On Saturday October 12 local body elections will be held nationwide. Herald readers who are eligible voters (see www.elections.org.nz for details) can have a say in appointing the mayor and councillors plus community board and district health board members to the second largest local body in New Zealand, the Christchurch City Council. All Christchurch residents get to vote for the mayor and district health board representatives, but which councillors and community boards we can vote for depends upon where we live.

The map above shows how the city is divided into seven wards. Around 97% of the approximately 350,000 Christchurch residents live in the six wards north of the Port Hills, each of which have two councillors as well as a community board consisting of several members. The councillors represent us in the council chambers and are also automatically members of their respective community boards — which, as the name suggests, are the voice of the people.

Our sparsely-populated Banks Peninsula Ward has only one councillor, but two community boards, one of which, the Akaroa-Waiwera board is subdivided into two sections as indicated on the map. While most of us within the ward tend to think of the city as being a different and separate place, the perception of our being over the hills and far away naturally applies in reverse for the city dwellers who often find it hard to relate to the nature of our rural setting and this must inevitably create additional challenges for our sole representative in the council chambers among the fourteen city-side councillors. Because the Banks Peninsula Ward covers so large an area and effectively comprises three community board groups our councillor is required to travel a lot — and also possess an acute awareness of local environmental and population diversities and the management of issues around these. Our current councillor, Claudia Reid, well understands the challenges of representing the ratepayers of Banks Peninsular and the need to maintain close contact with its communities. This latter point has been a major factor in her decision not to stand again, as changes in her personal life now require her to live in the city. So the quest is now on determine the new councillor for Banks Peninsular — ideally some-one who is familiar with and understands our needs and who has the strength of character and knowledge of local body procedures to present our cases in the most effective way. Among those who have so far indicated their intention to stand is well-known Diamond Harbour resident Paula Smith, who is well qualified to meet the criteria. Paula and husband Martin have lived in their Purau Avenue home for the past twenty years but Paula has had a special affinity with Diamond Harbour for almost half a century. She was just six years old when the family purchased a bach in Whero Avenue which was to become their regular holiday home and so give some stability to an otherwise rather transient lifestyle as her parents' teaching careers saw the family living for comparatively short periods in a number of different localities around New Zealand. Thus the young Paula came to think of Diamond Harbour as her real home and holds many treasured memories of the bach, of treks in the hills, and of huts among the cliff-track bushes. Outdoor adventures such as exploring the aftermath of the 1968 Wahine storm may well have sparked her interest in the natural environment and subsequently to a career, albeit a short one, in landscape architecture before she and Martin bought their Diamond Harbour home.

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LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS (cont from page 1)

There their family grew to include three children and Paula applied her enthusiasm and management skills to the respective committees of local toy library, Playcentre and school. She was also a key member of the inaugural Diamond Harbour Landscape Management Group, which was set up by the DH Community Association to address issues such as Trees versus Views which were causing concern at the time.

Experiences gained there led to her successfully standing in 2007 for membership of the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board where she was appointed Chairperson and has continued in that role for a second three-years term. Claudia Reid’s pending resignation has now prompted Paula to stand for the position of councillor for Bank Peninsula. She says, During my six years on the Community Board I have learned a great deal about how the City Council works so I won’t be starting with a blank slate.

At the same time she will also stand again for the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board. If elected to the City Council, Paula will automatically be a member of the Community Board, and in that case, her former place on that board will be filled by someone else. To that end Paula is encouraging anyone who has a genuine interest in community affairs to consider standing.

The special nature of area makes involvement in the community board a very worthwhile and enjoyable challenge. We need committed people who can relate to our community needs in the broadest sense. You may start with a particular interest, as I did, but once elected you see how all aspects of community are related and interdependent.

Paula invites anyone who is interested in standing to contact her for further information, advice or discussion on 329 4445, 027 241 3772 or famvanbeynen@snap.net.nz. Go for it! — Elaine

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VETERINARY SERVICES

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Large animal calls and house calls can also be arranged.

