

One tree hill grapevine



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**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year
to all of the
Grapevine readers



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From the Desk



This is our final edition for 2012 and we are very grateful to all those who helped make this newsletter a success again. Including our advertisers, article writers, folders and all who have sent ideas and stories to us, we hope this continues into next year. The next edition of the Grapevine will be in February 2013, this will be the 36th year of the Grapevine.

It is so sad to hear that Sybil Winsor, the pioneer of the "Grapevine" passed away on Sunday 25th November, she and Doug continued to take part in helping the Grapevine up until last month by writing the deadlines up on the community noticeboard. What an inspiring woman to have in our community, she will be sadly missed.

This edition again has many articles of interest with specific emphasis on the bushfire season. The risk of fires this year is very high and preparing property, family and pets is essential so please take the time to read the articles if you didn't attend the meeting last Friday night.

It has been a pleasure to receive items on the many different sporting achievements this year and we hope that those we wrote about will continue to do well in the coming year, don't forget we would love to have updates throughout the year.



Due to an overwhelming response we have the Junior Bakers back....The next bake off will be in February, please complete the registration form on page 21 by the due date.

Don't forget children we have the colouring competition on the centre page, we have given you a few extra weeks to complete it this year. Prizes will be distributed at the February market, winners will be notified by phone.

Unfortunately due to increasing costs to produce the Grapevine there has been a slight increase in advertising costs. We have deferred the increases for quite awhile so we are hoping that our advertisers understand. Can all of our advertisers please contact the Grapevine to reserve a space if you wish to advertise in 2013.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year to all of our readers.

The Grapevine Team.

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Phone: **8280 7095**



President's Report December 2012

We have all had another busy month, dealing with various matters relating to maintenance issues at the Institute, and trying to upgrade facilities for both the community and others to hire.

Progress continues to search for alternatives aimed at reducing our power consumption bills – they are becoming a very large expenditure item. Quotes for solar systems are still being assessed.

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Progress is seeking input on the possible demand for such a service, with growing numbers of residents who do not drive any more, children who attend schools outside the local area and workers who need to connect with other local transport networks.



If you have any ideas, please send an e-mail to progress – I would stress that we are only in the application phase, however we need to know local preferences and needs before we complete any applications.

As we approach the end of the year I would like to express a special thank you to all the people involved in both the publication of the Grapevine as well as the smooth running of the One Tree Hill Progress Association.

I wish all our helpers and all the residents of One Tree Hill a safe and happy Christmas.

Regards Ian Slater



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Email: oth.progress@bigpond.com

or by post: **P.O. Box 196 One Tree Hill, SA 5114**

or by phoning the Secretary on **8280 7095**

To the Grapevine team,

I would like to express my disappointment about the Junior Bakers competition being postponed. Encouraging children, and boys especially, to cook is such a great thing and being able to participate in the junior bakers comp is one of the great things about living in OTH. My son is so proud to be involved and non One Tree Hillians are so impressed there is a comp for the kids.

So I urge other parents in OTH to email the Grapevine to show your support for the comp and if it does return, please encourage your children to participate! If nothing else, you will have some delicious treats to enjoy once a month!

Sincerely Bec (Name and Address Supplied) *"We are happy to announce that Junior Bakers is on again"*

This newsletter is published by the One Tree Hill Progress Association. Email: oth.progress@bigpond.com Ph: 8280 7095

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Special Community Bushfire Awareness Meeting held on Friday the 23rd November

Penny Kazla from Community Education Region 2 SA CFS gave a detailed outline of fire prevention and bushfire ready planning.

Her main focus was on managing fuel loads around your house and preparation well in advance of any fire happening in our area, noting that OTH is geographically fire prone.

Strategies for the fire rating days included:

1: Catastrophic LEAVE EARLY, BEFORE A FIRE STARTS.
We would only recommend people to stay and defend if they have a written practiced plan, all the right equipment and are physically and mentally prepared.

2: Extreme rating GET READY TO ACT.

3: Severe - Well prepared homes can be defended. Embers from a fire as far away as 20 kms can land on your property.

A: Clean up anything that can burn e.g. door mats, mops and any other flammable items around the property. Fill gutters with water - calico bags or old socks filled with sand area a good way to block up down pipes and keep water in the gutter.

B: Have a transistor radio at hand with good batteries

C: Have a plan in place, train the children and have a written survival plan - GO OR STAY. Always have a STAY plan in the event you cannot leave your property. If you do stay, make sure every person has the right clothing - woollen blanket, gloves, water and first aid kit. Pets need protection too.

D: Fire fighting water reserves in place with easy access for trucks to refill.

E: Have a community fire safe group (neighbours phone numbers and group plan in case a fire is approaching your properties). Remember that it is more likely to have only have a few minutes warning rather than hours as the fires can travel very fast across various terrains.

SGT. John McMahon from SAPOL Planning stationed at Holden Hill spoke on the actions that the police now take to help prevent fires caused either by thoughtless or deliberate actions.

Patrols are out and about on high risks days and a large amount of resources are now in place to assist SAPOL's NOMAD task force.

There is a large communications centre in the city that can co-ordinate responses and attend to reports with the amazing technology now available. The recent outbreak of deliberately lit fires in the Humbug Scrub area has initiated a task force called ROAMER which is collating all information given to them by the public with their own data in a determined effort to apprehend anyone involved in fire lighting. Also from SAPOL, Supt. David O'Donovan, Officer in Charge, Elizabeth Local Service Area co-ordinates with Sgt. McMahon from the Holden Hill division during major fires. He commended all the CFS volunteers on their fantastic efforts and urged the public to not hesitate to call 131444 if they see any suspicious activities in their area.

