



West Auckland Men's Rebus Club

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Newsletter

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The next meeting will be at 10 am, Friday 11 December, at the New Lynn Friendship Hall, 3063 Great North Road, New Lynn
Because another group needs it, we must vacate the meeting room no later than 12 noon, so please be prompt and expeditious

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Being still preoccupied with moving house, I have not been able to give as much care and attention to this Newsletter as I would normally do. I therefore apologise in advance for any any shortcomings. Please bear with me. Hopefully, normal service will be resumed in the New Year.

To start, something from the **Rebus Club News**:

As I start to compile this last edition of Club News for 2020 it is hard not to breath a sigh of relief that we are coming to the end of a most extraordinary year. 2020 will go down in history as the year when so many things changed in our country, and indeed the world. Gone are the winter holidays in warmer climes – the visits to or from friends and relations overseas – but we are the lucky ones. Changes in our lives have hopefully made us more tolerant of others - more caring for family, friends and neighbours – and generally more aware of world events. How lucky we are!

With Christmas approaching, we are able to enjoy celebrations without too many restrictions, so please enjoy this festive season, whatever it means to you – gathering with family, friends and fellow Rebus club members. We are not out of the woods yet, but I believe 2021 will be a better year because of what we have learned this year.

“Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning how to dance in the rain.”

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

Soon we will be having our Christmas Meeting,(Friday 11 December 10am at the Hall) we will be having an early lunch it really is a Friendly get together gathering a time to chat with each other we will not have any Speakers, also we have to be out of the hall by 12 as another group will be waiting.

I have had some nice phone calls and some positive comments after the last meeting about how much they loved the last meeting and I have to add that I also was very pleased with how it went.

At our next meeting, I will present Bill Fairs with a nice pen, for the Highest Achievement Award voted for by the members.

I was not surprised to see Bill Fairs get this award as he had earned the right to talk on the subject also his body gestures (language) and his voice tones matched his presentation, on the other hand, I congratulate Justin Griffin for the way he handled the breakdown of the sound on the overhead system and something we can all take away from Justin's talk is he spoke to us not the screen, a common error with many presentations.

Neil Castle and Charles Nicholls, thanks for your presentations.

At our January meeting, we will have only three Speakers as I have a secret special presentation to also conduct. Unless you kill me I will not say any more on this. Reminder- that all talks are a maximum of 10 minutes. after which time for up to 3 questions or comments.

Cheers Bill Mutch

CLUB EVENTS

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Chairman Bill Mutch welcomed 33 members to the meeting at 10.00 am on Friday 10 November 2020. There were seven apologies: Barry O'Rourke, Rae Hildreth, Tom Loundes, Bob Lee, Ken Mutch, Laurie Whetton, Stephen David.

The minutes of the previous meeting (9 October 2020), were provided to Bill Mutch for signing.

Noel Rose informed the meeting he had eleven copies of Hugh Dickey's book on the Whau. Noel said it has lots of illustrations and stories. The cost of the book is \$5, and it's a beauty.

Bill Mutch provided an almoner's report. Stephen David is in Auckland hospital and has been there for about three weeks. Ray Hancock has had a pacemaker fitted. Ken Mutch has returned home from hospital. Ken is really struggling and is unlikely to return to the club. Laurie Whetton is in Peacehaven rest home. Bill has been to see Laurie twice, and on the second occasion Laurie didn't know who he was.

Trayton Wickens reported that Jack Morley's wife has died. Trayton suggested Jack come back to the Rebus meetings, but he had been invited to Te Atatu Probus (held on the same day as ours) and therefore couldn't come.

There was one minute's silence to mark the passing of former President Neil Lindstrom, who died on 8 October 2020. Bill described Neil as an outstanding President.

Vince Middeldorp reported that he had received three items of external correspondence. Trish Reynolds from the Warbirds Association to say "no" to a request for a discount for the 6th December display at Ardmore; Chelsea Bay asking for feedback on their visitor's centre and factory tour; and Rebus NZ Inc who provided us with a membership brochure.

Laurie Vincent said there were eighteen items on the menu for the Christmas Lunch at the Friendship Hall on Friday 11 December (second Friday of the month) at 10.00 am. Laurie asked members to pay \$15 per person to Justin Griffith and suggested members bring their partners.

Ian Smith said the next coffee morning would be at Esquires in Henderson 10.00 am on 26 November. Ian reminded members of the bus trip to the Warbirds Display on 6 December (cost \$30).

