A Publication From The North East Valley Community Development Project

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Landmark hall set for demolition

Steve O'Connor

the hall.

The hall first built in around ty of All Saints Parish, meets 1910 was only about half the size it is now and for a while served as a chapel for the Primitive Methodist Church. Two extensions, the first being the lounge area and the second being the kitchen, added to the utility of the The hall has been venue. used for social events including dances. It has been home to a Girl Guide unit for many years. Some of our readers will be familiar with the monthly markets held in the hall.

The Northern Artery group has held very successful Art Bizarres in the hall. "We can have upward of twenty stalls in the main space, while the choir is singing on stage and Devonshire teas are being served in the lounge. The hall just works so well and has a great feel about it," reports one of the organisers.

Saint Martin's Church hall in Saint Martin's hall has also less than the required 33% of Northumberland Street has been the venue for two very the new building code for been closed as it is deemed successful cabarets. The 2012 earthquake resistance. There an earthquake risk. This facili- "Cabaret Botanica" won an is a danger that in a strong ty will be greatly missed by a award from the Dunedin earthquake some of the walls good number of groups that Fringe Festival for best set might collapse. have used it regularly and design and the 2013 "Radio strengthening is beyond the many readers will think nos- Botanica" won an award for means of the parish, and with talgically of great times had in best community participation.

The hall, which is the proper-



many other church buildings around the city also likely to need upgrading, finding funding for such a venture would be a challenge.

The vestry, which is the governing body of the parish, has no plans for demolition at this stage. Demolition is also a costly venture. The vestry welcomes ideas from the public as to what could be done with the building or the site.

The Valley lost the use of St David's Church hall a few years back and the hall at Glenaven Methodist Church is used exclusively by Montessori at the Gardens.

Sacred Heart School has the Nga Maara Hall, NEV Normal School has a fine refurbished school hall. Valley Baptist and the Salvation Army have halls that are available for public use. Details of these and other community spaces in our area are available from the community rooms.



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Valley Voice your voice

Do you have something that you'd like to say to your community? Is it something that would enhance community wellbeing? Then please let us know about it. This newsletter is your newsletter it is the Voice of the Community.

We welcome contributions from our readers. Tell us about the group that you belong to and how joining it might benefit others. If you

have an event to promote, let us know by the 15th of the month prior to publication and we will do our best to help you promote it.

We are also expanding our operation to include other media. Shortly we will have an electronic notice-board in the window at Westpac at The Gardens. On this we will display community notices promoting events and groups in the community.

We will also have advertising from local businesses to help us pay for it.

We hope shortly to be able to offer some full colour photographs and advertisements in the Valley Voice. For information on our advertising rates email:

voice@northeastvalley.org
or look at our website,
www.northeastvalley.org

What's on the agenda for The Project?

The North East Valley Project is committed to its core value of "Enhancing the life of the community, particularly as it promotes the wellbeing of local children and their families and whanau."

We endeavour to engage with the community to get your ideas on how to make that happen and then apply the resources we have to putting your ideas into action.

Naturally our biggest resource is the residents of the Valley so a lot of our effort goes into linking people to-

gether so that the seemingly impossible becomes do-able.

From a list of over 70 items that are at various stage of development we try to identify those that have sufficient local support to get them off the ground and make then sustainable. Here is a sample of some of the things that you may expect to see emerging from the work of *The Project* in 2014: Matariki celebrations, community dinners, a Christmas event, youth drop-in, strengthening of volunteer involvement, project brand-

ing, development of shopfront galleries, community noticeboards, more tea parties for community feedback, te Reo lessons, blokes' shed, investigation of sites for public toilet, investigation of options for insulating houses, scoping sustainability investments – (such as old NEV Post Office, see p8), enhancement of community rooms and broadening support for business.

Pop into the community rooms to see our ideas wall and add to it.

Awful summer: beautiful gowns

I am so glad we had an awful summer as most of it was for me spent indoors sewing our

Renaissance gowns.

Wearing clothing from a 16th century noble woman is not a light affair. Shift, underskirt, bum roll, skirt, overskirt, stiffened corset and close-fitted bodice suddenly make life very complicated. It must have given their movements a slow and restrained quality. If these women were to come back to present times no doubt they would think of us as indecent and certainly as very poorly dressed.

I can already say that this will be the most amazing, but also the most uncomfortable dancing outfit I will have ever worn.

Our performance group is now just over a year old and I am quite proud of what we have accomplished in that short time. The dances we do are mostly historical dances from European backgrounds. We focus for now on two very different periods. One covers the Regency/Victorian era and the other the Medieval/Renaissance era.

