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Editorial

Sadly this issue of the Pinehaven News contains the obituaries of two more of Pinehaven's long term characters. Our valley has always attracted unique and talented people and Ian Hutchings and Charles Walker were undoubtedly two of the best. On behalf of the PPA, I extend our sympathies and best wishes to their families and in particular to Ian's wife Lorna, who still lives in Pinehaven. I am sure many of you know Ian and Lorna from their sheep if nothing else! How many of you have stopped on the zig-zag with the kids to feed the sheep or to chat to Ian?

The PPA's AGM is coming up next week and we would love more residents to attend and take the opportunity to celebrate our wonderful community. Coffee and cake will be served and rest assured that you will not be pressured into joining the committee. Although having said that, we would love to have some new faces—it's not a huge time commitment, meetings are only monthly and we have a lot of laughs!

Ella Kahu

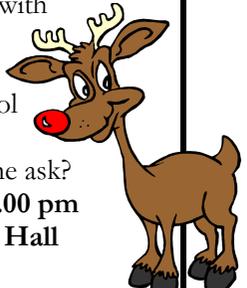




Pinehaven Christmas Concert

This annual event is always a wonderful occasion; an opportunity to celebrate the festive season with the family and neighbours. A mere gold coin entry and you get talented local musicians, carol singing, Father Christmas, and supper. What more could anyone ask?

Saturday 2nd December 7.00 pm
Pinehaven Community Hall
Forest Road

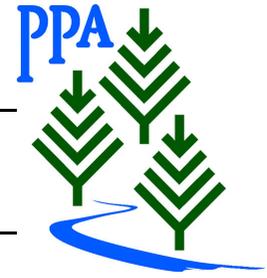


Prayer Meeting



The Lighthouse Church is holding a fortnightly prayer meeting on Monday mornings. If you are interested, please contact Rita Bota on 939-0442.

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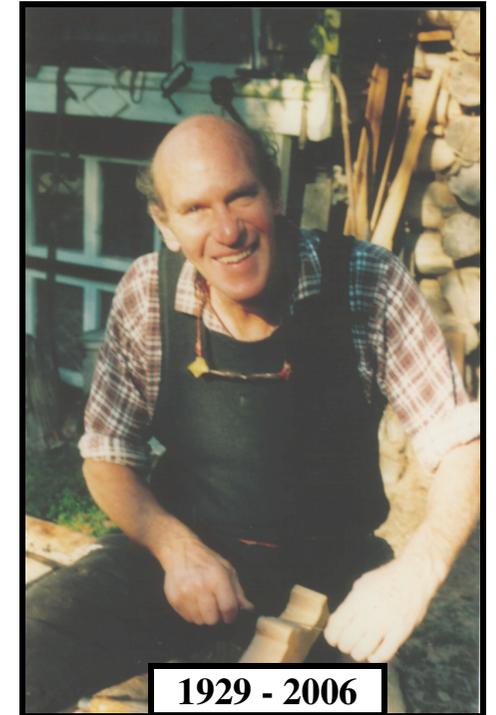
Pinehaven Adze Character

Ian Hutchings, renowned for his hand adzed furniture (Chipping Wood), passed away last month at home next to his log cabin under his favourite redwood tree. A fitting end for a master craftsman.

During his early years, Ian was known for his community activities, running the Lifeboys at the Upper Hutt Baptist Church and also taking Sunday School at the Pinehaven School Hall with attendance of up to 100 children. Ian also participated in local Galas as the clown throwing lollies around with the local children running after him. On Guy Fawkes night he would intrigue locals at the Pinehaven bonfire with a huge 10ft mock fire cracker, made of a colourful cardboard reel which he had specially printed at Unilever where he was in charge of the printing and packaging departments before turning to full time furniture making.

Over the last 30 years Ian has left a legacy of hand crafted adzed furniture with many of the local families including his own children's homes. Ian was one of the original exhibitors at the Pinehaven Arts and Crafts Festival and continued to display his work each and every year. His furniture has also been sent around the world to many countries including England, Japan, America and, more recently, Australia.

