

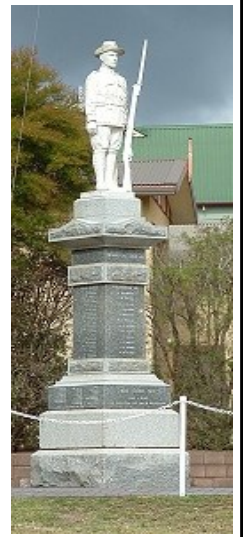
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Around the Churches

St. John's, Clarence Town.

This report seems to come around very quickly, it seems. We are trying very hard, at the moment, to be able to hold the

Glen William Gymkhana on the 4th November.

However, we are also having difficulty finding insurance that won't cost an arm and a leg. If we have to pay a hefty premium, it will make the event unviable. Work in progress.

Our Op Shop and Treasure Centre continue to provide a variety of wares for our community, including clothing for all ages and household items. Marg's specials are certainly worth browsing through for a treasure find.

God continues to bless us all here at St. John's, with our volunteers, readers, intercessors, musicians, cleaners and we give thanks for you all. You are a great blessing to St. John's. Thank you all so much.

We are still waiting on repairs to our beautiful stained glass window of "the Good Samaritan", which is in need of some glass being replaced, and the window straightened. This will mean that the centre panel of the window will be removed and taken to Sydney, repaired, and then brought back and re-installed. Big job – big cost, but we must continue to maintain to all that has been given into our care.

We have been pleased to welcome Rev. Roger Zorab and Rev. Peter Rothnie, who have taken services here recently whilst Rev. Kimbalee is on other duties.

Our church hall is available to hire – please contact Barrie Edwards on 4996 4174 for that.

Our services are at 10am each Sunday. However, there **will not** be a service here on Sunday, 29th October. That is the day for our Parish Dinner and there will be a combined service in Dungog on that day at 10am, followed by the lunch.

**Sue Flannery
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St David's Presbyterian Church Clarence Town.



In late August a few of the members of CTPC attended the launch of the highly acclaimed movie 'Sound of Freedom.' The movie itself has been the subject of much discussion as it is based on a true story where children are rescued from human traffickers. Sadly (but probably unsurprisingly) certain elements within Hollywood have been highly critical of the movie and attempted to undermine its legitimacy by trying to link it to conspiracy theorist organisations. Much of what the movie depicts is based on actual real-life events – something Hollywood has never really majored in. Gets one thinking though, why would Hollywood want to undermine a movie that shines a light on such a dark issue? Considering the history of some in the movie making business, methinks they dost protest too much perhaps?

After some initial delays, CTPC is back on track again with our Church building project. God willing work will commence in the not-too-distant future. But in other exciting news we are holding a Christmas at Claro Pressies event on the 18th of November this year. This will be a fun day in the sun for families to come and enjoy a jumping castle, petting zoo, camel rides, The Pretty Amazing Jono, sing carols along with music provided by Maitland City Brass Band, and hear a talk about the real meaning of Christmas! Further details out soon.

From the pulpit, we finished our series on the Song of Songs – what an awesome series that was. It generated heaps of discussion and surprised many at how great God's good design for our sexual relationships within the covenant of marriage can truly be! We are currently in another series continuing to look closely at John's gospel, to be followed by a series in Genesis focusing on Joseph – a man after God's own heart.

We continue to pray for our town, our leaders, country, and world, both in private and when we meet together and, all the more as we see the great Day of our Lord Jesus approaching. "And what does the LORD require of you? To do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

