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President's Report

Attached is the President's Report for the forthcoming AGM. Please bring this with you to the AGM.

Additional News

Repairs and Maintenance

It is great to report that Hadleigh Lill, our very accommodating and helpful builder, has commenced work on the repairs to the exterior of the building to get it to a state where it can be painted. The Library will also be rebuilt and upgraded to better than new!

Members are advised that the
46th Annual General Meeting
of the
Ferrymead Printing Society
will be held in the Printery Library
Saturday 1st April 2017 at 2:00pm.
All very welcome
Karen Gorsuch, Secretary

Greetings everyone,

Our AGM is approaching next month so it would be great to see a good turn out for this important meeting. There is lots to report on at this meeting - a new Constitution, some generous donations and repairs to the outside and Library. If you would like to be more involved through being part of the great team that administrates the Society on your behalf, please contact an Executive member.

Important note -

With the new timetable, Working Bees were to be held on the last Saturday of the month, i.e. this month's would be Sat 25th March. With AGMs held on the 1st Saturday in April, this would mean asking people to come to the Printery for two Saturdays in a row for these two events. So we are moving our Working Bee one week on so that it is on the same Saturday (unfortunately April 1st) as the AGM.

The timetable for the day will therefore be;

- 10:00 am Printery open for Working Bee but please come whenever you can.
- 2:00 pm AGM in the Printery Library
- 3:30 pm Social time

Subscriptions

Thanks to those who have paid their subscriptions so promptly. Your attention to this important contribution to our Society's finances is greatly appreciated. Another subscription form is included in this Scoop just in case something happened to your last Scoop.

Waitangi Day / Nostalgia Festival

Thanks to members for their help with these two weekends at Ferrymead. We had a reasonable number of people through on the Sunday of Waitangi Day but Waitangi Day Monday was reasonable quiet. Despite this, we were pleased to entertain a number of visitors, particularly a group from Germany who were thrilled with their visit and the obvious connections between their homeland and the history of printing / equipment in our Printery.

Nostalgia Festival Saturday was again a very successful day for the Society (and the Park). We had crowds through the Printery from 10:00am until nearly 7:00pm when we were able to shut the doors. We were very grateful to a large number of members who turned up to assist us with this important day, especially members of our Tuesday night Twilight Art Group and our Junior Print Group.



Two of our Junior Group members (Olivia Hawton and Alexandra Trolove on the right) helping members of the public print a large Nostalgia poster, on the 1863 Albion, to take away as a souvenir of the event and their visit. These girls did an amazing job manning the Albion from 10:00am through to 5:00pm! Goodness knows how many posters they printed and gave away. A highlight was giving one of these posters they had designed, type set and printed, to some of the female performers at the Nostalgia Concert. This was huge appreciated by the performers and Nadia Reid gave the girls copies of her latest CDs in appreciation! Emily Fairlight has since contacted the Society and wants to invite the two girls to her next concert! And the young lady to the left is looking at joining the Society!



Jessica Tabke, checking a print for the Nostalgia Festival she has done on the 1913 Albion, watched on by Cameron Ralston who designed and set the print. Both these two are leading members of the Tuesday Twilight Art Group.



Liselle Silver, another member of the Tuesday Twilight Art group, checks her Nostalgia print on the 1967 Albion in the Workroom



Junior Group member Isana applying heat to the gold dusting on a Wedding Anniversary card she has just finished. A member of a catering company at the Nostalgia Festival called in to the Printery before the event started in the morning, with a special request. It was her parent's 50th Wedding Anniversary on that very day and as her father had been a printer, she wondered if it would be possible for the Printing Society to make an appropriate card. 11 year old Junior Print Group member Isana took on the task and type set a card using the layout asked for by the client, but choosing her own type and colours/ card. Within a few hours, Isana had her layout printed and highlighted with gold dusting, the end result being very much appreciated. The front of the card featured an image of an Albion.

In case you have misplaced the Membership Form from last month...



Ferrymead Printing Society

Membership Renewal 2017

'All members (and Executive Members) shall promote the purposes of the Society and shall do nothing to bring the Society into disrepute'. (From Constitution 13.1)

(Please complete a membership renewal form even if a Life or Honorary member.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Type of Membership: Full (\$25) Junior (\$25) Business (\$60)
 Life Honorary

Declaration: I support the Objectives of the Society outlined above and wish to be a member for 2017.

