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GRAPEVINE

CHRISTMAS EDITION

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. We are happy to include some advertising from local businesses. Maximum size for an advertisement is one quarter of a page. Deadline for the next issue Friday, January 27th, 1994. Details may be left at the One Tree Hill General Store, or phoned to Jill McLatchie on 2807214. It would be appreciated if items for publication were handed in well ahead of the deadline date. Donations to defray costs welcome!

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ONE TREE HILL

Carols under the Pines at the OTH Uniting Church - Sunday December 18th at 7pm. This is an annual event and everyone is invited to come along and enjoy singing the traditional carols, and listening to the choir and musicians.

The puppets will again be performing and there will be refreshments to follow.

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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM YOUR COUNCILLOR

Dear Residents,

I must thank David Parker, Mary and Mike Ashford and Ann Davenport for assisting me on Clean-up Munno Para Day, Saturday 19 November. The five of us managed to pick up eight bags of rubbish, one bag of broken glass, a 44 gallon drum and numerous other items over a kilometre section of Black Top Road from Humbug Scrub Road to our township entrance.

Thanks also to Brian and Karen for their contribution and to Torrens Valley Rotary for offering to provide a sausage sizzle after the event, but because of the small turnout it wasn't required.

Thanks also to One Tree Hill School students for their efforts on the Friday. It all helps to make our township a better place in which to live BUT it's a pity that we have to clean up after others who apparently don't care about our environment, ecology, fauna and flora.

Over 10 tonne of rubbish was collected throughout our city. Not a good impression of how people treat our country. As one person said, "if it wasn't for human beings, the world would be a better place."

On other matters, I was so appalled by another terrible accident at Black Top Road and Yorktown Road that I asked the Mayor, Jo Gapper, to write to the Minister for Transport requesting that Department of Transport improves safety at this notoriously dangerous junction. Department of Transport personnel are investigating options to address the poor line of sight. I am hopeful that something will be done to make this section of road safer.

I have also requested Department of Transport to give me an answer on what they intend to do to improve the poor riding condition which also impinges on the safety of road users on both Black Top and Yorktown Roads.

GOOD NEWS: I have just received the news that the Department of Transport will be planing and reinstating the bad sections of Black Top Road near the power station before December 19, 1994. And there will be ongoing work on Yorktown Road to improve the road surface near Kelly Road junction.

On another matter regarding roads - Council is doing something. A kilometre of Kentish Road is being upgraded and sealed at the moment. Also, I put through a motion at Council's November meeting for the construction and sealing of the first 200 metres of Gulfview Drive from Black Top Road. This should happen in the new year.

Work on Medlow Road should also commence from its junction with Craigmores Road and proceed west towards the quarry entrance in early 1995. I am hopeful that the remaining section of Williams Road might be completed in 1995 too!

The pergola for the playgroup area at the Institute is now complete and tables and benches per kind donation of the Torrens Valley Rotary Club should be installed shortly.

Plans are afoot to create a ramp for vehicles to unload at the back of the Institute and for paving around the toilet block. I would also like to see the toilet block, tank and playgroup storage shed either painted or coated with appropriate material to match the Institute.

The new storage area for the Institute and plans to construct a new toilet and shower block abutting the existing club rooms at McGilp Oval are well advanced.

The remaining fencing should be installed at McGilp Oval, along McGilp Road soon; and Council is considering landscaping both Rose Avenue and Jordan Drive entrances as well as replacing the dead plants in the streetscape along Black Top Road in our township.

The hopper will be available on the first Saturday of the month throughout 1995. It will be in place on Saturday December 3 to receive solid waster, metal, paper, magazines, old phone books and cardboard.

I will pursue the possibility of providing a small hopper for either glass or plastic next year. The CFS is doing an excellent job of looking after the site. It is a credit to their dedication. Their new fire truck is progressing well and it would be great if it could be in service for the coming fire season which starts on December 1, 1994, and continues through until April 30, 1995. Remember to clean up and take the appropriate and necessary action now before it is too late.

