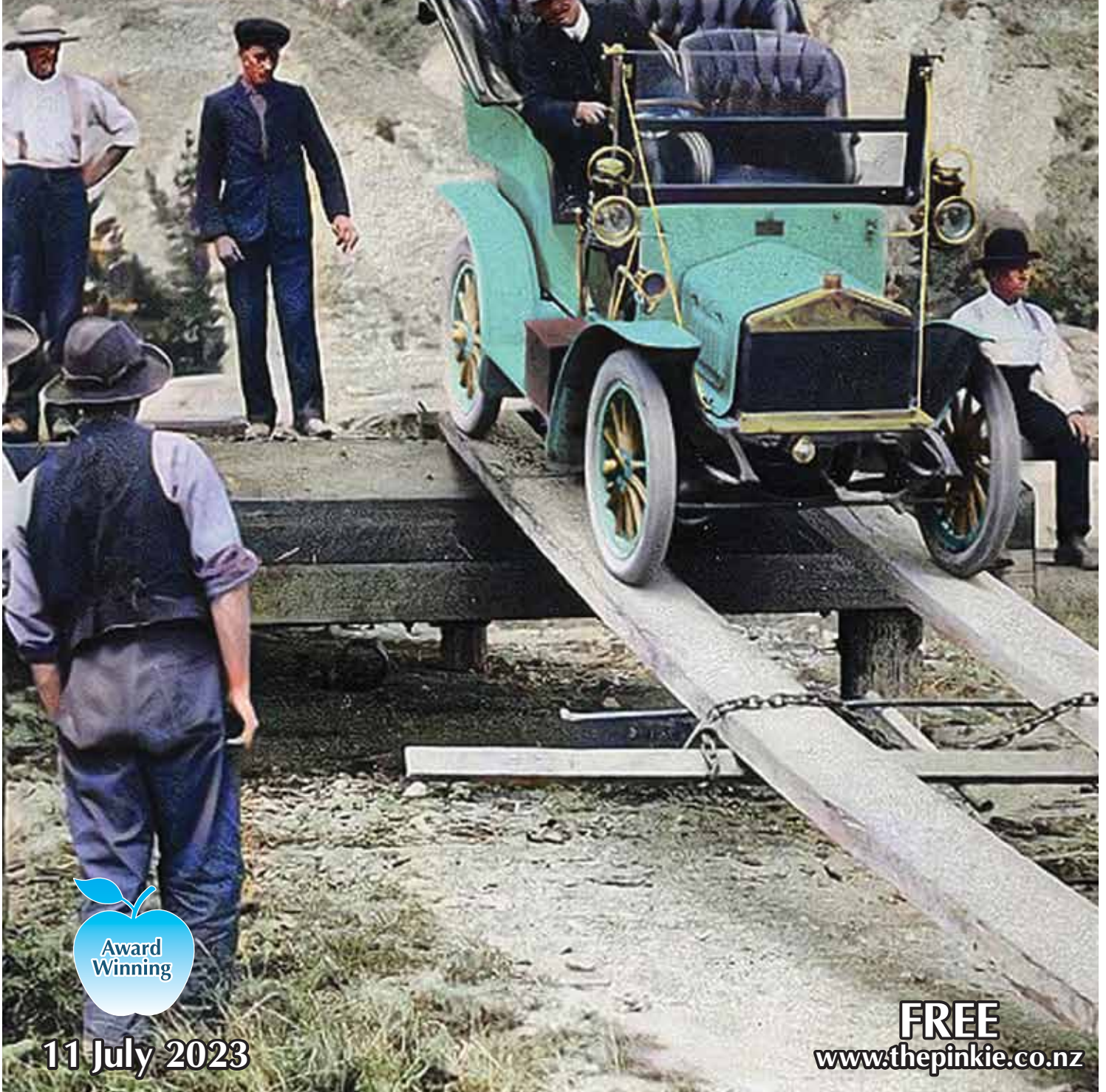


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The discovery of the hot springs in the area was credited to William Jones in early 1859. In 1864, a bridge over the Waiau Uwha River was constructed by Mr Handisides of Nelson at a cost of NZ£2,000, based on a design by John Blackett. Unfortunately, the bridge was blown over by a Nor'west wind after just ten years.