Gerry Thomson from the CFS Para group presented a detailed chronology of events during the bushfire on Uley Rd last bushfire season (along with aerial photos). It was very alarming to see the speed and area consumed in this fire, and on a 19 degree day with low winds. "Never, ever think that there isn't a risk" was the lesson learnt that night.

Important factors to remember

Know your bushfire area OTH is in the Mount Lofty Ranges area.

Have a written bushfire plan and be ready in advance of any threat.

Jot down any vehicle registration numbers if you have doubts about the behaviour of the occupants whether it be before or just after a fire has started Phone 131444 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333000.

Many residents who may have missed seeing the notices around the township the week before the meeting and would like to have the opportunity to attend another community meeting, please contact the Progress Assoc. via PO Box 196 OTH or email oth.progress@bigpond.com The above presenters are happy to hold another meeting in the New Year if there is enough interest from the community.



Pictured above: Penny Kazla - Community Education SA CFS, addressing the attendees on Friday night.



Pictured above: Left to Right: Penny Kazla - Community Education SA CFS, Sgt. John McMahon, Spt. David O'Donovan SAPOL, Gerry Thompson and Rob Styling CFS Para Group.





ONE TREE HILL GRAPEVINE

CFS REPORT DECEMBER 2012

Incident Report



The incidents in the last month have been the highest in 10 years. A fire in the Para Wirra National Park was difficult to contain and involved a large number of personnel. Also a burn off which jumped containment lines in the Humbug Scrub Forestry Area proved to be a concern over a number of days. The Port Lincoln fire has seen our members plus equipment involved during the past week. The recent lightning caused a number of fires which although numerous were small in nature, the wind dropped and made things a little easier. In addition the Brigade has attended various other types of calls.

We urge the public to remain alert to suspicious activity as the arsonist/s has not been caught.

The Fire Danger Season for Mount Lofty Ranges starts on the 1st December and will finish on the 30th April, 2013.

Grass Cutting/Slashing

With the start of the fire danger season on the 1st December it is an offence to operate a mower/slasher without a portable water sprayer in good working order, also have on hand a shovel or rake. Spark arresters must be fitted and heated parts must not come in contact with flammable material. For further information visit the CFS website or phone 1300 362 361.

BURNING IN THE OPEN IS PROHIBITED ACROSS THE ENTIRE CITY OF PLAYFORD **DURING THE FIRE DANGER SEASON WITHOUT A PERMIT.**

The CFS One Tree Hill Brigade would like to extend our Best Wishes for the Christmas Season.

A Free App is available from the app Store for those with a phone that can handle the technology.

For general information please contact OTH Duty Phone on 8280 7055

You can also visit the CFS website or phone 1300 362 361



Councillor's Report by Joe Federico

Topics of the Month are yet again. **(A)** The rollout of the Rural Numbering System. I can appreciate the frustrations being experienced by all and can empathise with those wanting to get business cards made. Some have had issues with emergency services not being easily able to find their address and losing precious minutes. Some get other people's mail. Please be aware that this is not a Council initiative and although Rural Councillors with support from their Urban counterparts have resolved for Council to fund the rollout Council is unable to action the process until it receives the go ahead from the State Government. Please continue to call Mr Mark Morse (08) 8226 3858, Australia Post Ms Alison Mount (08) 8402 6093 or your local State MP for answers as to why progress has been and is so slow. **(B)** The Kersbrook intersection, to date no advice has been received in relation to any committed funding for works on this intersection. Please continue to lobby your State and Federal MP's for action on this intersection. I have asked Council to liaise with the CFS who have incident records on the intersection which show lives have been spared by sheer luck not good management and that some accidents which State statistics do not register because they are not fatalities should/need to be taken into account. **(C)** Slashing for bushfire prevention and the Chilean Needle Grass, by now you should have completed bushfire prevention tasks and have a plan in case of emergencies.

I understand that people who have suspected Chilean Needle Grass infestations or are in an area that is suspect of having the grass are frustrated and concerned over Council's lack of slashing in their areas. I have been led to believe that Council and the NRM have conducted a risk management assessment and believe that the current practice of waiting to identify the grass and contain it before slashing is the most acceptable scenario and that slashing will occur as soon as possible.

Please have a very pleasant and safe festive season and I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a safe, prosperous and **HAPPY NEW YEAR**.

Your local politicians can be contacted via email at for MP Michael O'Brien napier@parliament.sa.gov.au and Nick Champion MP email address is Nick.Champion.MP@aph.gov.au.

If you have any concerns or issues with or about our City, please in the first instance phone 8256 0333 and or **send your e-mails to playford@playford.sa.gov.au and cc to crjfederico@playford.sa.gov.au** this will ensure that council sees your concerns and then forwards your e-mails on to me. If you are uncomfortable with council viewing your comments then please e-mail me at jfederico@internode.on.net if subsequent to that approach you do not receive a timely or satisfactory result please feel free to contact me personally. However I cannot guarantee that I will be able to get any better results but will at least have council reassess their position and provide an explanation as to their resolve and in some cases if not most, reach a compromise that is acceptable to all parties concerned. Council's 24 hour phone number is **82560333** for all your enquires and or requests. Remember to get a Customer Reference Number (**CRS**) to ensure registration and easy identification of your communication.

Cr Joe Federico

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Happy New Year**

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Welcome to December in One Tree Hill

* Had enough of the sheep and cows breaking thru tired fences? We have Whites Wire and Waratah fencing wires, Barbed, single strand and tensioners. Maybe you need an electric fence? Power levels from ouch to thwack to keep the busiest bulls thinking.