People have asked me if there is anything that can be done about the growing invasion of scotch thistles that are cropping up in bigger numbers around our district. I passed on the information to the Adelaide Plains Animal & Plant Control Board who advise that they are aware of the problem and have instigated some action to try and bring the situation under control but it's not easy when landowners will not conform to the regulations and requests to eradicate noxious weeds on their properties.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your support over the past year and wish you and yours all the best for Christmas and may 1995 bring you joy and happiness.

Kind Regards,

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PROGRESS ASSOCIATION REPORT

There were 12 people present at the Process Association meeting held on November 17th. We are hoping that more people will be able to make a contribution by joining the Progress Association in 1995.

Plans are well in hand and building should soon start on a store room at the back of the Institute with an access door into the new hall.

Councillor Martin Lindsell gave his report. This is a separate item in the Grapevine for you to peruse in more detail.

We were very sorry to hear of the accident recently at the junction of Yorktown and Blacktop Road where two One Tree Hill residents were seriously injured. Progress has written to the Department of Roads several times, the last time only a couple of months ago, to request that this intersection be improved to make it safer. Another letter is being sent, this time to the Minister. We could all fill in the "red spots" page in the RAA magazine (see elsewhere in the Grapevine) in an effort to get some action.

The first Saturday market in November had 25 stalls and was quite well patronised by buyers. It would be a good opportunity to do Christmas shopping at the Market on December 3rd. There will be no Market in January. We hope to have a display of various weeds at the Market soon so we all know what we should be removing in our paddocks.

You are all invited to the next meeting of Progress on December 15th at 8pm at the One Tree Hill Institute.

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Many One Tree Hill people are keen listeners to country music and many may be performers too. You may be interested to know that there is a Gawler Country Music Club. This Club is a non profit organisation dedicated to the development of all types of country music. The activities of the Club include regular monthly meetings/shows, providing opportunity and encouragement to amateur artists, organising annually the Gawler Country Music Festival in October, producing newsletters and showing support for all other SA Country Music Clubs. Annual membership fees are \$12 general, \$5 pensioners and students. Upon acceptance into the Club, membership is effective for the next 12 months.

President for 1994 is Brenton Moar (phone 085 585343)
Secretary for 1994 is Joni Lee (phone 085 230882)

On Sunday, December 18th, the Club is presenting Country Music entertainment, 1pm to 5pm at the South Gawler Football Club, Bacton Street, Evanston, featuring Country Christmas with Graham Hugo and Ironbark. Members \$4, non members \$5, children free. The whole family is welcome, food and refreshments available.

The Club also has True Blue Country Music shows on the third Sunday of each month featuring walk up artists and Monte Carlo.

SPORTS ROUND UP

Equestrian Club

Here are some recent results:

- ♦ October 30th at the North East Riding Club's gymkhana. High Points winner for our Club was Ebony Bassani on Bally Boy. Others members to score well in the Hack jumping and Novelty events were Rebecca Dewar, Corry Kisbee, Martin and Mark Kisbee and Jeanette Wutke. Novelty team with Andrea Hall, Rebecca Dewar, Mandy Ritter and Martin Kisbee won the Colin O'Brien Memorial Trophy for team flag race. this was a first for our Club. Well ridden!
- ♦ November 13th at the Club gymkhana, the Beauty Memorial Trophy for the Most Improved Junior in Show Jumping was presented to Mandy Ritter with the runner-up being Rebecca Dewar.
- ♦ November 20th the Open Dressage Day was held at the Soccer Grounds, Uley Road, Elizabeth Downs. Despite very windy weather the Club members to score well were Ebony Bassani, Karen Bently, Corry Kisbee, Lesley and Alex Peacock. Ebony Bassani also won a trophy for the highest average score for juniors.
- ♦ December 4th is the day for the Metro Pony Club break up Gymkhana. There are events for all ages. It will be held at the Club grounds with a 10am start. Lunch and morning tea will be provided. Cost will be \$4.