In 1879, John Turnbull Thomson surveyed the land for the township, which encompassed a total area of 2,500 acres (1,000 ha), with 300 acres (120 ha) dedicated to the township itself. However, the hot springs were not included within this area. At that time, the springs remained in their natural state, with only steps and a changing shed provided. In June 1882, Edward George Wright, the member for Ashburton, raised the issue of developing the township in the New Zealand House of Representatives. The Minister of Lands, William Rolleston, emphasized the importance of public access to the springs. Surveyor Walter Kitson was tasked with laying out the site of the hot springs, which included an accommodation house. Construction of a bath house began in January 1884.

The fifty-year jubilee of Hanmer Springs was celebrated in 1933, marking its status as a government resort since 1883. However, it was later revealed in the centenary book that the jubilee had been held a year too early. The government's significant investment in Hanmer Springs without a bridge crossing the Waiau Uwha River sparked considerable controversy. John Blackett designed a new bridge, and John Anderson from Christchurch won the contract to erect it, establishing a foundry at the site. This second bridge, which opened in 1887, continues to provide access to Hanmer Springs today and is recognized as a Category I heritage item since 1983. The opening celebrations conducted by Anderson's sons at the site were so festive that the area is still referred to as Champagne Flat.

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2. Which British Prime Minister coined the phrase "A week is a long time in politics"?
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4. A seaside golf course is given what name?
5. Geronimo was a member of which native American tribe?
6. In which country is Penang?
7. What is the study of the nature of God and religion?
8. What is the term for a fear of spiders?
9. The Pilgrim Fathers sailed for America from which port in 1620?
10. What is a common name for nitrous oxide?
11. The flight of which insect proved an inspiration for composer Rimsky Korsakov?
12. Who, in folklore pulled a thorn from a lion's foot?
13. In which US state is the area known as Death Valley?
14. Which game used to be known as 'housey-housey'?
15. What is the American name for the board game draughts?
16. What game would you be playing if you employed 'squidgers'?
17. Who was the first woman to fly the Atlantic solo?
18. Which gas makes up 21% of the Earth's atmosphere?
19. What is a tympanum?
20. Who wrote Lady Chatterly's Lover?
21. Which ocean lies to the east of South Africa?
22. Of the four chambers of the heart, what are the larger lower chambers called?
23. What was the name of the Sheridan character known for her word blunders?
24. Who was the lead singer of The Boomtown Rats?
25. What is the dairy ingredient in a classic Bearnaise sauce?
26. Which Central Asian Sea has been shrinking almost into oblivion since the 1960s?
27. What is the largest venomous snake in Africa?
28. Which car manufacturer produced the Silver Ghost?
29. What French term do we use for a job done?
30. Pectin is used in making what sweet treat

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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Exploring the riches of your local Library

In this digital age, where information is readily available at our fingertips, the charm of the local library might be easily overlooked. However, these unassuming repositories of knowledge hold a myriad of advantages that cannot be replicated by their modern counterparts. Local libraries continue to be a valuable resource for individuals seeking intellectual growth, community connection, and a sanctuary away from the hustle and bustle of the modern world.

Intimate and Cozy Ambiance:

Local libraries offer an inviting and cozy atmosphere. Nestled within tight-knit communities, these libraries exude a sense of warmth and familiarity, creating an ambiance that encourages focus, relaxation, and introspection. Such an environment can be especially conducive to deep reading and concentration, allowing visitors to immerse themselves in books and escape from the distractions of the outside world.

Diverse Collection of Hidden Gems:

Local libraries often surprise visitors with their hidden gems. These libraries tend to curate a collection that reflects the unique interests and history of the local community. In browsing the shelves, one might stumble upon interesting regional literature that offer insights into the community's heritage. The personal touch of the librarians ensures that each book is carefully selected, resulting in a collection that speaks to the village's identity and fosters a deeper understanding of its culture.



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Personalized Assistance:

One of the most significant advantages of visiting your local library is the personalized assistance provided by the knowledgeable librarians. Unlike larger libraries, where librarians may be overwhelmed with numerous inquiries, local librarians engage with patrons on an individual level. This personal touch not only enriches the experience but also encourages a deeper exploration of topics.