Please phone 3251006 to book an appointment.
DIAMOND HARBOUR & BAYS BOWLING CLUB

The AGM of the club was held on 6 June and the following committee was elected:

Patron: Max Pearson
President: Ross Fountain
Vice President: Terena Ball
Treasurer: Pauline Smith
Secretary: Sandy Guy
Chair Match Com: Sandy Guy
Delg to Centre: Pam Clarke
Green: Ian Boyd
Executive Committee: Pam Clarke, Maurice Taylor, Errol Walker, Steve Taylor, Steve Henderson

Over the winter months the club is doing the usual green maintenance, buildings and grounds maintenance as well as looking into some new initiatives for the upcoming bowls season - eg Tuesday evening twilight bowls, fun tournaments etc. So watch this space!

Terena

DH RUGBY DIV II TEAM

Some days we wake up and things go wrong. Things break, have disappeared, there is bad news and in general, the day sucks. Saturday’s loss of 8 nil to Lincoln was a bit like that for the Harbour boys. Although there was some very good rugby at times, promising moves were often snuffed out not necessarily by the opposition but by basic errors on Harbour’s part.

Although Lincoln’s defence was strong, little knock-ons, inaccurate passes and so on wasted Harbour’s limited attacking opportunities. There were still some positives though with Harbour’s back four making some telling runs. Simon McKay, Simon Howard and Adam Fowler, in particular, all effected some clean breaks and illustrated yet again Harbour’s speed and potential out wide. Adam Fowler brought off a try-saving tackle which was nothing short of brilliant, nailing the big Lincoln man into touch just a few metres from the line.

Things were tough and uncompromising up front as was expected against Lincoln. I thought the forwards played pretty well against a much larger, highly experienced pack. I couldn’t help but notice Michael Odering more than once doing his stuff in the boiler house, giving back as good as he got with a little bit extra, in the physical encounters. Without doubt I think if we can shed that little bit of creakiness and make good decisions, someone is in for a bloody good old fashioned spanking. Let’s do it this week guys!

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To find the website with all the up-to-date local community information remember to put .info on the end — and bookmark us!

www.diamondharbour.info
THE SCHOOL REPORT

WALKWAY TO SCHOOL

One thing I really value is spending time walking away from busy roads - the wilder the better. That’s why it was so amazing to see over 15 kids enthusiastically walking, running and skipping along the new track to school recently.

From behind the school pool, the track crosses farmland to join with the back of Ngatea Road. After a short walk along the road it cuts down into Sam’s Gully then passes by the end of Whero Ave on its way to Morgan’s Gully and the Waipapa Ave tennis courts.

Over the last few months the track has been built entirely by volunteers with funding for some materials coming from the school and the Diamond Harbour Community Association. The farmer, Tom Magill, kindly gave permission for the track to be built on his private leasehold property. Then there is the amazing support of some of the neighbours, particularly around Morgan’s Gully, who helped with tree planting and promised to provide water for the seedlings over summer. A big thank you to everyone who helped out in this community-wide project.

There are still some problems, however. Firstly, it’s muddy when we have lots of rain, when gumboots are essential. Another issue is that extreme rain brings the level of the creek in Morgan’s Gully up to a dangerous level. It would be a good idea to avoid the crossing for at least 24 hours after very heavy rain. If you would like your children to walk to school along this track, it would be a good idea to walk it with them first and make your own decision as to the suitability. For instance, I walk with 7 year old Charlette and her friends, but I’m happy for 10 year old Lucy to walk it with a friend and a phone - but not after rain.

There’s still plenty of work to do: more marking, benching, ditches, tree planting and vegetation clearing. The council may provide some help with gravel and bridges in their next 3 yearly funding round, but until then we are on our own in keeping it open.

If you can help in any way, drop me a line at pete@wildspots.co.nz. Or just enjoy the walk.

Pete Ozich

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Your child/children must be enrolled before starting our program. An enrolment form is available from the Te Ke Te Aronui building at the school from 3pm Monday–Thursday.

Hours: 3–6pm Monday to Thursday – term times only.