Bill Mutch asked for a round of applause for Herb Simmonds, who celebrated his 97th birthday recently. Bill Fairs suggested Herb would be the senior member of our club. Ray Hancock is 96.

Maurice Vickers said there is a name for fear of Friday 13th. It is worse than Welsh – paraskevidekatriphobia.

Claudia, Bill's granddaughter, provided him with a joke. A 95 year old man was rushed into hospital with possible concussion as a result of a fall. "Do you know where you are?" the young doctor asked. "Yes, I'm in Auckland Hospital," said the man. "And what City are you in?" "Auckland, of course," the man replied. "Do you know who I am?" "Yes you are Dr Miller," said the man who then turned to the nurse and said, "I hope he doesn't ask me any more questions." "Why is that?" said the nurse. "Because all the answers so far have been on the doctor's name badge."

Tom Miller conducted a quiz that once again proved to be great fun:



Instead of a guest speaker, three club members spoke: Neil Castle, Bill Fairs, Charles Nicholls and Justin Griffith.



◀ Neil Castle enthralled the audience with tales of his derring-do on and off the high seas

Members did not fail to enjoy a hearty morning tea, which included delicious muffins provided by the multi-talented Neil Castle ▼



Bill Mutch closed the meeting at 11.45 am.

CLUB BUSINESS

SPEAKERS

Instead of a single Guest Speaker, the November meeting had four Club Speakers (Neil Castle, Bill Fairs, Charles Nicholls and Justin Griffith), who each spoke for 10 minutes. Compere Bill Mutch kept them to this limit: Neil took only 7 minutes and 20 seconds; the other three went to the wire.

Bill began by introducing the concept of the Three Es of Public Presentations:

- Earned the right to talk about a subject via personal experience or hard study
- Eager to share – shown by your body language
- Excited – shown by your speech tones (do they match the speech)

People are judged 60% by body language, 30% by tone and 10% by the words used.

NEIL CASTLE

Neil began saying that he was ‘not used to public speaking’. Yeah right! I’ve lost track of the number of times Neil has spoken to us, on a wide variety of subjects. In fact, I sometimes think that the Club does not need a Speaker Organiser: we just need to have Neil take the microphone every month!

This time Neil told us of when, in 1996, he had the chance to be passenger on a 48-foot racing yacht being delivered from Auckland to Sydney to take part in in Sydney-Hobart Race and the Southern Cross Series.

On the way north around New Zealand, Neil was hit by a sea bird. I don’t know about the bird, but Neil obviously survived the experience. He noted the ‘meeting of the oceans’ off Cape Reinga. They had an uneventful trip across the Tasman, navigating by the stars – no GPS in those days. They enjoyed good weather until the last night, when they were hit by an electrical storm off Newcastle. Arriving in Sydney, they reported to Customs at Rose Bay (they weren’t interested) then moored at the CYC Yacht Club, at Rushcutters Bay. Where they were have their fill of duty-free booze and raw prawns.

Neil had a cousin who was married to an Australian who was a ‘big wig’ in the NSW government. Neil was going to visit friends who were caretakers in a club in Neutral Bay. Neil’s cousin-in-law offered him the services of the vice-regal Rolls Royce, complete with chauffeur (the Governor General being away at the time). Neil had a box of chocolates. When they arrived, the chauffeur told Neil to wait in the car while he announced his arrival, then to give him the chocolates as he when in. The locals were most impressed by Neil’s arrival.

Each speaker was limited to 10 minutes, which Bill Mutch strictly enforced. Neil needed only 7 minutes and 20 seconds. The other 3 speakers all went to the line.

In Question Time, it was noted that now it was not navigation by the stars, but by GPS, and that, in any case, it is not hard to miss Australia. The hard part is finding the right bit of Australia. I noted that this served the Dutch well for a couple of centuries: they got to the Dutch East Indies (Indonesia) by sailing downwind from Cape Town with the Westerlies, then turning left at Australia. Some of them missed the turn, which is why there are so many 17th and 18th century Dutch ships wrecked on the West Australian coast.

Andrew Geddes told of the navigator who was always 50 miles off course. He had a torch with a magnet.

Rodger Hallam ended this part of the session by asking Neil how, given all the antics he got up to, was it that he never got arrested. Neil replied that he always used someone else’s name.

