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Hi everybody,

Kevin asked me to do the Coordinators report, as he is very busy with vineyard work. I hope he has a great harvest and everything works well for him.

Our local AGM is on 21st of April and so far we have 9 nominations. It's awesome that so many members are stepping up and wanting to have the club as a great place. Hopefully we will see lots of our members attending the AGM meeting, especially as we have a social time afterwards. Remember to bring a small plate of food to share for supper.

A big thank you to Kelvin Watson for running the Kaituna Ridges Rally, it was enjoyed by everybody and as far as I know, it should be on next year again.

Kelvin Watson will also organize our Rescue Ride which is on ANZC day. Please keep the afternoon free so you can attend the ride. As the saying goes: The more the merrier!

As you all know Tom Brown had an accident he is at the moment at the Wairau Hospital. I wish him a quick recovery.

I am looking forward to the National AGM meeting in Westport. It's also the first time I am attending the meeting, I hope I will get new ideas and meet interesting people. I also wish the weather is good so I can fit in a ride along the West Coast because I love the scenery and the ride. The social evening on Saturday night should be a fun night.

Take care and enjoy your rides.

Gisela. Vice-Coordinators Report…

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Deadline for contributions to the next newsletter is;
March 20th

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Minutes - Committee Meeting

Meeting: 3 March 2016
Red Cross Hall, Redwood Street, Blenheim

Attendees: Kevin Bright, Evan Teale, John King, Wayne Brock, Kelvin Watson, Gisela Schulze.

Apologies: Jeff Champion

Visitors: Nicky Bright, Colin Simpson

Meeting Started: 7:02pm

Minutes of the previous meeting: Read and confirmed.

Matters arising: None

Inwards correspondence: Approved W.B./K.B.

Newsletters from Nelson, Auckland, North Harbour, Wellington, Waikato.

Email from Robin Dunn requesting an update on our garden feature rock.

Invitation for bikes to visit the Alzheimers on 5 May at 130pm. – Will be done by retreads group.

Outwards correspondence: Approved W.B./K.B.

Invitation to Buller and Nelson to ride to Berlins on Easter Monday.

Reply email to Robin Dunn re our feature rock.

Email to Robin Dunn advising our rock is now in place.

Treasurer’s report: Approved WB/JK

Accounts to pay
Newton Farm Partnership 1020.00
Kelvin for rally expenses 38.70
Wayne reported that after expenses (if no more come in) the rally made a profit of $532.30

General Business

Discussion on Tom Brown – He is in Christchurch Public Hospital. -wait for more info. Send get well card to Tom.

Discussion on Life Flight ride – Kelvin organising Seymore st car park for end of ride

We may have a stall at the next Bikers Brekky if we can find some people to man it.

Our website a bit out of date, Kevin checking with Bob

Two new membership forms to check on Arie Verhey and Margaret Teale.

Sec to send thank you card to Suzy & Mac Po for use of toilet at rally.

Plaque approved, ready to go into production.

Gisela offered to do tea & coffee for AGM. Kelvin has tea & coffee from rally.

After extensive discussion Change of Balance date and inviting new coordinator to coordinators meeting were approved.

Westport AGM Dress up approved Gisela to organise. Colin said he had no response to his request for blood doners.

Rob Hartley can come to vines village on 21 May and speak to us.

Grape ride marshals – poor response so far – if we don’t get 15 by 11 March we should open it up to Nelson

Rides for April

2nd Grape ride – marshals needed

3rd Kaikoura

10th Jolly Rodger Waikawa

17th Nelson

24th No ride

25th Ride to raise funds for Life Flight Trust

21st May Rob Hartley talk at Old Orchard Café Vines Village

Meeting finished 8:16pm

Next meeting 7 April 2016

Evan Teale delegated Secretary standing in for Jeff Champion

Fun Bike Facts - Jim Barrett

Castrol Honda makes a special sticky tape that improves airflow over race bikes’ bodywork. Laid across the nose section, it allows the air to slip up and over the helmet and leathers of the rider more smoothly.

Under WSB rules, acid is used to check if a component that should be aluminium or steel, say it isn’t in fact titanium. A colour change indicates the presence of exotic lightweight material.