Community Connection:

Local libraries serve as the heart of their communities, acting as meeting places and fostering a sense of togetherness. They host book clubs, workshops, storytelling sessions, and other events bringing people of all ages together. These gatherings offer opportunities to engage with fellow community members, share knowledge, and develop friendships. Additionally, local authors and experts often collaborate with local libraries, delivering talks and workshops that inspire and educate the community. Through these activities, the library becomes a hub of intellectual and social interaction, reinforcing the fabric of the village.

Preservation of Local History and Culture:

Local libraries play a vital role in preserving the history and culture of the local community. They house archives, photographs, and documents that provide insights into the village's past. By making these resources accessible, they ensure that future generations can learn about their heritage and understand the evolution of their community. Local libraries often engage in digitization projects, creating digital archives that can be shared with a wider audience. By preserving local history, local libraries contribute to the collective memory and foster a sense of pride and belonging among community members.

Visiting your local library offers a unique and enriching experience that cannot be replicated by digital platforms or larger libraries. From the intimate ambiance and hidden treasures to personalized assistance and community connection, these libraries provide a haven for intellectual growth and cultural exploration. They embody the essence of a community, preserving its heritage, and nurturing a love for learning. So, the next time you stumble upon a small village library, step inside and unlock the vast treasures it holds—your journey of discovery awaits.

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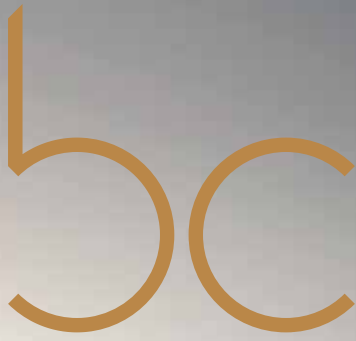
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A Deep Dive On What Your Car May Be Costing Your Household

Obviously The Age Of Your Car, Its Make, The Topography It Often Travels Over, The Quality Of The Driver And The Quality Of The Car Will All Have Some Effect Here, But Given That, A Few Suggestions

- The suggested average annual distance a New Zealand car travels is apparently 14,000 km.
- One mile = 1.609434 km (say, 1.61 km).
- The overall car costs as regards reimbursement based on IRD records for the 2023 year are suggested at:

	Total Overall Costs Including Ownership	Running Costs not Including Ownership
Petrol or Diesel	95 cents	34 cents
Petrol Hybrid	95 cents	20 cents
Electric	95 cents	11 cents

- The IRD/Government reimbursement rates make no allowances for the vehicles current market value, that is:
 - For a new car, the total overall reimbursement is 95 cents/km, which may well be low in real terms.
 - For an older car, the total overall reimbursement is still 95 cents/km, but may be high in real terms.
- The car reimbursement is GST inclusive, but no GST can be claimed because much of the cost is depreciation, which involves no GST.
- The car reimbursement received is normally not taxable.
- It is interesting that in 2023 the suggested split of ownership and running expenses per kilometre is:

Ownership Expenses	61 cents	(64.21%)
Running Expenses	<u>34 cents</u>	<u>(35.79%)</u>
	<u>95 cents</u>	<u>(100.00%)</u>

In other words, the ownership costs are just under (2/3) of the total costs and the running costs are just over (1/3) of the total costs – an interesting split.

- Let's take an actual case of a Toyota Camry – a 2019 model that has done 50,400 km and had a willing seller/willing buyer purchase/sale value of \$48,000. Let's then say that this vehicle was then used by the owner as a 100% business vehicle and he did 14,000 km a year for the next five years – that is, travelled 70,000 km and was reimbursed by his employer at, say, \$1.00/km (spread over the next five years the reimbursement rate is almost certain to increase so the IRD figure is probably on the light side) – consequently, the increase to \$1.00/km.

What does his reimbursement amount to – 70,000 km at \$1.00/km

\$70,000

What do his true costs look like?

- Running expenses (70,000 km at, say, 38 cents/km) \$26,600
- What is the value of the vehicle after the 70,000 km – a total of 120,400 on the clock and is now nine years old – research would suggest a value of perhaps \$18,000 – consequently a depreciation cost of (\$48,000 less \$18,000) \$30,000

- He also put in \$48,000 of his own capital to purchase the vehicle in the first place, which effectively is income foregone at, say, \$48,000 at 5.5% x 5 \$13,200

\$69,800

Estimated Economic Surplus

\$200

Different people would use different input data here, but in a broad sense the ownership and running costs totalling \$1.00/km at the present time look reasonable, but things like fuel costs and servicing costs will push this figure up every year.

