



The Taieri Pet

Strath Taieri's Cloud

A Newsletter for
Middlemarch, Hyde, Macraes,
Hindon, Black Rock
and Lee Stream
Issue No.340 December 2010 &
January 2011
Sponsored by Strath Taieri Lions Club

Middlemarch Branch Rural Women New Zealand

Our programme for 2011
will begin on **26th January 2011**
in **Committee Room** at Community Centre
at **7.00 pm**,
with a **Wine/Nibble, Dessert/Coffee evening**
and a **good speaker**.

Open to all

Cost to defray expenses \$10 or \$5 for members.
Joan Wilson - Convenor

Our Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch
is on Friday 3rd December at Noon
in Community Centre.

Please note that if you do not receive your personal
invitation please contact
Joan Wilson 464 3473—urgently

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Otago Central Hotel Hyde
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all the local ladies to an evening of
exclusive fashion viewing.

We once again have the opportunity of hosting
Christine Wardell
with her unique range of ladies clothing.

December 13th, 7pm till 9.30pm
Cover charge \$5.00 per person

RSVP: 03 444 4800



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Thought for the month

*Friendship is caring, sharing
and being there for each other*

STANLEYS HOTEL

WE'RE CELEBRATING 2 GREAT YEARS TRADING
AT STANLEYS HOTEL

JOIN US

11th DECEMBER

FOR A BARBIE FROM 7PM

HAPPY HOUR ALL NIGHT

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Middlemarch Singles Ball

Planning is well under way for 2011 Ball
Easter Saturday 23 April, 2011

Tickets went on sale 15 November and are:

\$50 dance only

\$90 train & dance

Ticket sales are available from Middlemarch Police
Station & DCC Visitor Centre I-Site.

The theme for 2011 is 'A Wartime Romance'
the committee felt that as Easter & Anzac Day almost
collide - it would be a fitting tribute to our war heroes.

**We are encouraging dress in 1940's style
civilian, allied uniforms or evening dress.**

And, Middlemarch Singles Ball is pleased to announce
an allocation of Community Funding was made from
funds from previous Balls:

Middlemarch Hall Re-Development Committee-\$5000

Middlemarch Bowling Club - \$2000

Middlemarch Golf Club - \$1500

Grocott's Community Garden - \$300

It is anticipated that a second round of Community
Funding will be carried out later next year.

Strath Taieri Historical Society

Second Hand Book Sale

On the Railway Platform
11.30am - 1pm, Friday 3rd & Sunday 5th December

Donations of books for sale gratefully received

Proceeds to the Museum

Dawn Ramsay President - Phone 464 3835

**Closing date for February 2011 issue
23 January 2011**

Police News

This last month has been busy with several incidents reported and I have been kept busy with the resulting paperwork.

The Labour Weekend road toll was terribly sad with 8 people killed on NZ roads. The traffic crashes involved speed, alcohol and crossing the centre line. On the positive, 50,000 alcohol breath tests were carried out over the same weekend and the hit rate was relatively low.

White Ribbon Day is on the radar this month. White Ribbon Day has become a key event for bringing community agencies together in support of preventing family violence. Police are using the day and the month of November to increase awareness of and intolerance of family violence.

Keeping Kids Safe in Cyberspace - a new pamphlet has been released by Police and Telecom about things parents can do. Cyberspace is the environment created by communication technologies such as the internet, mobile phones, and other devices.

Cyberspace has opened up instant global communication and can be extremely useful but, some people use these tools for anti-social and/or criminal activities. The pamphlet details how children might be at risk and how we can protect them.

I wish to extend my thanks to Lorna, Irene, Leeann and team who decorated the Hall for the Blue Light Halloween Party. It was awesome and we are the 'talk of the town'. The visiting Waikouaiti kids thought it was great and are keen to come back over the hill - they travelled via Ramrock Road!

I have some found property handed in - please enquire if you are missing personal items.

For those who require any statutory declarations to be signed and notarized - I am able to do this service.

Remember, if you have something to report, notice anything suspicious or amiss, not happy with some situation, want a raffle drawn or just to talk, ring the Police.

There have been a few late nights of late with the AB's on tour but well worth the watch. Here's to RWC 2011.