* Garden beds always need a little more to get the best out of them. Cow and chicken manure, wide range fertilisers and potting mixes available. Got a few citrus trees? We have small bags of fertiliser for that too.

* Want to build your own elevated veggie garden? Corrugated iron round and oblong in colorbond on procure - takes 2 days normally. Get those fresh vegetables on your plate.

* You can't have a good Barbie when the gas cylinder is out of gas - 8.5kg \$22.00 - trying to keep the prices reasonable.

* Rover hungry at night? Cobber, Advance, Barko, Albers, Bonnie, Supercoat, Hypro Dogpro, plus some higher priced brands at competitive prices.

* Oil, 2 stroke, chainsaw, 4 stroke, tractor, car, hydraulic, brake fluid, INOX, spray silicone, Slime etc. for you experts. Up to 20 litre drums in some.



* Poisons like Tordon, Glyphosate, Tryclopyr, Picloram, Amine, Diuron and Dyes. You need 1000 litres of glyphosate in a shuttle? Yes we do that.

* Adelaide Brighton Cements and Mortars, Concretes and Lime all in stock.

* Neutrog Rapid Raiser, Sudden Impact for Roses and Lawns, Seamungus, Blade Runner all in stock.

* Yes at last Pea Straw, Barley Straw, Bedding Straw for Garden Beds.

* Did you notice that we have trailers for hire? 6 x 4 flat, 6x4 cage, 8 x 5 cage and car carrier, very reasonable rates.

WE WILL BE CLOSED ONLY ON CHRISTMAS DAY, BOXING DAY AND NEW YEARS DAY.

Mark, Dean and Sabine would like to thank all supporters of our business for giving us a go.

We are doing our best and have invested heavily in the shop to ensure we have what you want and at a competitive price. Your encouragement via that support will ensure the survival of the business.

We wish you all sincerely a Safe and Happy Christmas.

Dean, Mark and Sabine.

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SUNDAY—10.00am

Sunday Service & Sunday School

Visiting children are welcome to attend Sunday School which takes place during the Service.

SMYG (Sunday Morning Youth Group)

Meet Sundays at 10.00am with their leaders.

CAROLS IN THE GARDEN

See the back page of the Grapevine for details.

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

They will resume after a Christmas break. First one is on Wednesday 27th February 2013,

PLEASE NOTE - There will be no Fellowship Stall at the January and February Markets.

Tour Down Under - Friday 25th January 2013.

Our ladies will be manning the kitchen for refreshments.

CHRISTMAS DAY

A Service will be held

at 9.00am

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME

AND CELEBRATE THE BIRTH

OF JESUS



Phone Enquiries - Maureen Hill 8280 7368

Horse Care - Bridling Difficulties

Can you handle his ears? If you can't touch his ears (often called head shy) then this needs to be fixed.

How is he to put a halter on? Are you trapping him rather than asking him?

If the halter and handling his ears are not problems then you need to look at the bit. Is it wide enough (might pinch his lips)? Too wide (bangs on his teeth)? The wrong mouth piece (pinches the tongue or bangs the teeth or roof of the mouth)? Have you put it on the bridle the right way up (pinches, locks with no give, wrong shape)?

Now have a look at the length of the cheek pieces. Too short will make him smile (like a dog with its lips drawn back in a snarl) – but puts pressure on the lips and may bang the back teeth or rub lips onto teeth. Too long and the bit will bang on his teeth.

If the browband is too short, the headpiece will rub on the backs of the ears.

Where does the noseband sit? Too low will block breathing. Too high rubs on the end of the cheek bone. All nosebands should sit within a narrow area over the top of the nose. It is where they fasten that makes them suitable for different purposes. Do you "kindly" leave it too loose so it drops during a ride? Or too tight so he can't breathe?

OK, we now have a bridle that is correctly fitted and a horse that allows you to handle his ears and halter him. But he is still difficult?

Will he drop his head for you to reach or are you constantly fighting to get his head within reach? If the latter, it is back to the handling classes. Teach him to drop his head for you and leave it there until told to lift it.

If you have any horse query for Julie
please email the Grapevine.

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Now he is ready. Are you? If he is doing all the right things and the bridle fits well, then you must do your bit and make sure you do not hurt him. Hold the headpiece so he cannot accidentally bang his teeth on the bit. Ask him to take the bit, don't force it in. Go slow, we are in no hurry to get this easy, permanently.

If you are concerned he may escape while you are asking patiently, put him in a small yard so escape is no reward. Or keep a halter on until the bridle is in place. Even rope halters can be slipped off after bridling.

The same applies to unbridling: take your time, control the bit so it does not bang on his teeth. Wait for him to drop his head before you remove the bit. If he throws his head up, the bit stays in. Use the halter to control the head, not the bridle.

A horse that is consistently bridled and unbridled without banging their teeth, and with a bridle/bit that fits comfortably, will soon be a pleasure to bridle. We all know the horse that takes the bit when offered. Let's make your horse one of those.

More articles on these aspects will follow, or email me for suggestions.



Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful. (Norman Vincent Peale)

Christmas is a time when you get homesick - even when you're home. (Carol Nelson)

He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree. (Roy L. Smith)



Bird Poop Reading

Yes many people claim to be able to read tea leaves but did you know that by a quick study of your pet bird's poop you can get an idea as to it's health and stress level.

Your pet bird eats a lot and poops just as often and when you have them on a stable diet you can use a quick observation of their poop as a guide to their health.

