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Geraldine first time hosts of spectacular pipe band contest



Temuka Pipe Band will compete against pipe bands from all over the South Island this weekend. Photo: Jo Bates.

For the first time in over 20 years, Geraldine will host nine pipe bands from all over the South Island competing in the annual Provincial Pipe Band Contest. Heather Elwood, contest organiser and secretary of Temuka Pipe Band, would love people to come and watch and reports there is already a lot of interest in the event.

"Locals say how great it is to have the bands in Geraldine again. It is something very different and will be quite a spectacle."

The contest takes place this Sunday 7 December at Geraldine Domain and Heather says the pipe bands will compete by performing a series of sets, medleys and mace flourishing.

Geraldine has not had a pipe band since 1978 and the nearest is now in Temuka, but due to ongoing renovations at the Temuka

Domain the competition is being held here

Local residents Heather Elwood and Hayden Mackenzie both play in the Temuka band, Heather is a tenor drummer and Hayden plays the bagpipes.

Heather has played in pipe bands for over 40 years. She has always been a drummer.

"Pipe music has always stirred something in me since I was a young one. I just love the music; I can feel it inside me. Some things just sing to you and pipe music does that to me."

The event starts at 10am with a street march from the corner of Lewis and Peel Streets. The bands will parade along Lewis, Wilson and Hislop Streets to finish opposite the domain gates.

The competition will begin at 11am with the bands demonstrating their best

Strathspey (dance) tunes, jigs and reels, as well as slower-paced marches. Heather is particularly looking forward to seeing the mace flourishing. "It is really spectacular." A mace is an ornamental wooden staff carried by the drum major who uses it to direct the band.

There will be a sausage sizzle and the event will end with over 100 pipers coming together to perform the grand finale.

The Temuka Pipe Band travels to Switzerland next year to participate in the Basel Tattoo. The tattoo features acts from all over the world including cavalry regiments, choirs and top-class precision drum corps.

Contact Heather on 693 8291 for more information or email heather.elwood@ihug.co.nz

Jo Bates

Santa Parade: surprises and favourites on Friday night

The Go Geraldine Christmas Parade is gearing up with a raft of brand new entries alongside familiar favourites, says co-organiser Merran Blake. "The town will be buzzing with festive spirit."

The event will be held this Friday and kicks off at 6pm with magical entertainment and face painting for the children on the Village Green. The parade proper will commence at 7pm from the Hislop/Talbot Street corner, then along Talbot Street to Peel Street. The Pipe and Brass bands will accompany Father Christmas on his sleigh as the parade finale.

The fun continues when Father Christmas makes his way to the Village Green to delight the children with a lolly scramble. This will be followed by a Christmas community sing-along led by Fi and Hugh McCafferty.

From 8pm there will be a presentation for the best floats; Most Enterprising, Best Family Focus and Best Christmas Spirit. The culmination is the Santa Sack prize giveaway, (All winners must be present and step forward immediately, to receive their gift).

Go Geraldine Board Member Jenny Timblich, says "the atmosphere on the night

is just wonderful as the parade is a real reflection of our diverse and vibrant town. The committee looks forward to this night just to see the excitement and delight on the children's faces."

Everything is set for a full festive Friday. Santa's Grotto at the Community Resource Centre will be available earlier in the day for children to have that all-important chat and photo with Father Christmas. Retailers will also open for extended Christmas shopping before the parade.

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“Passion and enthusiasm” for Gateway



Liam Smith thrived as a bike mechanic at BikeBarn Timaru.
Photo: Philippa Goldsbury.



Jayden Hills learning the diesel mechanic trade at Fonterra.
Photo: Philippa Goldsbury.

There was an excited buzz at Geraldine High School's recent Gateway prize-giving. Hosted by Year 12 student, Iona Youngs, the event was an opportunity for the class of 2014 to speak to an audience of family, employers and teachers, and thank them for the opportunities they had received.

While most other students spent their year in the classroom, the Gateway class were earning some of their NCEA credits out in the workforce and through industry-specific papers from tertiary institutions.

Dean of Tripp House, Rebecca Thompson, described Gateway as an "enriching subject for all involved", while Eliza Williams, the Dean of Acland House, spoke of the pride she felt in these young people and their achievements.

The biggest accolades of the evening came from employers. Among those who spoke was Keith Bradley,

Store Manager of PGG Wrightson. Mr Bradley admitted to some initial concern over what his company could offer a secondary school student, but is now delighted that his team had the opportunity to support Year 13 Nikayla Coles' educational journey.