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From the Parson's Pen

The Christian Church has routinely in years gone by been regularly consulted on all manner of social and ethical questions that society raises. Generations that have come and gone have all had their contentious issues that the Church has attempted to speak into and, give where possible a response that (if done wisely) seeks to enrich our lives. Invariably this requires those church representatives who speak into the public square on matters of practically any subject, need to explore the big questions of our generation through the lens of that which is known to us as the very Word of God. This will require an element of thoughtfulness as we look at each problem or contentious issue by analysing what the Word of God tells us in a Creation, Fall, Redemption, New Creation paradigm. What does Scripture have to say about issue X when we consider all that we know about God's Creation? What does the fall of humanity mean for issue X and its impacts, what does the redemption we find played out by the coming of Christ say in response to an issue like X, and what will the coming of the new creation mean for issue X? Of course, this method relies on a number of assumptions, namely that we are not merely evolved accidental pond scum, that God exists, he created all things, he has spoken through his prophets, and most recently via his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ as recorded in the Old and New Testaments. But then this is the 'Parson's Pen' after all. The method above can be an incredibly useful and powerful tool when speaking into life's complexities. Especially in our own generation, where uniformity of opinion seems to be a more significant endeavour for certain activists than freedom of speech ever was. This sad development has at its core a reluctance to be corrected over anything. A reluctance to listen carefully to another point of view or allowing one's own preconceived ideas to be freely challenged with intelligent discussion. It seems in many quarters, as a society we have lost (or at least are losing) the art of disagreeing well, a principle that has historically separated civilised society and barbarians. The sad fact is that a society that encourages and majors in merely uniformity of opinion, does so at the peril of truth. Truth no longer has traction in a society where uniformity of opinion reigns supreme, and as a result things like justice, freedom of expression and freedom of speech - die. Author and critic of soviet era Communism, Alexander Solzhenitsyn knew well the effects of uniformity of opinion when taken to its logical conclusion. His book the Gulag Archipelago is chilling in its description of what can happen when freedom and truth is replaced with State enforced uniformity of opinion. Why do I mention these things? Because it was the Lord Jesus himself who claimed to be the truth. "I am the way, the truth and the life" Jesus said. In John 8:31-32 he also said, "If you hold to my teaching, you really are my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Our society needs to hear these words of our Saviour as much now as in anytime of the past. Courage to be obedient to God's Word is what it takes, and a resolve the withstand the negative press, loss of privileges or outright persecution that comes our way when we do. Christianity is still changing peoples' lives, and many are being saved for an eternity of paradise by the grace of God. But all that comes at a cost, as indeed it should. After all, our Lord stayed faithful and obedient to the Father, obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Each time we are criticised or maligned for our opinion based on our Christian faith, in some way we participate in the sufferings of Christ. And while that hurts, we are called to stand firm, knowing it is for the sake of the truth. The Truth that is personified in the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Cor 1:2

In Christ, Rev Allan D Welch
Clarence Town Presbyterian Church

Christ Church, Dungog.

Dungog Mother's Union thanks the Dungog High School teacher Mrs. Louise Knight and her students for coming to entertain us on Thursday 10th August. The students sang by themselves and in groups, played guitar, drum and piano, and we also had a dancer. For some it was the first time they had performed in public. We thank them all very much for coming and helping us to raise funds to send to our mission projects later. We all enjoyed a lovely afternoon after the performance.

We have our Markets on the 2nd of September and also the 30th of September as that is the October long weekend and we have a Country Music Festival and Sculpture on the Farm on that weekend. We will also be having Markets on the 7th October and 4th November.

Our Church Services are Friday 10.30 am at Christ Church and Sunday 8.30 am. Sunday Nite Church at Christ Church is on the 4th Sunday 27th August and 24th September at 5 pm and St Peter's in the Paddock is on the First Sunday 3rd September and 1st October at 5 pm. Everyone is most welcome to come along. Cuppa N Chat in the hall at 51 Dowling St, Dungog from 9.30 am to 11 am.

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Around The District

Saturday the 29th of July saw perfect weather as the Port Stephen's Choir began the day with their mix of music: the Mid- Winter Festival Museum Open Day had begun!

Next was the fashion parade with four female and one male as models. As each model walked the concrete podium, a representative from the Australian Museum of Clothing in Maitland described the garments' history as an item of fashion, and the materials used, and the original owners if known. While this continued, there was a chance to have valuables appraised by an expert.

Once again, Cotton Sax entertained us with his eclectic mix of songs and instrumental tracks. The local scouts provided a BBQ and there was coffee or fresh ice cream available. Young James provided tours as required and young Jack took photos of the event.