If you ever take your sick bird to a vet you will often see them gaze straight to the bottom of the cage to see what their poop looks like and sometimes they will take a sample to throw under the microscope. Poop reading really is that important and with a little practice we can all become familiar with what looks normal and what doesn't.

Early recognition of change might not only save your bird's life but might also save you some anxiety and money at the same time. As a rule, a healthy bird's droppings shouldn't be smelly.

The bird droppings are made of three main parts:

- 1) The faeces, which is the tubular solid part and is usually coloured green to brown.
- 2) The Urates, which is a by-product from the workings of the kidneys and is coloured creamy to white.
- 3) The urine which is a clear watery waste from the kidney.

So what is normal – Different birds have different poops. A seed eating parrot will poop very differently to a nectar loving lorikeet so if you believe that your bird is very healthy right now, it wouldn't hurt to take a quick photo or two of it's poop and save it on your computer for future reference.

Generally you can see the three components in their separate entities but sometimes the Urates and urine might be mixed forming a cloudy material which does not necessary mean that the bird is not necessarily unwell.



Thank you again to Mark (from the OTH Fodder Store) for this month's article.

If you have anything that you would like Mark to write about let us know.

Reading the Poops:

If the **Faeces** is black your bird may have internal bleeding, perhaps from digesting something that has injured it internally. A pea Green colour can sometimes indicate a problem with the liver. A whitish clay colour can be showing a sign of problems within the pancreas.

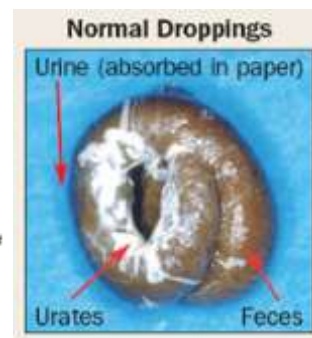
If the **Urates** are green or yellow there is a chance of liver disease or Anorexia. If they are brown there could be lead poisoning present and a red colour can indicate fresh internal bleeding or a disease within the kidney.

If you see a marked increase in the percentage of urates you could have a bird that is dehydrating. If this is the case you might also see crinkly skin around their eyes and their skin might be slow to bounce back if you gently pinch it. Look at the **Urine**, if it is greenish to yellowish it could be indicating a disease in the liver. If the urine is reddish there could be a problem with internal bleeding, lead poisoning or a disease within the kidney. An increase in the percentage of urine could indicate a bacterial disease but this can also simply indicate that your bird has been drinking more water than usual.

Diarrohea – This is usually a sign of stress or disease and should not be overlooked as birds with diarrohea are usually in trouble. If you cannot simply explain the diarrohea as being brought about by a change in the birds diet then you really should consider getting the bird to a veterinarian for a good check over.

Remember that where possible, if you are going to take your bird to a veterinarian, it is a good idea to take recent samples of its poop as evidence.

Now back to your eating - enjoy !!!!!!!



We have just had confirmation that Chas. Steve and Chris from Georama have received a Bronze Medal at the 2012 SA Tourism Awards Gala Dinner held on 23rd November.

They also successfully met the requirements for the Australian Tourism Accreditation Program just a couple of days ago.

It's wonderful to see locals given credit for the work they do. If you haven't had a chance to visit their website make it a must do for over the Christmas break. It is an incredible journey for those who are unable to visit local attractions.

Congratulations to Georama, their website is <http://www.georama.com.au>



Don't forget Australia Day which is celebrated on the 26th January with a public holiday.

On January 26th 1788, the First Fleet of 11 ships from Great Britain arrived at Port Jackson, which now forms Sydney Harbour. The First Fleet was led by Captain Arthur Phillip. He established the Colony of New South Wales, the first penal colony in Australia. By 1808, January 26 was being celebrated as The First Fleet Foundation Day with drinking and merriment.

Thirty years after the arrival of the First Fleet, in 1818, the Governor of Australia ordered a 30-gun salute, hosted a dinner ball at Government House and gave government employees a holiday. In the following years, employees of banks and other organizations were also given holidays. In the following decades, horse racing and regattas were popular activities.

From 1946, January 26 was know as Australia Day in all states. However, the public holiday was moved to the Monday nearest January 26 to create a long weekend. Since 1994, the Australia Day public holiday has been on January 26 in all states and territories. *Congratulations Australia for 2013, it's now your 235th Birthday.*



More Winners from Galwer Show

Long time One Tree Hill residents Joylene Bateman and Vince Cozzitorto scooped their particular pools in the 2012 Gawler Show. Vince won best exhibit for home fermented red wine , while Joylene won best doll exhibit.

Joylene has been making cloth dolls for 12 years and showing for 10 years. Character cloth dolls are hand made from cloth and stuffing, sometimes to patterns which are shared world wide, and sometimes designed by the maker. The Adelaide doll making group meet bi-monthly to share ideas on a chosen theme. Joylene meets weekly with the Dollaholics Anonymous group in One Tree Hill. She has won best doll exhibit previously, and has many dolls in her collection.

Vince started making and showing wine in 2002, when he first made wine from the grapes he grew. He does not have plans to establish a boutique winery, just making wine for home consumption. His grapes are bearing so well now that he has more grapes than he uses. His advice for aspiring winemakers " Experience is the best teacher"



Joylene with some of her dolls.



Vince with a bottle of his prize winning wine.

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Congratulations



Chloe Teague daughter of Kristy from the Post Office married Mark Haliwell on the 20th October . The ceremony took place at AL-RU FARM and the reception was held at Sferas, Modbury. People came from far and wide to celebrate this special day. Chloe and Mark are presently honeymooning in Hawaii.