Fonterra's transport workshop manager, Ken Gould, congratulated his student, Jayden Hills, on being an "outstanding young man with an excellent manner", while Andre Schoneveld of Peel Forest Outdoor Pursuit Centre has offered employment to Matt Walls in 2015.

From budding mechanics to snowboard instructors, vet nurses to electricians, teachers to hairdressers, the Gateway students of Geraldine High School have clearly relished the opportunity to kick-start their careers while still at school.

Philippa Goldsbury

OPINION LETTERS

Go and see the Geraldine Players' pantomime

We saw the Geraldine Players' pantomime, *Cinders – The True Story*, last weekend and we are writing to encourage all the readers of *The Geraldine News* to see this top-class show when it completes its season this week (on 4 and 6 December).

We liked everything about the show, the brilliant costumes, the fabulous sets and the performances by the cast – youngsters and adults alike.

Our district is lucky to have so many talented people who are prepared to put on shows like this for the benefit of their community.

The Geraldine Players have a reputation for providing excellent entertainment and this show is no exception. It deserves to be a sell-out and we hope that the Christmas pantomime becomes an annual event, something that

the children of the district can look forward to each year. Pantomimes provide great entertainment for adults too.

Thanks and warm congratulations to the Players.

Derek and Thea Scott,
Averil Langrell and Sally McKerchar

Rhodos on the riverbank

While having a brief stay in Geraldine last week, my wife and I took the chance to walk the path through the rhododendrons along the river bank behind the shopping precinct. Congratulations to those who have developed this lovely peaceful attraction.

We noticed the "No Cycle" sign. Being hearing-impaired, my wife was pleased and took comfort that she could walk the path without the threat of a cyclist approaching her unheard from behind us.

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Town riverside area is a public asset

The 16 October *The Geraldine News* story about central Geraldine riverside tracks prompted questions about which organisations have responsibility for land alongside the Waihi River and how it's administered.

It is all public land, Crown and district council, with Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) the main proprietor and the Department of Conservation (DOC) in charge of a small section at the business area's southern end. The Timaru District Council (TDC) administers nearby Kennedy Park and Todd Park, a designated dog exercise area.

With the authorisation of DOC and under a memorandum of understanding with LINZ, the Geraldine Environmental Trust has developed expansive woodland and a track on the west bank, and many enjoy the area.

DOC's South Canterbury partnerships ranger Chris Coulter is pleased with the agreement and the boost it gives recreation opportunities. "There are no conservation values down there [on the public conservation land], it's not national park or scenic reserve. There are no rare birds breeding. There's nothing a dog can damage; they just need to be under good control. And bikes are no problem; walkers and cyclists need to be considerate of one another."

How the LINZ land is administered has been less clear, perhaps in part because the TDC's Todd Park lies adjacent with no obvious delineation, and because TDC signs join Environmental Trust notification panels at entry points. The trust's signage welcomes walkers, mobility scooter users and leashed dogs, but excludes horses and cycles; TDC's additional signs at these points suggest council jurisdiction over the Crown land and support the other dog-leashing messages (the riverbed itself is a separate dog exercise area under a TDC-LINZ agreement).

While the memorandum of understanding allows "for a public walkway," it doesn't permit restriction of other use. People pursuing activities other than walking appreciate the trust's transformation of the area and safety concerns behind the signage, but say they expect the open access Crown land offers. Cyclist Kevin Johnston says, "I love the rhododendrons. It's nice there; it's why I want to go there. If cyclists want to use it, they need to use it responsibly. Arrowtown, Queenstown, Cromwell, Wanaka, all have tracks developed for shared use. Users respect one another. As a cyclist, you have a bell; you keep your eyes open."

The plantings Kevin refers to are the work of the Environmental Trust. Treasurer Colin Crotty describes the group's efforts: "We started out producing something for Geraldine, and we have achieved that. We got rid of old man's beard, gorse and blackberry. We've shifted rhododendrons 10 foot high down here from people's gardens when they're not wanted."

Now, chair Graeme Wills says, they have the relative luxury of a maintenance regime. "We've done all the work, weeding is done by spray and TDC supplies Glyphosate 360.



Riverside track user Sherri Blair, centre, with Savanna Blair and Kim Lewis. "It's beautiful biking through - it's an awesome thing the Trust has done." Photo: Jan Finlayson.