Payment Enclosed \$_____ (Please post to Ferrymead Printing Society, P.O.Box 41177, Ferrymead, Christchurch)

Paid Online \$_____ (Ferrymead Printing Society, Account number 03 0830 0338510-01 - use name as reference)

Signed _____

Date: _____

Please bring this with you to the AGM!

46th Annual General Meeting

Presidents report 2017

It gives me great pleasure to present this, the 46th Annual General Meeting President's Report of the Ferrymead Printing Society.

2016 has been a very busy year for Ferrymead Printing Society with a huge growth in membership, gaining 48 signed up new members and a further 12 in the process of joining. The two main reasons for this was the introduction of Howard's wonderful "Society Scoop" newsletter, which raised our profile and informed people of what is happening in the print shop which lead to a huge interest in our society. The other reason was the introduction of a number of print groups giving a lot of people the opportunity to experience and join our wonderful world of print.

These print groups included a Print Group for mainly new members, a Twilight Art Group, comprised of students from the University, ARA and Design and Arts College, and a Junior Print Group, all quite different in the way they approach our craft.

Over the last year, we held workshops for the Design and Arts College, University School of Fine Arts and the School of Media and Communications, as well as the Physics Room contemporary Art Space. Thank you to Cameron Ralston and Darren Sawyer for the work he did in making these workshops so successful.

We have also run workshops at Heaton Intermediate School and Papanui Primary School to introduce younger students to the wonders of printing, as well as having many school groups come through the Printery while on school visits to Ferrymead. Thanks to Russ Harris for his support with the session at Heaton Intermediate.

We were involved in the City Council's children's Kidsfest holiday programme in July and ran 6 workshops which were very well received. We gained a number of Junior Print Group members as a result of the Kidsfest sessions. We have registered to be involved again this year. Thank you to Howard, Fiona and our lovely junior girls Isabel and Soraya who were a huge help. We also helped an organisation called Rekindle with a printing display at "Festa" in October where Isana and Soraya were a big hit with the public.

I am truly indebted to Murray Aspinal for the many days he spent helping us shift, assemble and repair our printing equipment, especially the work he put in with the bindery we have recently been gifted by the family of the late Eric Galt. Our bookbinding member, Sandy Corbet has been a godsend in helping us put the bindery equipment into a logical layout and showing us how to use it. It is our intention to run classes on Bookbinding in the near future with Sandy's assistance, which will possibly introduce new members to our Society?

In addition to the Bindery Equipment, we were also donated a large Heidelberg KORA press by Wilson Print Rangiora, which was shifted from Rangiora for free by Rangiora Transport. We were also donated a lot of other printing and non printing equipment which has enabled us to make our working space more organised and the time spent in the Printery more enjoyable and rewarding.

Over the last year our Society has gone through quite a change, which has involved tidying up some displays to make them more relevant and informative. In July we introduced a monthly working bee which has been well attended. Thank you to those who have turned up, especially Steve Johnson, Chris Horsham, Karen Gorsuch and Della Bennett. Without your support it would be difficult to keep the Printshop functioning. A huge thanks to Howard Pettigrew for organising these events.

Howard, with Gavin Tweedy's assistance, has done a lot of work making the Ferrymead Printing Society compliant with current incorporated society legislation, and rewriting our constitution, making it more in line with the direction our Society is going. It is the first time since 1993 that the Constitution has been reviewed and with the member's agreement, the new Constitution will be ratified at the A.G.M.

Howard has also brought our book keeping methods in line with current financial reporting requirements. The changes will mean our society is completely transparent in the recording of our activities and the rules that govern us. I find it difficult to find words that adequately express the gratitude I feel for the work he has done with this.

The year has not gone by without some difficulties as sadly we lost our stalwart and inspirational leader Louis Young. Louis was a member of our Society for 43 years, attending the first meeting held in March 1973 when the idea of setting up a print shop at Ferrymead was first proposed. His guidance and encouragement is sorely missed by us all. We also lost a long term member John Robertson last winter.

Gavin Tweedy was invested as a Life Member of the Society in January just before retiring to Motueka. Gavin has been a member of our society for 37 years and has spent a lot of time this year working with Howard on our Constitution. We wish him well in retirement.

With up to 40 people regularly using our Printshop and the Printshop being open 13 days a month, the facility is a hive of activity. At the recent Nostalgia Festival, there were 24 members representing the Society in the Printshop, helping visitors print, demonstrating various machinery or showing people around. It shows that our Society has a healthy future with so many people interested in our craft.

The Ferrymead Printing Society is in very good health and we are looking forward to an exciting future as we start badly needed maintenance on the exterior of our building over the coming months.

Sincerely

Gary Parker