

Meet our new Salisbury residents



Malcolm and Trish Boote anticipate an enjoyable retirement in their recently completed townhouse - the last in the Salisbury development.

For Malcolm and Trish Boote the trials of packing up and leaving an established home in Arrowtown has been softened by the anticipation of a new life in a recently completed townhouse in the Salisbury Development of Chatsford.

Their new state-of-the-art townhouse could not be further apart in design from their original home, a Northhamptonshire farmhouse, built around 1640.

The couple moved to New Zealand 20 years ago to be closer to family and their grandchildren.

"We are familiar with Mosgiel and find its climate and surrounding countryside very pleasant," says Trish.

The couple find the townhouse's spacious contemporary design provides them with an alluring template to enhance with their own furniture and style.

"I find the layout of our townhouse is very thoughtful and will be very enjoyable to live in. There is a feeling of safety and space inside and out, which really appeals."

Each townhouse is designed to receive maximum advantage from the sun and to provide a pleasant outlook. The spacious large open planned living area will make entertaining family and friends a pleasure.

After living in the alpine temperatures of Arrowtown the couple are thrilled to have found an energy efficient, warm and comfortable home.

Energy efficiency was a high priority for the designers of the Salisbury Development townhouses. Each townhouse is centrally heated with radiant heated floors and the same dual-benefit heat pump also heats the domestic hot water.

"Right from the outset we found all the information we were provided about Chatsford was concise, straightforward and easy to digest, and very accommodating."

"It has made what could have been a difficult decision so much easier for us," says Trish.

"Right from the start we have been made to feel welcome."

"Moving to Chatsford gives us the added advantage of an easy commute to Dunedin city. We look forward to enjoying trips to the theatre or musical performances in the city." Between socialising with family and friends they both also spend time enjoying the beautiful, uninterrupted views from their townhouse.

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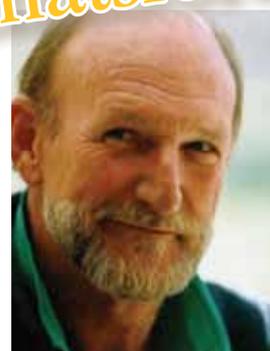
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SPRING! The season of renewal, rejuvenation and bright, fresh colours.

And with Spring just around the corner, it's appropriate that, in this edition of the "Chat", we highlight the results of Stage One of our community centre refurbishment project that has brought new freshness and colour to the interior of Chatsford.

As part of the refurbishment we've made some minor layout changes, put down new carpet and floor tiles, painted the walls and ceilings and installed new furniture. This has completely transformed our reception and community centre areas.

There are two more stages of this internal refurbishment to be undertaken, and we expect to be making a start on the next phase very soon.

We've been doing a lot of work in and around our

20 metre heated swimming pool as well, with almost every surface either re-covered, replaced or extended. The new colour scheme and seven extra changing rooms have made a huge difference to this amenity.

Our new Village Manager, Shona Strett, started with us in April. Shona has been very busy since she arrived getting to know our wonderful people. She has also quickly set about fine tuning our systems and procedures across many areas so that we can provide even better service to residents.

So it's been a very busy year so far with lots going on, but as we head into Spring, outside our gardens are looking fantastic, and inside the view is equally stunning. I encourage you to pay us a visit so you can see for yourself the impact of the many improvements we have made.

Until next time...

Kind regards

Malcolm Hendry - Chatsford CEO

Comedy corner

A mate of mine recently admitted to being addicted to brake fluid. When I quizzed him on it he reckoned he could stop any time...

I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there I noticed 4 grave diggers walking about with a coffin. Three hours later and they're still walking about with it. I thought to myself, they've lost the plot!!

My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were \$70!! Blow this, I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web.

I was at an ATM yesterday and a little old lady asked if I could check her balance, so I pushed her over.

I started a new job in Seoul next week. I thought it was a good Korea move.

I was driving this morning when I saw an AA van parked up. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable. I thought to myself that guy's heading for a breakdown.