We're finished planting; we're just looking after it now." A component of the trust's work has been the carefully routed and painted signs and the supplementary TDC dog-leashing notices on the Crown land may have added to visitors' confusion about land tenure and dog control law.

The 1996 Dog Control Act requires dogs to be kept under control, which includes voice command if it's effective. Under the act, councils create by-laws for their administrative areas only, though, as TDC regulatory services group manager Chris English says, "We do have wide-ranging powers to police the Dog Control Act; we're warranted to enter property."

This means that the TDC's role on the LINZ and DOC land is in enforcing the act only. Chris says, "We can't create a by-law on property we don't own."

TDC may replace its notices around the riverbank land. John Hook, group manager of Crown property at LINZ writes, "The Commissioner of Crown Lands has commenced discussions... with a view to ensuring that all members of the public are able to pass and repass that Crown Land." Chris responds, "It's their property at the end of the day, and if LINZ contact us asking us to take our signs down, we will."

One track user, who is a dog owner and cyclist (and wanting to remain anonymous) says, "The law of the land needs to be applied. I'm grateful for the track the Environmental Trust built, though - it's a good track and that's why the cyclists want to use it."

Meg Catherwood, a parent of beginner cyclists, thinks all comers can readily share the track. "We should be encouraging activity and exercise and people getting into the fresh air. It's a good level track for families, wheelchairs, learner cyclists, everyone; you've got to appeal to the good nature of people to work considerately."

Though there has been obscurity around ownership and management of the riverside land, what is clear is the Environmental Trust's staunch commitment ("We've worked hard at what we do - we have a passion for it," committee member Dave Attwood says), the law and the community's will to address the questions.

Jan Finlayson



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Black Belts karate grading day

Geraldine was jokingly referred to as “Ninja Central” on Saturday as the local karate club held its first ever Black Belt Karate grading day.

As well as local members, about 40 karate students, including twenty-nine black belts, came from as far away as Nelson, Christchurch, Dunedin, Temuka and Timaru to support Senpai Ines Stäger and Senpai Derek Tutton from the Four Peaks Seido Karate Club in Geraldine.

Both students impressed visiting judge Jun-Shihan Lance Puhirere from Temuka and received black belts at the event. “They were invited to sit their black belt so it was up to them to show what they’ve learned,” Jun-Shihan Lance says.

“Of course people sit on the sideline and judge but it’s not about what anyone else thinks. It’s all about the grading students themselves. It’s about being able to walk off the floor knowing that you put in 110 per cent effort.”

To become a black belt, Derek trained for five years, and Ines for five-and-a-half years. Grading day was a rigorous three hours, which included the judging of their mastery of *kata* (choreographed patterns of karate movements) and about 40 *kumite* (sparring) bouts against the attending black belts.

Both admitted to being a bit nervous before the event, but according to Jun-Shihan Lance and local karate teacher, Seishi John Davidson they worked very hard and did very well.

Seishi John says it takes a lot of commitment and perseverance to get to that level.

“There’s a lot to learn and they’ve been training for it for a year. For the last six months they attended every class and put in intense training every day for their black belts.”

After the grading, the new black belts celebrated their success with a barbeque sponsored by FreshChoice Geraldine and Geraldine Butchery, and admitted to being “a bit tired and sore”.

“Grading Day was every bit of what I expected and more. There’s a long list of people who were involved and I’m really grateful to everyone who supported us,” Derek says.

Derek and Ines will take a short break from karate to recover



Derek Tutton and Ines Stäger wearing their brown belts (1st Kyu) before the grading.
Photo: Fiona Carmichael.

and look forward to training with Okinawan *kobudō* weapons, the *bō* and the *jō*, and at least three-and-a-half years of training to get their second black belt.

Seishi John has been studying Seido karate for 35 years and is a 5th dan black belt. He started teaching karate in Geraldine about seven years ago and says the grading day was important as it means that the local club is recognised as a club in its own right now.

“We were on our own for six years. It meant we had to travel for our grading day. It’s the icing on the cake.”

The local club now boasts an impressive seven black belts among their 40 members. New members are always welcome.

“Everyone comes along with a dream about wanting to be ninja,” Seishi John laughs. “That’s great. We cater for all ages and abilities. You can do karate if you only have one arm or one leg.”