The first motorcycle ever was the SH Roper 1869 steam cycle.

The first production bike to advertise a top speed of over 100mph was the Brough Superior.

The first bike to ever top 200 mph was supercharged 499cc NSU in 1956. It achieved 211.4 mph

The first rider to ever go over 300mph was Don Vesco in 1975, on a 1496cc Yamaha-engined streamliner.

The first production motorcycle was the 1488cc, 2.5hp Hilberand & Wolfmuller Motorrad, made in Germany from 1894-97.

Super-fit Troy Bayliss has a resting heart rate of 36 bpm, around half the normal rate. During a race, Bayliss’ heart rate rises to 186bpm.

Nobody in the 2004 GP, WSB or BSB series has the number one plate on his bike.
**Ulysses Gear - $10 month**

**All items listed are $10**

If you would like to purchase one of these items or any other item of Ulysses Gear, check out the Gear on the Ulysses NZ website, www.ulysses.org.nz and make a note of what you want. Then get in touch with me to order. That way you don’t have to pay the freight.

Jo de Reeper # 6608

Jo’s contact phone # 579 1173

Jo’s email: jo.dereeper@gmail.com

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Key Ring, Silver or Gold on black leather.

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Ulysses Club of NZ Inc. Marlborough Branch

RESCUE RIDE

‘Bikers raising funds for ‘Lifeflight’ RESCUE HELICOPTER’

· ANZAC DAY: Monday 25 April 2016
  · meet at the Havelock Marina carpark at 1pm for a 1.30pm departure.
  · Destination; 2pm Seymour St carpark—Blenheim (entrance off Seymour Street)
    · Sausage sizzle at destination – gold coin donation.
    · Badges will be on sale on the day—proceeds to Lifeflight
    · Open to anyone riding a road-worthy motorbike
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NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS... Readers really appreciate your contributions—keep ‘em comin’!!

Please NOTE that the CLOSE OFF date for contributions to this newsletter is 20th of the month.

If you’re going to send in something that might take a whole page or more—please let me know early in the month so I can reserve the space for you. Many Thanks, Jane.

Life is very short so take the long road

bikersfirst.com
East Coast Inn 25 February

Today a forecast of 32 c, and a little smaller group than normal for our ride south.

On today's ride were, Peter Nelson, Lou Jowers, Alan Graham, Terry Maloney, John Hadfield, John Sinclair, Dutch, Ray Beard, Noel Duff, Karl Marshall, Derek Stripling, Chris Donaldson, Steve Paul, and the writer.

My, hasn't State Highway one become so busy. Here we are almost the end of Feb and still traffic almost nose to tail. Certainly perhaps not helped by the reconstruction of the highway on the Blenheim side of Grassmere hill.

Real wet sticky stuff and looked like lime added making a mess of our bikes.

Great service again from the lovely staff, with nice food on offer. Made a point of moving around the 3 tables occupied by our members. Was so impressed with the guys mixing in and having a good old chat with each other.

Had a long chat with relative newer member John Sinclair. He stated one of the best things he had done was to join our Thursday group telling me he's having a ball. John would be one of our most travelled members on his Suzuki V/strom 1000cc. He literally makes his mind up to suddenly hop on the ferry late at night and travel to the far north and back in a short time. Great stuff.

Stuart Paul is another that gets around a fair bit. He tells me he's going on the road for the next few months not on his bike this time but in his recently purchased home on wheels. Heading up north to catch up with family.

Ride home was pretty uneventful, road workers had finished for the day and the surface had dried out somewhat. Wasn't so hot at Ward with a pleasant sea breeze wafting through, however on passing through Seddon and on to home it really did feel like 30 odd.

Speights Ale House, Nelson, 3/3/16  Murray Brooks

A cracker of a day to have our Nelson ride on. Still huge traffic density but nevertheless an enjoyable ride with good friends.