Helen

Middlemarch Store

SUMMER HOURS

Monday - Friday	Saturday & Sunday
7.30am - 7.30pm	8.30am - 7.30pm

Closed - Christmas Day

Open - Boxing Day 9.00am - 7.30pm
Open - New Years Eve 7.30am - 7.30pm
Open - New Years Day 9.00am - 7.30pm



Christmas Orders

For all your milk, cream, vegetable and fruit orders please call in and place your order at the Middlemarch Store before **Monday 20 December**.

Fire Brigade News

It has been a very quiet few weeks for the brigade and I do not have much to report. With the fantastic growth season the district is experiencing there will be possible potential for vegetation fires if the summer months turn dry, not that I want that to happen!

I would like to thank all those who have helped and supported the brigade over the last year and wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year and hope we don't meet in emergency circumstances.

For all emergencies call 111 and for any other fire brigade matter call **John Foote 464 3781**

East of the Rock and Pillar: a new view

Nineteen people attended the meeting held at the Community Centre on Sunday November 21. Locals were joined by others travelling from Tuatapere, Milton, Mosgiel and Dunedin. The highlight was viewing three DVDs showing entertaining and intriguing glimpses from the past. Thank you to Leigh Overton and Lorna Williams.

Other material presented included horse racing (complete with Andy Williams, his horse WD, and sulky - now at the museum), Weekly News ads from the 50s that evoked unexpected memories, the dominion champion (1953) Strath Taieri Highland Pipe Band, and more calamities; fire and flood.

People have undertaken to follow up on the early days of aerial topdressing, entertainment in the 1950s, transport and Matheson's collie dogs. Stories abounded, but one I won't forget was about the topdressing pilot who landed on the gravel road at Clarks to call in and meet a mate.

Requests:

I would like to hear from anyone who has a White's Aviation aerial photograph of a local farm, from the 1950s, and would be willing to allow it to be photographed. We have located one so far and the museum has a Middlemarch view. These would make an amazing digital collection.

Bands/orchestras: photographs or recordings of local musicians, or songs written about local topics/people are of great interest. So far we know of a Pipe Band recording, probably from the 1950s, and since the meeting I have heard two songs written about the Strath Taieri. We have photographs of Peats' and Kinneys' orchestras but there were several others in the 1950s.

Thank you everyone for your support in getting this project underway.

Printouts of stories and photographs collected so far, can be viewed at the Museum from this week. Material can be made available on paper, CD, or DVD as requested.

Stories, photographs, enquiries to Dawn Coburn: phone 464 3696 or email dawncoburn1@gmail.com

Hindon Ecumenical Christmas Service

At the Hindon Hall
7pm
Monday 13th December 2010
Bring a plate for supper
And donations for the Mosgiel Christian Care Foodbank
would be very much appreciated.
ALL WELCOME
Phone 489 1470

DEEP STREAM DOG TRIALS

Held on Sunday the 5th of December at
Jim MacDonald's property
Sign posted at Deep Stream
Open to maiden dogs
Two hunt courses and one heading
Start from 8:30 onward
\$2 entry per run
BBQ at lunch time
Prizegiving at Clarks Junction Hotel
Any enquiries to: **Tim Cassie 489 1883**

**Middlemarch
Bowling Club**

Practice day will be
Mondays, 1.30-3.00pm.

Jug Challenge

Monday 27th December
1pm Start

Please notify
Nola-464 3883
of your teams of 3,
or your willingness to play

BBQ tea to follow
Joan Wilson - Secretary/
Treasurer

Fish for Sale

Frozen Free Flow Fillets

5kg boxes

Blue Cod
Lemon Sole
Brill
NZ Sole
Gurnard
Elephant Fish
Tarakihi

Also seafood chowder

Enquiries:
Stan & Arta Geary
Phone 464 3221

Middlemarch Playcentre News

As the playcentre year is drawing to a close, it is timely to thank everyone who has contributed their time and donations to keep our centre open. Upgrading for our goal of re-licensing is well on the way. Thank you to the Strath Taieri Community Board, Oceana Gold, Lonestar Farms, Outram Ready Lawn, Middlemarch Transport, OPR, Hire Quip Mosgiel, C&M garden products, Strath Taieri School and the Strath Taieri Community. It is all greatly appreciated.