Seido karate is a style of karate founded by Tadashi Nakamura in 1976 in New York, USA. It is a physical, traditional style of martial arts, which incorporates Zen meditation in training and is founded on the principles of *sonkei* (respect), *ai* (love) and *jūjun* (obedience).

Fiona Carmichael

Guides clean up Waihi River



Recently, armed with plastic bags, the Geraldine Guides picked up all the rubbish they could find in the Waihi River. They started behind the Guides’ and Scouts’ Den in Talbot Street and cleaned up the river to the bridge in Kennedy Park.

Rachel Harford (9) explains the purpose was, “To keep our environment clean.” Hannah Hobbs (10) says the rubbish found by the guides included, “A lot of aluminium cans, a stinky old sweatshirt, newspaper and rusty stuff.” Brooke Dwyer (12) found a car number plate and adds, “I wonder if anyone is missing their car.”

Jo Bates

RESULTS

GERALDINE BRIDGE CLUB

Thursday 27 November. Xmas Handicap Pairs 4. North/South: 1st R Dewe & J Meijer 71.67%, 2nd V Hill & M Temple 56.36%, 3rd M Dungey & J O'Brien 54.82%. East/West: 1st P Kippenberger & M Greenall 61.78%, 2nd D Johnston & J Harmon 61.58%, 3rd S Anderson & A Tiffen 56.30%.

GERALDINE DISTRICT GOLF CLUB

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GRANDE VUE GOLF CLUB

Sunday 30 November. Par Round. D Law 73-15-58,+9, T Kerr 82-22-60, +8, M Lang 89-26-63, +6, A Muff 83-20-63, +5, S Wallace 84-18-66, +3, M Waldron 88-23-65, +2. Twos: D Law. 9-Hole Competition: P Oliver.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Geraldine Licensing Trust

President's Annual Report for the Geraldine Licensing Trust. Year ended March 31, 2014

In the 2014 year, the Geraldine Licensing Trust's profit was \$75,455 before tax. This profit was after supporting the community with \$22,261 in sponsorship. The GLT's sponsorship supported the Geraldine Youth and Family Trust food bank, the Geraldine Community Resource Centre, three Geraldine High School scholarships, the Go Geraldine Christmas Parade, the Geraldine ANZAC commemoration held at the Rangitata airfield and events at the Geraldine bowling and the Geraldine golf clubs.

Of the GLT's gross income, \$240,654 was generated from the rental of the three properties it owns: the Village Inn complex, the Westpac Bank building and the West building leased to Aoraki Legal Ltd. Dividends, interest and industry rebates contributed an additional \$49,672. Administration, insurance, taxation and compliance requirements left the GLT with an after tax surplus of \$43,759. The legislative requirement for an expensive annual audit by Audit New Zealand is a continuing frustration to the trustees.

At a recent strategic planning season the elected trustees of the Geraldine Licensing Trust agreed to adopt the following purpose statement: "To manage and grow the Trust's assets for the benefit of Geraldine". This sets a challenge for the trustees to explore opportunities for asset growth while maintaining net profit to continue supporting the community.

The GLT trustees are elected every three years in line with other local bodies and this year's elections saw four new members joining the board: Alister France, Andrew Johnstone, Lindsay Robertson and Shaun Cleverley. They joined Sue Payne and Ian Morten who were re-elected.

The Southern Trust operates the gaming machines in the Village Inn and this year they made grants of just over \$181,000 to local groups and have approved another \$60,666 that has not yet been paid out.

"I believe these grants make a huge difference to ensuring projects and activities happen in Geraldine and I would encourage those groups looking at ambitious projects, big or small, to make applications to Southern Trust for financial assistance," said Ian Morten, the president of the Trust.

Submitted

RECENT AGM

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Geraldine High School

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COMPUTER housecalls. Geraldine Computer Solutions. Ph 693 9496.

PEST control/fumigation. Ph Craig, Craig's Pest Solutions Ltd, 693 7263 or 021 713 407.

CHAINBAR lube special. Just \$26.99 1 gallon (3.785l) at Geraldine Hammer Hardware.

CLOTHING alterations, mending, creations. Ph Raylene 693 7163.

BROOKSIDE Boarding Kennels. Farmstay for dogs. 208 Woodbury Road. Ph 693 9929.

MULTIVERSAL paint. Just \$58 for the 4 litres, 10 litres \$114. Attractive colours at Hammer Hardware. Ph 693 7312.

CHIMNEY sweep. For a clean, reliable and local service call Dan Mckerrow for chimney sweep and repairs. Ph 021 118 7580.

