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GRAPEVINE

This monthly newspaper is published by the One Tree Hill Progress Association. Its purpose is to share local news, views and events. We want to encourage local people and groups to share what they are doing and to pass on items of interest to one another. A minimum of **50 cents** donation to the cost of printing the Grapevine would be very much appreciated. (Donation tins are available in some of the local shops). We are happy to include some advertising from local businesses, and small classified Ads from individuals. Please contact Jill McLatchie, ph 8280 7214 for details of the cost. Maximum size for advertisements is one quarter of a page.

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EDITORIAL

I was very pleased that the One Tree Hill Primary School has decided to support the Grapevine by each class taking in turns to write material each month. It is great that you are getting involved. Thank you very much. There have been some wonderful contributions. Not all can get in each month but hopefully if you didn't see your item in this month you will see it in future editions of the Grapevine. More reporters are still needed though. Please think about helping.

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Wasn't the Bush Dance great! I think everyone who went had a good night and it was fantastic to sell all the tickets. Maybe this could be an Annual Event, what do people think?

Last month we had major problems when Ann Davenport who was scheduled to put up the Grapevine on the Publisher program was rushed to hospital with appendicitis. David Parker gallantly stepped into the breach. With a heap of mud waiting to be made into bricks, a new printer that he had not used before, an unfamiliar program, a huge Grapevine, a computer that kept crashing, and 1001 difficulties he somehow made it! Well done David, I don't know what we'd do without you! Apologies to people who didn't get their material in last month, hopefully it will be in this month. There was such a lot to go in and so many hassles. Jill McLatchie, Editor.

ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Report of the Annual General Meeting- 15th May 1997

President's report

The year began with a note of sadness when we accepted the resignation of Ronda and Glen Slater, who left the district due to Glen's failing health. We continue to owe a debt of gratitude to Ronda and Glen and others of their generation who put so much of their time and energy into the One Tree Hill Community.

Another cause for regret was the demise of the Craft Shop which closed at the end of December. The Craft Shop had become an institution in the district, but falling sales meant the end could no longer be avoided. Our thanks are due to the many people who worked hard over the years to make the Craft Shop both an outlet for handiwork and a meeting place.

On a brighter note, some positive achievements took place. The hall was repainted, the floor re-surfaced and finally, the McGilp Road Arch was replaced, together with a new wall. I think everyone will agree that the Institute is looking better than it has for years.

Another initiative has been the proposal for much needed retirement units in the township, which has been vigorously pursued by Don Needham. This is now going through the bureaucratic process and we hope to have good news in the future.

We have been delighted to welcome new members during the year but need many more if we wish to be truly representative of the One Tree Hill Community. This will become increasingly important as One Tree Hill is now part of the larger city of Playford. We look forward to receiving the continued support of our councillors; our congratulations to newly elected Councillor Mike Stevens and re-elected Councillor Matthew Hayden. At the same time I feel it is fitting to record our appreciation of the support we have received in the past from Martin Lindsell, former Mayor of the City of Munno Para.

The Grapevine has continued to go from strength to strength; thanks to Jill McLatchie and her band of helpers for their sterling efforts.

The Community Market has continued to prosper and thanks are also due to the many people involved in this enterprise.

Members of the Association have continued to take a keen interest in our local environment, and their concern is appreciated.

Finally, the year ended on a really high note with the Bush Dance, held to commemorate the generous bequest from Mrs Edith Clucas. The organising sub-committee did a great job and the Band "Kellys Revenge," made the evening very enjoyable for over 200 people who attended. Congratulations to those involved and if the comments of those attending are any guide it may be well worth repeating the experience in the future.

Gordon Cooksey, President.

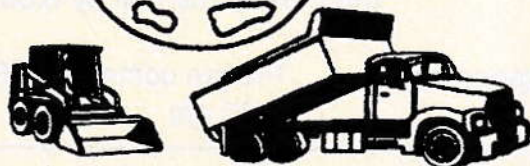
Meeting Report

The first part of the meeting consisted of the Annual General Meeting. The following people were elected or re-elected to office.

President: Gordon Cooksey Vice President: David Parker
Secretary: Sarah Cooksey Treasurer: Pat Beck
Minutes Secretary: David Parker Public Officer: Sybil Winsor
Committee members: Lance Walter, Ann Davenport, Pam Farrington, Jan West.

During the General Meeting which followed we heard from Anne-Marie and Hans Claxton about their efforts to oppose the mobile phone tower which OPTUS is planning to erect in Precolumb Road. If you are also concerned they would welcome your support. We also heard from Jan West about the ongoing

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attempts to block Trinity Colleges' proposed Bush Campus. Although the proposal has received approval, concern was expressed that some of the objections to the proposal had not been adequately addressed, in particular the condition of the Frank Barker Road.

Traffic congestion on Market days

Progress Association has over the past three to four months, debated the problem of traffic congestion caused by holding the Community Market and the rubbish hopper on the same day. A number of suggestions have been considered and have proved to be unsatisfactory in some way.

