

**NELSON ELECTRONIC ORGAN AND KEYBOARD CLUB**  
**AUGUST SEPTEMBER. 2021**

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

*Hi all*

*Well its all been a bit déjà vu being back in lockdown. At least we had a good turn out for the Mid year get together at the Honest Lawyer and the after party at Colleens. The AGM went well, but again a bit déjà vu with the same committee keeping things running. It seems everyone is happy!*

*Our next club afternoon now planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> October at the Baptist Church Hall. After that we should be back to the school for evening meetings in Nov (as long as we are back to level 1!)*

*Sharon and I will miss that one as we hope to take the caravan up to the lower North Island for a couple of weeks.*

*See you all soon. Keep well and keep playing*

**WARREN**

**MID WINTER LUNCHEON**

*Another lovely afternoon with the Music Club.*

*We had our midwinter Luncheon at the Honest lawyers, great company and a great crowd of about 20 members including friends.*

*The weather was wet and cold but once we were inside for lunch it was warm and cosy. There was plenty to talk about and lots of laughs.*

*The staff gave us V I P treatment, they couldn't have been nicer.*

*The Luncheon was very nice and from there we moved on to Colleens Village Hall at Omaio about 2.30pm*

*Still Raining, but we didn't take long to get into our music mood, with Warren and Pam getting things rolling.*

*Valerie and Warren also played some good old songs and so did Bob and Warren.*

*We just had a light afternoon tea as we were quite full from lunch and I really think it slowed us down a bit.*

*But all in all the day went well and I'm sure it was enjoyed by everyone.*

*Thank you to the Committee and Colleen for making it an enjoyable afternoon.*

**RAE**

**NOTES FROM THE A.G.M.**

*It was nice to see so many people come along to the A.G.M. to support the Club.*

*The committee remains the same as last year.*

*Subscriptions are now due - \$25 for a couple and \$15 single.*

*We decided to donate \$1000 of our funds to the Nelson Marlborough Rescue Helicopter Trust.*

*Meeting dates and venues will depend on Covid Alert Levels. The Stoke School is unavailable until the country goes to Alert Level 1.*

*Provisionally, the following are the dates for the remainder of 2021.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> October – Stoke Baptist Church*

*Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 7.30pm Stoke School Hall*

*Xmas Function will be at Teapot Valley on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December*

*The cost is \$30 per person. Financial members of the Club will be subsidised \$10 each.*

**ROSTERS.**

**HOME AFTERNOONS**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October Yvonne Tetlow

15 Allisdair St. Mary Bank... ph. 5450954

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November Valerie Andrews

35 Tahi St Mapua.... Ph. 5403288

**RAFFLES**

2<sup>ND</sup> October. Edith Mills

2<sup>nd</sup> November. Valerie Andrews. Tuesday evening Stoke School

**CLUB MEETINGS**

2<sup>nd</sup> October Pam Cox. Baptist Church

2<sup>nd</sup> November. ?

**CLUB MEETINGS**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Stoke School 7.30pm.

**Afternoon tea..**

2<sup>nd</sup> October Colleen Flower

2<sup>nd</sup> November. Rose Castree. Supper.

**SERIOUS LOCK DOWN ADVICE**

Everyone PLEASE be careful because people are going crazy from being locked down at home!

I was just talking about this with the microwave and the toaster while drinking my G & T, and we all agreed that things are getting bad.

I didn't mention any of this to the washing machine, because she put a different spin on EVERYTHING! Certainly couldn't share with the fridge, because he's been acting cold and distant!

In the end, the iron straightened me out! She said the situation isn't all that pressing and all the wrinkles will soon get ironed out! The vacuum, however, was very unsympathetic. Told me to just suck it up! But the fan was VERY optimistic and gave me hope that it will all blow over soon!

The toilet looked a bit flushed but didn't say anything when I asked its opinion, but the front door said I was becoming unhinged and the doorknob told me to get a grip!

You can just about guess what the curtains told me- they told me to "pull myself together!"

We will survive!