TRAVEL broker, Sue Hammond. Ph 693 9141. Email: sueh@thetravelbrokers.co.nz.

COMPOST tumbler 220 litres. Shown on Annabel Langbein TV show. Available from Geraldine Hammer Hardware.

LANDSCAPING. For a free quote and advice, phone Allan at Village Landscapes 021 493 874 or 693 7321.

CAR grooming. North End Motors, ph 693 8673.

GUMBOOTS for all ages at Geraldine Hammer Hardware.

MUSIC lessons. Piano, singing and theory. Anne Langham B.Mus, B.A, M.Ed. Adults welcome. Ph 693 7479, 021 045 6494.

GRANDPAS Toys, open 7 days a week until Christmas.

Dale Lilley Plastering

For all your interior plastering needs

Ph 027 313 8338 Hm 693 9013

SARAH'S WINDOW CLEANING

Your local window cleaner

Sarah wishes to inform her clients that she is now based in Ashburton.

Cathy is the new Geraldine contact, also offering carpet cleaning and light gardening.

Ph: Cathy 027 353 6191

Ph: Sarah 027 367 3994, 693 9536

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For all your accounting and tax needs
Phone Raylene 693 7163 or 027 274 3264

WANTED

DO you have surplus lemons for juicing? Please ph Vick 027 446 4294, 693 9220.

MILITARIA wanted to buy by collector. Firearms, badges, bayonets or any items of military interest. German items are of particular interest. Ph Pete Young 693 8876 a/h.

FOR SALE

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BERGERE lounge suite, \$300. Small microwave, books, 3/4 rimu bed, plus other household goods. Ph 693 9606.

FIREWOOD gift vouchers available for Christmas. Ph Clearwater Firewood 693 8168.

SEED potatoes. Large selection of new season varieties available now at Geraldine Hammer Hardware.

GARDEN shredder/chipper for hire, towable. Village Hire, ph 693 7321.

HALF wine barrels in stock again at Village Landscapes, 31 Wilson Street.

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SOUTH-HORT certified bio organic compost, bags or bulk. Village Landscapes, 31 Wilson Street.

NEW to town? Have you checked out our ever increasing range of quality hire equipment? Village Hire, 31 Wilson St, ph 693 7321.

GIFT cards the ideal present, from Geraldine Hammer Hardware.

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TWO single beds, base and innersprung mattresses.1930s Rosewood sideboard. Ph 693 9009.

QUEEN bed and mattress. Good order. Ph 692 2848.

TRAMPOLINE 12 foot, \$45. Ph 693 8614.

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SINGLE beds, two. Ph 693 9606.

EMPLOYMENT

THE Geraldine Academy of Performance & Arts is seeking to contract a part-time administrator/co-ordinator who will co-ordinate the Academy's day-to-day activities and provide management support to tutors and the Academy's executive management committee. We are looking for an enthusiastic and highly organised person with good communication skills and a keen interest in promoting and supporting performing and visual arts in Geraldine and surrounding districts.This is a paid, part-time position with hours to suit. For more information, contact Trisha Reader at trisha.r@kinect.co.nz or ph 693 9558, 027 736 7822.

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BOWEN Practitioner Nikki, appointments available now. Ph 693 9475.

MANDY Wallace ND. Qualified in naturopathy/massage/ Reiki. 16 years' practicing in Geraldine. I work from the Geraldine Resource Centre evenings and Saturdays. Ph 697 4818, 027 705 3210, email mandywallace@xtra.co.nz. Look me up on Natural Therapies NZ pages.

PROPERTY / ACCOMMODATION

HOUSE to rent in Geraldine from 15 December. Three-bedroom, two-bathroom. Ph Sandy 027 868 3815.

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COMMUNITY DIARY

THURSDAY 4th December

► **Girl Guides**, 6.30-8.00pm for girls aged 9½-13½ years at the Guide and Scout Den. Ph Marie 693 8779 for info.