BILL FAIRS

Bill spoke, from the heart, about his old friend and hero, Auschwitz survivor Willie Sneider.

Those of us from West Auckland Mens’ Rebus will have heard Willie. Bill gave a summary of Willie’s life and background to their friendship.

In 1958 Bill had just left school and started work. He was also playing in a band with Bob Paris, when Benny Levin offered them an 18-week tour with Howard Morrison. They jumped at the chance.

The tour went to Christchurch, for 10 days of rehearsal. At night they went to the airport and socialised with Americans there as part of the Antarctic programme. They fell in with Max Merritt and his group, which included Willie, who played the saxophone. Bill and Willie, who was a few years older, became friends and Bill began to learn his story.

Bill learned that Willie had come from Hungary after the 1956 Revolution and Soviet invasion, during which Willie and his friends had, for a time, thwarted the soviet tanks. Bill and Willie stayed in touch for a while, then drifted apart. Then, by chance, they met again in Auckland Hospital. Bill learned that Willie was living in a retirement village in New Windsor Road and met with friends for morning tea in the Lynnmall food court.. Bill often joined them.

About 10 years ago, Bill happened to hear Willie speaking on talk back radio and learned more of his story. Bill asked Willie to speak to Probus, as it was then. Willie agreed, in return for a \$150 donation to the Kadimah School, where he taught music. That was arranged.

Willie was born in Hungary. His mother was a doctor; his father an engineer. The family name was originally Cohen, but his father changed it to the more German Schneider. Not that it did them any good when Germany occupied Hungary, in 1944: his mother was employed as a doctor by the Germans, his father was put to work building rockets and 8-year-old Willie was sent to Auschwitz.

In Auschwitz, Willie, along with other children, was housed in barracks with bunks in three tiers: under 5s in the bottom tier, 5-10-year-olds in the middle and those over 10 in the top tier. 8-year-old Willie, in the middle tier, was looked after by a 12-year-old girl, Eva, in the top tier.

Both Willie and Eva were experimented on, undergoing numerous operations. Willie once showed Bill his head: it was like 'crazy paving'. One day, Willie noticed that Eva was missing. He asked the nurse in charge of the children where she was and was told that she was dead. Hard for the then 9-year-old to take.

One morning a Nazi officer came in and began beating Willie because he was slow to respond. When the nurse intervened on Willie's behalf, he shot her. Out of respect for her, Willie took her name: Steiner.

Bill came back from a trip, only to learn that Willie – his hero - had died.

As Bill Mutch said, Bill had the audience rapt: 'you could hear a pin drop'.

CHARLES NICHOLLS

Charles retired from running the Waitakere Alternate Education Programme in 2008. He and his wife then moved to Singapore. There she taught pre-University A-Level Linguistics in the Integrated School: he accompanied her as 'her maid'. For something to do, Charles joined ANZA (Australian & New Zealand Association), which offers volunteer activities for expats in Singapore. He took up part-time work teaching college English.

He also joined two NGOs; in particular, the Migrant Workers Centre, which provides support and services for Singapore's 1.3 million (out of a total population of 5 million) migrant workers. Although Singapore's economy is dependent upon these workers, they are poorly paid, earning only about \$460/month, compared to \$3700/month by Singaporeans. They are also much abused; for example, compensation for injury is slow in coming.

Charles worked in the Singaporean equivalent of a soup kitchen (actually, rice and vegetables) for South Asians. On registering, they were entitled to one meal three times a week. It also functioned as a pressure group on their behalf with the Singapore government. Charles collected and organised statistics, and advocated for individuals.

He also joined the Life Community Trust, which worked with children whose parent or parents were in prison. Charles was the only foreigner in the Trust: its mostly ethnic Chinese members found it difficult to relate to Malays. One such young Muslim Malay who Charles took under his wing was Faysal. 9-year-old Faysal was not in school, because his parents, who had criminal associations, had not registered his birth, so that he was not a citizen.

Despite this, Charles found Faysal to be very bright. He spent 5 days per week working with him, using a map of New Zealand and a Guide to Singapore. Charles said he would use the Guide to get Faysal to show him around Singapore. In return, when he was older, he would bring Faysal to New Zealand and show him the country. He did this about three years ago.

Faysal, who is now 21, called, and still calls, Charles 'Uncle'. In return, Charles calls him 'the bright star over the Pacific'.