On today's ride were; John Sinclair, Allan Graham, Noel & Olive Duff, Noel & Pip Sutherland, Alister & Julie all the way from Kaikoura, Keith Black out on his first run with the Thursday group on his immaculate Suzuki Boulevard, Karl Marshall, John Hadfield, Terry Maloney, Graham Check, and travelling by car due to a leg opp were Evan & Margaret Teale. Visiting us were Rod Curtis Nelson branch and our old friend Maurice Bain with friend Alex on their bikes and the writer.

With two catch ups it always great to arrive together at our destination so drinks were ordered all around (mainly cool water) while we waited for our lunches to arrive.

What a great selection to choose from; Avocado Smash, Bacon/Banana flapjacks (yummy) Kiwi Burgers, Pear & Walnut Salad, Bucket mussels & Chips, Crispy Pork Belly (eaten by member with no teeth?) and Eggs Benedict.

A discussion with members after lunch deciding some would go around the block, some to the Motorcycle Museum and others direct home.

As I was one of seven to go to the museum have to say was brilliant to see so many old bikes on display. Couldn't believe the number of side chair combinations some so far out but 'twas the way years ago and is something we don't see too often on the roads these days. I noticed a lot of support staff on duty all who could lose their jobs if as reported the exhibition will close soon. Can thoroughly recommend this museum to all motorcycle enthusiasts.

Rode home with Alister & Julie who still had to ride to Kaikoura, a big day for them.

Murray #3161
Speights Ale House, 10 March

Since Kelvin re-started the Branch mid-month dinners, they just keep getting better and better. This month there were 14 of us and you could tell from the buzz of laughter and conversation around the table that everyone was enjoying their evening. It’s a great opportunity for a catch-up, the cooks get a night off and it’s not a late night – arrive at 6pm – home by 8.30, just pernick for the middle of the week.

Kelvin was looking a bit lost – his Julia was AWOL, they’re such a great couple it doesn’t seem right to see one at a Ulysses function without the other. Hope you’re feeling better by now Julia. Ray and Vic were the last to arrive and I not ashamed to say I couldn’t stop staring – with all the cycling they’ve been doing Ray has shed more than one or two kilo’s – compliments all round, looking good there Ray, I think he was quite pleased that someone noticed!

Vic regaled us with tales of their cycling exploits – sounded hilarious, - one story was about falling off the cycle and down down down a rabbit hole, reminding me of Alice in Wonderland – (not sure which one of them is the mad hatter!) don’t often see Vic so animated, as I said, hilarious Thanks Vic.

Poor old Colin tells us he and Glenda are both so busy doing different things, they pass like ships in the night – he has to keep a photo of Glenda on the fridge at home so he remembers what she looks like!

Gisela was hatching plans for the dress ups at the National AGM, the dress rehearsal raised a few laughs – good stuff Gisela!

Evan and Margaret are busy people – good to see them out –but let’s face it, we’re all busy people, so an evening out for a bit of R & R is always a bonus –

Thank you Kelvin, looking forward to the next one already.

Jane #6361

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APRIL Mid-month dinner and social

Join us at The Yard Bar

30 Maxwell Road, Blenheim

Tuesday 12 April, 6pm

(Tuesdays is 2 for 1 pizza night, plus whatever else is on the menu)

If you are coming, please RSVP to Kelvin Watson—

by Monday 11 April

Ph; 5776822 OR Email; julia_kelvin@kinect.co.nz
Pelorous Bridge, 10 March. Murray Brooks

A much smaller group than usual due no doubt to the weather forecast which was suggesting gale force winds. We had overnight strong winds in Rarangi and was surprised when arriving at our meeting point to find hardly any wind at all.

In our riders briefing I advised our group that would it not have been a good idea to ride south as I was advised strong winds Ward & Kekerengu. As it transpired it was in fact a good area to stay away from.

So decision was made to head up to Pelorus Bridge, have to say once out of Blenheim it " blew like hell " rounding some corners I felt the wind was trying to lift my helmet off me. However the further we went the better it seemed to get.

As always our " gang " gets great service from the girls at the cafe.

Joining our group was member Peter Bedborough from Wanganui ( yes Peter is still a Marlborough member ) who had called me earlier to say they were in the area and would like to meet up with the group. Some goss from Peter who tells me they travelled to Canterbury to buy a caravan which they are staying in at of all places Rarangi.