► **Geraldine Bridge Club**, Contract Bridge 7.30pm at Geraldine Bowling Club, ph Robert 693 9611

► **Children's Choir** entry by koha, 4.30-5.30pm at The Academy. Please phone Christopher 027 568 5515

► **Shine Adults Community Choir** 7.15-9pm at The Academy, all welcome. Please phone Christopher 027 568 5515

► **Social Darts**, 7.30pm at Geraldine Town & Country Club. All welcome. Phone Marie 693 8664

► **Yoga**, 9.30am at the Bowling club and 6pm at The Academy. Ph Paula 693 8109

► **The Corral Workshop** 9am-4pm, woodwork, metal-work, glass & pottery. All welcome. Ph Cyril 693 8630

► **Geraldine Rock'N'Roll Club** 7.30 - 9.30pm at Town & Country Club. All welcome. Ph Lynda 693 8652

► **Arthritis Exercise Class**, 10.30am at St Andrew's Church Foyer. Ph Irene 693 9505

► **Twilight Golf**, 4.30-5.30pm start at Denfield Golf Course. All ages and abilities welcome. Team prizes and BBQ. For more info ph Ginny 027 693 7973

FRIDAY 5th December

► **Go Geraldine Christmas Parade**, entertainment for the children starts 6pm on the Village Green. Xmas Parade 7pm and lolly scramble on the Green at approx. 7.45pm.

► **Santa's Grotto**, photos with Santa at Geraldine Resource Centre. 10am-12pm & 2pm-5pm. Ph 693 7001 to book a time.

► **Paul Ubana Jones** concert, 8pm at Geraldine Cinema

► **Iconz**, 6.30-8.00pm at St Andrews Hall. Fun, skills, challenge and more for children aged 6 to 11 years. Parents welcome. Ph Susan 693 9905 or 027 318 1657

► **Midwifery Clinic**, pregnancy planning/testing and fully funded maternity care. Ph Kathryn 021 334 254

► **Parliamentary Clinic**, 10am - 12noon at Geraldine Resource Centre. Hannah Lind here on behalf of Jacqui Dean, Jacqui is available by appointment. Ph 0800 679 248 254

► **St Mary's Church**, Holy Communion at 11.15am, then Luvaduck Lunch at 12noon. All welcome. Gold coin.

► **Geraldine SeniorCare** coffee morning 10—11.30am at Seniorcare Function Centre, all welcome, ph Sherri 693 8830

SATURDAY 6th December

► **Santa's Grotto**, photos with Santa at Geraldine Resource Centre, 9am-12pm & 2pm-4pm. Ph 693 7001 to book a time.

► **Indoor Christmas Market**, 9am-1.30pm at the Academy

► **Geraldine Farmers Market** 9am-12.30pm, St Mary's Carpark. Produce, food, coffee & entertainment, great for the whole family. For info ph Jan 021 050 9607

SUNDAY 7th December

► **Hilton Hall Christmas Party**, 3pm.All Welcome. Ph Michelle Donald 697 4911 for more info

► **South Canterbury Provincial Pipe Band Contest**, 9am-4.30pm at the Domain, all welcome to come and see massed pipes and drums in Geraldine for the 1st time in over 20 years. Ph Heather on 693 8291 for more info

► **St Andrew's Church**, 9.30am Traditional Worship, 11.00am Contemporary Worship. All welcome.

► **St Mary's Church**, Geraldine, 8.00am Holy Communion

► **St Thomas' Church**, Woodbury, 10.30am Holy Communion

► **Catholic Mass**, 9am at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, cnr Hislop/Peel St, Geraldine.

► **Geraldine Archery Club** 1pm at Orari Racecourse. Coaching courses available. Phone Stewart 693 9952.

MONDAY 8th December

► **Geraldine Floral Art Group**, "Christmas Cheer" workshop. Ph Liz 697 4868

► **Walking Group**, meets 9.00am at corner Cox & Hislop Streets (near Domain), pram friendly walks, all welcome. Ph Susan 693 9905 or 027 318 1657 for more info.

► **Geraldine Creative Fibre Group** 10am-3pm at Car & Vintage Machinery Museum. All welcome. Ph Jill 693 7439

► **Acting Training**, ages 11-18 years, 3.45-5pm with Jill Roberts at the Academy. Ph 027 452 4791

► **Geraldine Scout Groups**: Become a venturer and let the adventure begin. The Venturers programme is designed around Yrs 10-13 at school. Ph Brian 693 9829 for info.

► **Pleasant Valley Playgroup**. Christmas breakup, 10am at the Old School, School Road, Pleasant Valley. Bring a plate to share. All welcome, ph Claire 693 8773

► **Line Dancing**, 1.30-3.30pm, normal class at Town and Country Club. Ph George 693 9182 for more info.