ADVERTISING RATES FOR THE grapevine

Please note that due to higher production costs we have had to increase the price of advertisements for 2013.

	Colour Ads:	Eighth Page	\$35
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		Half Page	\$175
		Full Page	\$375
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		Half Page	\$120
		Full Page	\$275

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Crime Report – ONE TREE HILL Rural Watch – Offences reported between 24th October and 23rd November 2012

28th October-overnight Arson of Motor Vehicle Johnson Road, ONE TREE HILL
Vehicle stolen from Elizabeth Downs and burnt out at above location.

28th October Arson Uley Road, ULEYBURY
Scrub fire deliberately lit - approximately 5 acres burnt.

29th October Arson Humbug Scrub Road, HUMBUG SCRUB
Scrub fire deliberately lit - Four separate fire scenes.

4th November Arson Para Wirra Recreational Park, HUMBUG SCRUB
Scrub fire deliberately lit - Three separate fire scenes - approximately 3 hectares burnt out. Water bombing aircraft used to support ground crews to contain fire.

5th November Arson Yelki Road, ONE TREE HILL
Fire located in front yard of premises. Witness saw occupant of white coloured Commodore station wagon throw a cigarette butt from window which may have resulted in fire commencing. Nil rego obtained for vehicle.

9th November Arson McGilp Road, ONE TREE HILL
Unknown persons lit two fires on school grounds - first fire on grassed area, second fire in toilet block.

Between 6th Oct and 12th Nov Theft of stock Kersbrook Road, HUMBUG SCRUB
A total of 43 sheep stolen from property - nil damage to fence or gates.

10th Nov 8.30am - 6.40pm Serious Criminal Trespass - Non Residential Cornishmans Hill Rd, ONE TREE HILL
Entry gained to premises by forcing side door of shed - electrical items stolen.

10th November Arson Uley Road, ULEYBURY
Scrub fire deliberately lit - approximately 2 hectares burnt out.

16th November overnight Serious Criminal Trespass - Non Residential Black Top Road, ONE TREE HILL
Padlock to side of garage forced from door and entry gained to shed. Tools stolen.

16th November overnight Serious Criminal Trespass - Non Residential McGilp Road, ONE TREE HILL
Shed entered by jemmying locked sliding door - nil stolen.

Most of you would be aware that SAPOL have actively advised members of the local community in relation to an active Arsonist operating in the One Tree Hill area by way of mobile warning sign which was positioned in the main street over the past week. SAPOL is seeking residents to be vigilant and take notice of persons/vehicles loitering in the area. Time/Date/Location and details (description) of the vehicle/persons should be obtained and police advised.

SAPOL are providing additional patrols to the One Tree Hill area in an attempt to locate the person(s) involved, take note of what is happening in and about your property and provide any information to police in relation to this matter. The following 2 media releases in relation to incidents occurring in our area are below.

DRUGS WORTH MILLIONS - BIBARINGA: Police have found millions of dollars in drugs and arrested three men for serious trafficking offences. Detective Inspector Philip Newitt talks to media at the scene. Detectives from Organised Crime Investigation Branch (OCIB) along with STAR group raided a house on Kersbrook Road in Bibaringa and found a commercial quantity of methamphetamine.

Further investigations led police to a house in Lewiston where a large quantity of the drug was also found. Three men were arrested following the raids. Each of them were refused police bail and all will appear in the Elizabeth Magistrates Court today.

A 24 year old man from Virginia and a 21 year old man from Munno Para Downs were charged with trafficking a commercial quantity of controlled drug. A 28 year old man from Lewiston was charged with possessing a controlled drug for sale. *Sunday 11th November 2012 - 10.28am.*

SUSPICIOUS FIRES AT BLAKEVIEW AND ULEYBURY: Detectives from Elizabeth CIB, Crime Scene Investigators and Fire Cause Investigators will today return to the scenes of two overnight fires. At about 8.30pm on Saturday 10th November, police and MFS crews attended a fire in paddocks near the intersection of Smith Road and Bentley Road at Blakeview. MFS crews controlled and extinguished the fire, which burnt four hectares. Police, MFS and CFS crews also attended a grass fire on the southern side of Uley Road, Uleybury, near Chapman Drive last night. The fire started about 1am and burnt two hectares of grass in paddocks before it was brought under control and extinguished. There was no significant property damage or loss of stock as the result of either fire. Police and MFS Fire Cause Investigators were unable to determine the causes of the fires last night and will reattend the scenes today. Both fires are considered to be suspicious. No links between the fires have been established but detectives will be investigating this possibility.
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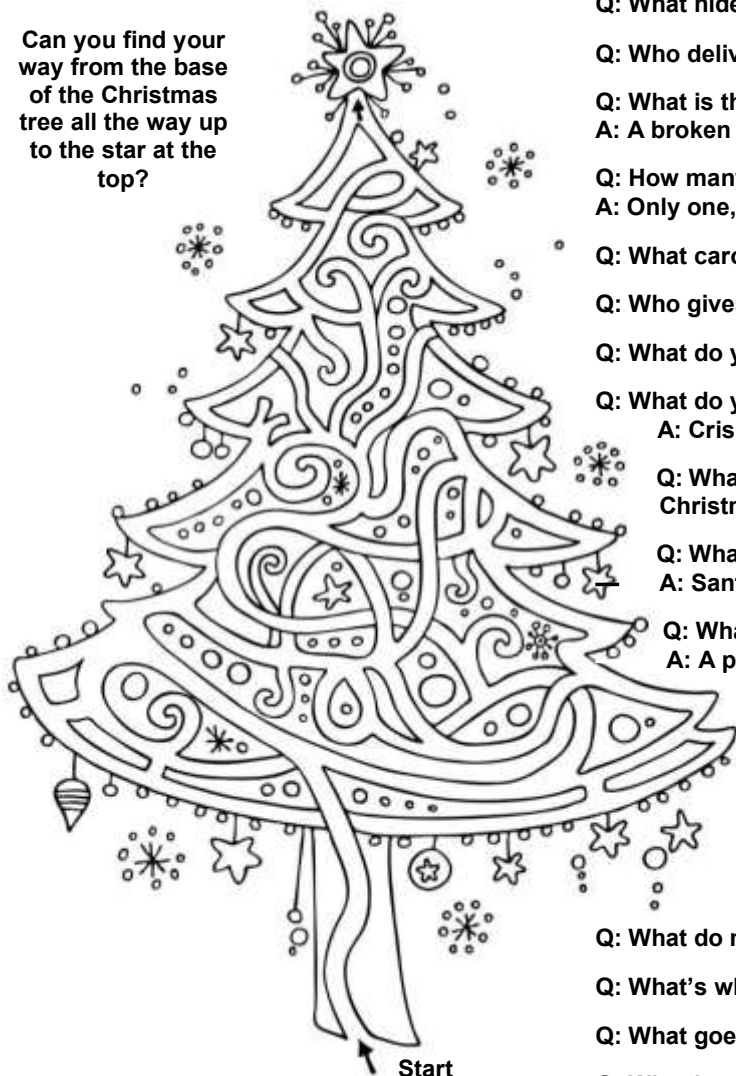
Kids Page