Two weeks later, the Museum hosted morning Tea and BBQ lunch for the Dungog Rattlin' Bones and Engine Groans Club AGM and Ordinary Meeting. The museum also received a \$100 donation from this Club. Yours truly wore two suits from the 1970's and by an interesting coincidence, one of our lovely Senior Citizens had known the owners of these suits, John Morris OAM, Foundation member of the Maitland Repertory Theatre, and Mr N Pyle, from when she was growing up in Rutherford!

A gentleman from Queensland sent some information about his German descendants who arrived at Clarence Town in 1855. They are the Heinz family and the Krohmann family. Their connections here seem tenuous. They remained only a short time here, although owning a block of land in Marshall Street till 1910, before finding much success at Hill End in goldmining and very successful at real estate in Woollahra in Sydney.

To get in touch our email is
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Our phone number is 0491 346 491,
or you can reach us through Facebook.

Chris O'Neill
(Secretary)



Council Report



Brig O Johnston Bridge

Thank you to all those who made representations to government about the bridge. Under the NSW Heritage Act it is to be fully restored and used for traffic in some way. In order to avoid a lengthy closure, Transport for NSW has deferred restoration until a new bridge can be built.

In 2021, grant funding for Council to build a replacement bridge was approved by the Federal and NSW Governments, and by December 2022 the design was finalised and approved by Heritage NSW. However, an additional \$4.86 million was required to construct this design.

While the extra funding was being sought, the Federal Government imposed a freeze on all its infrastructure spending with every project under review including their commitment of \$8.8 million. No decision is expected until late September at the earliest.

Draft Dungog Waste Management Strategy and Action Plan 2023-2043

Council's Draft Dungog Waste Management Strategy and Action Plan 2023-2043 was placed on public exhibition last month and it's displayed on Council's website.

Over the next two decades, Dungog Shire's population, and consequently its waste output, is projected to surge by over 45%. But despite this potential increase, even a continuation of the present quantum of waste is a major concern that cannot be ignored.

Sadly, local communities are forced to pay for disposing the multitude of packaging materials at the wrong end of the waste stream instead of placing this burden where the packaging is produced in the first place. There are several issues under consideration in the Draft Strategy:

Firstly, there is commendable Commonwealth and State legislation intended to reduce the amount of waste and the most important target is to have a resource recovery rate of 80% by 2030. There will be mandates for increased use of recycled materials in packaging etc. and plastics that cannot be recycled are supposed to be banned by 2025. Council is charged \$94 for every tonne of waste delivered to the landfill and this increases with the CPI.

Secondly, extending the expected life of the landfill is a major consideration of the Strategy because remediating the site will be expensive as will be options for its replacement. The waste strategy considers several scenarios predicting the expected life of the landfill and in particular options for extending it.

One option under consideration is the introduction of a kerbside collection service with a third bin for food and garden waste (FOGO). This offers the potential to reduce waste to landfill by up to 50% and the material would be converted to compost. A FOGO service could be introduced when the current waste collection contract is renewed in 2025.

Waste charges are determined on a user pays system aiming to be revenue neutral, but Council will also have to begin collecting funds in order to close the landfill when it has reached maximum capacity limits (at least \$10 million). Whatever options are selected, our annual waste charges will need to increase.

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CLARENCE TOWN FIRST RESPONDERS (CFR)

The Australian Road Rescue Organisation (ARRO) is the peak body in Australasia for the development and exchange of information, knowledge and skills in road and trauma rescue. Every year ARRO conducts a challenge and invites teams from across Australasia from all emergency services agencies to participate in a variety of road rescue and trauma related challenges. Why am I telling you this?

Earlier this year the NSW RFS was invited to participate in the ARRO challenge for the first time. The RFS was invited to compete in the Trauma and CPR challenge events. The ARRO challenge this year was held in Adelaide. The RFS identified the Clarence Town CFR group, due to its high level of activity and success within the community, to enter into the challenge.

Our CFR group put out expressions of interest amongst its members and four members put their hand up and were selected (2 teams of 2) to enter the challenge. Emma Hallahan and Shaun Cox were one team and Wendy Trevethan and myself were the second team. Our Captain, Alex Weston was our team manager and organiser. The teams trained for the event, honing their skills around a whole variety of trauma related incidents.

Given this was our first year competing in the ARRO Challenge, we wanted to do our best but ultimately learn from and enjoy the experience and hopefully be invited back again.