It has therefore been decided that stall holders will be asked to move their vehicles from in front of the Institute by 8.30 am, and people using the hopper will be asked to try and delay their arrival until after 8.30 am. It is hoped that this will help to alleviate the congestion and a potentially dangerous situation. Thank you for the co-operation of all concerned,

Gordon Cooksey

COUNCILLOR HAYDEN'S UPDATE

The Election

Firstly, I should like to thank you all very much for your support in returning me to office and as always, I shall attempt to represent the interests of ratepayers to the best of my abilities.

Results for Ward 3 were M. Hayden 764 (45.21%) M. Stevens 496 (29.35%) M. Burke 348 (20.95%) Informal 82 (%) 4.85 Total 1690.

I should like to offer Mike Stevens my congratulations and hope for the benefit of our ward we can achieve the best outcome for

all residents and the new City of Playford.

The sad part of the elections was surely the loss of Martin Lindsell the former Mayor of MP and long time councillor for the OTH Ward. Over a period of 10 years as an elected member and 2 years as Mayor, he achieved enormous success in having roads sealed and infrastructure projects completed for the ward. I wish Martin all the best for the future and hope he returns to local government sometime in the near future.

The Mayoral results were Marilyn Baker 6892 (55.95%) Martin Lindsell 5061 (41.09%) Informal 365 (2.96%) Total 12,318

Although many people were knocking the postal voting system, it would appear from the results to hand, that we had an increased participation rate and this resulted in a 32.43% return.

The Chamber

The restructure of the council is now in progress and will mean some very major changes for staff and employees alike. The elected council will be made up of 6 Wards, the Mayor and 15 councillors. At this stage the council has been split into 2 committees, Environmental Services Development Committee (M. Hayden) and Community and Corporate Services Committee (M. Stevens). The council will therefore meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, with the first meeting being our committee and the second being full council meetings. All meetings are open to the public, so please don't hesitate to attend one meeting now and again, if only for the experience!

I have made it clear to members of council that I would prefer to represent my ward on all issues and rather than a committee structure, feel we should have 2 full council meetings per month. We have decided to review the changes in 3 months time.

Down to Business

At our first meeting held on 13/5/97 Declarations of Office were made for the Mayor and Councillors. The Deputy Mayor Cr. Ron Watts was appointed by ballot, with the result an 8-8 draw, the winner was declared by the toss of a coin, Cr. David Strauss losing out. Allowances were set for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors. The Mayor will receive \$30,000 p.annum, \$15,000 super, a Commodore, mobile phone and fax. I opposed this allowance by moving an amendment that she receive \$20,000 p.a. and \$10,000 super, car, phone and fax. The vote was lost 14 to 1, no debate took place due to nobody supporting my motion. The Mayor's allowance now gives her the second largest income of any mayor, except the Adelaide Lord Mayor and Mayor Baker is still intending to work part-time (2 days a week) for Martin Evens MP. The Deputy Mayor will receive \$7,500 p.a. Councillors allowances are legislated by government and we are to receive the maximum of \$2,600.

The representation of Cr.'s on committee's and regional bodies was also decided, with myself representing Playford on the, MP District Bushfire Committee and the Adelaide Plains Animal and Plant Control Board.

Proposed Mobile Phone Tower OTH

Due to some late, but excellent lobbying by the local community, and good teamwork by your Cr.'s, we have managed to organise a meeting with Bone & Tonkin who represent Optus, on the 29th May. Although this is not a public meeting, residents are assured of being represented by some very diligent locals and your Cr.'s. We make no promises about the outcome but shall do our best. While telecommunications companies have the power that they do, Playford has little control over their operations and is always fighting time, money and the law, but as long as residents are prepared to have their say and back it up with action, all is not lost.

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Let's Chat

My life and wife will never be the same again and neither will my dancing. The Bush Dance was a fantastic night and congratulations to all who made it happen. The band was great, and I must say that I have never before, seen so many people on the dance floor for so long. I am hoping that it becomes an annual event and will endeavour to support this idea should it become reality.

Ya-hoo or was it Yee-har?

Regarding the letter about Caltrap, Toolunga Rd., May Grapevine. Could Debra Brombel please contact me as I have no phone number or postal address, but I have some answers to her questions.

Yours faithfully, Cr. Matthew Hayden

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TREES FOR LIFE

Dates for the Diary: Sunday June 22nd at 11.00am, BBQ provided. Meeting and tree planting at Heather and John Coward's, 14 Tenafeate Cres, One Tree Hill.

For more information on Trees for Life contact Chris and Mick Adley 8254 9126 branch organisers, Elizabeth/Gawler area.

ENVIRONMENT REPORT

Phone Tower in OTH - The story so far...

OPTUS sent a notification to the City of Munno Para on the 14 March informing that they were planning to install a mobile phone tower on the corner of Precolumb and Johnson Roads. The Council informed and surveyed property owners within a 500 metre radius. Several people responded to the survey including the Progress Association which suggested using several of the alternative sites so that the tower was well away from residences. OPTUS have replied saying that they did not want to use these alternative sites.

