

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual General Meeting

Reminder: Formal notice is given of the Normandale Residents' Association Annual General Meeting on 18 June 2014 at 7.30 pm,

St Aidan's on the Hill.

Speaker: Trevor Mallard

Supper will be provided

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO HER MAJESTY

I hope you enjoyed your long weekend and the spectacular weather which came with it.

Did you know the Queen's birthday is actually 21 April? The reason why the holiday falls in May/June is to coincide with warmer weather in the northern hemisphere to allow for outdoor ceremonies. It also marks the beginning of our ski season in NZ.

A reminder of the AGM this month. Everyone is invited, so please come for what will be an interesting evening - and supper will be provided.

Tracy Bryant, Editor

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Your local Girl Guide group is having an Open Evening on Thursday 26 June at 7-8.30 pm. Come along and join in on the fun. All you will need to bring is yourselves and a plate of food to share with your new friends.

Any questions please go to www.girlguidingnz.org.nz or call Kylie on 027 208 1547



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Full size violin

If you have a full size violin you wish to sell please phone Rosemary on 586 3477



PRE-LOVED BOOK SALE



Normandale School is holding a pre-loved book sale.

There will be fabulous cake stalls, white elephant stalls, a sausage sizzle and Tupperware raffle.

Bargains galore: fiction/non-fiction/kids' books and magazines

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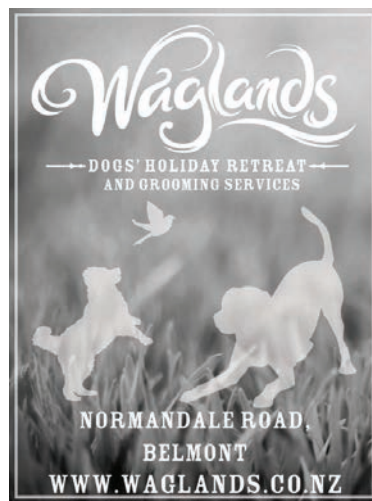
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NORMANDALE INORGANIC RUBBISH COLLECTION



This year's inorganic rubbish collection turned into something of a marathon, with gale force winds, the occasional heavy downpour and an exceptional amount of rubbish for us to collect. Nonetheless three truck loads – over 50m³ of rubbish was loaded onto the truck by committee members and their families. There was so much put out that we had to do another run on Sunday. So a big thank you is due to all those who gave up their time.

If the number of BBQs collected are anything to go by, local estate agents will have to change their spiel about “indoor outdoor flow” as locals seem to be wising up to the reality of life on the hills and staying firmly indoors. Mind you, with the number of TVs and other entertainment gear collected, it makes you wonder what they are getting up to indoors. Perhaps they've heeded the need to grow the roll at Normandale school!

In the end, we were unable to take one or two large items, we just ran out of space on the lorry and time to get to the tip, so my apologies to those we missed. With committee members giving up over ten hours of their time each, we were grateful for those householders who came out to help load their rubbish, or just to thank us. Unfortunately there was of course the other type, like the person who left a load of rubbish that would have filled a large trailer across the entrance to the new Poto Road reserve. We felt obliged to take it just to ensure safe access to the reserve.

Committee members are happy to give up our time and to arrange for this collection to help out our community, but there always seems to be those that take advantage of people's good will just to save a few dollars hiring a trailer or skip. We don't want to penalise the majority because of a few, but we are providing a community service through our voluntary labour. What do you think? In future should we carry on as now and risk those at the end of the run missing out, only pick up from those who have paid their subs, charge on the day on a volume basis as the Lions used to do in Maungaraki, or what?

Have your say by going to our web site www.normandale.org.nz and voting or sending in a comment.

Pete Matcham

President, Normandale Residents Association