Peter also tells me he does volunteer work with the steam boat on the Wanganui river. So if any member is visiting the area contact him and could arrange a freebie on a cruise up the river more particularly on a Tuesday.

In spite of the serious flooding he had last year everything was replaced thanks to his insurance company with no problems at all.

A mature lady arrived whilst we were dining outside and called out who owns the restored Kawasaki in the park. Lou was somewhat taken back when she asked if he would swap it for her GN 250. Lou, being Lou although somewhat taken back was pretty chuffed and enquired where was she from and she replied Mapua..

It wasn’t Long after this when both Dutch and Ray were approached by another two mature ladies and sat at their table for quite some time until a couple of bikers arrived with two Velocettes about 1975 vintage and Ray was off to talk to them leaving poor old Dutch to continue entertaining the two ladies which I might add he seemed to enjoy.

About 1-15 most of us left in our usual dribs and drabs with Ray and Peter doing their usual thing for a coffee in Picton.

Good ride home with the wind at our backs.

Another great day out with mates.
Murray #3161
New Ulysses Club discount and code for Ferry bookings
From: Furneaux <furneaux@paradise.net.nz>
Date: 22 February 2016 at 16:19
Subject: New Ulysses Club discount, and code for ferry bookings....
To: All Ulysses <all.office.holders@ulysses.org.nz>

Hi all
1) Please note that the code for the InterIslander was changed for 2016 back in July – please see attached email which sets out the procedure. If you have the old link set in your browser, please refresh.
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You will need to enter your Ulysses Club membership card number to complete your booking, and you will need your card when you arrive at the accommodation.

Cheers
Jim F

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WELCOME
To new member
Ian Gardiner #9408

BRANCH AGM
Please come along to our AGM
Thursday 21 April 2016
7.30pm
Red Cross Rooms, Redwood Street, Blenheim.
Nominations have been received and all positions are filled, so no need to be worried you'll be shoulder tapped at the last moment!
REMEMBER to bring a plate of food to share for supper.
Show your support for the new committee SEE YOU THERE!

2016/17 Branch AGM nominations received
Coordinator; Kelvin Watson
Vice Coordinator; Gisela Schulze
Secretary; Jeff Champion
Treasurer; Wayne Brock
Committee members; John Laing, Tom Brown, Evan Teale, Don Best, Colin Simpson,, Jock Woodley

Wonder how they get the money?
Around 50 members attended our Back To Basics rally this year. Along with a good group from Marlborough, a big group of Ulyssians came up from Canterbury and a few others trundled their campers over the hill from Nelson - it was great to catch up with them all again. Most of the campers & mobile homes arrived on Friday afternoon & set up camp. Happy hour or three was on Friday before fish & chips were enjoyed by those that had ordered that night. Thanks to Wendy & Jeff Champion for organising that. Later, most people adjourned to the woolshed for Party,Party,Party!! Drinking, music for a little dancing, and some Irish music too for our resident spoon player Grumpy.

Saturday morning all the Bikers & some campers headed into Blenheim for the Bikers Brekkie. This was another highly successful event put on by Marlborough Road Safety & some other sponsors. Tummy’s filled with bacon and egg sammies & coffee, we headed back out to the rally site where we held a fun Gymkhana during the afternoon. There were 4 different events with the overall winner being Kiley Boddington. 2nd place went to Tim Wills & 3rd went to Jim Barrett & Kelvin Watson. Nicola Hawke & Ross Bathurst won the hardluck prizes for their little offs & hurt prides. A 2nd happy hour on Saturday with lots of disgraceful behavior before we headed to the woolshed for the lovely dinner put on by our hosts Paul & Muff Newton, & their helpers. Spit roast meat, hot roast potatoes, carrots corn & peas with apple mint sauce and gravy was the main course. Rhubarb crumble & icecream for pudding followed by tea & coffee. Even 2nds were available for those who wanted.
After dinner raffle tickets were sold & five lucky people received prizes. Furthest travelled prizes were given to the Ryans from Waiheki Island & Charlie Brown from Green Island. Congratulations were in order for Tim and Melissa Wills as it was their 17th wedding anniversary and Farewells were said to the Brownies as it was their last Marlborough Ulysses event before they move up north for a change of scene. Thankyou speeches were made to our hosts, all the helpers & the rally goers before request night started. Those that chose a song on their entry form got to hear it if I could find it!