As a result, a small group of residents met with Jan Cunningham, who was involved in the Golden Grove action group which was successful in convincing the Tea Tree Gully Council that there was enough doubt and public concern about the long term safety of phone towers to relocate them away from schools and homes wherever possible. The OTH group prepared a petition to send to Council, asking for OPTUS to be involved in discussions with the community about the location of the tower. 170 people signed the petition on Monday May 19 and Bone and Tonkin, acting for OPTUS have agreed to meet with a group of residents on May 29. Contacts for this group are Hans van Heuven, (PO Box 271, OTH), Mike Stevens (82807152) and Ann Davenport (82807188)

The meeting discussed concerns and a number of the alternative sites. It was emphasised that residents were not opposed in principle to a tower, as mobile phones are a fact of life these days and many OTH people need them for business and personal reasons. Location was the issue. OPTUS emphasised that the levels of radiation emitted from these towers were extremely low. It appears the tower will be about 2 ft (600mm) wide and 40 metres high - smaller than expected. OPTUS have agreed to investigate another possible site but if this does not meet time lines and requirements, the Precolumb/Johnson Rd site may go ahead.

Hans has this to say about the location of the towers:

We are unique in One Tree Hill - we have the opportunity to locate this tower away from people - A win for OPTUS; a win for mobile phone users; a win for the people of OTH.

I contacted Dr Bruce Hocking, research scientist, ex Telstra Chief Medical Officer, hoping to dispel fears about living near a mobile tower. In essence, he believes the Australian standards may be too high and more research definitely needs to be done. 170 residents signed a petition urging council to lobby to discuss alternative sites. Community concerns raised included the health controversy, aesthetic unpleasantness and reduced property values. Only 6 people declined to sign.

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Angus Massie, a resident of the district who is well versed in Radio Frequency (RF) standards through his work at DSTO, believes that we do not need to be so concerned about the health effects of RF energy emitted from the towers. He believes the towers are 'completely safe' and sent this column the following comment:

The total radio frequency energy (RF) energy being transmitted from a tower is quite small, and in fact, if you were sitting 100 metres away from the tower you would be absorbing several hundred times more RF energy from each of the local TV and FM radio stations as you would from the tower - and there aren't too many people campaigning to switch off these much bigger signals! There are some real questions being asked about the safety of using digital telephone handsets because they are held so close to the users head, but there is no need to worry about the signal from the actual towers.

Angus' comments highlight just how much RF energy there is around us that we are just not aware of! The accumulation of this from a range of sources, which on their own pass safety standards, is something that we should be asking governments to monitor. His concerns about digital mobile phones are also interesting in the light of similar concerns expressed on recent TV reports. If anyone would like to discuss these safety issues with Angus, his phone number is 82807295.

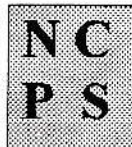
Wildlife Update with Renae Justice

(One Tree Hill Fauna Rescue members-ph 8280 7614)

This month I would like to share with you some ways in which you can help an injured animal or bird. Make sure that if you see a dead marsupial on the side of the road that you check the pouch if it is a female. Generally the young can remain alive in the pouch for several days.

Keep the fauna wrapped in a blanket or towel and put it in a cardboard box. Put the box in a warm, quiet spot. Do not give it food or water until advised. Contact Fauna Rescue as soon as possible, as delay causes further stress. If the fauna has a breathing/bleeding problem, use basic first aid principles and treat for shock. Native fauna is not tame. If you find fauna which is tame, this generally indicates that it is injured or sick. If it is injured, and recovers, it will revert back to its natural behaviour, and could easily injure or traumatise its handler, especially if it is a child.

Baby birds which have just left the nest are often handed in, even though adult birds were close by. This type of rescue is usually unnecessary. Simply remove the baby bird from any



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danger(cats, roads, humans etc) and place in a tree or bush in sight of its parents so they can continue feeding it.

If fauna is using your garden or yard as a residence, ask questions about its habits and habitat. Watch it and enjoy its company, but try not to disturb it. Remember that it may be illegal to capture or destroy the fauna without the appropriate permit.

BUSH DANCE

Our bush dance on May 10 was a great success and we were delighted with the community support.

A BIG thankyou to the children of the One Tree Hill Primary School for the wonderful posters which we used for advertising the dance at the market and to decorate the hall on the night. They added a very special touch!!

We were only sorry that many people missed out on coming because we had completely sold out on the Thursday before. It looks like another bush dance could be planned and well received next year!

Mary Catford, niece of Edith and Jim Clucas, unveiled the plaque acknowledging the Clucas bequest of \$50,000 left to the Progress Association in 1991. She shared her early memories of the district and functions in the hall and concluded by returning a long overdue volume from the OTH Library which had once occupied the basement of the institute. (We later teased her about how much the fine would be after 40 years!) Mary also brought along clippings about Jim Clucas' cricket career. At 15 Jim, who played for OTH, scored 115 in his first A grade match. Nearly 50 years later he was still scoring centuries, ending his A grade career with 113 not out.