The Club will go into recess over Christmas and New Year, resuming again in February.

No news from the Cricket Club or Tennis Club this month.

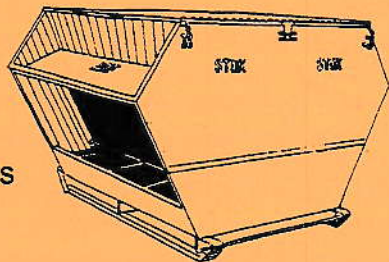


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VETERINARY NOTES FOR DECEMBER

With summer on the way and the drying off of grasses, we will discuss toxicity of some plants to your stock.

Through winter and spring our stock have been grazing on relatively "good" feed which is freely available to them in most situations. They will eat the grasses most palatable to them and tend to leave behind those weeds and grasses which have already dried up. We can see this in paddocks along roadsides where Salvation Jane, and nothing much else, is growing. Sheep will eat weeds without too many problems, and so will cows up to a point, but horses left to graze on weeds and/or poor pasture will suffer over a period of time. This can be fatal.

If you don't have a completely weed free property (and let's face it - who does) then extra feeding or reducing stock is a must. When summer ends, plant more suitable grasses. Also a combination of spraying and grazing sheep will help you get on top of the weeds in your pastures. With yearly attention you will begin to reap the benefits in a few years and will see excellent results for many years to come. This will mean less maintenance, more feed, you will support more stock, and have to buy in less! This will also mean more profit from your land. If everyone did this we could almost wipe out unwanted weeds and grasses as they are often transferred from your neighbour and hay that you've bought in. Many Councils are now making laws on weed control in an effort to cover very large areas of unwanted plants.

MEET OUR COMMUNITY - Rev. John Blanksby, Minister of the One Tree Hill Uniting Church

John was born in Melbourne but came to South Australia when he was nine years old. He lived in the suburb of St Mary's in Adelaide, and attended Blackfriars Primary School and Unley High School. He then went to Adelaide University and studied for a Science degree. John decided he would rather be a teacher than a research scientist and went back to his old school, Unley High School, for four years. He then transferred to Elizabeth High School and had 10 years there. It was while he was teaching here that he met and married his wife, Helen, who is a Junior Primary teacher (currently a relief teacher). Their eldest son, Andrew, was born at the Lyell McEwin Hospital. He is now 22. Their second son, Stephen, was born at Strathalbyn when they transferred there. He is now 19. Both sons are currently studying at Adelaide University, full time. After a teaching post at Naracorte, John left the Education department at the end of 1979 and came to Adelaide to train for the ministry at the Parkin-Wesley College. During his training, Helen kept the family going by teaching at Walford Anglican School for Girls. After ordination John was appointed to Keith in the south east and worked there for four years. In 1987 they came to Murray Bridge and stayed until moving to the Elizabeth/Munno Para parish in 1993. The family live at Blakeview and John was initially responsible for the Lynay Centre. Since September 1st, John has been taking care of One Tree Hill.

When John and Helen get the chance, they both enjoy gardening and have been busy trying to establish one in their new home. John especially likes dahlias. Helen plays tennis and enjoys swimming, while John likes squash and fishing.

John is excited about the life and energy of the One Tree Hill congregation and is looking forward to working with the people in the church as well as getting to know the people in the wider community while building links between them. John thinks One Tree Hill is a beautiful area and, after all his country experience, enjoys being in touch with country life.

[Thanks, John, for sharing some of your busy life with us, and welcome to One Tree Hill.]

PUZZLE CORNER

Christmas Quiz

1. Who wrote "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas"?
2. Who was the Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor and became the patron saint of (amongst others) children, sailors, pawnbrokers and the oldest professionals in the world?
3. Who for preference should cross your threshold on New Year's Eve? (give adequate police description!)
4. Who nominated December 25th as Christmas Day?
5. What country would Good King Wenceslas have looked out on?
6. What are colly birds? (on the fourth day of Christmas)
7. What was Yule?
8. Why is Boxing Day so called?
9. Where will you find Christmas trees in use all the year round?
10. In which film did Bob Hope play the part of Santa Claus?