My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30 am this morning. Can you believe that, 2:30 am?! Luckily for him I was up playing my Bagpipes.

Paddy says "Mick, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador. "Sod that," says Mick, "have you seen how many of their owners go blind?"

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The seasoned scoop lays down his pen

Clarke Isaacs has observed the achievements and milestones of Chatsford residents for more than 20 years through his often touching and topical stories in the Chatsford Chat.

With ease he relinquished his role as Chief of Staff of the Otago Daily Times in 1991 to become a regular storyteller and thoughtful observer of the life and times of Chatsford residents and the wider community. He also continued to write regular book and theatre reviews for the ODT as well as a regular radio column.

He wrote the first newsletter in September 1993 called the Birchleigh News which some years later became the Chatsford Chat.

Initially Clarke oversaw all aspects of the newsletter, from proofing to the final publication.

He created an interesting balance of stories and anecdotes interspersed with the regular features of The CEO's latest news, the Chaplain's Chatter and last but not least the featured favourite recipe.

"It's true that there is nothing a person likes to do more than talk about their own life," he says.

One of the most memorable and touching stories Clarke recalls was interviewing Chatsford resident John Bardrick who, as a 20 year old first lieutenant, participated in the June 6th D Day landing as part of the Allied military invasion of German-occupied France.

He was still as sharp as a tack when I talked to him. His response to the question 'was it horrendous' was to simply say, "I suppose it was – I just did my job."

Clarke found that his focus for the newsletter was simply on people and giving them an opportunity to tell their stories.

Clarke's own story is remarkable in itself. He began his journalism stint in September 1949 and worked for The Otago Daily Times for more than 40 years holding the post of Chief of Reporting Staff for nearly 30 years.

The journalism gene runs in his family, most notably his father Teddy Isaacs and uncle Bill Morrison who was a senior journalist at the ODT.

From an early age Clarke was destined to excel. He proudly recalls that he was the Dux of Arthur Street School.

"I beat a person, my best friend actually, who became air commodore; a millionaire, two dental surgeons, one lawyer, one director of the University extension studies, and one optometrist, to become the dux."

"From then on it was all downhill," he quips.

A modest comment from a man who rose through the ranks from copy-holder to sub editor's cadet to his role as Chief of Reporting Staff.

"On my first night as a copyholder there was a murder at Moa Creek – which to my knowledge was never solved."

One of the highlights of his career was the privilege of being chosen as a Harry Brittain Fellowship winner which took him on an all-paid study tour of provincial newspapers in Britain in 1968. He observed that the editorial content that he found in these papers was easily comparable with the standards set at the Otago Daily Times.

"I have really enjoyed my years compiling the material for the Chatsford Chat," he says.

"I realised that I was not out to make a scoop, but I knew that my job was to be accurate and to make sure that the people I interviewed were happy with the stories I wrote about them."



Community Centre has **makeover**

The refurbishment of the Chatsford Community centre is one of the initiatives timed to celebrate the village's 21st anniversary celebrations.

The foyer and reception area of the complex has been included in the new refurbishment.

The village swimming pool has also enjoyed a welcome make-over much to the delight of residents who regularly stretch out and luxuriate in the 20 metre pool.

The last of the new Salisbury townhouses is now occupied, and the apartment block where the two bedroomed apartments designed to enjoy maximum benefit from the sun, energy efficiency and delightful rural outlooks are also close to completion.

Chatsford residents will have their own special 21st celebration to mark the occasion with a Spit roast meal on Friday, September 14.

Visitors interested in viewing the beautifully landscaped 11.5 hectare community and its exciting new developments are welcome to contact Dawn Brieseman by phoning 489 7776 to make an appointment for a viewing.



Before



During



After



The one that got away

If anyone could tell you if you could teach an old dog new tricks, it would be a shepherd. Chatsford resident Bob Forbes and his little fox terrier Jessie are testaments to a life well lived.

From the age of 17, Bob made a firm resolve not to spend his days cooped up in an office. He chose the life of a shepherd and has always had a trusty four legged companion by his side. Although he has had more than 25 dogs in his time you can hear the fondness in his voice when he speaks of his first dog Blackie, a collie.