The group is quite a colourful bunch. It comprises Jo Howard - most known in the Valley for her unique work as a potter and her job as our book bus librarian; Kasia Szymanska who became a Valley girl last year when she bravely decided that

the only Dunedin street worth living in was Baldwin Street; Cheryl Inwood who is slowly weaning herself off years of ballroom dancing; and myself with a luggage of African and contemporary dance.

Les Belles Vilaines will perform dances from Tudor times in St Paul's Cathedral as part of the Early Music Festival on March 1 at 7pm.

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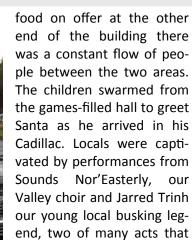


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Kiwiana Christmas barbeque a winner



added to the day.

Charlotte

The success of the games room, food and details of the day was due to the accumulated efforts of many volunteers. The community reaped the benefit of the wonderful activities for both young and old. One elderly lady on leaving to go home said that she had thoroughly enjoyed everything: "It was wonderful."



Special guest Santa arrives at the Christmas Fiesta courtesy of Doug Hall's Cadillac Convertible. He arrived damp!

Even the heavy rain did not dampen the spirit of those who attended the Kiwiana Christmas barbeque. Around three hundred local residents came to join in an afternoon of Christmas cheer, food and entertainment.

Half an hour before the event was due to start there was a mad rush to move everything inside out of the rain. This meant that the previously set-out games area, barbeque seating, decorations and stage equipment all had to be moved into D.N.I's hall and technology foyer. This shoulder to shoulder squash, rather than taking away from the event, seemed to add atmosphere, community camaraderie and festive spirit.

The event started with the

phenomenal and stirring O-Taiko drumming group from Otago University belting out their rhythm in the school hall. With free barbeque



Justus gets set to take a swing at Jordon on the slippery pole, supervised by one of the Scouting NZ volunteers.

Community Garden Working Bee Dates for February

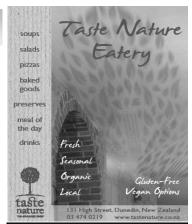
Working Bees alternate between Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons

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established part of the North great service. East Valley Community, espeat the northern end. Whether

The **Quarry Store** is a long- sure of a friendly greeting and "It was very scary for all of us

cially for those people living the dairy back in November are lucky to be in the Valley." even more of a shock for the Lotto ticket, customers can be since this frightening event. vice that the store can offer.

but the people of the Valley This made the robbery of have been great. We think we

Dave says he wants the it's the last-minute dash for staff. Dave, the owner, re- store to work for the commumilk in the morning, the daily ports he has been over- nity and invites people to paper, the best ice-creams whelmed by the encourage- bring their suggestions as to money can buy, or that lucky ment and support of locals the type of products and ser-

Textile classes

People in the Valley have had knowledge are welcome. their own weaving studio since last year. Professional weaver and educator Christine Keller will now spread the word (and the skill) and take a series of four classes in 2014.

four Monday tionally on Saturday March 24 munities Programme. March instead. All levels of and October.

total beginner as well as spe- and \$140 unwaged (for 24 cialist projects for the weaving wiz. Maybe you can make can be rented for \$20 for the yourself a scarf, a towel, a bag or learn about a specific tech-The first class will be on nique you were always inter- held in the North East Valley weaving and will be held on ested in. These classes are evenings supported bv the starting March 17 and addi- through their Creative Com- and and April 5th. If interested first class will be followed by a participants want to go away class in up-cycling in term two mindmade@hotmail.com for Otago Anniversary Day, (starting May 5th) and dyeing text on 0226286199 or call we will do Saturday 29th and weaving classes in August

Fees will include initial ma-There will be projects for the terials and will be \$175 waged teaching hours). Table looms duration of the class (upon availability). All classes will be Community Rooms.

> DCC For expressions of interest further information, This please contact Christine at:

> > 4731156"

MoveMe

to! MoveMe is a local promo- workplace lives.

We found that not everyone in Dunedin knew what they could do to be active or what opportunities existed in their local area, so the MoveMe website was created as a onestop shop, an information hub about all things physical activity-related in Dunedin.

We have information on

If you haven't yet heard walking tracks and swimming ing! about MoveMe you're about pools, clubs and classes, tional campaign which was and local events; there are developed to help Dunedin training plans, neighbourresidents make physical activ- hood maps, and lots of useful us help get you there! ity a regular part of their and interesting links. All designed to help get you mov-

When you're active you're challenges healthier, happier, and you good; www.moveme.org.nz and let





Next Folding Guilds: Thurs Feb 27, 7-8:30pm Fri Feb 28 9am Community Rooms, 262 North Rd Good Company, Delicious Baking, All Welcome.