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ONE TREE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

ONE TREE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL TURNS 25 YEARS OLD!

It was Thursday 22nd May, 1997 and One Tree Hill Primary were celebrating their 25th Anniversary. They have been at the present site for 25 years. Past and Present families, teachers and principals were invited. As part of the celebration a Friendship Bench was dedicated for the occasion. The ceremony was held in the actual friendship garden that is situated at the front of the school. Two of the past principals came to the ceremony, Mr Geoff Gapper 1972-1975 and Mrs Barbara Anderson 1991-1994.

After the ceremony everyone was invited into the music room to see past photos of children and photos of the development of the school and its grounds over the past few years. Both parents and teachers were very interested in the photos.

Our class used pen and ink to relive school as it was in the distant past. It was fun. Mr McMaster made us line up and he checked our shoes and fingernails. We also had to salute the flag and honour the Queen. In addition our lessons included Arithmetic and Handwriting in the old style. Everyone enjoyed the day.

By Daniella Lambert, Yr 7.

Science with a BANG

In science class on Thursday the 22nd of May my teacher Mr McMaster showed us an experiment as part of science week. (On air). First Mr McMaster heated a petrol can with 2cm of water in the bottom. He boiled it for 20 minutes with the lid off until it started to bubble. Then he took it off the boil and replaced the lid. He then dropped the tin into a bucket of cold water. A few minutes passed and then "BANG". The can was almost completely crumpled, because it could no longer stand the weight of the air pressure. (Diagram included but not able to be reproduced shows that a vacuum was created in the can when the steam condensed)

By Daniella Lambert Yr 7

QUOTABLE QUIPS

No matter how hard you hug your money, it never hugs back.

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Many congratulations to our President Mr Don Needham and his wife Kath, who live on Blacktop Road OTH. on the occasion of their 50th Golden Wedding anniversary, which took place on 10th May 1997.

On the afternoon and evening of Thursday 8th May, the whole club met in the Institute to help Don and Kath and their family celebrate this wonderful event. After an excellent supper organised by Mrs Joyce Baggs and her many helpers, the huge cake was cut. Presentations were made to them by Mrs Rose Shillabeer and Mr Fred Humphreys.

Well done Kath and Don, and we all hope you have many more happy and healthy years together in the future.

LOCAL HISTORY NOTES

On Sunday April 29th 1979, 18 years ago, the unique Uleybury School, built in 1856, was officially opened as a museum. Mr Hedley Lang, a headmaster of the school in 1942-1947, declared the museum open and unveiled a commemorative plaque. A school at Uley was first suggested at a public meeting in the area in 1853. In 1854, Moses Bendle Garlick, sought money from the then Central Board of Education but it wasn't until February 1856 that the Board agreed to contribute 150 pounds towards the project. The school and residence were completed in the same year at a cost of some 400 pounds. The first headmaster was Mr John Mattingley and the first enrolment showed 18 boys and 16 girls as his students.

Until 1946 the school was named Uleybury, but then it changed to One Tree Hill by the State Nomenclature Committee as it was felt confusion with Uley and Unley could be a problem.

When plans for a new school nearer the One Tree Hill township were put into effect, Uleybury was the oldest original school building still in use by the Education Department. In 1978 the Uleybury School Museum Society came into existence to manage the school and residence which had been restored by funds from Munno Para Council.

Hundreds of people gathered for the opening of the museum, and the ceremony was conducted under the Soldiers' Memorial Gum trees planted on school arbour days years ago.

Many former headmasters and students were present as well as the Deputy Director of Education, Munno Para Council representatives and visitors. In opening the museum Mr Lang said it was unique to find the State's oldest school still functioning (as a museum) within a stones throw of one of the State's most modern Open Unit schools. He said he felt that the modern open unit schools differed little from the original country schools where several grades worked together under the direction of one teacher. As you can read in another part of the Grapevine the One Tree Hill School recently celebrated 25 years on its present site after moving from the Uleybury School. As part of this celebration the whole school visited the Uleybury School museum. Faye Hensel acted the part of teacher, and Phil Squire was the acting Headmaster. Classes were held in the old style and I think a few got the cane and stood in the corner with the dunce's cap on! (Only play acting!)

Our museum opened 18 years ago but have you been to visit it yet? It's open on Sundays from 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

(History notes researched by Jill McLatchie)

VETERINARY NOTES FOR JUNE

Is your dog safe from Kennel Cough?



Your dogs regular booster vaccination may not be enough to keep your dog safe from Kennel Cough. Contrary to its name, "kennel cough" is not only dangerous for dogs in kennels. There is now a growing trend to call this disease "Canine Cough" due to the fact that it can spread wherever dogs gather.

Kennel cough is a highly contagious respiratory disease. It results in a harsh hacking cough due to throat infection and can progress to more serious secondary pneumonia cases. Kennel (canine) cough is caused by both the para influenza virus and the bordatella bacteria. Recent evidence has shown that the bordatella bacteriabnis is as important, if not more, than the virus in causing kennel(canine) cough.