[Answers elsewhere in the Grapevine]



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Those of you who missed the recent Police Band Concert missed a really great night of musical entertainment. They were all highly professional and very skilful players. They played a very mixed selection of items which would have catered for just about everyone's musical taste and we all had our toes tapping very quickly. I would like to thank Rural Watch, the CFS and the Progress Association for making this evening possible and hope that the Police Band will come and visit us again soon Editor, Grapevine.

LEARNING IDEAS FOR 1995

Have you thought about learning something new in 1995? This is the best antidote for boredom you could have! Here are a couple of different ideas and I'm sure we will hear about lots of others in future grapevines.

- The Line Dancers of South Australia invite you to come and learn line dancing. Classes are held in the evening from 8pm to 10pm. First timers come 10 minutes early. The closest class to One Tree Hill is held fortnightly on a Friday (first and third of the month) at the Masonic Hall, Lyndock Road, Gawler. The cost is \$5 per head, no smoking and no alcohol. For more details contact Peter or Bronwyn Heath on 281 4767.
- How about learning to spin? Many of you will have met Doreen when she was demonstrating at a recent market. If enough are interested she may be able to hold classes in One Tree Hill. Contact Doreen on 254 1682.

BLACKSMITH INN SOCIAL CLUB

Did you know there is a very active social club at the Blacksmith's Inn? This club has been going for about three years. They hold functions both at the pub and away from it. Some examples of their activities include car rallies, family day at the oval with clowns, face painters, etc. Breakfasts, brunches, sausage sizzles, even golf at various venues around the Hills and country. The highlight of the year will be the Christmas party on Saturday, December 10th. There will be a barbecue, juke box, etc., at the back in a marquee with Santa arriving at 5pm! This social club is open to anyone. Just ask at the bar, or ring Steve on 280 7666. Cost is \$15 per member.

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DID YOU KNOW - some local history

The former Lady Alice Mine and township is now on private property adjoining the south-western corner of Para Wirra National Park. In its day, the township included a hotel (Globe Inn), accommodation house, post office, 3 stores, assembly room, blacksmith shop, butchers shops, general manager's residence, miners' houses, school and school house and a church. Although alluvial gold had first been discovered in 1868 in Hamlin's Gully, it was in 1871 that James Goddard found a reef which proved to be very rich with quartz studded with gold. Within a few weeks a bucket was filled with nuggets from the claim. He formed Goddard's Goldmining Company and within the next 18 months had produced over 300 oz of gold as well as a quantity of copper. The next few years saw the development of the township and eventually about 500 people were living there. Due to mismanagement apparently, a large part of the mine collapsed in 1878 and the company went into liquidation. There have been many attempts over the years to rework the mine but none have been very successful. For information on the workings of the Lady Alice Mine, see "Record of the Mines of South Australia" 4th Edition. LH/553.09942/1.

NEWS FROM THE CRAFT & COFFEE SHOP

At this point of time, the Craft Shop is well stocked and an asset to our community. It is well known to people who call in for a cheap cup of coffee and friendly chat. When people find I come from One Tree Hill, I am frequently and pleasantly surprised when they know of the little craft shop here.

For those who do not know, just a word on how the Craft Shop operates. All goods sold within the shop are produced within the community and sold on a commission basis. The shop is affiliated with the Progress Association and is profit free. Any proceeds go to paying expenses and maintenance. All personnel work on a volunteer basis.

Amongst the volunteers there are a small bunch of people working at overseeing the running of the shop. They organise the rosters, manage displays, do the accounting and distribute commissions on a monthly basis. All of these people have other jobs, children, businesses, sit on boards and committees or are studying.

