunch – also breakfast and dinner.
 When you are feeling financially insecure, let me teach you the meaning of "venerinary services"
 When you need to learn, hang around, bud. I'll learn ya.

When did you last sit on a horse?

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Forget about finding loose change in your pockets; as a horse owner, you'll discover a whole new currency – hay! No matter how hard you try to keep it contained, bits of hay magically find their way into every neuk and cranny of your clothing, leaving you perpetually ready for a surprise snack.

Mother Nature has a mischievous sense of humor when it comes to horse ownership. Just as you meticulously groom your horse for a show, the heavens open, transforming your prized steed into a muddy Picasso masterpiece. It's all part of the fun, right?

Unleash your inner dance sensation as you attempt to match your horse's elegant movements during a dressage routine. Sometimes, you're twirling like a pro; other times, your dance moves resemble a chicken on roller skates.

Does your horse possess an unruly mane that defies gravity? No matter how much you groom and tame it, the mane always has a mind of its own. You've become an accidental hairstylist, experimenting with bizarre hairdos that would make Lady Gaga jealous.

Prepare for a daily dose of hide-and-seek as your Houdini horse tests your fencing skills. No matter how secure you think the enclosure is, your clever equine friend finds a way to play their favorite game of "Let's Explore the Neighborhood!"

Owning a horse is a journey filled with laughter, unexpected adventures, and a never-ending supply of hilarious anecdotes. From hay-filled pockets to dance routines gone awry, every day as a horse owner is a comedy of equine errors. So, embrace the whimsy, laugh at the mishaps, and revel in the delightful chaos of owning a horse. After all, life is much more interesting with a hooved companion who never fails to keep you on your toes (or in the hay).



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Journalists - Amelia Saric, Sharnie Inglis, Amelia Nelson, Kiara Bratschi, Charlie Bryant



40 Hour Challenge.

A group of students completed the 40 Hour Challenge over the weekend 16-18th June.

Amelia S and Rosie: We set a challenge to only use 40 litres of water in the 40 hours, using only water we had collected ourselves. We walked up to the spring on Jack's Pass and each collected 6 litres of water to drink over the 40 hours then we went down the river to collect the rest of the 34 litres each for our water to cook with and to wash our clothes and ourselves. On Saturday afternoon we spent time washing our school uniforms in the outside bath at Rosie's house. Amelia raised \$250 dollars and Rosie raised \$60.



Amelia N and Preeti: We walked 20km in 20 hours. We walked 10km on Saturday and another 10km on Sunday. Saturday was a challenge after playing netball and we found Sunday difficult too with the cold rain setting in, but we kept on going to reach our target. Amelia raised \$72 and Preeti raised \$410.

Sharnie: I completed 40 Tik Toks over the 40 hours. My favourite Tik Tok was Bad Hair Day. I raised \$100.

Divyansh: I used only 20 litres of water over the 40 hours and I raised \$75.

Well done to everyone who completed these challenges to raise money for providing clean drinking water for children in Malawi. The challenges certainly made us think about the conditions children in Malawi have to live in and what they need to do to get clean water.



Canterbury Cross Country.

On Wednesday Amelia S, Noah, Rosie, Jimmy and Archie travelled to Ngā Puna Wai in Christchurch to compete in the Canterbury Cross Country. The Y5&6s ran 2km and the Y7&8s ran 3km. This was much flatter than the Hurunui race where we had to run up a hill, but there were a lot more people in the races. It was great to get to the Canterburys and everyone tried their best and did a great job. Rosie came 72 out of 176 girls, Archie came 88 out of 123 Y5 boys, Amelia came 172 out of 188 Y8 girls, Jimmy came 115 out of 118 Y6 boys and Noah came 158 out of 162 Y8 boys.

Well done to these five students who showed our school values of excellence and resilience. Great work! Thank you to Harley and Mel for providing transport and for supervising the students for the day.