- If you look at a typical New Zealand family where both spouses are working full-time, then they will in many cases have two cars and the average kilometres in each vehicle could easily be 10,000 km depending where they live.

Let's say their car values are both worth \$10,000 – that is a combined value of \$20,000 and a combined annual mileage of 20,000 km. What are their annual costs:

- Ownership costs based on point 7 would be 61 cents/km, which would represent \$12,200 – this, I feel, would be too high for our suggested car values of \$20,000 – I feel an ownership cost of 40 cents/km or \$8,000 in total is more realistic in this case.

- The running expenses though at 34 cents/km look realistic, which would represent \$6,800 (20,000 km at 34 cents/km).

- A combined overall annual cost for the two cars of \$14,800.

- If the two cars have a combined value much in excess of \$20,000, then the overall ownership costs would move up towards the 61 cents/km.

- We have not tried to allow for the electric car and hybrid effects which will complicate the picture somewhat.

- What's the point here – the point is that the typical New Zealand two income family has an annual overall car ownership and running cost of perhaps \$14,800/year, with this figure in many cases perhaps being higher.

- If you take the view that there are close to 2,000,000 households in New Zealand, then this \$14,800/year represents \$29,600,000,000 – \$29.6 billion (\$NZ) a year. Not all households would have two cars but some would have a single household car value in excess of \$20,000.

What is the take home message here:

- An overall ownership and running cost of \$1.00/km looks realistic for the moment but will increase by at least the inflation rate each year.
- This total vehicle cost for NZ households at \$29.6 billion a year is an enormous drag on their household budget and what is more, looks ongoing and unavoidable.

Interesting times...

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Hanmer Springs School Pinkie Report Holidays Week 1

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

End of first year report from Mr McB.

These school holidays mark the end of my first year living in Hanmer Springs and being the Tumuaki (Principal) of Hanmer Springs School. In a way I feel like it has been longer than one year because, I think, as a school we have achieved so much over these past 12 months. On the other hand, it also feels like a year has flown by and it was just yesterday that I was being welcomed into the school as their new tumuaki.

I hope the Pinkie readers have been enjoying these reports that our student journalists have been doing ever since Tom Davies introduced them, last year. I see them as a great way to share all of the amazing things that are happening in our kura (school) but also an excellent leadership role and form of writing extension for our reporters and journalists!



Personally, I have thoroughly enjoyed this past year. I love the job, I love Hanmer Springs as a location to live with my family, I love the fact that when I walk down the streets through the village I can greet others by name. I think that there is a fantastic community of people here who work together and look after each other and ensure the place we live is one that is friendly and caring, and I think the students that go to our school are set up for great success with everything that is put together in this environment for them.

Kia ora and thank you to everyone that has made myself and my family feel so welcome since we moved here. We look forward to continuing to embed ourselves as 'village residents' and our original plan of staying here for a good five or so years is still the plan for us.



Matariki.

We have been learning about Matariki which is an important celebration in our New Zealand calendar as it marks the start of the Māori New Year. This is a special time to spend with family, to think about the past, celebrate the present and set goals to plan for the future. The Matariki cluster of stars can be viewed in the early morning which signifies the New Year. There are many stories that we enjoy reading about Matariki. Some

classes have read 'The Seven Kites of Matariki' and Korimako class made kites that they enjoyed flying around the playground. Piwakawaka class have enjoyed reading lots of Matariki legends and stories.

As an introduction to learning more about Matariki, Korimako class created some art depicting traditional navigation using the stars. The children tried to create the shape of the Matariki cluster. We used paper folding to create a 3-D effect for the Waka. We look forward to learning more about Matariki and its significance to Aotearoa next term!

Matariki hunga, Matariki ahunga nui.
Matariki has many admirers, Matariki brings us together.



In tour with Richard



My time in Northern Thailand is drawing to a close and by the time you read this I will hopefully be back in Vietnam. I really had no intention of coming here but new visa regulations in Vietnam meant I had to leave the country to get a new stamp in my passport. So having only hazy memories of being here almost exactly 50 years ago, I decided I should get out and do something to make it worthwhile.