Charles was introduced to the local MP by the Residents' Committee. Charles used the opportunity on Faysal's behalf, by shamelessly name-dropping that he had been on Helen Clarke's and Phil Goff's Electorate Committees. This prestigious connection soon got Faysal into school. Faysal eventually went to Polytechnic, and won a \$50,000 scholarship to study Sound Engineering in Music.

Charles concluded his talk by noting that Singapore has a serious Coronavirus problem in its migrant community, and suggested that perhaps New Zealand has a similar problem with Russian seamen.

JUSTIN GRIFFITH

Justin spoke on what he referred to as his 'hols' in 2003: his part in the "liberation" (so-called) of Iraq. He came with an impressive AV accompaniment. The V(ideo) part was OK, but the A(udio) failed to cooperate. The full 40 minute Battle Hospital video by Olly Lambert is available on line (<https://bit.ly/3nkYmYM> or <https://vimeo.com/46681626>).

Justin left the British Army in 1996, having 'fired rockets, educated soldiers and messed with computers'. His last Army job had been teaching fluffy subjects to undergraduate students. He was offered the same job as a civilian, but turned it down because the subjects were too fluffy.

He therefore retired from the Army to become a IT consultant; selling his soul to various large firms who paid too much money. In 2000/2001 he was back in the Army for a year, doing a computer job in a NATO HQ in Germany. He then got a civilian job in his native Yorkshire, because he was studying for 3 years and needed to be in Yorkshire.

Two weeks after starting work with the local council, he was called back into the Army. Going via Chetwynd Barracks, Nottingham, he and two others were posted to 33rd Field Hospital, in Gosport. From there, they were posted to Northern Kuwait, as a Battle Hospital supporting the Invasion of Iraq.. The 33rd Field Hospital, a Regular Army unit, was soon sent home and replaced by a Territorial unit, 202 Field Hospital.

Justin and his colleagues remained, as-(there were others doing warry stuff) the military side of the unit, manning its communications. They ran the military operations side of the hospital from the Operations Room, leaving the medical side of it to others. The 650 staff, with 200 beds and 7 operating theatres, handled a constant stream of casualties, mostly Iraqi civilian casualties of Coalition weapons.

After the Invasion, 202 moved into Iraq and one of his colleagues returned to the UK, but Justin and the other moved to the medical branch in the logistic headquarters in Umm Qasr, Iraq.

Justin showed (silent) views of life in Kuwait and Iraq. They were eventually housed in air-conditioned tents, which was an improvement. Sandstorms were a constant menace. Buses contested right-of-way with camels; and lost. Tony Blair visited, but Justin made sure they did not meet. The flight home had to take off in total darkness, because it was unsafe to show any light.

Four very interesting talks, which lost nothing from their brevity.

After the talks, Bill Mutch circulated a questionnaire on the best speaker. There will be a presentation to the winner at the December meeting.

January's meeting will continue this theme, with three more Club Speakers and a 'Mystery Presentation'.

QUIZ

Tom Miller informed and amused us with another of his World-Famous-In-West-Auckland quizzes
Questions and answers provided by Tom Miller, with contributions from Laurie Vincent
Answers below- no peeking

- 1 What do Trump supporters and many Republicans wear?
- 2 Jakarta is the capital of which country?
- 3 The Mason-Dixon Line divides what?
- 4 What does a heliologist study?
- 5 What is the larva of the House Fly?
- 6 What is 4-cubed?
- 7 Which Christine featured in a major 1962 UK political scandal?
- 8 Who wrote *Tom Sawyer*?
- 9 What instrument did Larry Adler play?
- 10 What is the last day of the week alphabetically?
- 11 What does the Ozone Layer protect us from?
- 12 Which New Zealand pop star sang *Lawdy Miss Clawdy* at the Trades Hall, Grey Lynn?
- 13 Which two great swing bands performed in Auckland in the 1960s?
- 14 Which NZ yachtsman won the One Ton Cup in Auckland in 1969?
- 15 Which radio host warned Aucklanders of the approach of a large swarm of wasps in 1949?
- 16 Who was Eddie Isbey?
- 17 What did Mughal Emperor Shad Jahan build in Agra as a tomb for his favourite wife?
- 18 How long is Ninety Mile Beach?

As usual, Tom concluded with a "Bad Joke" (his words, not mine):

Three nuns were sitting on a park bench, enjoying the peace and quiet.
A man approached them and exposed himself.
The three nuns were in shock: one had a stroke.
The other two couldn't decided whether to or not; so the man put his clothes back on and left.