Elgregoe the Magician.

On Friday, June 23rd, Elgregoe, Sue, and their group of bird friends, paid a visit to Hanmer Springs School. They performed a show titled 'You've Got the Power to Make a Difference'. The show shared important messages about being helpful, showing empathy and respect, cultivating resilience, and seizing opportunities. He incorporated magic tricks with important messages to keep the audience engaged. We always love it when Elgregoe comes to amaze us with his magic. His messages link to our school values and remind us how to be kind and respectful.

His main messages were hands are made for helping; only repeat words that are kind; include others; use your WITS when someone is mean to you - **Walk** away, **Ignore**, **Talk** and **Stand Up** for Yourself; we are all different but we need to treat each other the same; bullying can happen anywhere - you can feel sad, but ask people to help you; if it's going to offend then don't push send; don't be a bystander, try to help others and stand beside them and making good choices makes you feel good.



Some of our favourite parts were when Elgregoe made the table float by just the tablecloth. He also did a trick where his wife Sue got into a rectangular shaped box, then he compressed the box and he put a big cylinder through the box. She disappeared! We have interviewed several people and these are their theories: She is a contortionist and could fit around the cylinder. Another theory is that she climbed out the bottom and then climbed back in. Or another one is that it was purely magic there to amaze us all! Thank you Elgregoe and Sue for another amazing show.



NCNS vehicle hits the road thanks to Hurunui business

North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support (NCNS) has been put on the road with mobile branding thanks to a generous sponsorship from a Hurunui business.

NCNS manager Dalice Stewart said the sponsorship of a brand new Mazda2, including the vehicle wrap with NCNS branding, from Arthur Burke Mazda Amberley was already helping to promote the organisation around Hurunui.

As a partner in NCNS, Hurunui District Council welcomed the support given to promoting the organisation. "It's great to see our community collaborating and working towards achieving NCNS's vision of safe, connected and resilient communities," Hurunui District Council's Community Partnerships manager Rhea Duffy said.

Stewart was in the Hurunui District Library in Amberley recently to sign on new members and set up street groups in Hurunui District – and the vehicle branding was helping to attract interest.

"I approached Arthur Burke with a proposal and they immediately came on board with sponsoring the vehicle for us. Previously, I used my private vehicle and the branding is really making a difference. Our only costs are insurance and fuel — and the vehicle is very economical to run," Stewart said.

Arthur Burke Mazda Amberley sales manager Tim McCracken said the Mazda2 with its 1.5L engine was chosen to support Stewart in travelling safely across North Canterbury from Kaiapoi to Kaikoura, with a good power-to-fuel efficiency



From left: Sergeant Don Munro, Craig Schroder (Arthur Burke), Tim McCracken (Arthur Burke), Dalice Stewart (North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support Manager), and Brent Cairns (North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support Chair) with the new Mazda2.

ratio. Arthur Burke supports NZ Police through the use of the company's tow truck, attending accidents and other jobs, and jumped at the opportunity to support this initiative, McCracken said.

"It was a good chance to help North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support get their name out, and ours, while supporting a good cause."

Unleash your Rhythmic Spirit: Exploring the Joy of Morris Dancing

Step into a world of vibrant costumes, energetic movements, and contagious rhythms. Morris dancing, an ancient English folk tradition, combines music, dance, and camaraderie in a celebration of heritage and community. Let's dive into the captivating world of Morris dancing and discover why it continues to captivate hearts around the globe.

Origins and History:

Morris dancing traces its roots back centuries, with its exact origins shrouded in folklore. It is believed to have emerged in rural England as a way to welcome spring, commemorate special occasions, and bring communities together. Over time, Morris dancing evolved into various regional styles, each with its own distinct steps, costumes, and musical accompaniment.