It's clear when I talk to Bob about his dogs he is linking his thoughts to their personalities and how distinct and individual they all are. He also holds especially fond memories of a golden Labrador and of the pups she had.

When Bob took up residence at Chatsford in November 2004, he bought with him his trusty companion of many years, Missy. Sometime after Missy's demise, and after consultation and approval from Chatsford's Management, Bob decided an older dog, a fox terrier in particular, would be an ideal companion.

He went to the SPCA and found a little fox terrier that had recently had pups. He was told she was probably aged about 7 years.

"We made a quick connection," he says.

As soon as we got into the car she jumped up onto my knee and she's been there ever since he laughs.

The two quickly settled into a happy rhythm together. They go for an hours walk together rain or shine, every day.

Imagine the surprise when some photographs taken of Jessie playing with another resident's grandchildren were spotted by the little dog's original owner, Jenny.

Jenny had left her little dog then called Meg with her daughter while she went on an overseas trip for three months. In the interim Meg disappeared and was no-where to be found.

After giving birth to a litter of pups Meg had found shelter at the SPCA. She was rescued by Bob and renamed Jessie shortly after.

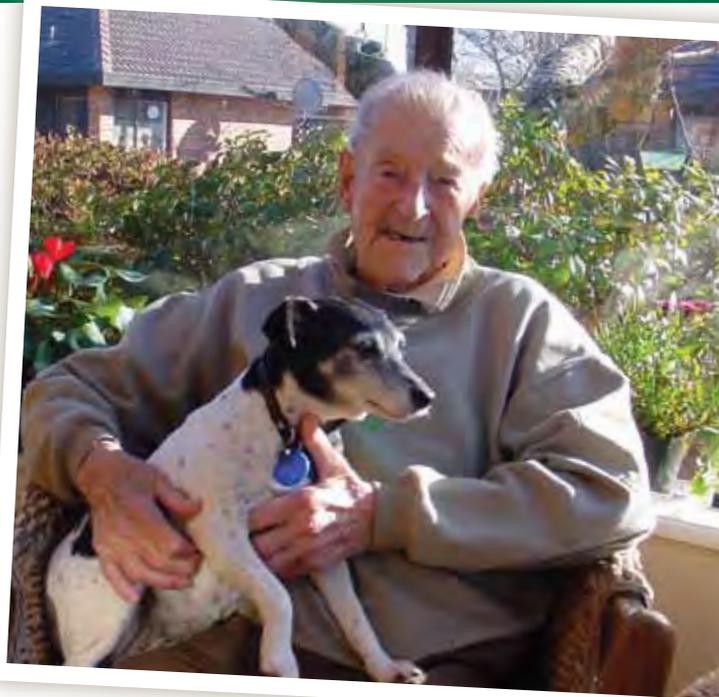
Another twist to the tale is that Jenny is a caregiver who brought her little dog with her every day to visit a Chatsford resident. Part of the daily ritual for the little dog was to charge into the bedroom in pursuit of her daily treat.

This explains why years later as Bob took his little dog on her daily walk she would show keen interest on going into this particular house.

When each part of the puzzle was pieced together and a reunion was held all parties are happy with their new living arrangements.

Bob found that he has a much older veteran fox terrier of 17 years who had her last litter at age 14.

And Jenny has at last seen that her little dog found a loving home and brings joy to Bob every day of his life.



Residents Celebrate

Chatsford residents got into the swing of the pageant Queen Elizabeth II on M

Some stalwarts followed the theme of red, white and blue, while others delighted in the opportunity to adorn themselves with tiaras, festive hats and the formal 'black ties' for the occasion.



A screening of the official film made during the Coronation in 1953 was played and an interesting display of mementos was presented on a Memory table.

Residents produced wonderful photographs of the actual procession, recollections of what some residents were doing in their lives at that time and even invitations to Royal events.