Between June 28 and July 2, we were in Adelaide at the event. The first day was a symposium where we were provided with some major incident and disaster case studies from around the world and taught some current recognised trauma response techniques. The next three days was when we competed. Whilst we were at the event only for the Trauma and CPR challenge, the opportunity to watch and learn from the Road Rescue exhibits and challenges was truly worthwhile as well. Plus, we were supporting our friends from Port Stephens SES.

Our teams had to compete in two separate trauma challenges and the CPR challenge. The trauma scenarios were very real to life. The preparation that went into setting up the trauma incident and scene was terrific and presented our teams with very real to life situations. The types of traumas included impalements, amputated limbs, serious head injuries, major burns to large parts of the body, life threatening haemorrhages, quad bike accidents, circular saw accidents and combinations of all the above.

Going in a bit green and having to rely on response kits that were foreign to the team was a bit of a challenge in itself. The teams had no idea going into each challenge what they would be faced with. It wasn't until the team was escorted into the challenge pit that they first identified the trauma they were faced with managing. The teams had 15 minutes in total to manage and treat the casualty which included a thorough handover to the assessors at the end as we would normally do on the arrival of paramedics to the scene.

Emma and Shaun were faced with an amputated left leg above the knee with massive blood loss and a head injury for their first trauma and the second one was an impalement which was a steel rod through the upper thigh. Wendy and I were faced with a fireworks explosion incident which caused full thickness burns to the whole front of the persons body and the second scenario was a life threatening spurting arterial bleed to the thigh and a hand stuck in a circular saw.

Both teams worked really well together, were able to switch on to the incident they were faced with and provide the appropriate treatment really well. Both teams received very good feedback from the assessors with scores in the High to Thorough level. Out of the 29 teams competing in the Trauma challenge event our two teams ranked 13 and 16 respectively. The organisers of the event were very satisfied with our teams' efforts and level of competence, which prompted an extended invitation for NSW RFS to future challenge events. The RFS has decided that Clarence Town RFS will provide the entry teams for next years event. Well done Clarence Town CFR group. By the way, we also did really well in the CPR challenge.

The team came away from the event feeling very proud of the way they had performed and the result achieved as well as being able to represent the NSW RFS to a high standard. The team has come back with some great insights and learnings into responding to trauma incidents which has been passed onto the rest of the Clarence Town CFR group and will help the CFR group to provide a high level of service to our community.

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Clarence Town Tennis Club

Our AGM was held in June and the same members were returned to the committee positions.

We have not run a night competition through Winter however we are preparing for the upcoming warmer weather and our Spring night competition.

This will start when school term three commences and I am taking names now for anyone keen to have a game.. It is a social night competition so no sheep stations.

Our Hot Shots has continued through winter with reduced numbers due to other sporting commitments and we look forward to seeing our young people back with us as those sports wind up for the year.

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Clarence Town Public School

SPOTLIGHT ON CLARENCE TOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 3 has been an exciting and amazing space to be in at Clarence Town Public School. The opportunities our students have had the opportunity to experience and participate in this term reflect the development of the whole child from emotional and social to academic, sporting, arts, science, robotics, environmental education, technology and health and hygiene.

We had multiple sporting events as the term progressed, starting with the Zone Athletics Carnival. We had 32 students represent our school at this event. Congratulations to all students for their sportsmanship and participation. This is the beginning of the elite sport pathway for our students and every one of them is to be congratulated for their selection. These sporting opportunities continued last week with our boys Softball Team playing in the PSSA Competition. This is a new and developing sport for Clarence Town Public School and our team did us very proud with this great sportsmanship, effort, and positive attitude. Our Netball Team participated in a local round robin gala day and were undefeated across their draw, once again wonderful sportsmanship was on display throughout the day.

Week 3 saw us start our celebrations of 175 years of Public Education in NSW. Education Week is celebrated annually in Week 3 of Term 3. The theme will focus on learning from our past, celebrating our achievements and embracing the future with confidence. Our school Open Day was a great success and showcased our partnerships with the P&C as well as our classrooms and great teaching and learning opportunities. This was followed by our Community of Schools Awards night. This was hosted by Dungog High School. Our school Starstruck group performed at this event. We continue to be energised by our dedicated staff in preparing our young people to be agile thinkers and lifelong learners from their early childhood education to post-school pathways.