OUTINGS

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 26 November saw our *third* Coffee Morning at Esquires, The Boundary, in Henderson. Does Outings Organiser Ian have an 'arrangement' with Esquires management? 16 of our members and partners attended. It was supposed to be a joint event with Waitakere Combined Rebus, 11 of whom attended, but they all sat a separate table and there was minimal mingling. Nevertheless, a good time was had by all.

Federation Coordinator Bill Fairs had by then received the ordered 2021 Rebus Calendars and brought them to Esquires, so that members were able to take delivery of their purchases. Outstanding orders can be collected at the December meeting. Bill has one Calendar unallocated. If anyone wants it, it's yours for \$10.

Club stalwarts Bill Mitch and Trevor Pollard at the counter, with erstwhile member Eric Strickett waits his turn



Bill Fairs taking time out from his muffin, with Roger Laloli and Rodger Hallam in earnest conversation:



The West Auckland Mens Rebus table, with Waitakere Combined behind:



Janet and Andrew Geddes obviously having a good time. Andrew in one of his trademark hats, plus a name tag, so that there can be no uncertainty as to his identity:



Vince Middeldorp and Ian Smith in earnest discussion ▼



Ian also spent time in solitary contemplation, presumably about the next Coffee Morning:



Andrew Narayan holding court, with Ian fraternizing with the Waitakere people in the background. Perhaps best not to enquire into what Vince is doing. Note the 2021 Rebus Calendar on the table in front of Linda Narayan ▼



All-in-all, another excellent Coffee Morning, organized by the ever-capable Ian Smith. Well done, that man. Keep up the good work.

CHELSEA TRIP

I was unable to go on this trip, so could not report on it, but Vince Middeldorp went and provided the following report, complete with photos:

THE CHELSEA TOUR - HOW WRONG CAN YOU BE?

The trip to the Chelsea Sugar Refinery was an outstanding success. The visitor centre was even better than it looked from photos posted on the internet. Views over Auckland City and the Harbour Bridge from the Heritage Park were breathtaking.

The tour involved climbing up industrial non-slip aluminium stairs, seeing the tanks used for mixing, cleaning and crystallising the sugar, seeing the carbon filters used for removing the finest of contaminants, going into the control room where the processes are computer controlled and finally seeing and tasting the range of products produced at Chelsea.

Camera's and cell phones were not allowed and had to be left in a locker. This requirement had nothing to do with industrial espionage and was all about accident prevention, i.e. people getting distracted and slipping over.

Before the tour, I thought all Chelsea's raw sugar came from either Fiji or Queensland. Wrong - the raw sugar now comes from everywhere. The last ship came from India. All sugar from Fiji now goes to England.

I thought castor sugar would be regular sugar that has been finally ground. Wrong – the melted sugar is left to crystallise and the longer it is left the larger the crystals. Hence, castor sugar is made by stopping the crystallising process after a few minutes. Regular sugar is made by allowing the crystallizing to continue for a few hours.

I thought white sugar was bad and maybe brown sugar was a better. Wrong – white sugar is actually coloured to make it brown.

I thought Tip Top ice cream would be one of Chelsea's best customers. Wrong – Tip Top buy their sugar from someone else. Anyone can bring sugar into New Zealand.

I thought Chelsea would only supply the domestic market. Wrong – Chelsea exports overseas, notably to Singapore and Japan.

I thought Chelsea does not make maple syrup. Wrong - last stop on the tour was a display, with tasting of the Chelsea products and there was maple syrup. Chelsea use maple syrup flavouring to make their maple syrup.

On our way into the refinery I looked out the bus window and saw ponds with aeration paddles stirring up the water. I thought they must be effluent ponds. Wrong – the sugar refining process uses a lot of water (a kilogram of water for every kilogram of sugar). The ponds are fed by local streams and the refinery uses pond water in the refining process, e.g. making steam. Water from the city supply is also used, e.g. for the final wash.

This tour is highly recommended in online reviews, and I would endorse that. For those who didn't go because of the stair climbing involved, and use of walking sticks and strollers not being allowed, I would suggest going to Chelsea just to see the visitor's centre and Heritage Park. There were people there doing just that.



