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The Eric Golt bindery equipment is now installed in the Annex and work has begun on setting it up for use.

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We have a little bit of surplus equipment available for long term loan to members.

New Monthly timetable

We have revised when the Printery is open and when events will be happening. See the attached flyer

Happy New Year to all our Members!

Farewell to Lou



As notified already to members, we were very saddened by the passing of Society Life Member Lou Young at the end of last year. Lou spent a life time in the printing industry, starting in March 1945 as a 15 year old apprentice letterpress operator. Living in Lyttelton, he would catch the train through to Christchurch to work at Coull Sommerville Wilkie in Cashel St for the princely sum of £1 2/6 (\$2.25) a week.



A young Lou (left) with fellow apprentice and life long friend Merv Mein

He started his 6 year apprenticeship as a messenger boy, riding a bike on delivery jobs around town, working his way up to foreman of the Letterpress Dept. Coull Sommerville Wilkie and Whitcombe and Tombs merged in 1971 to form Whitcoulls and for Lou, it meant a move to the Whitcoulls building in Colombo St and a change to the Personnel Dept, where he was a perfect fit with his ability to relate to people.

AGM

This is rapidly approaching and nominations are being called for Exec members and office holders.

Membership Subs due

These are now due for 2017. Read about how you will get a better deal this year!

Waitangi Weekend

Waitangi Weekend, especially Sunday looks to be a big day at Ferrymead. Can you help out for an hour or so at the Printery?

Nostalgia Weekend

This is coming up on March 4. It promises to be another highly successful weekend.

Other News

Bark in the Park



This was a huge success for both the Park and the Society with over 200 dogs and 370 humans - both big and small. A big thank you to Isana and other members of the Junior Print Group who printed heaps of Posters for the dogs and their owners. Well done girls!

Equipment Donation

We have recently taken delivery of two Cundall Luton folders, kindly donated by Laurie and Andrea Dempsey at Wilson Print, Rangiora. They also donated the wonderful Heidelberg KORA last year so we are very grateful for their continued support of the Society.



Lou (seated) in a meeting at Whitcoulls

He always showed a great interest in people, which even our younger members, who have only met him in the last few years, will attest to. Despite the many changes at Whitcoulls after the amalgamation, in both management and direction, Lou hung in there to complete 50 years service for the two companies. After joining the Printing Society, he was a very proud member and served in many capacities on the Executive, showing a great willingness to assist others in the art of letterpress printing or to offer advice. After the Society went through some tough years in the last decade, when it looked like it would have to close, he was particularly thrilled with the renewed interest in the Society, and was an enthusiastic supporter of the new developments of the last few years. Always keen to meet new members and share his knowledge, his smile and kind words were always greatly appreciated when he called in to the Printery to keep an eye on what was happening. It was a very proud Lou in March 2015, when he completed 70 years service to the Printing Industry. The fact so many attended his funeral and so many younger members have commented on what a wonderful person he was, bares testament to what a loss he will be to the Society. Our thoughts are with Rose and the family at this time. *Thanks to Merv Mein for his help with this tribute to Lou.*

Life Membership

In was a great thrill and honour to present long serving member Gavin Tweedy with Life Membership of the Printing Society just before Xmas. Gavin has been involved with the Society for 37 years and as well as serving on the Executive in many roles, has been actively involved with Curragh House and the Ferrymead Trust. Thank you very much for all your hard work for the Society, Gavin. Your sage advice and knowledge of what has gone before will be sadly missed. Enjoy the sunshine of Motueka, Gavin!



Xmas Function

Despite it being that time of year when everyone has many engagements calling on their time, we were very thrilled with the turn out to what has been the first Society Xmas Function in some time (if ever?). We enjoyed some relaxing time in the courtyard area outside the kitchen of the Oddfellows Lodge before a few presentations were made and the barbecue fired up. Thanks to all that attended, especially parents of our Junior members, and to chef Chris H who did a marvellous job on the BBQ along with other helpers. Let's make this a regular! Photo (right) shows some of the members enjoying the Xmas BBQ with others unfortunately already having left.



Bindery installed



During the holidays, over a couple of Wednesdays, Gary and a team comprised of Howard, Chris H and Leon, with the help of Mike Lawson the Custodian and his trusty forklift, shifted some of the items in the Whitcoulls Annex to make space for the Bindery equipment donated to the Printing Society by the late Eric Galt. Eric ran a bindery service when the family lived in Akaroa and then latterly from his garage in Hoon Hay Road. There is a complete set of bindery equipment - hot foiling machines, book presses, etc so there are a number of people who are quite excited at the possibilities this equipment will provide. It will now be possible to undertake the complete process of creating a book, as it was done in the past, from composition to printing to binding, etc.