The film screening was followed by a sumptuous afternoon tea and the guests enjoyed the opportunity to reminisce with each other and even take the once in a lifetime opportunity to 'sit in the Royal throne'.



The always elegant Mrs Nancy Milne, enjoys her Royal moment.



The best-dressed prize winner, Mrs Val Wansink.



'Oh to be Queen for a day' says Mrs Doreen Mackay.

The Queen's Jubilee

Country and nostalgia that a special occasion such as May 31 jubilee awakens.

The Coronation Tour

One of the pinnacles in a long and very illustrious career for Alan Brieseman OBE was his involvement in the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in England in 1953.

He was chosen as a member of the National Brass Band of New Zealand that played at events such as the Garden Party held in the grounds of Buckingham Palace and along the route of the coronation procession.

"We were young men in our prime having the time of our lives," he says.

"I remember thinking that the Queen looked so young and lovely when I got my first glimpse of her," he says.

"I recall Sidney Holland, New Zealand's prime Minister, acknowledging us at the road side waving so excitedly that he nearly fell from his carriage."

Another image etched in his memory is of Queen Salote of Tonga smiling and waving from her open carriage in the rain. He recalls the dignity and extraordinary attention to detail and spectacle that marked the occasion.

"Everywhere we went there was a real sense of occasion. The flowers and the bunting were done so beautifully."

The band also visited John Brown's Shipyards where "The Queen Mary" was built.

They also embarked on a tour of The United Kingdom that included performances in Birmingham and Edinburgh.

The opportunity to play in Westminster Abbey was another notable experience for the young New Zealander.

Included in their repertoire throughout the tour were pieces such as Themes from The Grieg Piano concerto, a selection of Maori songs, Bolero, Rhapsody in Brass and The William Tell Overture.

Alan Brieseman began his musical journey joining a local citizens band in Stratford.

He played the tenor trombone in the band and was noted for his fine tone.

"I am one of the few New Zealand Players that has come from a D grade band up to the level of a National Band.

"I credit Bill Elliot my mentor with my musical success.

"He encouraged me and let me go to his place and play whenever I wanted. He was very knowledgeable and kind to me.

"Also I was very fortunate to find and marry a woman who shares my interest in brass bands and in some cases outstrips me with her knowledge and enthusiasm for it."

Alan was away on tour from March 13 until October 24, 1953, performing at 155 indoor and outdoor concerts on the other side of the globe.

"Actually I was very lucky to be chosen for the Coronation tour. Initially my tendency to speak out had been noted and it was touch and go whether I would be included.

"I did get told not to worry and that I would be included in the band and I'm so glad I did because now it remains firmly in my memory as one of the highlights of my life.

"That and of course my wedding day," he says with that ever present twinkle in his eyes.

The impeccable serge uniform that Alan Brieseman wore during this tour is set to be displayed at Te Papa as part of their commemorative coronation exhibits.



Alan Brieseman, OBE immaculate in his 1953 touring blazer, holds his faithful tenor trombone and sits beside the National Brass Band of New Zealand uniform he wore in the 1953 Coronation Tour.

Chaplain's chatter

One of the first books to come off the printing press when it was invented was the Bible. And it is still the world's best selling book.

An anonymous author has written: -

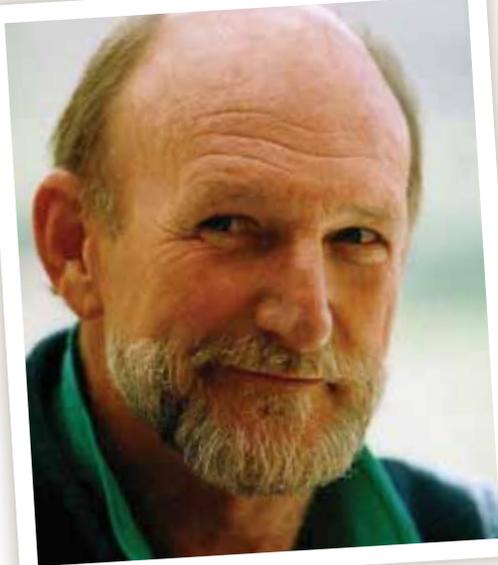
"The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the fate of sinners, and the happiness of believers. It is a light to direct you, food to nourish you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveller's road map, the pilot's compass, the soldier's weapon, and the player's game plan. It is a mine of incredible wealth, and a river of genuine Joy. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decision are immutable. Christ is its grand subject, your good its design, and the glory of God its end. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practise it to be spiritually healthy. Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully. Let it fill your memory, rule your heart, and guide your steps. It is given to you in life, will be opened at the Judgement, and be remembered for ever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labour, and judge those who trifle with its sacred contents."



