

## TRADE AID – IZZY WHITTICASE



Our guest speaker this week was Izzy Whitticase – who is no stranger to Christchurch South as she was our RYLA candidate in 2020. Tonight she came to speak to us about Trade Aid, where she is currently working, as an Education Coordinator.



Founded in 1973, Trade Aid is a social enterprise that aims to bring change to the world in trade. It all began when a Christchurch couple, Vi and Richard Cottrell decided to support small artisans from all around the world, with an aim to create a world where trade is fair for all. They cleared out their garage and asked their family and friends to help. Building long term relationships overtime, today Trade Aid sources handmade, organic and fair-trade products from 59 trading partner organisations across Africa, Asia, Latin America, Palestine and the Pacific. This represents hundreds of thousands of smallscale farmers and artisans involved in fair trade.

To this day, according to them "no-one owns Trade Aid, or maybe everyone owns Trade Aid – that is to say all the Kiwis who have volunteered and helped over the years to keep the vision alive". Since 1973, Trade Aid has been wholesaling beautiful craft and organic food products to hundreds of other kiwi businesses.

Other ventures have included Trade Aid shops, located from Whangarei to Dunedin and have been mostly run by volunteers. Two other products Trade Aid are known for is coffee and chocolate.

Beginning in 2003 local roasters started buying and roasting Trade Aid's green fair trade coffee beans by the sack. Today many of New Zealand's most well-known coffee brands now source a large amount of their supply through Trade Aid's fair trade coffee relationships. In 2014, they opened the Sweet Justice Chocolate Factory in Sydenham, Christchurch to enable the grower partners to have the opportunity to own more value in the supply chain.



Huge thanks to our Speaker Reporter Shirley Harris

## JOHN TAYLOR WALKWAY PROJECT



What a great event and achievement, the John Taylor Walkway was in desperate need of clearing up and cutting down. Working alongside the three Park Rangers, we accomplished so much. Thanks go to our committee members who attended our meetings and enabled 'our plan' into action. Rotary fellowship was very much in evidence working together followed by a BBQ and finishing so well with Lew giving an appropriate biography of John Taylor's life and contribution to Christchurch.



The Community Services Committee has arranged a return to the site May/June to carry out tree planting. Details will follow when confirmed. In addition, there is the possibility of having a toilet block erected. This could be a very exciting project for our community. Information will be given of any progress.

Yours in Rotary Service

Sara Mackenzie – Vocational and Community Services Committee Chair

#### POLIO MOVIE EVENT - THE DUKE (STARRING JIM BROADBENT & HELEN MIRREN)



What – <u>THE DUKE</u> "a ridiculously charming British comedy" and "stranger-thanfiction true story" of a 60-year old taxi driver who held the government to ransom by stealing Goya's priceless portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery.

Please support this 'End Polio Now' fundraiser, which is subsidized 2:1, by the Gates Foundation.

**Where** – De Luxe Cinema (located at the Tannery), 3 Garlands Road, Woolston. Covid spacing requirements will be met & vaccine passes will be verified on arrival.

When – 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2022, 8pm (for club members/ family and friends)

**Cost** - \$20.00 per person which includes a Glass of wine or beer (Mel will confirm if this includes soft drink/juice). Members booking list will do the rounds, Mel Opie will collect monies.

### **PARTICIPANTS WANTED**



Who – The Rose Centre is looking for participants over 20 (with no history of swallowing disorder or related impairment).
Why – To help strengthen data for chewing and swallowing (which will help diagnosis and support for people with swallowing disorders).
What – a half hour session where you will be asked to eat a couple of crackers. Imagine, if we all ask a friend or two to help, we could make a real difference helping with this research.
Where – UC Rose Centre, St George's Medical Centre Please

Please contact Maddie on <u>mmm174@uclive.ac.nz</u> or phone 03 3692385 to schedule your appointment.

# **Upcoming Meetings**

23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Graham Dockrill (Great Walks of New Zealand)

2<sup>nd</sup> March – Sarita McLean (The Journey to becoming a Marriage Celebrant)

9<sup>th</sup> March – Club Forum

16<sup>th</sup> March – The Duke Polio Fundraiser, The Tannery

Duties			Leave		
	23 <sup>th</sup> February	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Who	From	То
Cash Desk	G Bailey	A McCully	M Whitehead	09/09/2015	ТВА
Cash Desk	L Brown	D Peterson	J Wylie		TBA
Reception	H Garlick	A Kim	S Haye	11/08/2020	TBA
Speaker Host	G Fowler	D Buist	K Moss	04/07/2019	30/06/2022
Grace	G Fowler	D Buist	R McKinney	03/11/2021	31/03/2022
International Toast	H Garlick	A Kim			
Thanks to Speaker	G Bailey	A McCully			
Quote	L Brown	D Peterson			
Speaker Reporter	M Opie	V Ellis			
Sergeant	A McCully	M Rickerby			

#### Reminders

Record your apology by:

- Notifying the Reception Desk
- Email alan.barbara.mckinnon@gmail.com before 11am on that Wednesday
- Emergency apologies to Liz Bermingham on 021 2456875
- You will receive an email reminder a couple of days before the meeting re apologising or bringing a guest
- If you are unable to do your allocated duty, it is your responsibility to arrange a substitute and advise the President
- Please advise all leave of absence (three or more weeks) to the Secretary by email or in writing