In my last missive I rued the fact I had been unable to find good Thai food and I can happily report that I have indeed found it where you would least expect it, at Hugo's Irish Sports Bar (Guinness on tap, even if they don't know how to pour it). Hidden in the back of the menu with pizzas and all manner of burgers and western crap is the very small Thai section which is indeed authentic Thai food and the chef even came out to shake my hand because he was much happier producing this sort of food.

My driver Kenny (who has learned that I want to see where they make things rather than where they sell them) has taken me to some out of the way places, like a king cobra farm and to the village of the Padaung people, they where the women wear the rings around their neck. (This was a bit sad as I felt the women had been reduced to a tourist attraction, but Kenny told me they did all right out of it.)

Having been to visit elephants I was quite glad when we drove past the 'PooPooPaper Elephant Park' as I wasn't quite sure what we might have on offer there.

We did visit what is known as the 'Carving

village' where everyone who lived there was a carver and as a finale he escorted me to the most amazing labyrinth of carving work I had ever seen. It covered the best part of an acre, seemingly every inch of it carved, some of it still-living trees. I met the head carver and asked if it was all his own work but he laughed and said that it was the work of fifty years and sixty carvers (most now dead) and that there were in total almost a quarter million carvings. His daughter told me they were all for sale but that was not the point of the place.

If you can imagine Clarence Valley Road with even tighter turns (they boast 763 hairpins) this was the 167 kilometre road to the country's northern most city of Pai. There was something of Kathmandu in the early seventies about it, in that place seemed to have attracted a lot of hippie types. Why this is the case is immediately obvious as the Thai government, in its wisdom, has legalised the dreaded wacky weed and in the main street every second bar offers no drinks, instead a menu of available ganja. They sport such names as Mellow Yellow, Heavenly High and the like. Kenny would not let me stop at any of them, after all I was older than his grandfather. Like the Kathmandu of fifty years ago every other shop offered up such treats as lemon meringue pie and gooey buns and other such sweet treats that seem to go with patronising the speakeasies.

A couple of observations about Thailand compared to Vietnam. Here they drive on the same side of the road as we do and they stop for red lights and stay on the correct side of the road. This is in no way comparable to Vietnam where whatever side of the road is largely irrelevant and it is cowardly to stop for red lights.

The other thing to report is that, like Vietnam, there is no shortage of single use plastic bags. The other evening I bought two biscuits. Each was individually wrapped in plastic with another plastic bag around the two together, and then a plastic carry bag to be sure. It seems that a person cannot get through the day without getting about thirty single use plastic bags. I mentioned it to a pharmacist who seemed a worldly type but she just smiled sweetly and handed me my purchases all individually housed in appropriate sized plastic bags and then stashed in another bigger plastic bag and then another which bore the pharmacy's name.



With my new bride



Sorry gentlemen, thought this was the loo!



The Last Princess of Chiang Mai



With Kenny and the head carver

An exercise in logic submitted by Claudz at 4 Square

Railroad Track Widths

The United States standard railroad gauge (dist between rails) is 4 feet 8½ inches. That's an exceedingly odd number.

Why was that gauge used?

Because that's the way they built them in England, and English expatriates built the United States railroads.

Why did the English build them like that?

Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

Why did THEY use that gauge then?

Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing.

Okay! Why did the wagons have that particular wheel spacing?

Well, if they tried to use any other wheel spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long-distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts.

So who built those old rutted roads?

Imperial Rome built the first long-distance roads in Europe (and England) for their legions. The roads have been used ever since.

And the ruts in the roads?

Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels. Since the chariots were made for imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing. The United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet 8½ inches is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman War Chariot. And bureaucracies live forever.

So the next time you are handed a specification and wonder what horse's ass come up with it, you might be exactly right, because the Imperial Roman War Chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the back ends of two war horses or mules.

Now the twist...

When you see a space shuttle sitting on it's launch pad, there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the fuel tanks. These are solid rocket boosters, or SRBs. The SRBs are made by Thiokol at their factory in Utah. The engineers would have preferred to make them a bit fatter, but the SRBs had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site. The railroad line from the factory happens to run through a tunnel in the mountains. The SRBs had to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track, as you now know, is about as wide as two horse's behinds.

So... a major space shuttle design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system was determined over two thousand years ago by the width of a horse's ass... and you thought being a HORSE'S ASS wasn't important! ORIGINAL AUTHOR UNKNOWN



What do you know about the Lions Club?