Most of us respect the Bible; the trouble is we don't read it often enough and don't put it into practise. After hearing a discussion on various translations of the Bible, one man said "I prefer my mother's translation, because she translated it into everyday life."

Lawrie Rankin - Chatsford Chaplain

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Garrick Tremain to visit

Satirical cartoonist and landscape painter Garrick Tremain takes centre stage at Chatsford.

It is with great pleasure that political cartoonist and painter Garrick Tremain has accepted our invitation to be our guest celebrity speaker in the Summerfield Hall at Chatsford on Sunday, October 14 at 2pm.

He is highly regarded as both a painter and New Zealand's funniest and most perceptive political cartoonist.

A New Zealander by birth, he was a city child who wished he'd been a country kid.

Consequently he left school to work on farms and sheep stations. It was here, in the smoko rooms and shearing sheds that his drawing ability first raised eyebrows, and he returned to the city to test his suspected talent in commercial art studios.

For ten years he climbed the advertising ladder before deciding he could best combine his love of art and the rural environment by becoming a landscape painter.

Since 1972, he has been a full time professional painter and in 1988 decided to add the string of political cartooning to his bow. When time allows he takes respite from the easel at the piano or on the golf course.

To register your interest to attend this event please contact Dawn Brieseman on Freephone 0800 222 455 or email info@chatsford.co.nz

RESALE CORNER



8 Howden Wing

Comfort and convenience

Situated close to the Community Centre which truly is “the hub” of the Chatsford Community, is this delightful studio apartment.

Everything is so handy... the library, the hairdresser, the dining room, are all just a short stroll along a lovely, warm indoor walkway. The swimming pool, spa, sauna, gym and bowling green are almost right on your doorstep.

Underfloor heating and wet floor bathroom combine to make this apartment comfortable, convenient, cute and cosy.

To appreciate what this apartment has to offer, inspection is a must.

Price \$85,000



12 Benton Wing

Catching the sun

Located in the warm friendly environment that is so typical of Chatsford, is a lovely well-presented ground floor apartment which has much to offer.

It is well positioned to catch the sun and so handy to everything.

This is the perfect spot for a leisurely lifestyle - Tai Chi, aqua fitness in the heated pool, exercise groups... a wide range of activities and entertainment and you don't even have to go outside to get there.

For an appointment to view this sun drenched apartment, please call (03) 489-7776.

Price \$142,000

While the temperatures are still a little chilly, it is lovely to see the mornings are getting lighter. I have certainly not minded the darker mornings while the Olympics were on – I was able to catch up on a little extra ‘shut eye’ with the darker mornings, as I thoroughly enjoyed watching some of the excellent performances that have taken place in London.

Watching this year's Olympics took me back to the occasion when we joined in the Community Centre, in celebration mode, to watch Danyon Loader win gold in Atlanta in 1996. As with all gold medal winners, what a wonderful occasion that was, and without a doubt, Danyon had the full support of the Chatsford Community at that time - he had taken the inaugural swim in the Chatsford pool when it was opened in 1994. This year it was grand to once again see residents meeting, and watching the Olympics on the big screen, relaxed in the comfort of the recently refurbished lounge, enjoying their favourite tippie and the fellowship that is so typical of Chatsford.

Please remember, I am always happy to answer any questions you may have about Chatsford. If you are thinking of a move or require some more information, I am able to be contacted by email, text or I would love what now seems like a good old fashioned telephone call!