Dance Moves and Rhythms:

Morris dancing is characterised by its lively footwork, intricate formations, and striking choreography. Dancers often use handkerchiefs, sticks, or bells to accentuate their movements and create rhythmic patterns. The dances are a harmonious blend of elegance, athleticism, and coordination, as participants synchronize their steps to the beat of traditional folk music.

Costumes and Traditions:

One cannot mention Morris dancing without acknowledging its colorful and eye-catching costumes. Dancers don flowing shirts, breeches, waistcoats, and distinctive hats adorned with ribbons or flowers. The costumes reflect the regional heritage and add an enchanting visual element to the performances. Additionally, Morris dancing often incorporates traditional customs, such as Maypole dances, sword dances, or the crowning of a May Queen.

Community and Camaraderie:

Morris dancing is not just about the dance itself; it fosters a sense of community, friendship, and shared joy. Dancers come together to practice, learn, and perform, forging lasting bonds and creating memories along the way. Many Morris dance groups, known as sides, actively participate in festivals, parades, and cultural events, spreading the infectious spirit of this age-old tradition.

Benefits and Modern Revival:

Beyond its cultural significance, Morris dancing offers numerous benefits for both body and mind. The lively movements provide a fun and engaging form of exercise, improving coordination, flexibility, and cardiovascular health. Moreover, the rhythmic patterns and music can uplift spirits, reduce stress, and create a sense of collective harmony.

In recent years, Morris dancing has experienced a resurgence in popularity. People of all ages and backgrounds are embracing this traditional art form, breathing new life into ancient steps and traditions. From local Morris dance clubs to international gatherings and workshops, opportunities abound for anyone eager to join the ranks of Morris dancers and experience the magic firsthand.

Morris dancing encapsulates the spirit of celebration, heritage, and togetherness. Its rich history, captivating movements, and infectious rhythms continue to charm audiences worldwide. Whether you choose to participate as a dancer or simply revel in the sights and sounds of this vibrant tradition, Morris dancing offers an opportunity to connect with our cultural roots, express joy through movement, and revel in the sheer magic of this timeless art form. So, why not take a step into the world of Morris dancing with a phone call to John on 021 395 022 and let the rhythm carry you away?



Morris Dancers: late 15th–early 16th century.

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Hot pools have been celebrated for centuries due to their therapeutic qualities. Hot pools work wonders on our bodies, providing relief from various ailments and promoting overall wellness. The warm water helps to soothe tense muscles, easing muscle pain and reducing stiffness. The heat from the hot pool dilates blood vessels, increasing blood flow and delivering oxygen and nutrients to different parts of the body more efficiently. Hot pools can be especially beneficial for individuals with arthritis or joint-related issues, as the heat helps to reduce inflammation and improve joint mobility.

Beyond the physical realm, hot pools also have a profound impact on our mental and emotional well-being. The enveloping warmth of a hot pool promotes relaxation, alleviating stress and anxiety. It provides a serene space to unwind and escape the pressures of daily life. Immersing yourself in a hot pool triggers the release of endorphins, the body's natural feel-good chemicals. This can uplift your mood, leaving you with a sense of happiness and contentment. The deep relaxation induced by hot pools can contribute to better sleep patterns, helping you achieve more restful and rejuvenating slumber.

To truly appreciate the benefits of hot pools, it's essential to grasp the science behind their soothing waters. Hot pools owe their warmth to underground geothermal activity, where heated water rises to the surface, enriched with minerals and elements that lend therapeutic properties to the water. The temperature of hot pools plays a crucial role in their therapeutic effects. Heat causes blood vessels to expand, improving circulation and oxygenation throughout the body. This enhanced blood flow promotes healing and revitalisation. When exposed to heat, our bodies release endorphins and enter a relaxed state. The heat relaxes muscles, reduces tension, and enhances flexibility.