This week is National Science Week and Mrs Thomas has an exciting week of activities planned with explosions and Natural Science on display at Lunch and recess on Monday and Tuesday its robotics and lava lamps and snow globes! Our environmental education continues each week with our garden, worm farm, recycling, nutrition, and this week the students are responding to a poll to determine their favourite sound.

After a week of in school public speaking competitions across each stage we now have 8 students representing our school at the Hunter Schools Public Speaking Competition. In Early Stage 1 we are represented by Reid and Isla, in Stage 1 by Indie and Evie, in Stage 2 by Matilda and Stirling and in Stage 3 by Ella and Shae. This is a wonderful experience for our students to showcase their talents to a wider audience. As you can see amazing things are happening at CTPS for all our students across all areas of development and growth. We look forward to the continued success and building sustainable programs in the weeks and years to come.

Mr Tom Bannister, who has supported our school and attended our annual ANZAC services passed away recently. Mr Bannister had been attending our ANZAC Services for 18 years as well as coordinating the Dungog RSL Subbranch prize for our annual Presentation Day. He was a truly great role model for our students and will be sadly missed.

We send our condolences to his family and friends.



News from Glen William Public School



News from Glen William Public School

Welcome back to our students, families and staff members to Term 3, and how fast the first 4 weeks have gone already! Our students have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in our NAIDOC celebrations, learning more about our local Aboriginal culture and our elders. I would like to thank Nan Marg and Gran Sue for their time and generosity. You are both outstanding role models for all of our students to look up to.

We began our NAIDOC Week celebrations at Glen William with a visit from Leigh from Games of the People. The students learned new skills and practised teamwork and cooperation in traditional games. They engaged with interesting stories from Worimi Country and related this to their own lives. They tried to imagine what it would have been like playing these Aboriginal games many years ago and how they have changed. We thank Leigh for sharing his insightful knowledge with us!

NAIDOC Cooking and Yarning with Gran

We continued our NAIDOC Week celebrations by cooking and decorating cookies using the three colours represented on the Aboriginal Flag. Black to represent the people. Yellow to represent the sun. Red to represent the earth. Our school shared questions and stories with a very special elder in our community, Gran, who gave us an insight into what her life was like growing up. The students also shared some thoughtful cards and letters they wrote to her. Thank you so much for sharing your afternoon with us Gran!

We had the privilege of taking the Glen William PS Soccer team to East Maitland to play in the first two rounds of the Small Schools State Knockout Soccer competition. The girls and boys played a fantastic team game to defeat Bobs Farm PS 2-1 in their 1st round match, with Carla netting both goals. Their Round 2 match followed against a highly skilled and athletic Millers Forest PS, who proved too strong, winning 6-0. Despite the result, what impressed the most was the resilience and character of our players, who kept trying until the final whistle. We could not have been more proud of the girls and boys. Thank you to the parents and family members who came along to support the students. These days and events do not happen without your support.

Congratulations to our students who attended the Port Stephens PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival, representing our school with pride and giving their best efforts.

Hunter Athletics

Congratulations to Jed who has qualified for the Hunter Athletics Carnival in the Junior Boys Discus event. We wish him all the best as he represents our school with pride at the carnival on Friday 1st September at Glendale Athletics Centre. Go Glen William!

Education Week Assembly

Thank you to our community members that came along to support our staff and students at the Education Week Assembly at Dungog High School. As always, we are so proud of our students for representing our school with such pride. Congratulations to our award recipients:

School community member award: Heidi Chandler

Student Achievement Award: Rylan Hartfield

Non-Teaching Staff: Christine Reeves

Excellence in Teaching Award: Georgie Rains

School Achievement Award: School PBL Program

Sport Day

Our sport day has changed for the remainder of Term 3. Sport will now be held on Fridays. In weeks 3-6 students will participate in the Glen William World Cup (soccer), and Week 7-10 we will be participating in a cycling program.

