# WINDSORCARE The Cottage Gazette keeping you in the know

Welcome to the WINDSORCARE Family! Brian & Glenys Ward Cottage 44

What's been happening in our community. Colorful gorgeous garden borders popping up.



A huge thanks goes out to those residents who lovingly planted and tend to these amazing veggie gardens. Please help yourself, they are for the community. Please **do not** help yourselves to those who have private gardens.

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What to look out for in December

2<sup>nd</sup> Drive to Banks Peninsula. Lunch at Orton Bradley Park @ 10.00am.

6<sup>th</sup> Shopping trip to Northlands Mall @ 9.45.

7<sup>th</sup> Picnic lunch at Spencer Park (Fish & Chips) @ 11.00.

9<sup>th</sup> Banks Avenue school children coming to sing Christmas carols! @ 11.00. Green Lawn.

12<sup>th</sup> Visit out to Maurice house to see his display with a picnic lunch @ 10.00.

> 13<sup>th</sup> Cottage Christmas Dinner @ 5.00pm.

14<sup>th</sup> Walk around Riccarton Bush with lunch at Riccarton House @11.00.

16<sup>th</sup> Mystery drive with coffee @ 10.00.

19<sup>th</sup> Carols by candle light @6.30

# Birthdays in December

Don Ramsay 2<sup>nd</sup> Cottage #31

Margaret Bassett 22<sup>nd</sup> Cottage #50

Helen England 30<sup>th</sup> Cottage #51

As you would have all seen by now, the trees have been removed from the Golf Links road entrance. A new land scape design is in place. Watch this space!



# Christmas isn't a season, it's a feeling!

### INTRODUCING -Graham Martin Cottage #54

Born in Christchurch, Burwood. Worked the Railways as a Clerical Cadet. Once finishing high school, working with in the South & North Islands. Graham got married to the lovely Jill and had two children. After 27 years Graham retired from the Railways as the National Inventory Manager with the Passenger Business Group. Moved back to Christchurch, bought a commercial tomato growing business just off Marshlands road. Gardening was in his blood, his grandparents that came from Poland were the first to have a market garden in Marshlands, so he went back to his roots. From then he joined the Canterbury Grower's Society (Now horticulture Canterbury). Came part of the National young grower competition. Graham then went on to receive an Industry Service Award for his involvement & just last year also received a Merit award from Vegetables NZ.

Rugby is Grahams passion & still is! He has been a coach, secretary, liaison officer, chairman. He has looked after many visiting teams, All Blacks, Super Ruby teams as national provincial teams. He was even involved with the 1987 Rugby world cup. You name it & Graham has done it. Graham has a son with Autism spectrum this led to Graham wanting to make a difference. He served 5 years on the National executive of Autism NZ as well as chairing the Avonside house trust providing residential care for adults with Autism & intellectual disability for 23 years. Was also part of the Stoke foundation as the South Island General Manager. In 2001 Graham received a community Service Award for Voluntary services from the Mayor of Christchurch Gary Moore.

## A BEAUTIFUL POEM, THAT BRINGS BACK MEMORIES OF ALL!

The Brown Thrush By Lucy Larcom There's a merry brown thrush sitting up in the tree. He's singing to me! He's singing to me! And what does he say, little girl, little boy? Oh, the worlds running over with joy! Don't you hear? Don't you hear? Hush! Look! In my tree I'm as happy as happy can be!

And the brown thrush keeps singing," A nest do you see, And five eggs, hid by me in the juniper tree? Don't meddle! Don't touch! Little girl, little boy, Or the world will lose some of its joy! Now I'm glad! Now I'm free! And I always shall be, If you never bring sorrow to me"

So the merry brown thrush sings away in the tree, To you and to me, to you and to me; And sings all the day, little girl, little boy, "oh, the worlds running over with joy! But long it won't be Don't you know? Don't you see? Unless we are as good as can be!

Lucy was born in Beverley Massachusetts USA 5/3/1824 died 17/4/1893 Was a teacher, writer & poet

#### NOVEMBER HAS BEEN A HUGE MONTH!!

9<sup>TH</sup> VISIT TO THE GARDENS.



22<sup>nd</sup> PYJAMA PARTY BREAKFAST FOR DINNER.



#### Maintenance

A reminder if you have any requests to please fill out a pink slip. It would be appreciated if you do not complain to other residents with negative comments. We know you all agree, Maurice does an amazing job catering to most needs and wants!

We would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas. If you can't be good, be good at it!