Arriving in grand style ▲ Some of the assembled throng ▼



Safety was paramount ▼ ►



Some of the trippers in their nifty safety gear – perhaps we could make it the Club uniform:



The highlight of the trip, sampling the local produce ▼



Thanks Vince

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This year's Christmas Lunch will be at the usual December time and place (Friday 11 and Friendship Hall). Richard the Caterer will cater the event. Members and partners are invited. We are have guessed at the number attending. Hopefully we have got it right.

There is a \$15 per person cost, which can be paid at either the November or December meetings. Please have the correct amount, to make things as easy as possible for Justin.

NEXT COFFEE MORNING

None scheduled.

MEMBERS CONTRIBUTIONS

While clearing out for my move to Waitakere Gardens I found this in my collection. I don't know where it came from, but it seems apposite. Enjoy.

PERSONAL RELATIONS IN A DIGITAL AGE

Dear Tech Support:

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slow down in the overall performance, particularly in the Flower and Jewellery applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0

In addition, Husband 5.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5 and then installed undesirable programs such as: Football 5.0, Rugby 4.3 and Cricket 3.0.

Conversations 8.0 no longer runs; it simply crashes the system. I've tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems. To no avail. What can I do?

Signed.
Desperate

Dear Desperate:

First keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an Operating System. Try entering the command:

[C:/-THOUGHT-YOU-LOVED-ME](#) to download Tears 6.2, which should automatically install Guilt 3.0. If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewellery 2.0 and Flowers 3.5.

But remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0, or Beer 6.1.

WARNING: Beer 6.1 is a very nasty program that will create Snoring Loudly.

CAUTION: Whatever you do, DO NOT install Mother-in-law. This is not a supported application and will crash Husband 1.0.

In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. I personally recommend Hot Food 3.0 and Lingerie 7.7.

Good Luck, Tech Support

(Perhaps Desperate should upgrade to Husband 2.0)

Dear Technical Support,

18 months ago, I upgraded to Girlfriend 1.0 from Drinking Mates 4.2, which I had used for years without any trouble. However, there are apparently conflicts between these two products and the only solution was to try and run Girlfriend 1.0 with the sound turned off.

To make matters worse, Girlfriend 1.0 is incompatible with several other applications, such as LadsNightOut 3.1, Football 4.5, and Playboy 6.9.

Successive versions of GirlFriend proved no better.

I tried a shareware program, Slapper 2.1, but it had many bugs and left a virus in my system, forcing me to shut down completely for several weeks.

Eventually, I tried to run GirlFriend 1.2 and GirlFriend 1.0 at the same time, only to discover that when these two systems detected each other they caused severe damage to my hardware.

I eventually upgraded to Fiancée 1.0, only to discover that this product soon had to be upgraded further to Wife 1.0. While Wife 1.0 tends to use up all my available resources, it does come bundled with FreeSexPlus and CleanHouse2005.

Shortly after this upgrade, however, I found that Wife 1.0 could be very unstable and costly to run. Any mistakes I made were automatically stored in Wife 1.0's memory and could not be deleted. They then resurfaced months later when I had forgotten about them. Wife 1.0 also has an automatic Diary, Explorer and E-mail filter, and can, without warning, launch TurboStrop and Multi-Whinge. These latter products have no Help files, and I have to try to guess what the problem is.

Additional problems are that Wife 1.0 needs updating regularly, requiring ShoeShopBrowser for new attachments and RestyleExpress which needs to be reinstalled every other week. Also, when Wife 1.0 attaches itself to my Saab 93 Convertible hard drive, it often crashes.

Wife 1.0 also comes with an irritating pop-up called Mother-in-Law, which can't be turned off.

Recently I've been tempted to install Mistress 2005, but there could be problems. A friend of mine has alerted me to the fact that if Wife 1.0 detects Mistress 2005, it tends to delete all of your Money before uninstalling itself.

What do I do?

Mr. Desperate

(This did not come with any advice: obviously hopeless)

Trevor Pollard invites us all to:

Friends of Waikumete invite you to:

Carols by Candlelight

At the Chapel of Faith in the Oaks

SUNDAY DEC 13, 7PM-8PM

CHOIR: GLENEDEN METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL
PIPER: ANDREW WILKIE
SINGER: MARINA SCOTT
MC: SIMOND GRANT
CONTACT: TREVOR POLLARD 09 817 8822

FREE EVENT

Waitakere Ranges Local Board
Auckland Council

FEDERATION

2021 CALENDAR

If you have not already collected your Calendar(s) at Esquires, you can do so at the meeting. Bill has one spare Calendar: yours for only \$10.