The current 4 in 1 vaccination given by your veterinarian only protects against the para influenza virus. For your dogs safety ask your vet about the new bordatella vaccination.

Dr Alan M.Irving, AL-RU FARM

MARKET REPORT

The Market has grown and grown over the last six months. New Stall holders are now having to go on a waiting list if they wish to come to our market. Space is limited in the Institute and no longer can One Tree Hill people have a stall just when they feel like it. While this is good in lots of ways it is not so good if you are not a regular. It does mean you need to plan ahead and be patient if you can't be fitted in one month. June will do the best she can, and often people cancel at the last minute. If you do book a stall and then decide not to come, please be sure to let June know. The fame of our market seems to be spreading and new stall holders are coming from far afield. If you don't like this trend(which does provide a great variety) then how about becoming a regular yourself. Could stall holders please move their cars from outside the Institute by 8.30am to avoid congestion with the hopper.

Kids Jokes



Question:

What 's green and looks like a bucket?

Answer: A green bucket.

Knock, knock who's there? Sarah's. Sarah's who? Sarah's a monster out here, help!

Knock, knock, who's there? Police. Police who? Police let us in. (By Ben Demchenko)

Question: What kind of weather do mice hate?

Answer: when it rains cats and dogs.

Question: Which insects are the smartest?

Answer: Ants-they can always find you when you're having a picnic.(By Sarah and Michelle)

Editors note-thanks to all the jokes contributed this month , we will see them in future Grapevines.

CHILDRENS CONTRIBUTIONS

We welcome children's contributions as the Grapevine is for everyone in the community.

Magic Mountain by Alyssa Cummings.

On the holidays we might be going to Magic Mountain. We will have fun there at Magic Mountain. We can ride on rides. But we can only ride on four rides. Magic Mountain is one of my favourite places. Then we will eat. We've been there before. It was fun there. We liked the name of the place. It is fun at Magic Mountain.

POET'S CORNER

Happiness. by Kellie Herreen.

Happiness is bright pink
The taste of pink bubble gum
Happiness is the smell of roses
Like a ballet dancer's graceful poses.
Its sounds are full of joy.
Happiness is children with brand new toy.

Hatred by Jarrad.

Hatred is dark red,
It tastes like dead roses,
and smells like ashes from a fire,
It looks like a raging bush fire,
and sounds like people screaming,
Hatred feels bad.

Sadness by Jarrad.

Sadness is blue
It tastes like dirt
and smells like moisture floating in the air
It looks like a puddle forming in an eye
and sounds like a baby crying
and the feel of sadness is unexplainable.

Editors note-so many great poems were contributed this month that space doesn't permit all of them to be published this month, but we will see them in future editions. Thank you very much!

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Simon's pigeons have had their first race. He had six pigeons in the race. They were taken to Carrington about 252km away and released at 10.45am. His first pigeon was home by 2.01pm! Four pigeon came home but two are missing, either still coming, in someone else's loft or eaten by hawks! Simon came fourth but his birds are inexperienced yet. When the birds arrive they sometimes won't come in to their special loft and this is when a callbird is used. Simon's bird is a heavy pigeon, a Medina /King cross which he can put on the landing board to encourage the racers in. Simon's pigeons will be racing again from Carrington and then from Hawker. The same pigeons will be racing except for his red cock who is going in a show. This will be the S.A.Fancy Show and Simon will be showing a lot of different kinds of pigeons such as Kings, Tumblers, Rollers, Magpies and Hawkeys.

Simon has brought in side his goldfish while renovations are taking place to his pond. He has a normal gold coloured comet, an orange and white one and a pure white one. They are not an aggressive fish and don't eat others.

Simon's budgies are well. Emerald got very angry as his water wasn't clean (he had poohed in it!). Emerald usually keeps his water clean but his food is messy. Simon doesn't think Emerald and Pippa will breed as Pippa is too rough and tries to bite Emerald's leg off!

Simon now has three skinks which he caught at Ryan's house. The male is tannish colour with a grey belly, while the two females are dark grey with a yellow belly. He is keeping them in an old fish bowl but they are let out every day for a wander around the house. They are the kind of skinks which drop their tails off if you grab hold of them. Simon's mother thought she'd killed one once before when the tail dropped off and it was wiggling on its own! If they do drop off they grow again! Simon's cocky went to a show on Sunday and enjoyed all the attention.

Simon and I are still waiting for news of other people's pets- don't be shy!

JOKE OF THE MONTH



The following are genuine extracts from letters received by the Ministry of Labour(UK) from people enquiring after money on the grounds of hardship.

They are exact copies as they were received, neither the wording nor the spelling have been changed.

I am glad to state that my husband died yesterday. I will be glad if you get me a pension. If you don't hurry up I will have to get public resistance.

In accordance with your instructions I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope.

