



# Bush Telegraph

February 2017

## *From the Manager*

Happy New Year to you all.

Charles Deans, our Chair of over 20 years, is retiring from the Board at the end of February. The contribution he has made to the restoration of the house, post-earthquake, has been phenomenal.

Our House Tours are proving very popular, and we are currently showing up to 40 visitors through a week.

We are working closely with the Council in their proposal to extend the uni-cycle route through the grounds. The process is at resource consent stage with a view to work starting in the autumn.

Everything in the garden is looking good – the wet spring set us up for good growth. If you are having issues with boundary plants, please call me so we can discuss.

Shona Willis, Manager

## *Upcoming Events*

**Scottish Cultural Festival Day** - Come and join in on the Canterbury Scottish Culture Festival – Sunday 26th February 2017. Bring a picnic and have a family day out enjoying everything Scottish.

- Highland Dancing competitions starting at 9.30am.
- Canterbury Pipe Band Competitions from 10.30am to 3.30pm.
- Children's caber tossing and colouring-in competition.
- Scottish Country Dancing display and "Have a Go".

## *Volunteers would be greatly appreciated*

Any skill, interest or just plain muscle power in helping out - i.e. cleaning and mending lace, polishing furniture etc. – please call Shona or Antonia.

## *Ranger's House*

The Ranger's Cottage has now been demolished, and we are very excited to begin the build of a brand new home.

## *Guides Required*

If you have a passion for Riccarton House and Bush and are available, we would like to meet you to discuss guiding at Riccarton House. Please call Antonia on 027 443 0067 between the hours of 10am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday.



Anthony Harper FREE  
SUMMER THEATRE PRESENTS  
**ROBIN HOOD**

1–19 FEBRUARY  
7PM: WEDNESDAY–SUNDAY EACH WEEK  
2PM: 4, 5, 6, 12, 18 AND 19 FEBRUARY  
RICCARTON HOUSE GROUNDS

NO PERFORMANCES MONDAY AND TUESDAY, EXCEPT 6 FEB

Robin Hood learns to split arrows, woo maidens and fight for justice in a cheeky take on this well-loved story.

The Forge at The Court presents comedy for the whole family from the team who brought you Peter Pan & The Wonderful Wizard of Oz.

Donations gratefully accepted at performances by The Forge.

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### **Victorian and Art Deco Period pieces greatly appreciated for our full Immersion Ghost/Dinner nights**

Period bow ties, fans, shawls, gloves, walking sticks, hats etc. that you would like to donate to Riccarton House. Please call or drop in to see Antonia within working hours.

### **Local. at Riccarton House**

Over the summer we are open six days a week from Sunday (9.00 am- 4.00pm) through to Friday (10.00am - 4.00pm). The menu changes regularly and we have some wonderful treats. The garden is looking wonderful and is a beautiful place to enjoy lunch outdoors.

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### **Contacts**

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### **Opening Hours**

Grounds: 6am – 8pm daily  
Bush: 6am – 7.30pm daily