Sunday morning it was great to see Grumpy (in true Ulyssian style, aided by Ian, Blackie and Don) cooking up a hearty breakfast for the Canterbury group before they packed up ready for the ride home. Serenaded by Blackies fart tape, licking their plates clean, it was clear these folk were having a really great start to their day. -Good stuff!

In closing I would like to personally thank my helpers Murray, Lyndsay, Jeff & Wendy, and Lou. Suzy & Mac Powhare (Grapeworx) for their sponsored mobile toilet and John & Jane Laing (Marlborough Motorcycle Riding School) for their sponsored raffle prize & everyone else for making it a successful rally.

Kelvin Watson. 3602.

Thanks Kelvin—I have added one or two words to Kelvins report and I want to add my Thanks to Kelvin for organising this Rally for 2016. It is one of our best events, hugely enjoyed by those who attend—long may it continue! - Jane #6361
MINUTES 2015 AGM—Marlborough Branch (to remind you before our 2016 AGM)

AGM: Meeting: 22nd April 2015. Red Cross hall, Redwood Street – Blenheim

Meeting started 7.34pm
Attendees: 25 members. As per attached list


Minutes of previous meeting. The 2014 minutes were reviewed by all attendees. Moved that the minutes were correct, Jeff Champion 7121. Seconded Kevin Bright 7124.

Matters arising. None

Inwards correspondence. None
Outwards correspondence. None


Treasurer’s report. A full report was given by Wayne Brock 2929.
A copy of his report is attached. Wayne thanked Jim Barrett, Jane Laing, Murray Brooks and Allan de Reeper for their help and co-operation during the past year.
Murray Brooks thanked Wayne Brock for the great job he is doing.

General business.

Motion. Kevin Bright put a motion to the members. The motion was for all members to receive an email copy of our news letter. (Free.) Any member that wants a paper copy will be charged for that at a price to be set by the new committee.
Nicky Bright stated that our news letter is considered one of the best in the country and most branches want a copy each month.
Jane Laing thanked members for their contributions, stating they were so good she regularly sent copies to the national magazine for publication.
A vote was taken and passed. 7 people voted against this and 17 for it.

Club funding. This will be done in two ways. Advertising in the news letter ($1200) and our being marshals at the Grape ride ($1250). A general discussion took place with Natcom funds and funding explained by Nicky Bright. Natcom is to increase our membership fee from 1st January 2016.

Fund raising for charities. Toy runs and Ambulance rides were discussed. All agreed they should be supported. Committee to work towards helping these events but not funding them excessively.

The Mentor program is being reviewed. Ulysses members can now be assisted to the equivalent of the C.B.T.A licensing standard. (If they wish to.)

Ulysses Marlborough garden update. This should be completed this winter. We are giving the council $1000 towards a seat for this area.

Election of Officers

Elected Nominated Seconded
Co-ordinator Kevin Bright 7124 John King 958 Jeff Champion 7121
Vice Co-ordinator; no applicants
Secretary Jeff Champion 7121 Kevin Bright 7124 Wayne Brock 2929
Treasurer Wayne Brock 2929 Evan Teale 8318 Allan de Reeper 6607

Committee Members

Evan Teale 8318 Murray Brooks 3161 Jeff Champion 7121
Kelvin Watson 3602 Kevin Bright 7124 Jeff Champion 7121
John King 958 Megan Trilford 8013 Jeff Champion 7121
Gisela Schulze 8722 Jeff Champion 7121 Jane Laing 6361

Out of Committee appointments

All the people listed below have agreed to carry on with these very valuable positions for the year ahead.