Re your dental enquiry the teeth at the top are still alright but the ones in my bottom are hurting terrible.

My son is unable to attend school. He has diarrhoea through a hole in his shoe.

HEARD ON THE GRAPEVINE

Sadly we have to report a death in our community. Local identity Stewart Mclean passed away recently. The community sends our sympathies to the family.

On a more cheerful note, welcome to the Anderson family and their triplets!

There was a lack of gossip this month so David contributed some stories about his ex-wife. Seems she spent 8 hours in the Beauty Parlour and that was just getting a quote! Her first job was as test pilot in a broom factory! She rang up the other day to tell him about a bereavement in the family-one of her cats had died!

Best wishes to Tracey of the Cutting Inn. She would like to thank all her valued clients for their well wishes and support while she is recovering from her operation. Paula and Julie will happily service all customers while she is off.

GARDENING NOTES FOR JUNE

Eriostemon Profusion is a relative of the Boronia. This particular cultivar is not only one of the hardiest plants in the family, but also has one of the most intriguing and delicious leaf perfumes of any garden shrub (a good alternative to Daphne). Even a mild brush against the blue-green foliage releases a fresh apple like scent. The plant is covered in starry white flowers in Spring. Good as a cut flower. It can stand hard pruning after flowering if you like a compact hedge-like effect or if you prefer a more informal look it will still look great without pruning. It grows to about 1 1/2 metres and adapts well to clay and sandy soil and will tolerate moderate frost.

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Irene's quote of the month:

It is better to ask some of the questions than to know all the answers.

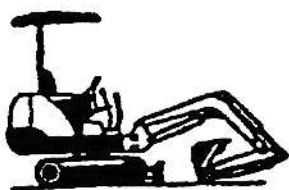
THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO DONATED TO THE GRAPEVINE THIS MONTH.

Mrs D.Harrow ,The Russian Slavic Church Ladies Group
N and J Mckenzie, Elizabeth Cope (Welcome to One Tree Hill , Elizabeth!)

Thank you very much! If anyone needs a receipt please let us know and one can be arranged.

ONE TREE HILL PLAYGROUP

Playgroup continues to grow at One Tree Hill-as I'm sure you would have noticed, and heard, if you happened to pass the Institute on any Monday,Tuesday,or Wednesday morning! As well as being an exciting happy time during these mornings, we also find ourselves busy with many other things. Playgroup has access to various concert tickets-last term a group thoroughly enjoyed the Play School Concert at Golden Grove, while later this term some of us are off to dance and sing with the Hooley Dooleys at Elizabeth! On July 26th we're planning to bring the Kangaroo Creek Roadshow(from the Sunday Mail) to One Tree Hill-keep looking for more details! We also have some interesting fundraising activities.Stikees was a popular one- they are plastic cut outs in many designs,that adhere to windows, mirrors etc. We've just finished a toothbrush drive and a sock drive! Our annual raffle will be a mid-year event for the first



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time this year- we are currently looking for donation.

We welcome new members any Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, 9.30-11.30am, at the Institute.

For more information about Playgroup at One Tree Hill please call either Sally on 8280 7683, or Vicki on 8280 7452.

WANTED: Hand lawn mower Reasonable price or donation for One Tree Hill Playgroup. Please phone Vicki 8280 7452.

ONE TREE HILL SCOUT GROUP

The One Tree Hill Scouts would like to thank everyone who sponsored us on the 'Awake-a-thon.' We raised \$500. Five of us managed to stay awake for the full 40 hours with the others not far behind, although I won't mention that one of us thought he was on a 'Sleep-a-thon' rather than an 'Awake-a-thon'!

The Jamboree fundraising continues with a firewood raffle which will be drawn on Friday 13th of June 1997. We will be at the One Tree Hill Market on June 7th in our usual spot across the road in front of Northern Compressor and Pump Service(free plug!) where you can buy your raffle ticket at \$1.00 each for a chance to win a 6x4 trailer load of firewood delivered to your home. We will also be selling delicious baked potatoes with various toppings, and balloon craft. This includes juggling balls(with instructions), stress balls and various other animals which we have been busily making. Hope to see you there.

Did you know our scout group has grown from 4 joey scouts in 1994 to over 50 in 1997. Children come from Forrester, Kersbrook, Hillbank and all parts of O.T.H.. We are looking for much needed help in filling leader positions. The commitment is not demanding. Please help us, the youth of O.T.H. must not suffer because the adults are too busy to give assistance.

Joeys-Tuesday 7.00-8.00pm Cubs-Monday 7.00 -8.30pm

Scouts-Friday 7.00pm - 9.30pm.

For more information ring Jenni Lewis 8280 7658

ROTARY CLUB OF TORRENS VALLEY

During the month we had a very pleasant series of meetings including one with our federal M.P. Neil Andrew as guest speaker. Neil spoke mainly about the make up of the Upper House of parliament. A very interesting discussion ensued. Many questions were asked including ones on allowances and other entitlements. The general consensus was that M.P.s really earn their keep.