Hello and welcome to the final edition of the Grapevine for 2012. We will be back again in February and I will be waiting to hear about how you spent your Christmas holidays and perhaps what Father Christmas brought you. Hopefully you have all been good enough to get a present. Due to popular demand we are going to re-introduce the One Tree Hill Junior Chef competition. The first for the year will be at the February Market and the theme is decorated cup cakes. Further details are on page 21. Merry Christmas and a Happy **New Year to you all, let's make your page even better next year, how about sending some puzzles or jokes** to the Grapevine to share with everyone. I look forward to hearing from you.

Until next year Auntie Bev. Email: oth.grapevine@bigpond.com or drop me a line at the Grapevine. Postal address is OTH Grapevine P.O. Box 196 One Tree Hill Post Office, SA 5114.



Can you find your way from the base of the Christmas tree all the way up to the star at the top?



Q: What hides in a the bakery at Christmas? A: A mince spy!

Q: Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas? A: Santa Jaws!

**Q: What is the best Christmas present in the world?
A: A broken drum—you can't beat it!**

**Q: How many presents can Santa fit in an empty sleigh?
A: Only one, after that it's not empty anymore!**

Q: What carol is heard in the desert? A: Camel ye faithful!

Q: Who gives puppies Christmas presents? A: Santa Paws!

Q: What do you call an old snowman? A: Water!

**Q: What do you get if Santa goes down the chimney when the fire is lit?
A: Crisp Cringle!**

Q: What does a cat on the beach have in common with Christmas? A: Sandy claws!

**Q: What do you call Santa Claus when he doesn't move?
A: Santa Pause!**

**Q: What do you get if you cross an apple with a Christmas tree?
A: A pineapple!**

**Q: What Christmas carol is a favourite of all parents?
A: Silent Night!**

**Q: What do get if you cross Santa Claus with a detective?
A: Santa Clues!**

**Q: What often falls at the North Pole but doesn't get hurt?
A: Snow**

Q: What do monkeys sing at Christmas? A: Jungle Bells, Jungle Bells!

Q: What's white and goes up? A: A confused snow flake!

Q: What goes "oh, oh, oh? A: Santa walking backwards!

Q: Why does Santa have 3 gardens? A: So he can Ho, Ho, Ho!

**Q: Why are turkeys wiser than chickens?
A: Ever hear of Kentucky Fried Turkey!**

**Q: Why are Christmas trees like bad knitters?
A: They both drop their needles!**



Knock Knock - Who's there? Holly, Holly who? Holly-days are here again!

Knock Knock - Who's there? Oakham, Oakham who? Oakham all ye faithful!

Knock Knock - Who's there? Wayne, Wayne who? Wayne in a manger...!

Knock Knock - Who's there? Hanna, Hanna who? Hanna partridge in a pear tree!