Hot pool waters are often infused with minerals like sulfur, magnesium, and calcium, which are known for their health benefits. Sulfur is known for its anti-inflammatory properties, helping to alleviate joint pain and skin conditions such as psoriasis and eczema. Magnesium promotes muscle relaxation, aids in stress reduction, and contributes to the production of serotonin, a neurotransmitter that regulates mood. Calcium supports bone health and plays a vital role in muscle function, ensuring optimal movement and flexibility.

Research and Studies have validated the health benefits associated with hot pool therapy, shedding light on the remarkable effects of these soothing waters. Research indicates that hot pool therapy can significantly reduce pain and accelerate the recovery of sore or injured muscles. The combination of heat, buoyancy, and water pressure creates an ideal environment for rehabilitation.

Studies have also shown that regular immersion in hot pools can lead to a reduction in stress levels, alleviating symptoms of anxiety and promoting relaxation. The calming effects of hot pool therapy positively impact both the mind and body.

Precautions and Safety Considerations

While hot pools offer incredible benefits, it's essential to exercise caution and follow safety guidelines to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience. Prolonged exposure to excessive heat can lead to dehydration & dizziness. It is advisable to limit your soaking sessions and take breaks to cool down if necessary.

Individuals with certain health conditions, such as heart problems or high blood pressure, should consult with their healthcare provider before indulging in hot pool therapy.

Drink plenty of water before and after your hot pool experience to stay hydrated. Additionally, protect your skin from the sun's rays by wearing sunscreen.

The Future of Hot Pool Therapy

As hot pool therapy gains recognition, new trends and innovations are emerging to enhance the experience and maximize the health benefits. Hydrotherapy techniques, such as water massage jets, underwater treadmills, and specialized exercises, are being integrated into hot pool settings to provide targeted therapeutic benefits.

So what are you waiting for?

Hot pools offer more than just a luxurious and relaxing escape; their health benefits are rooted in scientific principles. From soothing muscle pain to reducing stress and improving overall well-being, the therapeutic effects of hot pools are undeniable. So why not embrace the healing power of the hot pool therapy right here on your doorstep and embark on a journey of rejuvenation and serenity?



Strong house prices in Hurunui bucking the trend

House values in the Hurunui District are looking strong, bucking the nationwide trend of values falling. Don't be fooled, the cost to build has gone up too, but overall this is creating a pretty picture for this area of North Canterbury.

Kerry Walsh, Hurunui District Council's Building and Property manager, said the house and land markets are moving, and fast. "Land is being snapped up quickly, especially in subdivisions which are popping up in Amberley and Hanmer Springs."

Since 2021, the average house build cost (without land) has increased more than \$40,000, which Walsh said reflects nationwide increases in material and labour costs. The average house size has reduced, from 195m² in 2018 to 180m² nowadays. CoreLogic released data recently, identifying a 12-month increase of 7.6% in house/land package prices in Hurunui, second only to Buller and bucking the average New Zealand-wide drop in house values.

Walsh said the new houses in Hurunui are worth more to sell than the traditional

older houses which used to make up most of the market. "It also creates the bigger picture that people are willing invest here, across a wide age group too which we've noticed."

Building consent applications have been on a steady rise since 2018 which saw 121 consents, rising to 196 consents last year, and already this year until the end of May, 84 consents have been processed. "Having more than five housing companies now building in the District reflects this, compared to five years ago when there were only a couple of companies."

Walsh identified three building spikes in Hurunui, which were 18 months after the Christchurch earthquake in 2011, after the Waiatu Kaikoura earthquake in 2016, and during the COVID-19 pandemic when the borders were closed. The number of Land Information Memorandum (LIM) reports being processed has just marked a record high. Last month (May) 60 LIM reports were processed, compared to the average monthly number processed of between 33 and 47. LIM reports are carried out on a house and property before it is sold.

"People are moving to Hurunui for the lifestyle, and the many great recreational spots it offers."