Leader Reader Program

This term, the Stage 3 students are travelling with Miss Parr to our local preschools. Each Thursday, two leaders will visit our preschool friends and share a story book with them. We look forward to meeting some future Kindergarten students and building strong connections with our local schools.

National Science Week

On Friday 18th August students participated in a Science Day filled with a variety of fun science challenges and activities. Thank you to those who sent in cardboard boxes for the cardboard challenge.

Book Week 2023

We celebrated Book Week with some very exciting activities. Students participated in a Book Week Parade where they dressed up as their favourite book character. Students also participated in a Where's Wally Scavenger Hunt around the school grounds. A great week was had by all !!

We are still taking Enrolments for 2023. Please contact the school office for an information pack, visit the school website to complete an online enrolment.

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Clarence Town
PRESCHOOL



From the Lion's Den.



It's been a busy few months in our growing community here at Clarence Town!

Clarence Town Lions Club is a proud supporter of local Lleyton Lloyd who competed in the Virtus Global Games in France in June. Lleyton represented Australia in the 100m, 200m, Long Jump and Relay events. Lleyton came 6th in his 100m sprint, despite injury, and we are all so incredibly proud of him. Congratulations, Lleyton, you have such a bright future ahead!

The Clarence Town Markets had a wonderful turnout in July and the stall holders really appreciated all the community support with the chilly weather – thank you Clarence Town and surrounds.

Other projects you will see some of our wonderful volunteers around the streets in Clarence Town attending to tree pruning in the next few weeks leading into Spring. Don't be shy to say hi, we always love to connect and chat.

Upcoming events

Father's Day Raffle (Sat 2nd Sept). Some lucky fathers or grandfathers will receive some wonderful gifts. Tickets will be available outside the IGA of a morning Aug 19th and 26th, and 2nd Sept before draw.

Le Tour de Glen William Bike Ride (Sun 27th Aug) - we will have volunteers helping with drinks for riders and a stall with information about Lions Club. Tickets for the Father's Day Raffle will be available at the stall.

Lion's Club Car Boot Sale (Sun 1st Oct). Amazing bargains to be had and treasures to be found! There will be a BBQ available on the day (food is ALWAYS essential whilst shopping) .

To book a spot, just send message via the Clarence Town Lions Club Facebook page. Cost is \$15 for a car boot spot.

"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving."
Mother Teresa

St. Patrick's, Clarence Town.

Well, we have almost made it through another winter season (dry as it has been). We still give thanks to Almighty God for the rain that we have been sent and pray that He continues to bless us. We must continue to thank God for the blessings He sends us and we are truly blest just to live in this area, even though we have the odd trial - i.e. the bridge debacle and dreadful roads in town, both of which are joyfully being attended to as this goes to press.

Since our last 'Sentinel', one of our founding parishioners has gone to his heavenly reward. I refer to Bertie Preece, who with his beautiful Norma, raised their family in Clarence Town and was a local, born and bred. Bertie was 92 and will be fondly remembered by those who knew and loved him. His anecdotes were classics and his philosophy on life to be admired. He handled the adversities in his life courageously and with faith. I loved talking with Bertie as did my late husband, Terry.

One of my favourite memories is Bertie driving his 'fergie' tractor around the area with his dog as his passenger. You are sadly missed old friend, especially by your family and Val.

A happy morning tea gathering was held after Mass last weekend. We extend a warm invitation to all to join us any Sunday morning at 8am for the celebration of Mass and on the 1st Sunday of each month, for morning tea. Sending love and blessings to all in our beautiful area.

God Bless , Marilyn Amos

Clarence Town Op Shop and Treasure Centre.

We have just completed our Winter Sale and will be offering our Spring and Summer fashions from the 6th September.

For our volunteers, change-over will be on Tuesday 5th September from 9am and we would appreciate your help.

We are still in need of Chaff Bags for clothing. We are open each Wednesday from 8.30am to noon and look forward to seeing everyone. Many thanks for our willing volunteers. Your assistance and dedication is very much appreciated.

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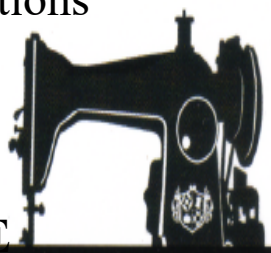
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