SERVICES

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Charles Nicholls is a JP, and has offered fellow members his services as such, as per:

I am available to assist members with any documents that need a JP to sign. Our services are free. I can be contacted on this email cdnich300@gmail.com or on my landline 09 6293816 or as a last resort on my cell phone 02102551937.

If members cannot get to my house, I will visit people in their homes or meet them at one of our meetings.

Services are free. If members want a JP and for some reason I am not available they can access the following website <http://justiceofthepeace.org.nz/>.

While all JPs can act, I recommend that clients go to one that has the word accredited by his/her name as that means she/he has kept up with recent training.

It is unlikely that Charles is the only member with knowledge/skills that might be useful to other members. If you can contribute in any such way, please write a short notice and send it to me, to include in the Newsletter, and to Vince, to put on the website.

SENIORNET WEST AUCKLAND

Members of a digital bent might be interested in the services offered by SeniorNet West Auckland (<http://www.seniornet-west-auckland.org.nz/>): two Help Sessions and a Meeting each month. The Help Sessions are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, 10-11 am, at its Learning Centre, upstairs in the Henderson RSA (66 Railside Avenue, Henderson). There is a \$5 fee. The Monthly Meeting, with a speaker, is on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 10 am – noon, in the Kelston Community Centre (in the same room where West Auckland Rebus used to meet). A \$2 donation will give you morning tea and 3 chances of a small prize.

With COVID-19 once again in abeyance, normal services have been resumed. The next meeting will be on 17 November. The November Help Sessions will be on the 10th and 24th. The final Help Session of 2020 will be on 8 December. The first of 2021 will be on 26 January.

COMPUTER SERVICING

October's quest speaker, Grant Stevens, is actually a computer serviceman, operating as Eden Computers (<http://www.edencomputers.co.nz/>). I have not needed his services much, but have found him very helpful when I did, as have others I know. Noel Rose already knew him in this capacity, so I am sure that he will agree with me in recommending Grant if your computer needs care and attention. Grant's contact details are on his website, above. If you cannot access him via his website, you can ring him at 09 638 8188 or 0274 939 017.

OTHER MATTERS

You can download the Rebus Federation Constitution at <https://www.rebus.nz/documents>, where it is listed under *Rules of Rebus NZ*. It was originally intended to append it to this Newsletter, but 13 pages is too long – I am not that desperate for content.

SUPERSENIORS

If you are not already in the habit of doing so, you should consult the SuperSeniors site (<http://www.superseniors.msd.govt.nz/>), where you can find much useful and interesting information, as well as sign-up to their eNewsletter.

EDITORIAL

A timely thought from Mark Twain to finish with:

It is curious that physical courage should be so common in the world and moral courage so rare.

QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1 MAGA hats (Make America Great Again) The Democrat equivalent is MASA (Make America Sane Again)
- 2 Indonesia
- 3 The American states (colonies at the time) to its south, which accepted slavery and those to its north, which did not
- 4 The Sun and its activity
- 5 Maggot
- 6 64 (4x4x4)
- 7 Keeler (she was simultaneously sexually involved with a British minister (Profumo) and the Soviet naval attache)
- 8 Mark Twain (pen name of Samuel Clemens)
- 9 The harmonica
- 10 Wednesday
- 11 The Sun's UV (ultra violet) radiation
- 12 Johnny Devlin
- 13 Count Basie and Duke Ellington
- 14 Chris Bouzaid
- 15 Phil Shone
- 16 A Labour MP (1969-1987)
- 17 The Taj Mahal
- 18 55 miles (88 kilometres), so it should more accurately be Ninety Kilometre Beach

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As often noted by our Federation Liaison Officer, Bill Fairs, the Rebus Federation is always there for us, with help, advice and encouragement.



We are all grateful for their support.

The next meeting will be on Friday 8 January 2021
(usual time, usual place)

The February meeting (on the 12th) will be our AGM. There will also be a meeting of New Lynn Mens Probus, which is currently in recess, to decide its future.

If anyone has any views, opinions, information, requests or questions they want to share with members, please do not hesitate to send them to me, so that I can include them in the Newsletter. Remember, it is YOUR Newsletter: feel free to contribute to it as you will. I do not want to have to write it all myself – I'm too lazy for that!

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