TUESDAY 9th December

► **Dance Lessons**, Jazz and Highland dancing, from pre-school to high school age. At the Academy, 2pm-6.15pm. Phone Amanda 027 941 9996

► **Mainly Music**, music and movement for pre-schoolers and caregivers, 9.30am at St Mary's Church. \$3 / family.

► **Geraldine St John Youth**, 7.00 - 8.30pm at St John's Rooms. For ages 8-18yrs. Ph Jane 693 8486

► **JP Service for certifying documents**, 12.30-1.30pm at Geraldine Community Resource Centre, a free weekly service, no appointment needed. Ph 693 7001 for info.

► **Ukuphonium Orchestra** with Hugh & Fi, 7.30pm at Seniorcare Function Centre, bring your uke and strum along. \$5 in the hat. Beginners welcome.

► **Petanque at Geraldine Bowling Club**, 10.30am-12pm New players most welcome.

► **Gentle Exercise Class** for elderly, 10am at SeniorCare Function Centre. Ph Jenny 693 7076

► **Four Peaks Seido Karate**, new beginners class, 6-7pm at GHS Gym. All Welcome. Ph Liz 693 7212

► **Zumba® Gold** class 10am at the T&C Club. Great for beginners & senior citizens. Ph Gisell 693 9760

WEDNESDAY 10th December

► **Finding Our Voices** concert. 1pm at The Academy.

► **"Breastfeeding Works" Coffee Group**, at St Andrew's Hall, playgroup from 9.30am. Ph Bridget 021 133 1526

► **Geraldine U3A**, 10am at Seniorcare Function Centre. All welcome, for more info ph Jocelyn 693 7606

► **Yoga/Stretchies** join us 6-7pm at Woodbury Hall \$5 per session, all welcome Ph 692 2980 for info.

► **Plunket Nurse in Geraldine**, morning home visits and afternoon clinic. Phone Paula 693 8177

► **Geraldine Kindergarten Playgroup**, all preschoolers & caregivers welcome to share the facilities, 1.00 - 2.30pm. Ph Tracey 693 8888 for more info.

► **Inspired Speech & Drama Classes**, 3.30pm-4.30pm for ages 7-10 years, 5pm-6pm for ages 11-14 years. Ph Kay 693 9986

► **Evening Zumba® Fitness & Toning** 7pm combined class at Geraldine Rugby Club rooms. Ph Gisell 693 9760

► **Geraldine Athletic Club**, 6pm at Domain Oval, 7yrs-masters welcome. Ph Alison 693 7673

MULTIPLE EVENTS

► **Cinders The True Story**, hilarious family pantomime by Geraldine Players, 7.30pm, Thurs 04 Dec & Sat 06 Dec at Geraldine Primary School Hall, tickets from Louk Clothing

► **Geraldine Plunket Water Confidence** for ages 1-5 years, Wed 10 Dec & Fri 12 Dec. Ph Meg 693 7371 for info.

► **Chen Style Tai Chi Chuan**, 10am Sat, 6pm Wed for beginners, 6.30pm Wed gentle exercise. **Qigong** 11am Sat. All at Geraldine Bowling Club. Ph Tim 021 141 9142

► **Funergy Fitness**, 6.30pm Tues and Thurs at Geraldine Primary School Hall. Ph Lynda 693 8675

► **Geraldine Craft Market**, 9am - 3pm Sat & Sun, Cox St opposite St Andrew's. Email craftyperson@slingshot.co.nz

► **Geraldine District Golf Club**, men's golf Sat & Wed 12.30pm, women's golf Tues 10am & Sat 12.15pm.

► **Geraldine Four Peaks Seido Karate Club** meets 6 - 8pm, Tues and Fri at High School Gym. Ph John 027 204 5057

► **Geraldine Heated Swimming Pool Hours**: Mon - Fri 6am to 6pm; Sat & Sun 10am to 6pm. Ph 693 9466

► **Geraldine Patchwork Group**, Tues 7-9pm ph Maureen 693 8328, and Thurs 10am-3pm ph Lynne 971 1775

► **Geraldine Toy Library**, open Tues 10.30-11.30am & Sat 9.30-11.30am, Talbot St. Phone Amanda 693 8294

► **Golf Croquet** at Geraldine Domain, Wed 10.15am & 1pm, and Thurs 6pm. Ph Margaret 693 8816

► **Grande Vue Golf Club**, mixed golf Sun 12.30pm, women's golf Wed 9.30am. New members welcome.