Bookings: You need to book a place by phoning Christine Turner 329 3033 or 021 161 2555 as we have a maximum of 20 places. If you need a casual day please telephone Christine to make sure we have a space.

Staff: We have 5 staff members working a mix of different days – please feel free to pop in and talk to our staff if you have any questions. Also please feel free to bring your child/children in to meet our staff and other children before starting.

Cost: 3–4pm $10 per child; 3–5pm $15 per child
3–6pm $16.50 per child
Discount of 10% for two or more children.

Christine

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Saturday September 7
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Diamond Harbour School

WHAT: The Diamond Harbour School will be hosting a Community Book Swap. This will give you the opportunity to exchange your books for good quality second-hand books.

WHEN: Books can be dropped off from Monday September 2 to Friday September 6 at either the Diamond Harbour School library (Te Kete), or St Andrews Church.

WHERE: Drop books into the big labelled baskets in Te Kete or at the side entrance to the church before 3pm on Friday September 6. Bundle books with a rubber band or place in a plastic bag - include your name.

ON THE MORNING OF THE SWAP:
• Swap starts at 9am and ends at noon.
• You will receive one voucher for each book you drop off.
• Pick one “new” book with each voucher.
• If you have any questions about the swap contact Lisa Hurry on 329 4954, or Sarah Pritchett on 329 3344.

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THE HARBOUR SINGERS

The Harbour Singers have been singing in the local community for seven years.

The choir began with the getting together of a small number of local music enthusiasts who approached Rachel Bayliss, a graduate of the Christchurch Jazz School and a professional Christchurch singing teacher to lead the choir.

Rachel’s commitment to the group and to community music making has led to the choir performing in concert annually with A Capellago, participating in Christmas Carols, Anzac Day commemorations and singing at the Orton Bradley Spring Fair. Once or twice a year, the choir organizes popular singing workshops in the Hall that draw around 45 people from Christchurch and beyond.

Rachel’s creativity has seen us hold a Mother’s Day concert at the school, together with the Xylophone orchestra and other young musicians. It was a fun afternoon of music and verse, interspersed with lashings of homemade scones, jam, and cream.

Our next activity is a evening of poetry, song, food and wine (see page 11) when the Harbour Singers join with three experienced performance poets for a bit of local fun at the Godley Café on Saturday August 10 starting at 6.30pm. See you there!

Please note: We are always looking for more members. Just come to the Hall on a Wednesday evening around 7.45 and observe Rachel and the choir practising. No audition required.

Elaine

Are your veggies going ballistic in your garden? Is last year’s batch of preserves and pickles still crowding your cupboard? Do you wonder what on earth to do with the pile of seeds that you haven’t managed to plant? Have you baked one too many cookies again? Do you LIKE TO SHARE?

Are you curious to try something new? Then the Food Swap is for you.

Saturdays
11am-1pm
Diamond Harbour Village Centre

ORIENTATION SESSION

Ten new Timebank members gathered recently at Diamond Harbour school for a Timebank orientation session. They all bring different skills to Timebank, including piano tuning, knitting and crocheting, cooking, picture framing, gardening, wood chopping and much more.

We plan to have regular orientation sessions in Diamond Harbour so please contact Sarah on 329 3344 (evenings) or by email at sarahp@snap.net.nz or if you are interested in becoming a Timebank member and want to attend a local orientation session you can just join online at: www.lyttelton.net.nz/Timebank and Jenny will let you know when the next orientation will be held.

We are planning on having regular working bees to tackle those jobs around the home that need a few people to get them done. This is a great way of tackling those jobs we all put off and another good reason to join the Timebank.

How Timebank helped a Diamond Harbour resident

Three years ago Diamond Harbour resident Karen Colyer had a series of unfortunate mishaps. One frosty morning she slipped on a piece of wood in the garden and broke her ankle, spending a week in hospital. About a week after returning home Karen had another fall and this time broke her wrist, resulting in another two-week stay in hospital. The hospital staff were not prepared to discharge her while she was unable to cook meals for herself.