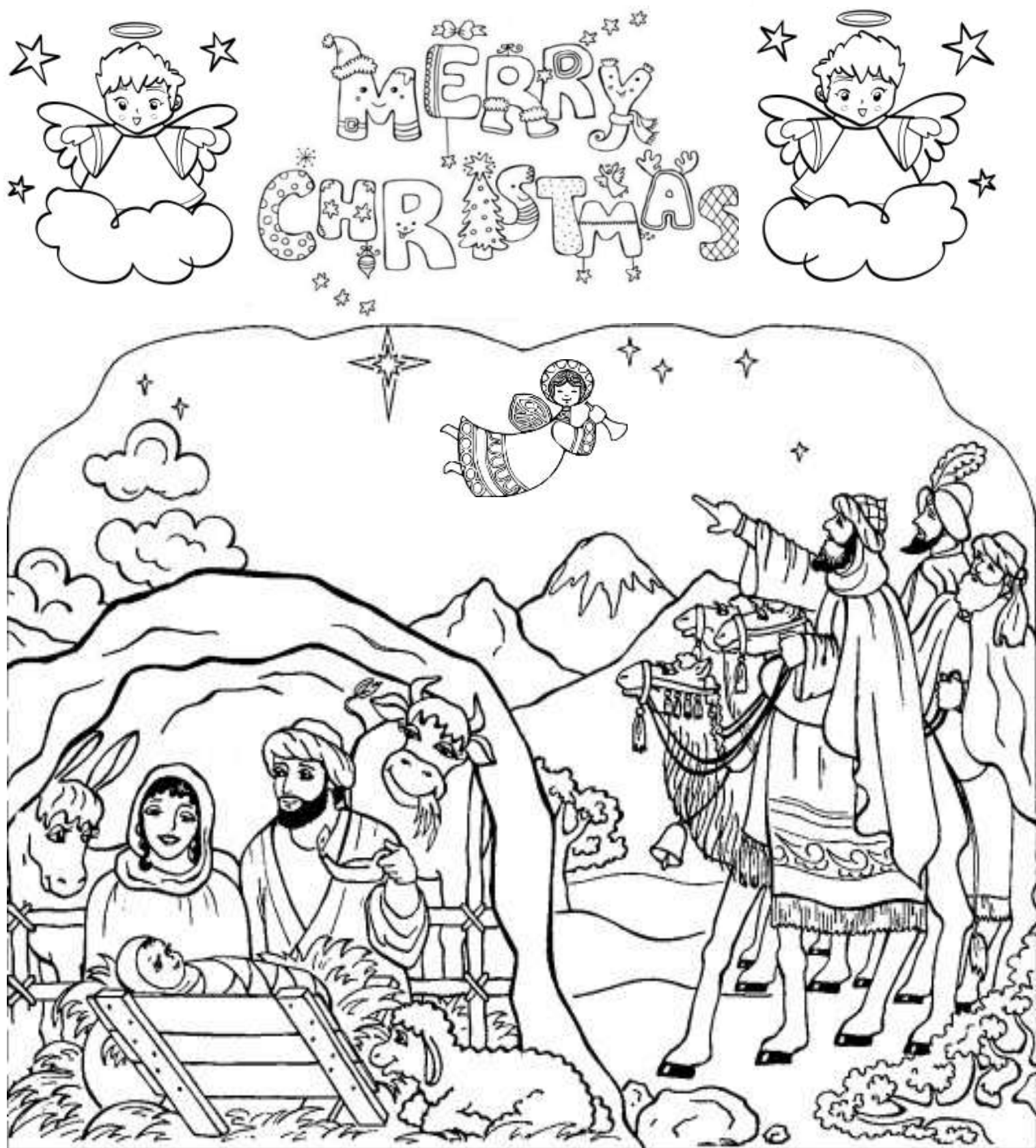
Knock Knock - Who's there? Mary, Mary who? Mary Christmas!

**Q: What does Rudolph want for Christmas?
A: A Snowy Sleighstation!**

**Q: What is a child's favourite King at Christmas?
A: A Stocking!**



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Northern Hills Pony Club

There has been a lot going on around NHPC in the last few months, we have had some general rallies with Steff Wilson, "Dressage over Jumps" with Anne Smith and we hosted the metropolitan zone gymkhana which was a great success and although quite a warm day there were lots of ribbons won by many riders. As the year comes to an end we all (horses included) are looking forward to a break over the festive season and will be back in the new year with lots of events. We thank the grapevine for your support over the last year and we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year from all at Northern Hills Pony Club.....

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Scouts Win SA FIRST Lego League Tournament!

On Saturday 17th November, 30 school teams and one Scout team descended on Prince Alfred College for the South Australian FIRST Lego League (FLL) Tournament, an annual event sponsored by defence company BAE Systems. The One Tree Hill Scout Group team (named "STUD" – Scout Tactical Unit Delta) consisted of 7 boys aged 10 to 15 - 5 scouts, a venturer and a cub, who attend 4 different schools.

So what is this robotics thing all about?

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is an organization founded to develop ways to inspire students in engineering and technology fields. They teamed up with Lego to create an International competition called FIRST Lego League. The robotics part of the competition involves designing, building, and programming Lego NXT Robots to autonomously complete challenge tasks on a robot game table. The teams work out solutions to the various problems they are given and then compete in tournaments to share their knowledge, compare ideas, and display their robots.

For 12 weeks leading up to the Tournament, Jordan, David, Jarryd, Bowen, Luke, Jamie and Flynn met in the evenings at least once a week, and on some weekends, to design, build, program and test their Lego NXT robot.

The team received guidance and support from their leaders, parents and BAE Systems mentors. Team STUD used two identical robots to streamline the programming process, and they named them "Baden" and "Powell" of course.

On the day of the tournament, STUD first had a successful practice round in the morning, along with a judging session for their research project and teamwork, and technical judging of their robot design concepts. The competition heated up later in the afternoon when STUD competed in three two and a half minute robot matches, with the highest point score from those rounds determining their overall position on the ladder for robot performance. Going into their final round, Team STUD were placed 3rd on the points ladder, and they pulled out their best performance, exceeding their expectations, and at the end of the day they were awarded the trophy for Robot Performance Award.

For these kids, the Core Values align perfectly with scouting values they use in life every day, so that part was easy for them. Subsequently, Team STUD were chosen as the overall SA FLL Championship winners, and will now be heading to Sydney in February to represent South Australia at the FLL National Championships at Macquarie University!

Well done Team STUD, and good luck! If you would like to follow their progress, or even support the fundraising of Team STUD in their lead up to Nationals, you can visit their newly created facebook page at:

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May your fridge be full of coldies, fa la la la la la la,la



Deck the Sheds - Not Deck the Halls? Being Summer in Australia, most Christmas activities are outdoors, we are also very often entertaining in the outdoors and also sometimes eating outdoors so let's make it a true Aussie Christmas .