► **Red Cross Shop**, Talbot St, open Tues 10am - 3pm, Thurs 10am - 3pm, and Sat 10am - 12noon.

► **Rosie's Recycled Clothing Shop**, Peel St, open Tues to Fri, 10.30am - 3.30pm.

► **Walk in Wardrobe**, open Wed 3 - 5pm & Sat 10am-12noon at The Lodge Theatre, ph Carol 021 042 0849

► **Zumba® Fitness** with Gisell, Mon & Thurs 9.30am, Toning Wed 9.30am, at T&C Club. Ph 021 0228 7049

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OPEN DAY AT MCKENZIE LIFESTYLE VILLAGE, 33 Connolly Street, Sunday 7 December, 1-3pm.

CHRISTMAS DINNER. Cyril and Val Guthrie invite anyone who is alone on Christmas Day to join them at the Corral, at 12pm, for a free meal. Booking is essential. Ph 693 8630 before 20 December.

GERALDINE NEWS deadline, noon on Mondays at Hammer Hardware.

GERALDINE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE 2014
at Geraldine Resource Centre

Donations of gifts and food are now welcome to put under the Geraldine Community Tree - please wrap gifts and write the age & gender of who it would suit.

Thank you for helping to make Christmas a festive time for local families who are finding things tough this year.
Ph 693 7001 for any queries.
Cut off Date for gifts - Friday 19 Dec.

A joint project by Geraldine
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The Geraldine Players Inc. Presents

CINDERS

THE TRUE STORY

By David Tristram

A Hilarious Pantomime with delightful twists, belly laughs and audience participation.
Suitable for all ages.

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Choreography By
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The Geraldine News

Christmas/New Year CHANGES to publication dates and deadlines

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY IF YOU PLAN TO ADVERTISE WITH US OVER THE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR PERIOD

PUBLICATION DATE	DEADLINE
Thursday 18 December FINAL PAPER FOR 2014	Monday 15 December 12 noon
Thursday 25 December 2014 to Thursday 15 January 2015	NO PAPER
Thursday 22 January 2015 FIRST PAPER FOR 2015	Monday 19 January 12 noon

The Geraldine News office will be closed from Wednesday 17 December, reopening 9am Monday 19 January 2015

Please also see our important information about display advertisements on page 2

ACADEMY PERFORMANCE & ARTS

Christmas INDOOR MARKET

SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER

9am to 1.30pm
at the Academy

Wooden Toys, Jewellery, Felted Creations, Wood-turned Items, Hand-made Clothing, Cards, Wrapping Paper and MUCH MORE!

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jillroberts.actor@yahoo.co.nz

Maslins on Talbot at the Geraldine Town & Country Club

XMAS DINNER & DANCE

Friday 12 December, 6.30pm.

Three-course buffet \$40pp

Bring your staff, family, friends and neighbours along for a get-together before Christmas. Enjoy a night of great food and fun. Live music with Ash.

Courtesy coach available.

Bookings essential
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Session times and screenings are subject to change without notice.

Tickets \$25pp

Verde CAFE DELI

Christmas Dining

Sunday night 14 December

Shared platters in the garden or traditional Christmas fare

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GO GERALDINE CHRISTMAS PARADE

Friday 5 Dec

ENJOY FESTIVE SHOPPING THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE

6pm ON THE VILLAGE GREEN FOR THE CHILDREN

- Magician - Josh Grimaldi,
- Facepainting - sponsored by Geraldine Kindergarten

7pm CHRISTMAS PARADE

- Including a great display of floats, South Canterbury Youth Pipe Band, Alpine Energy Timaru Brass Band and of course FATHER CHRISTMAS.
- The parade starts at Hislop St/Talbot St corner and travels along Talbot to Peel St then Hislop St.

7.45pm LOLLY SCRAMBLE ON THE VILLAGE GREEN WITH FATHER CHRISTMAS

- Plus a Community Sing-a-long with Fi & Hugh

8pm PRIZE GIVING & RAFFLE DRAWS

- Prize Giving for floats, 'Most Enterprising', 'Best Family Focus' and 'Best Christmas Spirit'
- Santa Sack Draw with Port FM - You must be there to claim your prize.

Special thanks to: Geraldine Licensing Trust, Timaru District Council, FreshChoice Geraldine, Geraldine Lions Club, Blake Downie Contracting, and Port FM for their contribution to this years Christmas Parade. And thank you to the Geraldine Community for their support and participation.

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