We now have bark chips under our playground area and have installed some ready lawn. A great effort from all involved. Combined with a heat pump in the winter and an upgrade of the fence, it has been a busy year on the project front.

We are planning on making use of the pool in the summer months, so bring along your togs to playcentre and we'll make a splash.

Our playcentre garden is blossoming, much to the delight of our children. They are becoming expert seed planters and very capable with their watering cans. The scarecrow is doing a terrific job of guarding the peas!

We have started emailing minutes and any other important messages, so if anyone else in the community would like to be put on the emailing list please let me know.
My email is rockvale@scorch.co.nz.

Our final session for 2010 will be **December 9th**, followed by our **Christmas party** on the **12th**.
Starting from 4pm, Santa will arrive at **4.30pm** followed by a shared barbeque tea.
This will be a great time, as a group, to round up the year.

We would love to see new faces through our gates at any time, so please come and see what we're up to - the more, the merrier.

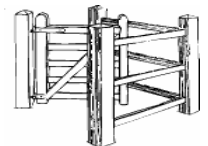
Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas
Kirsty Kinney Secretary

Pre-Christmas Church Service

St John's Presbyterian Church
Middlemarch
Thursday 23rd December
7.30pm
All Denominations Welcome

KISSING GATE CAFÉ

Swansea St SH 87 Middlemarch
ph 464 3224



Summer Hours:
8.30am to 5pm Monday to Sunday

Closed Christmas Day

We wish our customers a Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year, & thank you for your support.
We are, as always happy to open for one off events and functions - please contact Kate or Veneta to organise.

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Middlemarch Swimming Club

Repairs to the pool roof are now complete and we are looking forward to a long hot summer. A huge thank you to Middlemarch Plunket for the donation of water toys, to be enjoyed by the children who use the pool. Anyone caught deliberately damaging these will have their pool key confiscated.

Swimming Lessons

Monday 31st January for one week
Costs - about \$40 per child/week
To enrol for these, please
phone Karen Dunn 464 3176

Middlemarch Surgery

Christmas & New Year Clinics

The last one prior to Christmas will be Thursday 23rd December. There will be a clinic on 6th January and usual clinics resume 10th January.

There will be a nurse on call over the Christmas/New Year Statutory days, otherwise calls will be answered in Outram, with usual weekend/week night cover.

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 111

For injuries/illness advice 464 3877

PLEASE : Do not phone the nurses at home,
it is our holiday time too.

Leeann & Stephanie wish everyone a Happy and
Safe Christmas and New Year.

The Middlemarch Garden Club

Come along on **Thursday 16th December**
to **Barry and Lorna Williams' garden**
at 2pm for a Christmas afternoon tea.

Bring along a wrapped Christmas present
to the value of \$5.00 for a Lucky Dip.

If you can, wear something red for the festive spirit.

All Welcome
Frances Howell

Plunket Clinic

The next Plunket Clinic for
Lee Stream and Middlemarch
is **Tuesday 7th December**
Phone **Pauline 464 3484**
for appointments



Golf Club

Closing day 18th Dec Tee off 1pm

Bring along your twilight team and join us
Meal and prize giving to follow

Saturday golf will still continue through summer.
Stephen Barnes

Strath Taieri School

Important dates to remember:

Tuesday 14th December
Music Concert with Andy Gilmour (Music Teacher)
In the **Middlemarch Hall at 7pm**
All Welcome
Gold coin entry

Wednesday 15th December
School Break up at the School
11.30 to 12.30pm

We are having a hangi as a shared lunch
Followed by Activities
All Community Welcome

17th December
Last Day of School for the Year
Buses run at lunchtime

Strath Taieri Board of Trustees

We were thrilled with the wonderful support the Quiz night received. Twenty teams entered the competition, which was not only fun but fierce. The Hyde Camo-Cameron family took out the evening, The Liners were second, the A-team were third. We received impressive donations for the raffles and prizes from parents, community members, groups and sponsors. We would like to especially mention:

Team Prizes:

Mosgiel/Middlemarch Medical Services Ltd
Hyde Café
Quench Café

Major Raffle Prizes:

Cook Transport Hyde
Oamaru Vet Services
Barry & Lorna Williams

Other Raffles and Prizes:

Kissing Gate Café
Strath Taieri Hotel
CRT Ranfurly
PGG Wrightsons Ranfurly
Cycle Surgery
Emerald Hills Country Guesthouse
Oamaru Vets

Neil Grant Compere extraordinaire
Robyn Shaw Questions
Middlemarch Store Supper Sandwiches
Strath Taieri Rugby Club Bar

Thank you to Leeann for coordinating the evening. We feel this was a great event with lots of laughter from young and old, and we are hoping to make it an annual event.

**Thankyou to everyone for your
overwhelming support**

Adult Riding Club

Dates for December

4th/5th	Trek to Moonlight	9:30 Marshalls
7th	9:30 Showgrounds	
14th/15th	Trek to Roadsends	9:30 Marshalls
19th	9:15 Meeting	
	9:30 Showgrounds	

Middlemarch Museum

WANTED

A paid part-time museum attendant
Approximately three hours per day
From January 17 until 30 April 2011.
Could be job share.

Those interested please contact :
D Ramsay

President Strath Taieri Historical Society
11 Cardigan Street or Phone 464 3835
before 15th December

Strath Taieri Rugby Club

AGM

Thursday 2nd December 7.30pm
at Changing rooms

FIREWOOD FOR SALE

Dry Spilt blue gum - \$80 per metre
Phone Jenny - Lee Stream School 489 1452
or 027 489 1459

PHOTOS WANTED

of Lee Stream, Hindon, Clarks, Black Rock and
surrounding areas.
A history of the district has been written and we would
appreciate photos of interest to complete the book.

Please contact Jenny 027 489 1459
or Bill/Shona 489 1947



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Vigil Mass Friday 24th December
Hyde Catholic Church 6.30pm

St Paul's Middlemarch
Christmas Day Mass 11.30am



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14 December - from 6pm Prenzel Party
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24 December - 8am - Champagne Breakfast
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25 December - from 6pm - Christmas Dinner
3 courses, fully licensed, \$50 pp, bookings essential

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Calendar – December 2010

1	Wednesday	Grocott's Community Garden Line Dancing Beginners Lions' Tea meeting M/M Volunteer Fire Brigade	Grocott's Community Garden STCC Training	10.00am - 12noon 1.00pm - 3.30pm 6.00pm 6.30pm
2	Thursday	Doctor's Clinic Playcentre Lee Stream Playgroup	Surgery Swansea Street Swansea Street Lee Stream Hall	9.00am - 1.00pm 9.15am - 11.45am 9.30am
3	Friday	Library	Old Band Hall	10.00am - 11.00am
4	Saturday			
5	Sunday	St Paul's Aerobics	St Paul's Catholic Church STCC Hall	11.30am 1.00pm
6	Monday	Doctor's Clinic Line Dancing Beginners: 6.45–7.30pm Tai Chi	Surgery Swansea Street STCC STCC	9.00am - 1.00pm 7.30pm - 9.00pm 10.00am - 11.00am
7	Tuesday	Twilight Golf Doctor's Clinic Playcentre Lee Stream Playgroup Plunket	Middlemarch Golf Course Surgery Swansea Street Swansea Street Lee Stream Hall Lee Stream—am	5.30pm 9.00am - 1.00pm 9.15am - 11.45am 9.30am Middlemarch—pm
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22	Wednesday	Grocott's Community Garden Vetlife	Grocott's Community Garden Treatment Facility Showgrounds	10.00am - 12noon 10.00am
23	Thursday	Doctor's Clinic East Otago Vet Services Representative	Surgery Swansea Street	9.00am - 1.00pm
24	Friday	CHRISTMAS EVE		
25	Saturday	CHRISTMAS DAY		
26	Sunday	BOXING DAY Sacred Heart Catholic Church	at Hyde	11.30am
27	Monday			
28	Tuesday			
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30	Thursday			
31	Friday	NEW YEAR'S EVE		

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*Best Wishes from all on the 'Taieri Pet' team,
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