We are currently short of volunteers to keep the doors open. Constant opening hours are the essence of good business, so if you have a few hours a month and would like to work for your community, please give one of the numbers below a ring. Alternately, we need your support through sales. Come in and look for a special gift, or buy a voucher for someone at Christmas.

Please support your community.

Next Shop Meeting: December 20th, 8pm
All welcome: Bring a plate

Craft Shop enquiries 280 7152 or 280 7104

THE GREAT GRAPEVINE FOLDING CHALLENGE!

The Parker team of five has done a valiant job over the past two months. David Parker has come up with a brilliant solution to the fact that we have different sized teams tackling the folding job. We now can calculate the team performance in seconds per person per paper. The Parker's last score was 17.5 seconds per person per paper, with an electric stapler. All challenging teams please ring Ann Davenport on 280 7188 (after 6pm) to book your turn!



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Alison Sims and her husband were in bed one night when they heard this strange sound coming from their cellar. Alison bravely went to investigate, turned on the light, then shrieked in horror at the large rat which was coming up the stairs towards her. She shut the door quickly and turned to her husband for help. His suggestion from the depths of the bedclothes was to find a cat! Luckily Alison knew where to find two. She put them in the cellar leaving the light on so they could see what they were doing and went back to bed. No sooner had she got in when she heard 'eek!' and then a strange growling sound. Husband was sent to investigate and found the two cats snarling at each other with the dead rat lying between them! Alison's advice to all with rat trouble is "get a cat".

Gordon Cooksey was with his wife and friends in England some years ago looking out over the main Birmingham to Wolverhampton motorway when they noticed a strange sight. A flattened cardboard box was making its way carefully across the dual carriage motorway, stopping for passing vehicles. Underneath were about 20 rats! Gordon swears this story is true but says no one believes him!

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The fire ban season is here December 1st 1994 to April 30th 1995. Please make sure the areas around your homes are clear of undergrowth, your gutters are clear and you have fire protection systems tested and ready. We have been pretty busy already with grassfires, etc.

Police Band Concert: Thank you very much to everyone who attended the Police Band Concert at the Institute on November 16th. The SA Police Band played for free with all proceeds going to the CFS. Toes of all ages were tapping and even a couple of dances were had by the "kitchen staff"!!!! The Police Band has a "Friends of the Band" Club which is free to join and you receive 4 or 5 newsletters per year with upcoming concerts, etc., in it. If you are interested in joining please contact me on 280 7412 on Monday or Friday nights after 7.30pm.

Hopper: We will be monitoring the hopper at the side of the Institute again on December 3rd. Please bring along all your rubbish to dump that you have cleared from around your properties, for a small donation. The only thing we are not allowed to take is tyres.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all One Tree Hill residents.

Dawn Leonard (Administrative Officer)

OUT AND ABOUT IN ONE TREE HILL

Youth Group:

Chris Haskard reported how upset all the Youth Group had been at the involvement of one of their Group leaders in the recent serious accident in One Tree Hill. However, he said that Miles had not lost his sense of humour in spite of his injuries which was good news. The orienteering planned last month had been cancelled because of the accident but spirits were improved now and a full programme is planned for December.

December 2nd: Movie Night
December 9th: Beach Night
December 16th: Progressive Dinner.

There will then be a Christmas Break until school goes back in early February. Chris also said they really need some more girl members. They have two female leaders. Any enquiries to Chris on 280 7192.

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MARY'S DREAM

I had a dream Joseph. I don't understand it, not really, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our Son. I think that was what it was all about. The people had been preparing for it for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They'd gone shopping many times and bought elaborate gifts. It was peculiar, though, because the presents weren't for our Son. They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows and stacked them under a tree. Yes, a tree, Joseph, right in their house. They'd decorated the tree also. The branches were full of glowing balls and sparkling ornaments. There was a figure on the top of the tree. It looked like an angel might look. Oh, it was beautiful. Everyone was laughing and happy. They were all excited about the gifts. They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our Son. I don't think they even knew Him. They never mentioned His name. Doesn't it seem odd for people to go to all that trouble to celebrate someone's birthday if they don't know Him. I had the strangest feeling that if our Son had gone to this celebration He would have been intruding. everything was so beautiful, Joseph, and everyone so gay, but it made me want to cry. How sad for Jesus - not to be wanted at His own birthday party. I'm glad it was only a dream. How terrible, Joseph, if it had been real.