( Thanks to Facebook )

## RAE'S MUSICAL STORY

From a very young age I had a love of music, I nearly drove my grandmother crazy just thumping on her piano. I thought I was amazing but no one else did. I must have imagined I was playing tunes even if I wasn't.

At the age of 9 my mother gave me a choice of learning singing or piano, of course I jumped at the thought of learning to play piano. I loved it so much even more than going to school, music was going to be my life (I thought) until my parents split up when I was 13 in my first year at the Hutt Valley High School. It broke my heart. I was fortunate in those 3 yrs to pass the first 3 exams in 1 in theory, 2 playing piano. I was so happy with my results, it taught me the basic of music. But we moved to Nelson in the country 1950, I hated it! My brother and I were so isolated but in my teens I taught myself to play the Guitar and Piano Accordion & mouth Organ. I think my mother realised how much I loved music, I also had the piano.

Music has been a big part of my life since my husband died in 2008, I've learned to play the Keyboard Organ, it was Warrens shop that gave us lessons way back in the early 1990s. The lady that taught me was Sherrie Ching. That was a great time for me it seemed music was following me everywhere I went.

I didn't play much the first 30 yrs I was married, too busy with my 6 children. I've only one son that plays the electric guitar in Australia the rest would rather just turn a switch on. I am now more involved than ever with my music. I'm in a Ukulele band we play Gospel Country music and also this Nelson Keyboard Club which I love very much. The Ukulele Band I'm in is run by our church, we visit most of the rest homes and play for the Church Services also.

I have been playing the piano for 10 years at the Ernest Rutherford for their Church Services. Almost since it opened I just play 4 different hymns each time. I love it, Religion is very important to a lot of the elderly folk and we feel good after we've visited them. They are all very grateful.

I hope to continue playing for as long as I can.  
I am very fond of classical music and Country Gospel.

FROM RAE.

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Saturday 6<sup>TH</sup> November. Audrey and Bob are holding another  
 "OPEN HOME". Ph. 03 5286480

**REMINDER.**

I am still waiting for some more of your musical stories for our news letter. I would love another one for the November Letter. Please get those pencils working, Thanks to Rae who has sent us hers, as you will read above. There must be plenty more out there some where.

Keep well everyone

Valerie. My email is – [valeriedon75@yahoo.com](mailto:valeriedon75@yahoo.com).

Or send to 35 Tahi St. Mapua 7005

## **A most Welcome Treat**

As most of us have been couped up for so long it was easily understandable to see the looks of sheer joy from the remarkable attendance of everyone at Bob & Audrey's afternoon. As each guest arrived such a spontaneous reaction to greet one another for an afternoon of music, fellowship & fun, and most certainly that's what it turned out to be.

Being such a sunny day at long last, most would surely have enjoyed too, the vistas across the estuary whilst travelling to Motueka. It was also an opportunity to pay a visit to the busy town centre, and can you believe it, traffic lights are being installed in the main street plus another roundabout.

Audrey & Bob are such special hosts at there unique cosy home which even has a golf putting green, as Bob would proudly show you. Audrey is truly such an amazing character, her bright disposition abounds as she welcomes all to her home, prepares afternoon tea, at the same time chatting & playing music, all with such enthusiasm.

A feature of these home hosting afternoons is the relaxing social aspect which enables music to be performed on a more casual basis which adds to the joy of the sounds that flow.



Maureen & Warren in action

Warren interacts so well too, passing on skills and including his delightful backing as a duet for some pieces. The combination of Audrey's Tyros with the PSR made for some great combined sounds during the afternoon. Most in attendance contributed to the pleasant sounds in some form or another, the variety being the feature.

Another sound worth mentioning too was the piano playing. Anne Bell played beautifully the first piece then followed similarly by others, the special 'honky tonk' tone adding to the novelty & in no way diminishing the variety of accomplished renditions.

What a treat it all was, chatting with friends, enjoying a most sumptuous afternoon tea amid the flow of delightful music We are so lucky to have our club, such good friends & generous hosts. Thank you Bob & Audrey. **BOB HANCOCK**