When Karen mentioned this to Ron Dubin he organized Timebankers (and also non Timebanker friends of Karen’s) to prepare meals to cover a 6-week period.

Without Timebank Karen would have had to stay in a respite hospital.

Do you know anyone who would appreciate regular meals?

Many Diamond Harbour Timebankers are happy to make regular meals for those in the community who may be finding it hard to cook for themselves or whatever reason. If you are finding it difficult to cook for yourself or know someone who is and who would appreciate meals please let Sarah know on 329 3344 (evenings) or by email at sarahp@snap.net.nz.

Sarah
LIVING WELL

The Map is Not the Territory

Each of us filters the world through our beliefs, values, attitudes, and all that we’ve learned in the past. Consequently, a group of people walking down the same street will often see different things. One may be focused on the shops and what they’re selling, another may be fascinated by the people walking by, and yet another could be busy checking out the cars that are driving by. Each area of focus is equally valid – they just come from different maps.

We tend to think that we are objective creatures, seeing the world as it is, but when we start talking to others and noticing the ways in which they see things differently to us, we realise that there are multiple interpretations that can be placed on the same stimuli. Our maps are not reality. They are just interpretations of reality. Recognising this allows us to be much more understanding of others. It’s incredibly powerful to realise that somebody is not deliberately being obnoxious, nor are they thoughtless, or always determined to do it in a way you don’t approve of, they are simply following a different map. It also allows us to take other people’s maps into consideration, realising that sometimes things that we think are perfectly obvious are actually not so to others. Sometimes a little more explanation is necessary in order to make sure we fully understand each other.

There is no correct map. Nor are there wrong maps. Each map is specific to the individual who has it and to that individual it is perfectly valid. I would say, however, that some maps are more useful than others. If a map helps a person to feel good about the world and to interact in positive ways with others, that’s really useful. In contrast, if a person’s map makes them suspicious of everyone and causes them to feel everyone is out there to get them, it just makes them feel bad, and that’s not so useful (unless of course everyone is out to get them, in which case it is extremely useful). As a final point, it is good to know that maps can be altered, and can grow and develop. New experiences cause our maps to grow, and even being open to the maps of others allows us to realise what other maps are possible, and allows us to consider the possibility of extending our own maps in the same way if we desire.

Christine

RECIPE

Chick Peas with Apricots

Ingredients

- 2 cups cooked chick peas
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 chopped onion
- 2-4 cloves of garlic
- 1 tsp salt
- a pinch of pepper
- 2 tsp marjoram or oregano
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1 400g tin of tomatoes
- 200g dried apricots
- 3 cups stock or water

Method

Fry the onion in oil then add chickpeas, garlic, salt, pepper, marjoram, cumin, tomatoes and apricots. Fry for 5 mins. Add the stock and simmer until the apricots are tender. Add more water if necessary.

This is delicious!

Christine

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So will I keep trading on TradeMe despite the hidden dangers and my bad experiences? Yes, because it’s the only marketplace of its kind in New Zealand. However, I’m treading far more cautiously now! Hopefully I have learned something from my mistakes and in next month’s column I’ll offer advice on ways to stay safe on TradeMe... if you are still willing to take your chances!

Ron
The suffrage leader, Kate Sheppard is also commemorated on the $10 note. Beside her on the note are a white species camellias (Camellia japonica alba plena). These were probably the ones used by the suffragists as the original floral symbol of their movement. Any white camellia is a lovely thing to have in the garden – and an especially good thing to have in bloom on Suffrage Day, September 19, which is when the Kate Sheppard camellia is sure to be in flower.

This year will be the 120th anniversary of women’s suffrage, and Lois McGirr of Amberley wrote to ask if I had any Kate Sheppard flowers I could supply for the commemoration that she and other women are planning for this important date. They have a creative and inspiring plan to unroll a 230 metre purple ribbon down the main street of Amberley and ask women to sign it. (Purple was one of the suffrage colours and 230 metres was the length of the suffrage petition presented to Parliament in August 1893.)