Hanmer Netball Club Results

Gavins Logging Senior A – Hanmer A/Waiiau A – Score 31/18 to Waiiau A

A tough game in slippery conditions but everyone gave it their absolute all. Despite the final score we continue to improve and gel as a team with every game. Awesome work in the defence, with countless intercepts and turnovers in the defence circle from Hannah and along the mid court. The shooters were on fire as per usual and the mid court delivered it down the court with gusto facing tough defence. Special shout out to centre Cassidy who showed absolute dedication to getting to the ball! We look forward to playing Culverden in Culverden on Thursday. **The Monteith's Hanmer Brewery Bar** player of the day went **Milly Smith** for her consistency on defence with plenty of turnover's tips and intercepts, also, for bringing the ball through court on attack.



Alpine Electrical U14s – Hanmer Under 14's/ Harwarden Red team. – Score 28/6 to Harwarden

Sadly, the Under 14's were decimated with illness this week. We had 4 players down sick and 3 on the day not at 100%. In saying that those that played gave their all. We had a good first and last quarter. The girls showed another week of huge improvement, and we even had a comment from the ref saying she could see a lot of improvement in the team since the start of the season. The defence worked really hard and got some great tips and intercepts, the attacks did well at driving to the ball and getting in front for the centre pass off. **The Fire & Ice** most improved player was **Amelia Seric** for her solid effort in the shooting circle, working the baseline and coming out to support when required. She read the play very well and set herself up well to shoot. A huge shout out to Lillie Wilson who stepped up from the Future Ferns team to play WD and did an awesome job. I think she has a strong netball future. Thanks Lillie!

Future Ferns

The Future Ferns had a great game in Waiiau this weekend. They defended well and were able to score from some turnovers they created. They were trying hard to come forward for the ball to create opportunities to move the ball down the court more freely. There were some great goals scored and the girls should feel proud of the progress they have made this season! **The Toy Shop** player of the day was **Eloise Davies** for great movement around the court and excellent defence skills.

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In tour with Richard



Normally all forms of government in this country are run along strictly socialist principles, after all it is called a Socialist Republic.

However when it gets down to a more grass roots levels, especially among the small villages in the very north, traditional methods have been allowed to remain, even something we might call barbaric, like an aside to the pig-slaughtering festival. This is related to a form of local government because a greased pig is released into the town square which has been turned into an arena. Would be officials are then asked to take turns wrestling the slippery porker.

The fastest and most effective swine grappler is then declared Mayor for a year, a fact which is celebrated with a big dinner (where the pig is naturally the guest of honour).

I remember a member of the HDC staff once told me that a by-election cost is excess of \$30,000. I would suggest that this would be a considerably cheaper way of selecting new Councillors or Board members and there would be a banquet to boot (or should that be trotter).



A Warning For Beautiful Villages

For almost all of the 1970s I lived and owned a bar and restaurant in a very beautiful town on the coast of Mallorca. It was a true artists haven, many of them

attracted by the prices. A night in the best Pensione was around \$5, a beer 20c and a large cognac was 25c. A three course dinner at Jaime's was around a dollar and prices were government controlled (Franco's day).



Unfortunately, Richard Branson's first wife married a pop star and moved there. Branson came to visit, the trigger for Deià's descent into an overpriced playground for plutocrats thanks to his real estate activities and he sought to attract consumers rather than art producers.

Where I first stayed for \$4 is now \$500 a night. In a recent article in The Guardian they described it as "once vibrant but now a ghost town due to Bransonification". As Robert Graves the poet (a long-time resident) wrote "This trick of time changing the world about / To once more inside-in and inside-out."

All of which serves to warn against the likes of Branson. Hanmer, take note. Don't let him near the place. Branson protects himself from his own type by living on a private island.