The Lions Club was founded on June 7, 1917, in Chicago, Illinois, USA, by a businessman named Melvin Jones. He envisioned a service organisation that would bring together individuals from various professions to serve their communities. Jones believed that by working together, these individuals could make a greater impact and improve the world around them. The first Lions Club was formed with the goal of creating a network of service clubs. They aimed to address societal needs and promote humanitarian causes through volunteer work. The club's name was inspired by the symbolism of a lion, representing strength, courage, and loyalty. The initial focus was primarily on local service activities. However, over time, the organization expanded its reach and began addressing national and international issues. Today, the Lions Club International has grown into the world's largest service club organization, with millions of members and thousands of clubs spread across different countries.

The Lions Club is known for its wide range of service projects, including vision care initiatives, disaster relief efforts, youth programs, conservation, and much more. Their motto, "We Serve," encapsulates their commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of individuals and communities around the globe. Since its inception, the Lions Club has continued to uphold its founding principles and remains dedicated to humanitarian service. It has become a beacon of hope, embodying the spirit of volunteerism and the power of collective action to create lasting change.

HANMER SPRINGS LIONS CLUB

Our local Lions Club meets every 2nd Thursday at the Five Stags at 6.30pm. If you'd like to join us or would like more information contact:

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I've heard of it – but don't really know what it's all about... let's find out

Pilates is a form of exercise that focuses on strengthening the body's core muscles, improving flexibility, and enhancing overall body awareness. It offers numerous benefits, including:

Core strength and stability: Pilates exercises target the deep muscles of the core, including the abdominals, back muscles, and pelvic floor. This helps improve core strength, stability, and posture, leading to better body alignment and reduced risk of injuries.

Improved flexibility: Pilates incorporates stretching and lengthening movements, which can help improve flexibility and range of motion in the muscles and joints. Increased flexibility can enhance overall physical performance and reduce muscle tightness and stiffness.

Muscle tone and strength: Pilates exercises work on developing long, lean muscles without adding bulk. By engaging multiple muscle groups simultaneously, Pilates helps improve muscle tone, strength, and endurance throughout the body.

Posture and body alignment: Pilates emphasizes proper alignment and postural awareness. Through various exercises and movements, it helps correct imbalances, improve posture, and promote optimal body alignment. This can have a positive impact on daily activities and prevent or alleviate back, neck, and joint pain caused by poor posture.

Injury prevention and rehabilitation: Pilates exercises focus on balanced muscle development and strengthening the stabilizing muscles around the joints. This can help prevent injuries and provide support for individuals recovering from injuries or managing certain conditions, such as low back pain or joint issues.

Improved breathing and relaxation: Pilates emphasizes deep breathing techniques, which promote relaxation, reduce stress, and increase oxygen flow to the muscles. The mindful breathing incorporated in Pilates can contribute to improved mental focus, stress reduction, and overall well-being.

Increased body awareness: Pilates encourages mindful movement and body awareness. By paying attention to the body's alignment, sensations, and movement patterns, practitioners develop a heightened sense of body awareness that can translate into improved movement efficiency and coordination.

Enhanced balance and coordination: Pilates exercises often involve challenging movements that require balance, coordination, and control. Regular practice can improve balance and coordination skills, which can be beneficial for everyday activities and sports performance.

Low-impact exercise: Pilates is generally low-impact, making it suitable for individuals of various fitness levels and ages. It places minimal stress on the joints, making it a safer option for those with joint issues or who prefer a gentler form of exercise.

Mind-body connection: Pilates emphasizes the integration of the mind and body, promoting focus, concentration, and body-mind connection. This holistic approach can enhance overall well-being, promote relaxation, and improve mental clarity.

If you think that Pilates is something you could benefit from, there are qualified instructors in the village who can tailor exercises to your specific needs and abilities. Check out the Community Notices page for contact info and weekly class times.