A little piece of Ian was in all the furniture he made. While his prices were reasonable, he would often say, "How many people get paid for their hobby on a full time basis?" Ian took



great pleasure out of the reaction he would get when he personally delivered each piece and set it up in the home, finishing it with a final rub down with his own beeswax polish. This is possibly the end of an era in furniture making within our local area.

Ian's Chipping Wood contribution will most likely outlast us all. His humour, his stories and his wonderful personality will be sorely missed.

Grant Hutchings

Charles Walker

Charles Walker, a Pinehaven character who died this month, came to New Zealand in 1938 with his wife and baby son. He and Kitty loved this country right from the beginning and soon bought a section in Elmslie Road, on which he built their house. He talked of the beauty and loneliness of Pinehaven in those early days - bird song and his wife's singing were all that could be heard.

After the war, Charles became a founding member of the Pinehaven Players, a group formed originally to raise funds for the proposed Kindergarten. He was known for his sense of humour and excellent singing voice, performing, among other things, in The Black and White Minstrel Show. This led on to his experiences in mainstream theatre. He starred in an early production of Bruce Mason's "Under the Pohutakawa Tree" and was a long standing member of the first NZ TV soap, "Close to Home".

Apart from a forced temporary evacuation while their house was repaired after the 1976 floods, the Walkers remained in their



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Elmslie Road home until, after Kitty's death, Charles moved into Summerset. A poet and an orator, I will remember him for his amazing ability to recite long Shakespearean speeches and poetry, all declaimed with great artistry and vigour. Our community is the poorer with the loss of such a unique character.

Pauline Baty



Library Hours

After consultation through the PPA, the Library staff have decided not to amend Pinehaven's opening hours:
Mon, Wed, Fri: 12.30 pm-4.30 pm
Saturday: 10.30 am-12.30 pm
Tuesday: 6 pm-8 pm

Christmas card making is now on at the PPA Hall, Wednesdays 10.30am - 2.30pm. Materials, ideas, company and laughs all provided free of charge!



Gardening News

Community Garden

With winter is behind us, many Pinehavenites will be beavering away in their gardens. I am still trying to kick off the idea of a community garden in the hall grounds. Thoughts include vegetables and also native seedlings grown from local stock to be locally. We welcome any ideas and help. I will arrange a get together to start it off in the next few weeks. Please call me if you are interested.

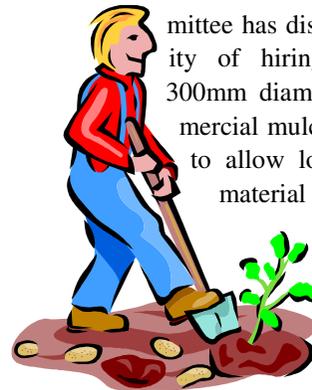
"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need"

Marcus Tullius Cicero



Spring Mulcher

With the annual Pinehaven bonfire sadly extinguished by the bureaucrats, our once a year opportunity to easily dispose of the accumulation of woody material from the bottom of the garden has also disappeared.



With this in mind, the PPA committee has discussed the possibility of hiring a large (up to 300mm diameter capacity) commercial mulcher for a few hours to allow locals to bring their material along for mulching.

For a small charge you could get rid of your unwanted cuttings, take home some mulch

for your garden, help cover the cost of the mulcher and contribute to the community garden compost heap.

These large machines must be hired with an operator so they don't come cheap. We need to gauge interest to see if there are enough people wanting to use the service to cover our rental costs so please let me know ASAP if are interested. If there is sufficient interest, it will organised for November.

Biodynamic Gardening Seminar

I am trying to entice Jim O'Gorman back up from the deep south to run another one or maybe two gardening seminars around late November. Nothing is confirmed yet, but I will keep you posted. We had really good feedback from the last seminars that Jim ran, so when we get a date, be sure to be in early. Keep an eye on the community noticeboards.

Gardening Book

Check out "Wally's Down to Earth Gardening Guide" by Wally Richards from Palm-erston North. It is a guide to organic gardening in the lower North Island and comes recommended. Call 0800466464 or go to Garden Pages and News at www.gardenews.co.nz

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