Visa Rules

For many reasons the Vietnamese Government has changed its visa regulations. It used to be easy to get a 3 month visa but now it is 30 days and you have to leave the country. So this week your correspondent has moved to Thailand in order to get a new visa. Might as well take advantage so next week I shall be reporting from Chiang Mai in northern Thailand



Corn Fritters

INGREDIENTS

- 2 large eggs
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup whole milk
- 1 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground cayenne
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 3 cups corn kernels, fresh or frozen and thawed (about 500g)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped scallion greens
- 1 cup sharp Cheddar, shredded
- Vegetable oil, coconut oil or shortening, for frying

PREPARATION

Step 1

In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk, salt, garlic powder, black pepper and ground cayenne. Whisk in the flour and baking powder until just combined. Stir in the corn, scallions and Cheddar.

Step 2

Heat a cast-iron skillet over medium-low and add enough oil to generously coat the bottom of the skillet.

Step 3

Once the oil is shimmering hot, add a heaping tablespoon of the batter to the skillet. Use the back of the spoon to flatten it into a round patty. Repeat to fry 3 to 4 fritters at once. Fry on each side until golden, about 2 minutes, then cook for an additional 2 minutes. Add more oil as needed.

Step 4

Remove from the skillet and transfer to a paper towel-lined baking sheet. Repeat until all fritters are fried. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Classic Potato Latkes

This recipe is for a classic, unadorned latke; no kohlrabi or cumin here. Serve them hot and make more than you think you need. They go fast.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 large Russet potatoes (about 500g), scrubbed and cut lengthwise into quarters
- 1 large onion (250g), peeled and cut into quarters
- 2 large eggs
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons coarse sea salt, plus more for sprinkling
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- Safflower or other oil, for frying

PREPARATION

Step 1

Using a food processor with a coarse grating disc, grate the potatoes and onion. Transfer the mixture to a clean dishtowel and squeeze and wring out as much of the liquid as possible.

Step 2

Working quickly, transfer the mixture to a large bowl. Add the eggs, flour, salt, baking powder and pepper, and mix until the flour is absorbed.

Step 3

In a medium heavy-bottomed pan over medium-high heat, pour in about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of the oil. Once the oil is hot (a drop of batter placed in the pan should sizzle), use a heaping tablespoon to drop the batter into the hot pan, cooking in batches. Use a spatula to flatten and shape the drops into discs. When the edges of the latkes are brown and crispy, about 5 minutes, flip. Cook until the second side is deeply browned, about another 5 minutes. Transfer the latkes to a paper towel-lined plate to drain and sprinkle with salt while still warm. Repeat with the remaining batter. Traditionally served with sour cream.





JULY

- 7 Five Stags School Holiday Movie 4pm
- 13 Canterbury Junior Open Golf
- 15 Movie Night @ Remnant House
- 21 Hanmer Springs Film Club – The Boat that Rocked
- 22 George Erceg Memorial Men's Golf
- Olive Long Memorial Ladies Golf

AUGUST

- 18 Hanmer Springs Film Club – Golf Club 6.40pm
- 19 Movie Night @ Remnant House
- 26 Scotty Anderson Memorial Men's Golf
- Jessie Sutherland Memorial Ladies Golf

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Fathers Day @ Remnant House
- 15 Hanmer Springs Film Club – Golf Club 6.40pm
- 18 Movie Night @ Remnant House
- 30 Saxophone Weekend Workshop with Lana Law

OCTOBER

- 3 Christchurch Youth Jazz Orchestra @12 noon
- Concert on the Green. Memorial Hall if wet.
- 6–8 Mens 54 Hole Golf Tournament
- 13 Hanmer Springs Film Club – Golf Club 6.40pm
- 26–29 Hurunui Garden Festival
- 27 Hanmer Springs Fete

NOVEMBER

- 5 Shootout Golf Final

DECEMBER

- 2 Alpine Marathon
- 16 Christmas Hamper Golf Tournament

Please let us know if you have any events running between now and the end of the year as this calendar is frequently consulted hsvillagenews@xtra.co.nz

DARTS RESULTS

Sorry, no results this week – but just for fun, here's how things currently stand on the world stage – great to see two Kiwis in the WDF top 10 Men and one in the WDC top 10 Women