Some of the Junior Print Group and student groups have produced some amazing efforts during the year, and they will now be able to complete their projects as properly bound books.

The Bindery is currently being set up into working order by Gary and Sandy Corbet so we will look forward to this being operational in the coming months. This setup will also introduce a number of other people, interested in book binding, to the Society.

Surplus Equipment

As a result of the shifting around of equipment, we have a number of book presses and large guillotines surplus to our requirements. We do not want to scrap such important treasures so these are being made available to members on long term loan, if anyone was interested in putting something to good use - even as a display item.

Please contact Gary or Howard if there was something you wanted.



New Monthly Timetable

Over the past year, we have introduced some new happenings to the Society, like the Junior Print Group, Working Bees, etc. Unfortunately, the timing of these meant members were being asked to spend a lot of weekend time at the Printery, e.g. Working Bees on the 1st Saturday, and Steam Sunday on the 1st Sunday, etc. We have revised the timetable of happenings and when we meet, in the hope this will make less demands on people's valuable time but still offer plenty of opportunities to make use of the Printery or help out. A monthly planner is attached as a separate page so you can pin it up as a reminder of these changes.

AGM

There are a few months to go but the AGM is rapidly approaching. The Constitution requires that nominations for offices be presented at the February Executive meeting before the AGM. Attached is a nomination form for Executive members and positions within the Executive. Please consider being involved in our Executive. We only meet bi-monthly and the Society is in good shape at the moment with many new developments underway. It is a great time to be part of these exciting new happenings.

At the AGM, we will be presenting a revamped Constitution (which hadn't been updated since 1993!) - the main changes being a few different types of members - Juniors / Honorary members and a change in the Financial Year from the current Jan - Dec to the more normal April - March. So with this membership, you will actually get 15 months for your subscription. If you would like a copy of the proposed new Constitution, please contact Howard P.

Membership Subs are now due for 2017

Its that time of year again. Attached is a form for renewal of membership for this year. If you did not get a membership card last year, please do not panic about this. We will ensure you get a membership card this year. As explained above, with a change of Financial Year, you will actually get better value this coming subscription period. You can either send in a cheque or pay online. Even if you are a life or honorary member, please complete a subscription form but you obviously don't have to pay a subscription.

Waitangi Weekend

Quite a lot is happening at Ferrymead over the weekend with Sunday being a Steam Sunday as well. February's Steam Sunday is all about Amazing NZ with a trail quiz, special made in New Zealand displays in the Post Office and Aeronautical Societies, Josh the blacksmith will be operating, the Cinema is open, and a production is on at the Heathcote Studios Theatrical Society as well as unlimited steam and tram rides. There could be quite a crowd. If any members can lend a hand on Sunday or Monday, that would be appreciated.



Nostalgia Weekend

Last year, this was a huge day for us with large crowds coming through right until fairly late in the afternoon. We had families and younger ones visiting earlier in the day, and a slightly different crowd later on, drawn by the great music on offer. At times there would have been over 30 people in the Printery, and it proved a very successful day for us in lots of ways.

Nostalgia Festival 2017 is coming up on March 4 and Gary has organised a great programme, with different groups manning different presses. They will assist visitors print posters relating to the musicians that will be performing, etc. It sounds like it is really building up to be another great day for us. Mark this date on your calendar to either come down and lend a hand, or drop in to see what it happening. If you can help in some way, I'm sure Gary would appreciate hearing from you - fopars73@gmail.com



Ferrymead Printing Society

Nomination Form - Election of Executive / Office Holders

Name of person nominated: _____

Position nominated for: _____

Nominated by: _____

Nominator's phone no: _____

Nominator's Email: _____

I confirm I have obtained the nominee's consent for their name and details to go forward.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Nominations forms must be with the Secretary (Karen Gorsuch) by 5 pm on the 5th day before the Annual General Meeting.



Ferrymead Printing Society

Membership Renewal 2017

'All members (and Executive Members) shall promote the purposes of the Society and shall do nothing to bring the Society into disrepute'. (From Constitution 13.1)

(Please complete a membership renewal form even if a Life or Honorary member.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Type of Membership: Full (\$25) Junior (\$25) Business (\$60)
 Life Honorary

Declaration: I support the Objectives of the Society outlined above and wish to be a member for 2017.

Payment Enclosed \$_____ (Please post to Ferrymead Printing Society, P.O.Box 41177, Ferrymead, Christchurch)

Paid Online \$_____ (Ferrymead Printing Society, Account number 03 0830 0338510-01 - use name as reference)

Signed _____

Date: _____