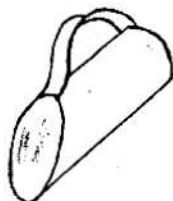
Ellen our exchange student from U.S.A. has been travelling in the gulf country and Cairns for the last few weeks and is thoroughly enjoying our vast country.

Our next exchange student will be from Indonesia and she



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should arrive sometime in July, We are looking forward to meeting and getting to know Indah. She will be attending Birdwood High School.

Meets: Each Wednesday-7.00pm for 7.30pm.

At: Blacksmith's Inn, One Tree Hill.

Contacts: President Ivor McLatchie, ph 8280 7214

Secretary Ron Harrison, ph 8389 3179.

PUZZLE CORNER

You are driving along a motorway when you suddenly come across a sign which apparently reads MO7S. What should you do? (Answers elsewhere in the Grapevine)

FRIENDS OF PARRA WIRRA

Friends of Parra Wirra are having their A.G.M. on Thursday 12th June 1997 at 7.30pm at Bowden's Cottage, Goldfields Road, cnr. Allendale Road, Cockatoo Valley. All welcome. Please bring supper to share.

Enquiries:- Ted Hughes-0885 246166

*Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery,
today is a gift and that's why they call it the
PRESENT.* (contributed by Teresa Williams)

ONE TREE HILL EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Coming Events:

June 8th.....Gawler 3 Day Event-No Rally held

June 15th.....Dressage School- Pat Hutchens. Pre-booked lessons only.

June 22nd.....Club Rally. Riding instruction-Pat Hutchens \$3.00 group lesson.Show jumping instruction-Clive Reed \$6.00 group lesson.

June 22nd.....Pony Club Metro Zone Games Day at Sunnybrae Pony Club grounds.

July 6th.....Pony Club Metro zone Dressage Day at John Vaughan Equestrian Park. We co-host this day with Enfield Pony Club. Helpers needed.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE CORNER

Get over to the other side of the road fast! You have just gone over a SLOW sign in the road while travelling on the right hand side of the road!

INTERNET NEWS

Do you know someone who has rheumatoid arthritis, scleroderma, lupus, polymyositis, psoriatic arthritis, Reiter's syndrome, ankylosing spondylitis, or juvenile rheumatoid arthritis?

Many rheumatologists hold the view that these diseases are autoimmune in nature, of unknown cause, and treat their patients with toxic drugs which merely attempt to mask the symptoms and do nothing to affect the long term outcome of the disease.

Dr Thomas McPherson Brown, the co-founder of the American Rheumatism Association and an advisor to the White House, believed these diseases are infections with mycoplasma or other bacterial-L forms. He treated over 10,000 patients successfully with low - dose, long-term antibiotics. The treatment is safe, non-toxic and thousands of patients are currently recovering using this protocol.

Have a look at this web page at <http://rheumatic.org> for details of this therapy. Contributed by Chris Adlard,

MUSIC ARTS AND DANCE

An exciting three day Music, Arts and Dance Festival will be held at the Central Districts Oval, Goodman Road, Elizabeth, Friday 24 October to Sunday 26 October 1997. Expressions of interest are sought from local residents, community groups and other interested parties to provide catering, refreshments, performances, music, arts and dance, cultural experiences and much more. We want your suggestions on how to make this the most exciting experience of the year. If you want to participate i please complete the appropriate registration of interest form which you can obtain by ringing 8254 0123.

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trouble than most. If you could find a small and manageable breed of cow, that wouldn't eat you out of house and home, and wouldn't trample down every fence on the property, maybe you'd be game to give cows a go?

Well, there is a breed you should consider. Dexter cattle are amongst the smallest cattle in the world. A fully grown bull usually does no better than 42 inches at the shoulder and cows typically come 4 to 6 inches shorter. Dexters are multi-purpose animals. They will produce moderate quantities of milk, more than enough for household needs with enough left over to raise a calf. The less fortunate males make good cuts of beef and, at their diminutive size, will fit into a large freezer (if you don't fall for their big moony eyes and turn them into house pets!).

Dexters originally come from Irish stock and may be related to Kerry cattle but no one is quite sure. They are hardy and will thrive where other cattle fail. They eat far less than big breeds like Friesians or Herefords and, at a guess, you could keep a Dexter on the same ground that would feed, say, three or four sheep.

Like many rare breeds, Dexters have been preserved from extinction by a few enthusiasts who weren't carried away with the big farm, monoculture mentality. They are reasonably well represented in the UK and in North America, but only reached Australian shores in the early 1980s. The greatest diversity of blood lines comes from the UK where Dexters are popular with 'lifestyle' smallholders. Alas, 'mad cow disease' put a stop to the entry of live animals and genetic material, even though there has not been a single case of BSE reported from Dexter herds. To overcome this shortage, many breeders in Australia are 'breeding-up', that is putting pure bred bulls to foundation animals such as Jersey or Murray Grey, and then repeating the

BRUSH UP YOUR ENGLISH BY T.S.WATT

I take it you already know, of tough and bough and cough and dough?