Opportunity abounds - our own Blokes' Shed Suzanne Mitchell



An exciting opportunity to help establish a North Dunedin Blokes' Shed is being explored by *The Project*. Thanks to some wonderful support from Doug Hall, a very large shed has been donated which could house (or shed!) the venture.

The Blokes' Shed, open to all ages and both sexes, is an

members to work on projects step is to find membership. which give back to the com- We Want You! munity, and which enable Watch out for an article in them to tinker about for themselves.

passing from old to young.

Situated in Bonnington Mar. Street, North East Valley, the site needs some work to develop it. More importantly we need members to get it up and running, to drive the

organisation that provides a tool hunt and fund raising relaxed social environment and to get stuck in to the and a workshop space for its swing of things. Our next

The Star soon. A public meeting will be held at We also hope to see the 5pm Thursday 27 February skills, in the Community Rooms knowledge and experience 262 North Road. A working bee will be held on Sat 1

Contact:

Bob Biggart 488 2647 Jane Clutha 473 8614 Niall Shepherd 477 1041 Age Concern Dunedin

Steve

O'Connor

It pays to shop local

For the last 10 years or so, with the community we the staff at The Dumpling North Road. watched the ugliest shops into a beau- shop local. tiful new restaurant selling cuisine.

camp, Hamish and family Liquor Shop, and to Gary and first choice. moved to New Zealand as 'refugees' in 1979. Settling in Dunedin, Hamish quickly found work in a local factory before unleashing his entrepreneurial talents on the local food industry.

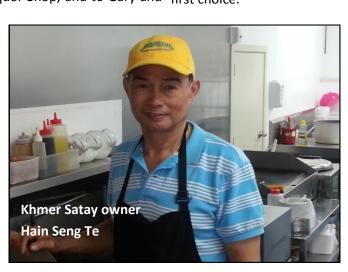
Hamish has demonstrated his community spirit through his generous support of the Kiwiana Christmas barbeque run The Project. Through our consultation

people have lamented the learned that as well as seeing King. ugly sight of empty shops on an end to the empty shops We have you wanted to see business- businesses, NEV, Opoho and with interest as es thriving in our community Pine Hill are home to many Khmer Satay owner Hain and for that reason we at the industrious and entrepre-Seng Te, or Hamish (as he Valley Voice are keen to sup-neurial home-based busibecame known by his Kiwi port our businesses by en- nesses. You will see that friends) transformed two of couraging you our readers to many support the Valley

We have a number of rela-

As well as these high-profile Voice by advertising with us.

It's a two-way partnership delicious genuine Cambodian tively new businesses on between the community and North Road and we're very business. If you are business Hamish fled Cambodia with glad that they have set up owner and would like to his family via the notorious shop among us. So welcome know how we can support 'killing fields' in the late (and perhaps a belated wel- your business please get in 1970s in order to escape the come) to Stephen Ellis and touch. And if you want to oppressive and murderous team at Glazing Films 191A see our community thrive, Pol Pot regime. Following a North Road, to Paddy Wood- please look to the businesses period in a Thai refugee man and the team at The in this publication as your





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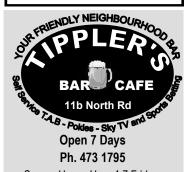


Mid-week Service to be held at **Opoho Church**

There are a number of people who, for various reasons, do not find Sunday morning a time when they are able to attend Church – either work, family, other activities or style of worship make it difficult. For this reason Opoho Church, 50 Signal

Hill Rd, is offering worship service on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Church beginning on the 26th February for 7 weeks. The services will be no more than 45 mins, less formal, more interactive and will encourage reflection, discussion and questions as we meet together to share our understandings of the Christian faith in today's world. You are most welcome to come along to the service and to share in supper afterwards. For information contact Margaret Garland 395 6129 or email

marg.garland@gmail.com



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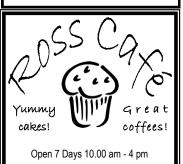


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The Dunedin Curtain Bank is kicking it off the year with a fun and funky fundraiser - "Wear your slippers to work - to help keep others warm". Fri 21st Feb



Dunedin has some of the worst housing stock in New Zealand with 86% of houses being pre-1976 and not required to be insulated. Thermally lined curtains are a good step to warming a home but they are expensive and many can't afford them. Can you donate curtains, material, linings and tape, hooks or rails? Virginia Driver 021 209 7291



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Old Post Office: an update

A Steering Group has been ley of income for the community. We are collecting a raft of ideas that might appeal to visitors and locals alike e.g. pre-climb drinks, post-climb drinks, during-climb smoothies, nibbles from local suppliers, drinks with names of Val-

characters, the whole year. This could be cates/mugs/caps, local art- ducks into a row. a huge and untapped source works for sale, leased cabinets, self-guided tours.