Australia is one of the first countries in the world to commence Christmas Day celebrations. On the 25th December the sun rises on a new day on the east coast of Australia. The International Date Line runs down through the Pacific Ocean just east of New Zealand. A new day commences and slowly the rest of the world follows. After rising in NZ the sun quickly moves across the ocean to the east coast of Australia where it rises about 6am EST on Christmas morning. Back in NZ it is 8am and children are now awake and most likely opening presents from Santa (if they have been good) as they jump up on their parents bed with eyes wide and faces beaming with smiles.

As Australia is so large an island the time in our other capital cities is later than the east coast. In Adelaide it is only 5.30am and in Perth 4am Christmas morning. At this time it is only noon on 24th December in Los Angeles. .

Santa's arrival: Santa arrives in many ways in Australia, he has been known to arrive on a jet ski on the ocean, glide over the ocean on a ski towed by a motor boat, in a boat, on the back of a fire truck, in the back of an old Holden ute, parachute out of a plane, on a unicycle and even on the back of a bull.



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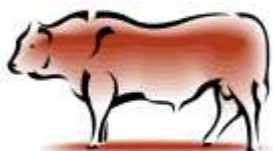


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We are Back!

Due to popular demand and in general the disappointment that the children have shown, the One Tree Hill Junior Bakers Competition is up and running again.

Tracy will need to have your registration by January 31st for the bake off on Saturday 2nd February.

We would like to encourage all the boys and girls who enjoy cooking to have a go and make the bake off a success again.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND SAFE NEW YEAR TO ALL THE KIDS WHO ENTERED DURING THE YEAR. GET THOSE APRONS BACK ON AND START PRACTISING!



One Tree Hill Junior Baker Competition

Conditions of entry: The item of cookery to be submitted along with size and quantity will be published in the Grapevine in the month prior to the One Tree Hill market day. One entry per person. Entries are to be delivered to the One Tree Hill Junior Baker's table at the market between 9am and 9.30am.



You will be required to make 3 identical items for the theme of the month. Paper plates will be supplied and entry cards including entry number will be attached. Judging will commence at 9.30am. There are 2 age categories: 1) Ages 5 to 8 years 2) Ages 9 to 13 years. Prizes for each category are 1st: Blue Ribbon and \$15.00 2nd: Red Ribbon and \$10.00 3rd: Green Ribbon and \$5.00. Entries can be collected along with prizes by 1pm.

How to enter: You will need to email (oth.grapevine@bigpond.com) or complete the entry form and mail to One Tree Hill Progress Association, PO Box 196 One Tree Hill SA 5114. Or drop it into the General Store. You must include your name, age and phone number. Theme for February is decorated cup cakes, this one is always a favourite and gives the kids a chance to be really creative.

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Theme for February is Decorated Cup Cakes



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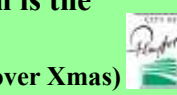
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Gordon on 8255 2383 for more

A reminder to all residents that the
Playford Council's Mobile Library
Service now comes to One Tree Hill
on a Friday afternoon, once a
fortnight. The van parks outside
of the Institute opposite the shops
from
3.00pm - 4.00pm.
Visiting date for this month is the
14th December.

(Please check for closure dates over Xmas)



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Community Notice Board

Do you have an upcoming Community event or a special announcement that you would like printed on this page? Keep notices as brief as possible please.

Email or call with your details. Email: oth.grapevine@bigpond.com Phone: 8280 7095

Please note deadline date on the front cover for each edition.



One Tree Hill Primary School Reunion Ladies Lunch

Our reunion luncheon is on Friday 22nd February 2013. We are meeting in the **Blacksmith's Inn at midday. School** Mums from the 60s—80s are all most welcome. Bush telegraph please to let everyone know.

Please contact Kay by Friday 15th February. Phone: 08 8280 7186 or 0412 696 380 so that we can finalise the booking.

Hope to hear from you all and in the meantime have a great Christmas and New Year.

Kay Ellis



We regret to inform our readers that Les Jones passed away peacefully on Monday 12th November at the age of 89.

Les, Hilda and their family resided on McGilp Road from early 1976 until their move to Willaston in 1993.

We send our condolences to Les's family, (he had 5 children) including his son Ken and wife Pat who still reside in One Tree Hill.



MERRY
CHRISTMAS

Next Country Market

Saturday 5th January (9am-1pm
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Great variety of bric-a-brac, crafts, home
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Sybil Winsor

Our deepest
condolences to
Doug and family

It is with great sadness we regret to announce the sudden passing of Sybil Winsor on Sunday 25th Nov. Sybil was a very active member of the community during her 40+ years in OTH. She started the Grapevine 36 years ago and along with her husband Doug continued to this day to assist by writing the "Deadline Date" on the township noticeboards. Sybil has endeared herself to many people both far and wide and has been an inspiration and dedicated member of the OTH Uniting Church. The fellowship of the Uniting Church states "We are sad for our loss, but rejoice with her that she now dwells with the Lord whom she loved greatly and was the source of her blessing to us all."



Christmas Carols CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE GARDENS

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and the Youth Group will deliver their
Christmas Message Play
in their usual humorous manner.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 23rd 2012 6.30 PM

On conclusion tea, coffee, cool drinks and
mince pies will be served.

(BYO Chair or Rug Please)

PROGRESS General Meeting - Thursday 13th December at 7.30pm.

Please note that there is no Progress Meeting for January.



Venue: One Tree Hill Institute, Black Top Road, One Tree Hill. New members are very welcome.