Others may stumble, but not you, on hiccough, thorough, lough and through?

Well done! And now you wish perhaps, to learn of less familiar traps?

Beware of heard, a dreadful word that looks like beard and sounds like bird,

And dead: it's said like bed not bead-for goodness sake don't call it 'deed'!

Watch out for meat and great and threat (they rhyme with suite and straight and debt).

A moth is not a moth in mother, no both in bother, broth in brother,

And here is not a match for there nor dear and fear for bear and pear,

And then there's dose and rose and lose-just look them up -and goose and choose,

And cork and work and card and ward, and font and front and word and sword.

And do and go and thwart and cart- come come I've hardly made a start!

A dreadful language? Man alive, I'd mastered it when I was five!

(contributed by Barabara Hatcher, from the Association of Independent Retirees magazine)

CATTLE FOR SMALL BLOCKS

Have you ever thought of keeping a house cow but been daunted by the prospect of taking on such a big, lumbering animal?

You could be missing out on a lot of fun. Cows are amongst the most intelligent and affectionate of farm animals and a lot less

ONE TREE HILL SCOUT GROUP

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process with each new generation of heifers (the steers are sent to the market). At the fourth generation the calves can be registered as pure blood. Even so, the Dexter genes are so strong that the first cross calves usually exhibit all the traits and features of the breed, including small stature.

If you want to find out more about Dexters there are several breeders in the area and we are always happy to talk about our animals. Dexters are fun to have around... small cows with big personalities. Alf & Paula Cousins, Waterfield Dexters, OTH 8280 7262

HAVING A PARTY ??

To those of us who live in areas not yet mapped and published in the UBD, when we have a celebration it is vitally necessary to signpost our guests to the correct address, or they could end up hopelessly lost. Flat landers are often in a state of terror once bitumen, curbing, and street lighting disappear, and they need all the help they can get in the way of signs, balloons, steamers etc. Out here in Humbug Scrub there is sometimes the need for five or six sets of directions to be installed if one really wants the guests to arrive, no kidding the signs are vital. Signs come in a variety of materials, cardboard, tin, plastic etc. They are attached to a variety of places using a variety of methods e.g. nailed to trees or fence posts, wired to neighbours fences or street signs, and balloons require baling twine, string, electrical wire or packaging tape. Good! no lost guests.

Some people up this way must have stamina as the parties go on until they drop, the signs that is. So when the party is over please remember to remove your signs within a few days. Most of you drive past the sad sagging remnants twice a day every day. Don't forget to remove the baling twine string wire etc. as well. It's easy to find out who you are. So if you came home from work and find your property returned to you in an untidy heap or blowing about in your front entrance don't cry or complain. The other option is a not so sweet note accompanied by a fine from your friendly council who has to waste your rates paying someone to clean up the mess.

Of course another risk you run is receiving a visit from a bunch of jolly lads on the look out for a bit of food drink and accommodation in a friendly country environment..

Try developing a bit of responsibility for your actions! Take a bit of pride in keeping our patch litter free.

This friendly Humbug is on red alert so watch it ! Humbugs have eyes.

The original draft of this piece mentioned returned notices being nailed to front doors with a 10cm. nails but this just might upset people.

ULEYBURY SCHOOL MUSEUM.

The Para Potters Club which has been using the museum craft shed for the last two years, has found new premises which are more suited to their needs and have moved all their equipment during April.

While they occupied the craft shed we were grateful to have the members help as members of the roster of volunteers to open the museum to the public on Sunday afternoons. Now that they will not be available we NEED MORE PEOPLE. It is only a two hour session on a Sunday afternoon and the more people we have on the roster the less turns it is for everyone.

The next Museum meeting is on Monday 26th May at the Museum on Cornishmans Hill Rd., at 8p.m. Can you help? (Apologies for not getting this item in last months Grapevine,

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BIRD CARE NEWS ,

The Australian Bird and Bat Banding Scheme(ABBBS) helps in the research and conservation of our native birds. Numbered metal bands are placed around the birds lower leg. Each band is stamped with a different number and the ABBBS address. Since the banding scheme was started, over 2.6 million birds and bats have been banded and about 140,000 of these have been found again. Each species of bird has to have a band that fits just right and people who band are specially trained to fit the right band properly. Small bands are made of pure aluminium or aluminium alloy, while large ones are made of stainless steel. They are designed to outlive the bird. If you find a bird with a band, note the band number, when and where you found it, what happened to the bird(if dead), where the bird is now and note any other marks on the bird. If the bird is dead, take the band off, straighten it as much as you can, stick it on some cardboard, write the band number on the cardboard, and send the band to the ABBBS. They will be very glad to hear from you and will send you a letter telling you where and when the bird was banded. Recently ducks that I reared three years ago and one year ago were found by someone in One Tree Hill, and identified through their bands. Those ducks didn't go too far but one of 'my' ducks got knocked down by a car in Tasmania! A long flight for a little duck!-

Jill McLatchie