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IT’S a happy day to day as we celebrate our Queen’s 90th birthday. I admire her hard work and diligence which I think is remarkable at her age. Her husband is even older but is still seen on occasions with her supporting her.

I hope you have all made the effort to look like the Queen possibly with the large hat with upturned brim (so we can all see her face); or the pearls she so frequently wears (I’m afraid mine will be imitation ones) and the gloves she often wears. This might be difficult as it is not our usual habit to wear gloves in our hot summer climate. But there’s always the possibility that someone may be able to borrow from a bride. We’ll have a dainty afternoon tea (please don’t stick your little finger out as you drink!). A quiz about the Queen and the royal family, questions devised by me (my home was in England until 1980) so no arguments about the answers! There will be a prize for the member appropriately dressed as the Queen and might be one for the winner of the quiz.

WE created three new Life Members: Alma Bonnar, retiring Secretary; Frances Lister and Irene Walton. They were each given a framed Certificate and one of them said “It was the only certificate she had ever received!” They all looked very happy.

NOW for the sad news: Olive McCullock has died and there were three resignations: Yvonne Meister, Ann Bevin and Patty Morris (the last for heath reasons). There was a beautiful photo of Gwen Hart on the front table with her burial card and several people spoke of her organising ability, her willingness to serve on the Committee, being President or whatever role was needed. I remember Kathleen Hay’s short speech and Glenda Hanson and there were probably others whom I did not manage to write down.

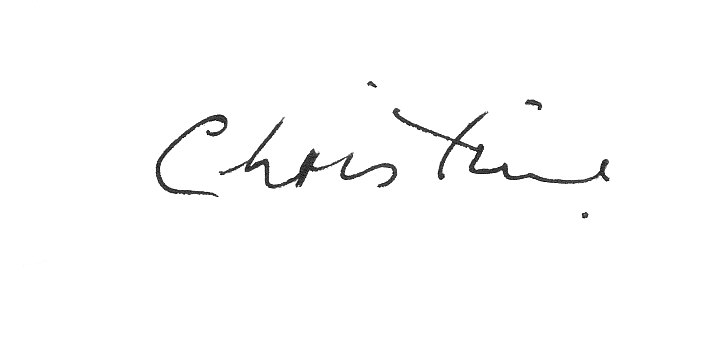
TWO outings have been planned. One to the Mail Sorting Centre on 24 May. I think the cost was $5 each which included a light morning tea, but Sharan was still trying to find the cheapest bus. It is usually the bus which makes the trips so costly.

The other trip was to Puketutu Island which would have to be on Tuesday 12 October or the 19th. But the lady Sharan spoke to said she was rather busy at the moment and would prefer to discuss details later.

OUR May meeting is on Monday 16 May and the main Speaker will be Janice Willis of the Elderly Assist Ltd. We still need a Mini Speaker – surely we have some brave ladies in our Probus group! Our outing to the Mail Centre is the week after, so I hope Sharan has sorted the bus situation out by then. We have our Committee meeting the week before our April meeting but it’s too late to report in this newsletter.

I’VE saved this news till last in case I haven’t room to name all the songs. For those who couldn’t come to the March meeting, we were entertained by the Te Atatu Men’s Choir, and their singing was just so good! The youngest was already over 80 years old and some in their 90s. There were several solos sung and altogether they sang 20 songs.

The songs I can fit in started off with *Stout Hearted Men*, and among the rest were *Getting To Know You, Scarlet Ribbons*, *Rolling DownTo Rio, On The Road to Mandalay, Floral Dance* and they finished with *Drunken Sailor.* The lady pianist, who I understand is also over 80, also conducted; which just proves women are multi-taskers! They insisted they could have song longer but they all enjoyed the afternoon tea, provided mainly by the Committee and the tea, coffee and biscuits provided by our able tea ladies.

Kind regards,