PDC Order of Merit

| WDF Rankings Men | WDF Rankings Women | PDC Order of Merit |
|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Andy Baetens | 1. Beau Greaves | 1. Michael Smith |
| 2. Jelle Klaasen | 2. Aileen de Graaf | 2. Peter Wright |
| 3. Haupai Puha | 3. Rhian O'Sullivan | 3. Michael van Gerwen |
| 4. Neil Duff | 4. Deta Hedman | 4. Gerwyn Price |
| 5. James Hurrell | 5. Lisa Ashton | 5. Rob Cross |
| 6. Danny Lauby II | 6. Kym Mitchell | 6. Luke Humphries |
| 7. Ben Robb | 7. Wendy Harper | 7. Jonny Clayton |
| 8. Luke Littler | 8. Aletta Wajer | 8. Danny Noppert |
| 9. Wesley Plaisier | 9. Lorraine Winstanley | 9. Nathan Aspinall |
| 10. Chris Landman | 10. Anca Zijlstra | 10. Dimitri Van den Bergh |
| | | 11. Dirk van Duivenbode |
| | | 12. Dave Chisnall |
| | | 13. Damon Heta |
| | | 14. Joe Cullen |
| | | 15. Ryan Searle |
| | | 16. James Wade |
| | | 17. Ross Smith |
| | | 18. José de Sousa |
| | | 19. Krzysztof Ratajski |
| | | 20. Gabriel Clemens |

School Holidays FREE MOVIE

Have you booked yet?

This school holidays the whole family can get their kicks out of this awesome animated adventure – and best of all, it's absolutely **FREE** thanks to Hanmer Community Movies and the Five Stags.



From directors of Wallace & Gromit, sportsfans, parents and kids of all ages are sure to love this epic animated movie about Stone Age Man's attempt to master the beautiful game and win the big match to reclaim their land from the invading Bronze Age man. P.S. It's PG so you need to have an adult with your kids, but you don't need to be a kid to attend – it's a claymation masterpiece.

The Five Stags – Fri 7 July @ 4pm
 Limited numbers – don't miss out!
 To reserve your place phone
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HANMER SPRINGS BRIDGE CLUB

Results 22/06/2023

1st – J Bell & G Scrivener



GOLF RESULTS



Saturday 24th June

Best 3 of 4 Stableford

1st Craig Meaclem
Mark Minson
Scott Callaway
Alan Foote 119 pts

2nd Peter Knight
Sam Gavin
Adam Jacks
Matt Smith 114 pts

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TUESDAY WALKERS

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Wendy 027 243 2123

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|  | HDPE  | High-density polyethylene - Milk and washing-up liquid bottles |
|  | PVC  | Polyvinyl chloride - Food trays, cling film, bottles for squash, mineral water and shampoo. |
|  | LDPE  | Low density polyethylene - Carrier bags and bin liners. |
|  | PP  | Polypropylene - Margarine tubs, microwaveable meal trays. |
|  | PS  | Polystyrene - Yoghurt pots, foam meat or fish trays, hamburger boxes and egg cartons, vending cups, plastic cutlery, protective packaging for electronic goods and toys. |
|  | Other  | Any other plastics that do not fall into any of the above categories. For example melamine, often used in plastic plates and cups. |



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The Count (Philip Seymour Hoffman), a big, brash, American god of the airwaves; Quentin (Bill Nighy), the boss of Radio Rock – a pirate radio station in the middle of the North Sea that's populated by an eclectic crew of rock and roll DJs; Gavin (Rhys Ifans), the greatest DJ in Britain who has just returned from his drug tour of America to reclaim his rightful position; Dave (Nick Frost), an ironic, intelligent, and cruelly funny co-broadcaster; and a fearsome British government official out for blood against the drug takers and lawbreakers of a once-great nation.

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