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Blueberry Ginger Clafoutis

One of the most wonderful ways to celebrate fresh fruit, clafoutis originated in the Limousin region of France. Here, a small part of the batter is baked in the baking dish, then the berries, ginger and the rest of the batter is layered on top to prevent the blueberries from sinking and burning. For maximum lemon flavour, zest the lemon over the batter in Step 3. You can substitute any type of fresh fruit – berries, grapes, or cherries; just remember to adjust the amount of sugar you add accordingly. Cherry is a real favourite but remember to remove the pits

INGREDIENTS

1 tablespoon unsalted butter, softened, for greasing the pan
 2 cups/480 millilitres whole milk, at room temperature
 3 large eggs
 1 cup/200 grams plus 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
 1 cup/128 grams all-purpose flour
 2 teaspoons fresh lemon zest
 teaspoon ground green cardamom
 1/8 teaspoon fine sea salt
 2 cups/280 grams fresh or frozen blueberries
 1/4 cup/55 grams crystallized ginger, chopped small
 Icing sugar, for finishing (optional)

PREPARATION

Step 1 Place a rack at the upper level and a second in the middle of the oven. Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Step 2 Grease a 9-inch ceramic or glass baking dish or deep-dish pie plate (at least 1 1/2 quart capacity) well with butter.

Step 3 In a large mixing bowl, whisk the milk, eggs, 1 cup sugar, flour, zest, cardamom and salt until smooth and combined, the sugar is dissolved, and there are no visible flecks of flour.

Step 4 Pour enough batter into the greased baking dish to cover the base by about 1/2 inch. Place the baking dish on the top rack of the oven and cook until the batter is just about set – it should jiggle slightly in the centre – about 15 to 17 minutes.

Step 5 Remove the baking dish from the oven. Arrange the blueberries and the ginger on top in a single layer. Sprinkle the remaining 2 tablespoons sugar over the fruit. Pour the remaining batter over the fruit, return the dish to the oven, and bake on the middle rack until the batter is completely cooked, about 60 to 65 minutes. The edges should be slightly firm and golden brown, and the centre slightly jiggly. A knife inserted in the middle should come out clean. Remove from the oven and let cool for 5 minutes.

Step 6 Dust the top of the clafoutis with confectioners' sugar to taste and serve warm or at room temperature.

1907 Alldays & Onions



What a strange name for a car...

Alldays & Onions was a British engineering and manufacturing company that produced a variety of products, including bicycles, motorcycles, and automobiles. Alldays & Onions was founded in 1889 by Charles Onions and his brother-in-law, Edwin Allsop.

Initially, the company manufactured bicycles in Birmingham, England. They soon expanded their product range to include motorcycles, tricycles, and quadricycles. In the early 1900s, Alldays & Onions entered the automobile market. They produced their first motorcar, a three-wheeled vehicle, in 1902. The company continued to develop and manufacture automobiles, including both three and four-wheeled models.

One of their notable models was the Alldays Electric Car, introduced in 1905. It was an early electric vehicle that featured a range of around 60 miles on a single charge. The company also produced petrol-powered cars, often incorporating innovative features for the time. During World War I, Alldays & Onions shifted its focus to support the war effort. They produced munitions and aircraft components for the British military.

In the 1920s, Alldays & Onions struggled to compete with larger and more established automobile manufacturers. They experienced financial setbacks, and in 1927, the company went into voluntary liquidation. Although Alldays & Onions ceased automobile production, they continued as a general engineering firm, producing a range of products such as machinery, tools, and components for various industries.

Overall, Alldays & Onions had a relatively short-lived presence in the automobile industry, but they made notable contributions during their existence. Their electric and petrol-powered cars showcased early advancements in automotive technology. And to think it was one of their vehicles to first cross the short lived original Hanmer Bridge.



Original unretouched image of first car to cross Hanmer Springs bridge



JULY

- 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

Hanmer Springs Menz Shed – creating more solutions than the internet

Down at the Menz Shed, Lester Truman goes by the name of Mr Google. "We don't need Google, we just ask Lester," quips member Mike Shaxon. Truman carries more blueprints in his head than the internet, Mike says, and is always quick to invent new ways of solving problems to help his community. When the Menz Shed was approached to come up with a wasp capture solution, Lester came back with a quick fix that is affordable and practical. "You take an ordinary 1.5L soft-drink bottle, cut it in half, invert the top into the bottom to create a funnel, put sugar water into the bottom – and wait for the wasps to visit," Lester explains. The Menz Shed create the wooden frames to hang the bottles in trees.

