

REDWOOD VALLEY SOCIAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER – JULY 2021

Hallo everyone

What a fantastic night at the Solstice celebration on Saturday 19 June. The hall was once again full, like old times, with people of all ages from 14 months to 70+. While the response from members and immediate residents in the area was not great, we had many people attend from outside the area - some for the first time. They did not know about the hall and were full of praise for the event and “good feel” that was experienced. Trish Harris came up with a very special mulled wine recipe and it was noticed that many came back for seconds. The potluck dinner was a terrific spread for any gourmand to enjoy, with plenty for everyone. After dinner the tables were cleared away, seating rearranged and we were entertained by some very talented musicians and singers with the brave amongst us participating in some vigorous Irish dancing. The enjoyment everyone was having was indicated by a marked reluctance to leave.

Many thanks go to the team of musicians who entertained with wonderful music, singing and hilarious moments of mirth – Amiria Grennell and her 13-year-old daughter, Sienna Newbury, on guitar; Anna Heinz and husband Peter Gale on guitar; quartet “Rural Mail” consisting of Roger and Deidre Lusby and Paul and Chrissy Bond on guitar and ukulele; Barrie McDonald on accordion; Evey McAuliffe called the dances; husband Bob Bickerton played flute and Peter Kinder played harmonica. All of whom gave their time and talent for free!

A very big special thank you to Roger Lusby for arranging the music for us and his skill behind the microphone rallying up the dollars which went into a big red bucket as it did the rounds of the audience. Thanks to your generosity we raised \$850 over the evening.

Remember to visit our website, redwoodvalleyhall.co.nz, which has some interesting past event information and we will add to this from time to time.

Manuela (our Treasurer) and I are hard at work finalizing applications for financial grants which we will need to carry out the improvements necessary to bring the hall up to a better standard. This money will enable us to proceed with meaningful improvements to the hall, which are critical for a sustainable future.

We are presently negotiating for weatherboards and other materials so a working bee can be arranged to carry out replacement of rotten and failing timbers.

Some requests:

1. Anyone with building experience please contact me, Lindsay – 021 036 3940.
2. When receiving this email, please forward it on to anyone you know that attended the Solstice event who is not a RVSS member. If they wish to be on our mailing list they can contact Trish Harris direct by email (iantrishharris@gmail.com).
3. The hall is for hire so please promote it where possible. Hire arrangements, rates and contacts can be obtained on the website.

There will be an AGM in August – date to be notified.

Regards,

Lindsay Alexander (President)