Lois hoped/expected that the Ministry of Women’s Affairs would be showing some leadership on this matter by organising or supporting events around the country, but when she rang them to ask she was told that all they are planning at this point is taking the stakeholders out to dinner (!!!) (If any readers know what that means, please share.)

Lois’s response was Why do you exist?! and after visiting the Ministry’s website to try and find out – one has to wonder. The Ministry doesn’t seem to be doing much with or for women that needs doing, even though New Zealand women have a lot of unfinished business when it comes to achieving key goals of the nineteenth century suffragist/feminist movement and the twentieth century women’s liberation movement.

Income equality is one area they campaigned on where women are still losing out badly. The gap between average male and female incomes in NZ is 40% in men’s favour and it has been stuck at that level since 1991 - there has been no progress for women in the past 20 years. Freedom from sexual and other forms of violence, which affects one in four women at some point in their lives, is another area where much more needs to be done.

The 120th Suffrage Day seems like a good time to be making a noise about these and other issues where women are still lacking what is rightfully theirs. A Camellia Revolution, anyone?

A longer version of this article, with links to more information, can be found at: www.christinedann.org/2013/07/celebrating-womens-suffrage-with-the-kate-sheppard-camellia

Christine

THE ECO GARDENER’S PATCH

The Kate Sheppard Camellia

A special shrub in my garden is starting to form buds right now, getting ready to be in bloom on September 19. It is the Kate Sheppard camellia, bred specially by Taranaki breeders Viv Joyce and her father, Alf Gamlin, to mark the centennial of women’s suffrage in 1993.

IN THE VEGETABLE GARDEN

Winter Gardens

While late July has given us a mild reprieve, August is always an unpredictable month. The soil is still very cold and plant growth is slow. However, you can start preparing the ground for spring plantings of vegetables eg brassicas (broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage) along with the newly popular Asian greens and also silverbeet.

You may find your garden has a build-up of chickweed, common in soils that are cultivated and have a high nitrogen level (often appearing with animal manures bought in). If pulled out before flowering/seedling it is easy to remove. It likes moist conditions and tends to make itself scarce in summer. I have a lot of chickweed in my garden as I use manures either in my compost or lasagne garden. I find it one of the lesser evils and feed it to my chooks, even if they don’t eat much of it, it tends to give them some entertainment scattering it everywhere.

A lasagne garden is a type of no dig garden with various layers of carbon (C) and nitrogen (N). You start with a relatively clear patch on the ground, layer with cardboard or wads of newspaper that’s the C layer, then an N layer of animal manure, perhaps a C layer of dead leaves, and another N layer. This method does not hold to any hard and fast rules with what the layers contain, it all depends on what you have available – if you live near the sea perhaps a layer of sea weed, in a rural area pea straw, linseed, sheep manure, the last layer is always compost into which you plant your vegetable seedlings. The lasagne garden can have sides, be constructed in a drained container or just free standing. You can aid decomposition of the carbon layer by adding blood and bone and perhaps a sprinkling of dolomite lime.

Now is a good time to get some Polyanthus, Pansies and Violas in for some winter/early spring colour. Polyanthus respond well to a dressing of blood and bone when planting out. Mix well to prevent burning (even organic fertilizers can burn) and too much will produce long legging stems.

Fiona Waghorn – the Faithful Gardener
**VET-SPOT**

Antibiotic and Drench Resistance: Squandering a Miracle?

Antibiotics have now been available for about 80 years. I love reading the James Herriot story about the calves with pneumonia (*stagnation of t' lungs*, according to Mr Mallock the knacker man) that responded so miraculously to the new sulphonamide tablets in the 1930’s. Today we still see some amazing cures, but reports of increasing numbers of cases of antibiotic resistance, especially within hospitals where there is greater exposure to disinfectants and antibiotics, have been making for sobering reading.

Of course this is a problem more for health professionals than the average man in the street, since vets and doctors are the people who prescribe antibiotics. I am very aware of my responsibilities in this area, and try not to use antibiotics unnecessarily - and also to save the more potent ones for when they are really needed.

