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## NEWSLETTER

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**W**ELL I'm told 1st March is the first day of autumn but it's a sunny day today and still quite warm. Today is our AGM so I hope we have a good attendance. We are getting entertained by the Te Atatu Men's Choir who I understand are very good.

**W**E have some sad news, that Gwen Hart passed away on 2 March. She had decided against further treatment for her cancer and was able to remain well cared for in Selwyn Village where Gwen had lived for the last few months. She was a Life Member and had served on the Committee in various tasks and latterly organising trips and outings until her health forced her to cease. She will long be remembered as a willing and hard worker.

**O**UR Mini Speaker last month was Patricia Spedding(?) – I'm sorry but if I don't write it down I tend to forget! She told us her entire life story beginning with her being born the "wrong way round." I reckon that's feet first! She was born and lived in Devonport. Later she became a teacher and said she loved teaching, not a comment we frequently hear from present day teachers. She married and lived in Stratford, but now lives in Titirangi with her two little dogs.

**T**HE Main Speaker was Jock Jamieson who agreed with the founder Garth McVicar who started the Sensible Sentencing Trust in 2001. Jock showed us a photo of his parents who were murdered so his attitude is understandable.

Apparently paedophiles in NZ are frequently granted name suppression. This should be stopped. Another policy of the SST is urging the Government to keep a *Child Offender Register* so the public is aware of who is living amongst them. In fact the 2015-16 campaign is "Save Our Kids", stop paedophiles who must be sentenced to preventive detention. We were all invited to become members.

**M**OVING on a little to April, Donna has given me the following to insert:

Let's celebrate the Queen's (real) 90th birthday.

This year on 21st April our Queen will celebrate her 90th birthday.

To mark this important occasion our committee have decided to have a celebration at our April meeting.

We ask you to dress up in the style of the Queen, with either pearls, jewellery, hat and gloves, or whatever you see as typical of the Queen's style. We will give a prize to the person who has made the most effort.

Also, please bring any items you have which relate to the Queen. Books, photographs, memorabilia or stories relating to the Queen and royal events.

If anyone has met the Queen, or has some personal moments which can be retold, this would also be appreciated.

In fact, anything which you think may be of interest to our group.

Our meeting will be followed by an afternoon tea 'fit for a Queen' provided by our committee.

If you have any suggestions that would add our celebration please speak to any member of the committee.

We would also like some flags (Union flag [most-times the Union Jack] and NZ flag), to decorate our room, so please let us know if you have one we can use.

**I** AM told the outing to Dilworth School was very successful. I wasn't able to go myself which was a disappointment for me but I'm glad it went well. If you still need to pay your fee of \$20 this is your last opportunity!

Kind regards,

*Christine*