exists in our neighbourhood ute! Ph. 473 8614

standard to generate income for the formed to help investigate coffees and teas, outside ta- community. This is a very long the options for the use of this bles and chairs, mobile coffee term project and will need to historic property at 282 North vendor, toilets that are spec- be staged. The first stage Rd. There are approximately tacular enough to warrant a may involve a commercial 300 tourists who stop at Bald- photo being taken and a pen- operator providing some inwin St per day averaged over ny to be spent first, certifi- come while we get the other

> The Project is putting together a Business Case that details Please let us know what you all of this for the funders. We think and add your ide- would particularly like to hear as! The more that this is a from professional people willcommunity enterprise the ing to give their services to more it will be successful. We make this happen. Contact want to use the asset that Jane if you want to contrib-

Snippets



FANTAIL TRAILS

Want to get out with your kids and enjoy the outdoor spaces and trails that Dunedin offers in a fun, social group? Join Fantail Trails, a free outdoor club for families and young children (age 0 to 6/7 years). Walks will be unstructured and follow the pace and natural interest of the children - bird watching, exploring. Short and long walks and outdoor adventures in NEV and further friendly and some will require sling/carrier. Join meetup.com (free to join) to find more information and RSVP for walks – go to www.meetup.com/Fantail-Trails.

Gabrielle writes, "I am a valley resident, and am starting

a free nature walks/outdoor sharing workshops'. The aim have a number of lovely out- foods. door spaces to explore - but will also expand to the rest of Contact Annika Korsten on Dunedin."

COMMUNITY FRUIT TREE HARVESTING & PRESERVING

Do you have fruit trees that you don't harvest or need help to pick, so the produce doesn't go to waste? Could you help pick fruit? Do you have other garden surplus that you would like to donate or swap? Do you know a varibug collecting, getting dirty, and vegetables, or would you some weed mat for a vegetalike to learn?

afield, some will be stroller teaming up to do some community fruit-picking and preserving and are calling for WHAT DO YOU DO WITH offers of produce and labour.

> All volunteers (pickers and preservers) and tree owners will get to keep a little produce themselves, with fresh produce going to the Food Bank, or being used in 'skill

club for young children. I will of the community initiative is be concentrating on the val- to build skills, reduce waste ley area to start with - we and make the most of local

> 0210690546, Kristen Bracey on 4739535, or email dunedinharvest@gmail.com you would like to offer your fruit or help pick; or come along to a 'community preserving workshop'. For details look for 'community food harvesting Dunedin' on Facebook.

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ety of ways to preserve fruit The Valley Club is in need of ble garden that the children are creating. Please Contact Once again, volunteers are Charlotte Wilson if you have some to give away. Ph 027 476 1066

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STEADY AS YOU GO: (Age Concern) Gentle Balance and Strength Exercises - Mon, 10:30 –11.30am, Baptist Church Contact: Margaret 477-1040.

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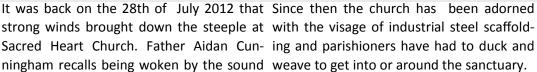
- Cook Is 9.30am; Samoan 11 am on 4-5th Sunday Anglican: St Martin's, 194 North Rd, 10.45 am

- St Thomas', Raleigh St & Pine Hill Rd Opoho Presbyterian, 50 Signal Hill Rd, 10 am NEV Presbyterian, 224 North Rd, 9.30 am Cafe Service,

St Mark's Presbyterian, 304 Pine Hill Rd, 10 am

NEV Baptist, 270 North Road, 10.30 am

Sacred Heart re-capitated



of it crashing to the ground at 2:30 am.

So when the steeple was finally repaired and fitted back in place just before Christmas there was a collective sigh of relief among the folk of Sacred Heart.

"It was great to be able to have our Christmas Services and a couple of weddings immediately after Christmas without the scaffolding." said Father Cunningham.



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Te Reo Māori in the Valley

Ngā mihi o te tau nei ki a koutou our community. The class for NEV is filling you to everyone who expressed an interest South Dunedin. Any inquiries to Richard in the Te Ara Reo Māori course. We had Richard.ratahi@twoa.ac.nz, (03) 466 3431, over fifty people make contact and there No reira, tenei te mihi ki a koutou kua tauwas a good turnout at the information even- toko i to tatou reo rangatira. ing held at the end of last year. As a result there will be a te reo Māori class in NEV. Richard Ratahi from Te Wānanga o Aotearoa will be the tutor and is looking forward to bringing the Māori language to

katoa. Happy New Year to you all. Thank up but there are still classes available in

Classes start date: Tues March 4, 2014 From 6 - 9pm, at NEV community rooms **Tutor: Richard Ratahi**

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