It is important if your pet is prescribed a course of antibiotics to ensure they get the full course as instructed. Too short an exposure time, or too low a dose can promote the development of resistance. Our practice has recently taken the decision not to give prophylactic antibiotics for routine desexing surgeries, relying solely on adequate aseptic technique, and we are constantly reviewing our prescribing policies in the light of the latest information. It costs a huge amount to develop a new antibiotic, so it’s important to preserve what we already have for as long as possible, and fewer and fewer new antibiotics are being registered.

An area where you can make a big influence on preventing resistance is with anthelmintics (dewormers). For the last 20 years, since the discovery of ivermectin, there were only 3 families of drenches for ruminants, then within the last few years 2 new drugs have been released, they are still very expensive however. Prior to 1960 many worm remedies were as likely to kill the animal as the worms! A lot has been achieved by using combinations of the 3 older families, and I’m happy to advise on deworming animals, what to use, and also when and with what not to drench (a concept known as refugia - reducing exposure of worms to chemicals).

Again, we have learned a lot over the years, and hopefully can make more scientifically targeted recommendations. In our practice we also rotate worm and flea products for dogs and cats to make it harder for resistance to build up, and if you go onto our mail-out parasite programme you’ll notice this.

With production animals, especially intensively farmed animals, we have to find the balance between achieving good animal health and protecting the efficiency of our remedies. We don’t always get it right, but with knowledge and experience are getting better. *Paul*
**Our Library**

Fun, laughter and the sharing of memories abounded at a morning tea held for the volunteer librarians at the Diamond Harbour Library recently to farewell Toni, who is leaving us to move into town.

Don’t forget Pre-School Storytime is at 2pm on the third Tuesday of every month. The next session will be on August 20 - all welcome.

**Library Hours:**
- Tuesday: 2-7pm
- Thursday: 10am-2pm
- Friday: 2-4pm
- Saturday: 10am-12noon

You can always check our website: www.christchurchcitylibraries.com  
Christine Turner

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**Daffodil Day in Diamond Harbour**

It’s that time of year again! Daffodil Day is on Friday 30th August and we will be out and about collecting for the Cancer Society.

Please support such a worthy cause.

We will also be holding a raffle in the weeks leading up to Daffodil Day to raise funds for the local group.

**Our annual film show**

will be held on Saturday August 31 in St Andrews Church Hall. Please come along for an entertaining evening and a glass of mulled wine. The film is *Quartet* starring a whole raft of great characters. Posters with details will be around the village in all the usual places.

Joy Harding, Secretary Cancer Support Group, DH

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**Road Cycling Group**

Meets weekly in Diamond Harbour. To join a ride contact Mike on 329 4647 or mikecattton@mac.com.

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**Woolfun Day at Bergli**

Next Woolfun Day is Saturday August 17. Enjoy a relaxed day working with wool, with like-minded people in a small group, in a beautiful log house with wonderful views. Koha. Morning and afternoon tea provided. Bring your lunch, your woolcraft gear, and if felting, a table if possible.

Bergli B&B, 265 Charteris Bay Rd, Teddington. Ph 329 9118. 
Rowena MacGill

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**Irish/Celtic Music Meeting**

If there are any musicians who play this style, or are interested in playing it, we will have a short meeting on Sunday, August 4 from 2pm, at the Diamond Harbour Rugby Club to chat about the possibility of starting a regular session; we’ll play a few tunes too. If interested, please call John 027 890 0308 or jmclister@icloud.com.

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**Mt Herbert Parish**

**Women’s Pinkalicious Breakfast**

8:15am Saturday, 10th August 2013  
St Andrew’s Church Hall, Diamond Harbour

**Guest Speaker:**  
Vivienne Williams  
Cancer Society Information Officer  
Theme: Pink

$5.00 minimum donation to cover the cost of the breakfast is appreciated.

RSVP: Parish Office (329 4790) or Ruth Willis (329 4243) or  
Sign up in the Church foyer. johand@dra.co.nz

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**Diamond Harbour Historical Society.**

Tuesday August 13 at 8pm in the Stage Room. Wendy Dalley’s talk is entitled *Then and now – the Personal Guiding Service tours in Christchurch before and after the earthquake.* All welcome.