News Letter editor Jane Laing
Branch Historian Jane Laing
Quarter Master Jo de Reeper
Community Notices Liaison Jo de Reeper
Branch Sheriff Mac Trilford
Welfare Coordinator Chris Donaldson

Meeting closed 8.35pm
NB; Regarding the above notice, Ron tells me, while he does charge around $5 for individuals to visit, he would only be looking for a (lesser) nominal donation from a ‘group’ of Ulyssians. Must ring before you go out there to ensure someone will be there to meet you.—Jane
SUNDOWN RETREAT 2016
BALMORAL RESERVE - HURUNUI
ALL MOTORCYCLES WELCOME
FRI 1ST - 3RD APRIL
11am
Poker Run
Lots of Entertainment, Bike Show, Games, Loudest Bike (with exhausts on) some Challenges for Cash and Prizes.
Plenty of Shade and Shelter, Plenty of Camping Room, Flush Toilets, Bar Facilities, Hot Food, Free Tea and Coffee
Raffles for Cash and Motorcycle Gear, Vendors, Jewellery, Motorcycle Art, Be Entertained at the Stage Friday
and Saturday with some Great Music. Live Entertainment Friday and Saturday.

Bar Prices are kept to a minimum with a good variety, due to licensing requirements NO alcohol can be brought on site. Please consider this when you do choose to come to the rally. The future of these events is very much under threat with more and more restrictions, Lets not stuff them up.

Human Foosball competition: Enter a 6 person team

PRE-Paid ENTRY to the Sundown Retreat: $25 each, 6 entries $125 (1 free). 15 entries $300 (3 free). Gate Entries $30 each
Larger Groups or Clubs please contact us
Sundown Retreat Entry Form. Pre-paid - Postal Entries must be received by 24/3/2016 - Online 30/3/2016
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Good Evening Fellow Ulyssians,

It gives me great pleasure to invite you and your members to our proposed International gathering mid 2017.

The attached flyer will give you an idea of what we propose to do.

With FIM's support the event has the prospect of being a once in a lifetime event.

We also have motorcycle agents in nearby South Africa on standby for bike hire, so the adventure can begin and end there.

Naturally we need to get a feel for the interest out there so we can plan accordingly. So may I appeal to you all to send this out to all your members.

Many thanks.

Kind regards,
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Ulysses Members receive 10% discount on all parts & service when card presented
**Sunday Rides;** Unless otherwise stated, all Sunday rides leave from south end of the Blenheim Railway Station car park.—check the rides calendar.

**Mid Week Rides**—Thursday’s—depart Brashaw Park Carpark, 11am.

> *Come on your bike or in your car, it doesn’t matter, just as long as you come along and join in.*

> *If you have an idea for a ride, get in touch with the Rides Coordinator.*

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<td>Every week</td>
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<td>Retreads Ride every Thursday. Meet at Brashaw Park carpark. Everyone welcome</td>
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<td>Our Branch AGM, Red Cross Rooms on Redwood Street. Bring a small plate of food to share for supper.</td>
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<td>ANZAC DAY Rescue ride—raising funds for ‘Lifeflight’. Ride leaves Havelock Marina at 1.30pm.</td>
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**Further on down the road...**

21 May 2016; Rob Hartley will speak to us at the Old Orchard Café—Vines Village

28/29 May 2016; Brass Monkey Rally, Oturehura.

If you know 2016 dates for rides, rallies & motorbike events around NZ, email details to me for inclusion in this column.

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**School Bus Safety:**

Did you know the correct speed when driving past a stationary school bus is 20 kph?

This applies to vehicles passing in both directions.
Marlborough Ulysses Garden
Email: 26.02.16

Have you had a look lately. Our garden is blooming. Trees are growing and the shrubs are looking good.
The garden seat is in place and the tiles are being laid this week. (Please use this as we had to fight hard to keep it.)
Also our rock is now in position. This was achieved with the help of Stu Wyness and Tom from Mega Mitre 10. There truck did the last of the hard work for us.
Other helpers were Kevin and Nicky Bright, Kelvin Watson and I supervised. (Wendy helped supervise me also)
We have to wait approximately 2 ½ months for the plaque to be made and then it will be complete.
Jeff Champion 7121, Secretary

Thanks Murray B for the pic!

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