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Baby Lance Sainsbury of Lorna Court, One Tree Hill, was the winner of the Elizabeth Birthday Celebrations "Baby Show". He won the 6-9 month section and was the overall winner in the Boys section as well. Well done, Lance!

Bouquet to all the CFS who man/woman(!) the Rubbish Tip. They do an excellent job. Also "good on the local boys", David, Paul and Michael who help cart the rubbish from the Deli. You are much appreciated!

Congratulations to Rebecca Seare, Andrew Granfield and Bradley Kirk who achieved distinctions in recent Westpac Maths Competitions.

Congratulations also to Kirsten Platts who recently sat for exams with the Australian Music Examination Board and was awarded a Credit in her Practice of Music, 4th Grade, in Piano Forte.

Thanks to Christine and Peter Bain who came to the school's rescue when two trees blew down in the recent storm. They spent the morning cutting and removing the trees. Their help was much appreciated.

ANSWERS TO THE CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. Irving Berlin
2. Saint Nicholas
3. An uninvited stranger with dark hair, being neither cross-eyed or flat footed, and carrying a lump of coal, a slice of bread, a pinch of salt and piece of evergreen. Beware of imitations!
4. Pope Julius 1 in about 350 AD
5. Bohemia (now partly Czechoslovakia)
6. Blackbirds
7. Or Jul, an old Norse festival, held at the same time of year as Christmas later was
8. Originally it was the day when alms collected in boxes in churches were distributed to the poor. Later because it was the day when Christmas Boxes were given to milkmen, paper boys, rubbish men and so on
9. On oil wells. Apparently they are an attachment fitted to control the flow of oil and gas
10. "The Lemon Drop Kid".

ONE TREE HILL SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

A Church Service was arranged by the One Tree Hill Uniting Church and the One Tree Hill Senior Citizens' Club for the end of Seniors' Week. It was very well attended by the Mayor, Councillors Martin Lindsell and Shirley Wizzell of the City of Munno Para, also twenty-five members of the Munno Para Senior Citizens' Club. The service in the Church was followed by a luncheon in the Church Hall put on by the Church members. I would like to thank everyone for a great effort.

On November 2nd, 42 members of the Club and friends enjoyed a lovely trip to the "Begonia Farm" near Myponga where they saw the largest blooms ever seen. Luncheon was held in "The Elma Hotel", Willunga. It was greatly enjoyed by everyone. This trip was organised by Lance Walter, who we all say thank you to.

[President Albert Baggs]

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GARDENERS' CORNER

With summer approaching, we should be thinking about conserving water. Mulching helps to preserve the moisture in the soil thus reducing the water needed. In dry weather a good watering for at least two hours once a week is more beneficial than a light watering often. Pea straw is the most popular mulch, while hay, leaf mulch, and garden compost can also be used. When mulching around trees and shrubs, take care to keep the trunk clear of mulch.

You can also plant plants which are tolerant of dry conditions, e.g. iris, daylily, echium, rosemary, cistus sp, artemesia, stachys, perlagonium, euphorbia, lavalera, roses, lavender, eremophilia, westringia, hardenbergia, cal cocephalus, helichrysum sp, just to name a few.

The Gawler Garden club will be holding their Christmas party on December 6th at the Willaston Uniting Church commencing at 6.30pm with a barbecue tea. Members to bring a salad or a sweet. Father Christmas will make a special appearance.

