



From The Editor

I hope everyone had a very festive Christmas and New Year and is feeling refreshed and revitalized. This edition is certainly jam packed with the "goings on" in and around Sanson. I have had a number of people contact me from overseas and around the country interested in the news of our community—so please keep the news coming. I also have a number of people contacting me with their memories of the history of Sanson—I have included Peter Sparrow's this issue. It would be nice to collate some more of these to include in future Snippets.

Snippets is also looking for a sponsor—it costs under \$20 a month to print and deliver the Snippets to the community— thanks to the band of merry volunteers. Whether you want to sponsor once or many times— please be in touch! This month we thank Kristi Whittaker and her family for their contribution in bringing you this newsletter. Very much appreciated!

Anyone wanting to receive Snippets straight to their inbox— feel free to e-mail sansonsnippets@hotmail.co.nz or phone 06 212 0667.

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Smoke Alarms to be Installed in Sanson

The Sanson Market Committee in association with the Bulls Volunteer Fire Brigade is initiating a project to place smoke alarms in all Sanson homes this summer.

Chief Fire Officer Brian Carter confirms the brigade has ordered around 1200 smoke alarms sponsored by the Sanson Market Committee and is planning to begin the project early in February during evenings and weekends. The brigade will be present in their red truck with noise and lights and plan to sweep Sanson street by street. If anyone should be missed on these sweeps they can make alternative arrangements for the installation of alarms by contacting the brigade.

There are two types of alarm to be installed. A 10 year long life alarm to be installed in the hallway of each house and standard alarms are to be fitted in every sleeping area—which includes sleep-outs and caravans. If you are renting a property in Sanson, it may be a good idea to check with your landlord before any alarms are installed.

The initiative is aimed at protecting the community of Sanson from house fires and Mr Carter stresses the importance that the alarms are to stay with the houses of Sanson. Having completed several community projects like this he says it is disappointing when tenants move on and take the alarms with them, or landlords decide to take them for their own houses out of town.

For further information please contact-
Brian Carter, Chief Fire Officer on 06 322 1770 or John Bowen on 06 322 1087

Sanson Xmas Lights Community Challenge

Pool One—Dundas Road

1st Nola Borrett
2nd. Shirley and David Pickles.

Pool Two—Other Residents.

1st Ross Vile and Joan Colville. 70 Hedges St
2nd equal
Sharon and Leon. 3 Phillips St
Kevan and Viv Withers. Phillips St
3rd equal
Kristi Whittaker and Paul Brown. 1c A'Court St
Grant and Mabel McGaughey. 13 Phillips St.

The judges, Margaret Kouvelis and her son Mark judged the lights on the evening of the 20th December and they used three criteria, Impact, Festivity and Design and Creativity.

The Sanson Sunday Market Committee thanks all residents who displayed the spirit of Christmas and lit up our village!

Manawatu District Council By Election

The Council has received four nominations to fill the extraordinary vacancy for Mayor of the Manawatu District Council. The candidates are:

CAMERON Barbara Michelle
GIBSON Steve
JOHNSON Russell
KOUVELIS Margaret Joy

By Election Timeline

13-18 February Delivery of Ordinary Voting Documents
13 February - Special Voting Opens
7 March - Election Day - Voting Closes at Noon
12 March - Official Declaration of Election Result

Please contact the Electoral Officer if you have any queries about this by-election:

Warwick Lampp
Electoral Officer - Manawatu District Council
PO Box 3138, Christchurch 8140
wlampp@electionz.com
021 498 517

Library Hours

Mon 10am - 12pm
Tues 2pm - 4pm
Thursday 10am - 12pm
Friday 2pm - 4pm
Saturday 11am– 1pm

Book Change is on
29th February at
10.30am.

All help appreciated.

Rubbish Collection Reminder

Owing to Waitangi Day Monday 6th February, rubbish will be collected on Wednesday 8th February



Message From Manawatu Neighbourhood Support

Approximately 500 people live in 200 dwellings in and around Sanson; the average household is 2.4 people; the population is quite evenly split between males and females; over 60 residents are over the age of 65; and over one quarter of the dwellings are occupied by only one person.

Research has shown that on average a person knows and keeps social contact with between 100 and 230 people with the commonly used value of 150 people. This number includes your relatives, work colleagues, friends and those in your neighbourhood that you have a reciprocal relationship of trust and obligation. These relationships only survive if face to face contact is maintained.

The Christchurch earthquakes showed the benefit of neighbours knowing their neighbours. It was the small groups of 10—20 households knowing each other that helped them survive those first few days.

In an emergency it doesn't matter if you rent or own the property you live in, the important thing knowing your neighbours. You do not have to be on your neighbour's doorsteps or be their best friend but you do need to be aware what is considered their normal routine. Do you know where they work should you need to contact them during their working hours?

You cannot be expected to know all 500 people who live in the Sanson area, but maintaining a relationship with those around the immediate area where you live is important.

One Neighbourhood Support group that we helped established was in an area where a child had died in a house fire. The fire was the first occasion many of the neighbours had said hello to each other. Don't wait for such a horrific emergency to motivate you to speak with your neighbours – do it today.

Car Keys Found

On Hedges Street, Alarm Module Car Key
and Key Ring.
For Details Phone Noel— 027 287 8020

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Got something to put on the internet about Sanson? Want your
business details updated? Contact David Pickles
dpickles@gmail.com or phone 06 329 3630

Toy Library Position

The Bulls Toy Library Inc is seeking a
new librarian starting January 2012.

Position hours are:
Wednesday 10am– 12.
Saturdays 10am– 11.30am.

This is a paid position.
No experience necessary. All training
will be given.

To apply or find out more e-mail
Danelle Whakatihī, Acting President
Bulls Toy Library Inc
bullstoylibrary@live.com

Applications close Saturday
18th February.

Thanks!

Sanson Playcentre would like to
acknowledge Weekend Craft and
Passionz for their donations to the
playcentre for our raffle last year.
Their support of the playcentre is
much appreciated.

Memories of Sanson—From Peter Sparrow

It was a surprise to read that the "Pub" Junction hotel had closed down. My memories of it go back to about 1947 (others probably further). The Publican at that time was Reg Babbington and his wife Rita (I think) They had a daughter Gaynor. There were old Stables at the back and Reg had had a horse or two over the years. I remember one day possibly about 1949-50 I was biking home for lunch from School – I was only about 10 then. As I cycled past the Pub there were some men in the Public Bar. One of them asked me if I wanted a drink of lemonade and I said yes. I went into the bar and they gave me a large bottle which I tried to drink in a hurry as I was expected home. I had to finish it on my way back to School.

After the Babbington's moved on, the Pub was owned by "Skin" Butler who was an exJockey. He used to wear a bow tie. He and his wife also had a daughter. I got on pretty good with the Butlers. After they left the Pub was taken over by Ces and Joy Stevens. A lovely couple who endeared themselves to the people of Sanson. I think they retired to Foxton. It was about that time that I moved away also.

I still had a connection in later years to Sanson as I was instrumental in having the Plaque placed outside the old Goods Shed to commemorate that Sanson Tramway. I have lots of happy memories of Sanson and growing up there. We used to swim by the old Bulls Bridge and sometimes sneak along where the County Dragline went in. We used to get our backsides kicked when we were caught as it was quite dangerous!!

Hay For Sale

Conventional Bales \$7.50
Pick up Sanson
Phone Kristi 06 329 3383

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Street Planter Box Progress, Kristi's Gardening Column and lots more!
Deadline for submissions 22nd February 2012