"If someone comes to us, whether a school, community group or sports club, and asks us if we can make something – if we can do it, then yes we will," says Shaxon. Throughout the Hanmer Springs community is evidence of the Menz Shed's contribution to their community. A shield for St John's CPR challenge, a flagpole for the golf club, birdfeeders for the Hanmer Springs Conservation Trust, outdoor furniture – they've done it all.

The Menz Shed operates as a charitable trust and their assistance extends beyond the old Smithy building from which they have been operating for the past four years on Queen Mary Hospital Heritage Reserve. Stacking wood for an infirm resident, supplying firewood to those in need, building a wheelchair ramp, and making a step to help a valued pet get up into the house are all ways in which they have given back. "We're here for the community,"

For members, the gains are camaraderie and support, says Shaxon. "It's about supporting and encouraging one another." Shaxon says the Menz Shed is grateful for being able to use the old Smithy and for Council's support over the years.

Hurunui District Council Chief Strategy and Community Officer Judith Batchelor said building strong communities through supporting community-led projects was a win-win for the district. "Queen Mary Hospital has always been at the heart of the district and so many families have been helped by the original hospital for soldiers and the many projects that have been run from the site. It's good to see activity at the old smithy and to know Queen Mary Hospital is still helping our community." \$3.1 million was this year confirmed by Council for the restoration and earthquake strengthening of the old Soldiers' Block building on the heritage site as part of an innovative project to create community spaces, acknowledge the site's history and add to the tourism experience.



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DARTS RESULTS



Sorry, no results this week – but just for fun...

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GOLF RESULTS



Sorry, no results this week
– but just for fun...

In a comical turn of events, renowned golfer Arnold Palmer once found himself in a rather unusual predicament on the golf course. During a tournament, Palmer took his shot and accidentally hit a spectator, knocking off the gentleman's toupee. Showing his quick wit, Palmer swiftly walked over, picked up the displaced hairpiece, and placed it on his own head, much to the amusement of the crowd. The lighthearted moment brought laughter to all, including the spectator, who left with an unforgettable story to share about his close encounter with the legendary golfer.

Free School Holiday Movie a resounding success...

As the movie began, children's eyes sparkled with wonder and laughter echoed through the Five Stags. The captivating claymation characters, led by an endearing caveman named Dug, transported the young audience on a prehistoric adventure full of humour, friendship, and determination.

Early Man was set in the in the Neo-Pleistocene era, where a tribe of cavemen survives an asteroid collision that wipes out dinosaurs. They discover a hot, spherical chunk of asteroid, leading to the invention of football. Later, in the Stone Age, their valley is threatened by Lord Nooth's Bronze Age army. Dug, mistaken for a Bronze Age football player, challenges Nooth's team to a match. With coaching from Goona, a bronze age football nut, the cavemen improve. Despite Nooth's biased refereeing, Dug's team ties the match, and Dug scores the winning goal. The cavemen win the cup and regain their valley. Peace is restored.

It was great to see the young audience all muck in and help clean up the popcorn debris at the end of the film. They also fired tons of questions about what the next film would be and when. Mum's and Dads got a bit of an afternoon off too, as the Five Stags put on an awesome low cost menu tailored specifically to family groups who came to the film.

My favourite bits – the subtle adult comedic moments – like the discovery of sliced bread and the brand of toilet paper. Well, you had to be there...

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	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.
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Why you should come and see *The Boat that Rocked*

This British comedy film tells the story of a fictional pirate radio station broadcasting from a ship in the North Sea. The film is set in the 1960s, a time when pirate radio stations were popular in the UK. It captures the spirit of that era, with vibrant fashion, music, and cultural references, providing a nostalgic experience for viewers.

The movie features a fantastic soundtrack filled with iconic songs from the 1960s. From classic rock 'n' roll hits to lesser-known gems, the music is a central element of the story and adds an extra layer of enjoyment to the film, which is primarily a comedy offering plenty of laughs throughout. The interactions between the eccentric DJ characters and the comedic situations they find themselves in provide a lighthearted and entertaining experience.

The film boasts an impressive ensemble cast of talented actors, including Philip Seymour Hoffman, Bill Nighy, Rhys Ifans, Nick Frost, and many others. Their performances bring the characters to life and contribute to the overall enjoyment of the movie. It showcases the rebellious spirit of the era and the importance of fighting for what you believe in.

Whether you're a fan of comedy, music, or nostalgic storytelling, this film offers a fun and entertaining ride.

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