There is a bus trip planned to visit the Lobethal Lights on Sunday, December 18th. It will leave Vadoulis Garden Centre at 2pm. First stop is the Organic Berry Farm at Hahndorf, where you get to pick five different kinds of berries, then on to Woodside for carol singing and tea, followed by a visit to the Chocolate Factory for a sampling of the goodies. Next on to the lights at Lobethal, arriving home between 10pm to 10.30pm. Price is adults \$23, children \$10. Bookings and payments can be made at Vadoulis Garden Centre or contact Joy Noble on 085 225316.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL GARDENERS"!

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POETRY CORNER

Schizophrenic Christmas

Away in a manger,
Asleep in the hay,
John Martin's Pageant
Is coming today.

The cattle are lowing
the baby awakes,
Son wants a bicycle
With handlebar brakes.

The stars in the bright sky,
Look down where he lays,
Daughter wants a Barbie,
It's all the new craze.

I love you Lord Jesus,
Look down from the sky,
And Christmas is busy,
there's so much to buy.

Be with me Lord Jesus
I ask you to stay,
And help me in February
When it's time to pay!

Ann Davenport

MARKET REPORT

It was great to see so many new stallholders at the November Country Market. In spite of the cold and windy day, lots of people came to look and buy. One complaint - where were the buskers this month? Hopefully they will come back to entertain us in December especially if we get a fine day. It would be nice to have some Christmas songs. The December Market on December 3rd will be the last for 1994 but we will be starting again on the first Saturday in February. Come along this month and get your bargain Christmas presents or stock up on a few Christmas goodies.

LAP NEWS

The Learning Assistance Program at the One Tree Hill Primary School is going well but still needs new volunteers for the 1995 school year. Volunteers work with students on an individual basis. You don't need teaching qualifications or to have children at the school. Older members of the community are especially welcome.

Volunteers need to like working with children and have 40 to 50 minutes a week to spare. Just being there, listening, helping and sharing in a student's learning is a rewarding experience for student and volunteer.

Regular meetings are held where support is given in a friendly atmosphere. There are children waiting for this opportunity. Any enquiries please ring the school on 280 7027.

CHILD PARENT CENTRE

One Tree Hill Child Parent Centre is a very special place for children and parents. Our Centre provides opportunities for children and their parents to play together, develop their confidence in relationships with others, to reduce anxieties about going to kindy and to give opportunities for social and language development. Children learn and develop through play and we aim to provide play and activities in which they can explore, experiment and learn about people and the environment.

If you are interested in joining our Centre and have a child 2 years or older, please come and enrol now. Although children cannot begin until 3 years 9 months, we need enrolments much earlier in order for us to predict our numbers and cater more successfully for your children.

Come and see our Centre and myself for a chat if you would like to know more!

Jane Taylor
Child Parent Centre Teacher
Phone: 280 7027

ACCIDENT RED SPOT

As most OTH people will be aware, there was a very bad car accident recently at the junction of Blacktop and Yorktown Roads. This left two people badly injured. Over the last seven months there have been three accidents at that spot. Lack of funds is the reason given by the Highways Department for not doing something to make this junction safer. This is in spite of numerous appeals to them. Anyone who is in the RAA and receives a copy of SA Motor will see on page 24 of the November/December issue a "Red Spot" article which gives the reader an opportunity to fill in a coupon regarding what they consider to be dangerous spots. We would urge you to fill in the coupon and send it to the RAA. This may put more pressure on the Highways Department to do something about the intersection before there is a fatality.

EDITORIAL

Here is an advance notice of Grapevine Editorial PANIC! We have discovered that a number of the Editorial team will be unavailable for varying periods in 1995. We need more volunteers to help us edit, key in to a computer, take finished newsletter to the printer and collect it, etc. Please phone me, Jill, if you are able to help at all (280 7214).

This Grapevine is the last edition for the year and the next edition will be the February one. I should like to thank all our contributors and all our advertisers. It's been a pleasure to edit this newsletter and meet so many interesting people, even if it's only over the phone! Please keep donations coming in as we still run at a loss.

We all would like to wish all our readers a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and hope for lots of contributions next year! Please support our advertisers and your local community activities.
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