**For an appointment to view these homes,
please phone Dawn Brieseman on 489-7776**



Meals from Marjorie

Mrs Marjorie Higgs has contributed some of her simple yet delicious recipes for this edition of Chatsford Chat.

Marjorie and her husband Dennis have been married for 56 years. Dennis has always taken pride in his vegetable garden and any overflow has been carefully packaged and frozen for future use by Marjorie.

When the couple moved to Chatsford Dennis submitted a plan for three raised beds to be built in behind their new Salisbury townhouse.

Chatsford's management supported his initiative and once again he has enjoyed the pleasure of creating a home garden with enough bounty to provide vegetables for the table with enough left over to allow Marjorie to keep up the stock in the freezer.

Dennis grows an abundance of lettuces, runner beans, cauliflowers, broccoli, beetroot and carrots in his raised beds.

"I've always had a vegetable garden. I find that it is therapeutic and gives us the health benefits of fresh vegetables in our diet," he says.

His plan was so successful he has also helped another resident to create their own raised beds. He found that Chatsford's workshop with its built-in saw bench and band saw was an added bonus.

Marjorie finds freezing produce from the gardens they have grown has always stood her in good stead.

Along with her life at Chatsford she maintains contact with her old friends through events at the Caversham Baptist Church which include a 'make and mingle' group for the not so young.

This group which consists mainly of pensioners was created to enjoy fun and fellowship together. Some of their activities include card making, guest speakers and outings to local places of interest.



From the Higgs' kitchen

 *Cut out and keep*

EASY MICROWAVE STEAM PUDDING

½ cup brown sugar
1 cup flour
1 large cup fruit
1 teaspoon spice
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 tablespoon butter in ½ cup of boiling water
1 teaspoon of baking soda in ½ cup of cold water.
Mix and stand overnight, cook in ring tin
8 mins in microwave.
Serve with custard and ice-cream or cream.

LIGHT QUICHE

Half a cup of self raising flour
1 cup of grated cheese
1 chopped onion
2 rashers of bacon
1 cup of frozen vegetables or left overs
Mix in a bowl:
Add 3-4 eggs
1 ¼ cups of milk and add a large tablespoon of butter
Cook for ¾ to 1 hour at 180 degrees in a quiche dish.
Marjorie finds it is a good idea to make 2 quiches at a time and put one in the freezer for another day.

CHOCOLATE APPLE CAKE

In processor, chop 2-3 apples, not peeled.
Add:
125 grams of melted butter
1 cup of sugar
2 tablespoons of cocoa
1 teaspoon of baking soda
1 1/2 cups of flour
1 teaspoon of cinnamon
And 1 egg

Pulse the processor to mix the ingredients.
Spread into a dish and add the topping made from:
¼ of a cup of brown sugar
1 tablespoon of flour
2 tablespoons of nuts
2 tablespoons of butter
1 teaspoon of cinnamon
And cook at 190 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes.

Events at Chatsford

Chatsford residents out and about enjoying the various social events held.

Right: Lest we forget. Chatsford residents from left Lois Hendry, Joyce Winslade, and Barbara Chilman prepare bouquets of 'rosemary for remembrance' to commemorate Anzac Day.



Above: A mini-golf outing reveals the competitive streak of some Chatsford folk. (From left) Barrye Irvine, Neville McHardy, Ian Renwick, Dot Brieseman, Joyce Winwood, Roy Scott, Lorraine Scott and Bob Watson.

Below: Resident leprechaun and best beard wearer, Colin Hicks and his mate Ron Duffy.



Below: When Irish eyes are smiling (from left) Margaret Peacock, Jeannie Martin, Lillias Johnson, Joan Hobbs, Joyce Winwood, Doreen Caparn, Sue Heaton and Norma Mears.



Right: Marilyn Annan, (left), and Sue Heaton play it safe sticking to water.



Above: Garry Heaton, Karen O'Neill and John Barr bring a little mischief to the proceedings.

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