Jan Studholme

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**THE DRAMA WORKSHOP**

Drama Classes in Diamond Harbour

Exploring drama techniques, elements & conventions working towards a Spring performance  
Thursdays 3.30-5pm in the Stage Room

Ages: 7-13 year olds  
Cost: $8/class

For more information and to register please contact Jacinda (BA Drama, Dip. Teach)  
329 4424 or cins@paradise.net.nz

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**YOU CAN COME TOO — LOCAL EVENTS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

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The Harbour Singers

OPEN NIGHT
Wednesday August 14 at 8pm
Stage Room, Diamond Harbour Hall

If you've ever wanted to try singing in a choir, or used to sing in one, but didn't know where to find a friendly, fun, no-auditions-necessary choir close to home – look no further!

The Harbour Singers welcome you to our first Open Night. Come and try some easy singing in a supportive group, listen to some songs from us, and share supper afterwards. For more information call Christine on 329 4588.

Profile of poets performing.....
Fiona Farrell is one of New Zealand’s leading writers, publishing work in a variety of genres. Her poems feature in major anthologies including The Oxford Book of New Zealand Poetry and Bloodaxe’s best-selling Being Alive. Her most recent publications are two non-fiction titles, The Broken Book and The Quake Year.
In 2007 Fiona received the New Zealand Prime Minister’s Award for Fiction, and in 2012 she was appointed an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for Services to Literature in the Queen’s Birthday and Diamond Jubilee Honours List. This year Fiona has been awarded the Michael King Fellowship to write two books (fiction and non-fiction) on the Earthquakes in Christchurch. She lives at Otanerito with her husband, Doug Hood.

James Norcliffe has published a collection of short stories and eight collections of poetry, most recently Shadow Play, and Packing a Bag for Mars. He has written several fantasy novels for young people including The Loblolly Boy, its successor, The Loblolly Boy and the Sorcerer, The Enchanted Flute and this year’s Felix and the Red Rats. James co-edits the annual Redraft anthologies of writing by young New Zealanders. He is poetry editor for the Christchurch Press and teaches at Lincoln University. He and his wife, Joan Melvyn, have lived and worked for extended periods in Asia and now live at Church Bay.

Sean Joyce, secretary to the Canterbury Poets’ Collective, was born in Galway in the west of Ireland and lived in Spain before coming to New Zealand in 1975. His warm and witty poetry has appeared in several publications and he has read his work widely. His interests include psychology, history and public speaking. He is also a registered celebrant. Sean and Vee Joyce live in Cashmere.
**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Catholic Masses**

*Every Sunday at 5.30 pm*
- First Sunday of month: Mass at DH Community Church Second, Fourth, and Fifth Sunday: SCAP* service (which fulfills Sunday Obligation)
- Third Sunday of month: Mass at Lyttelton (21 Exeter St)

*Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest*

**Anglican – Methodist – Presbyterian Services**

*St Andrews Diamond Harbour*

*Every Wed at 9am and Sun at 10.30am (the first Sunday of the month is either a Methodist or Presbyterian service)*

**Wednesday @ 9**

Wednesday mornings 9-9:30am. This service is relaxed and reflective. A great place to drop into after the kids are at school or for you have had your morning walk. We would love to see you and offer a time of friendly fellowship and a mid-week breathing space.

**Prayer for the Parish**

Meets every weekday in the Church library at 8.15am. All are welcome. If you are unable to join us, feel free to pray wherever you are. The prayer chain is also available to pray for you personally or for any other prayer needs you may have. The prayer chain is totally confidential. Please contact Anne Fountain on 329 4202 for prayer requests.

**Monday Night Home Group**

Meets Monday fortnightly in Charteris Bay. Call Bruce Beckett for details on 329 4422.

**Bible Discussion Group**

Meets fortnightly on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30pm to 5pm in the St Andrews Church Library. Please phone Anne Boyd for details on 329 4444.

**Beta Home Group**

Meets Monday weekly in a warm and friendly Diamond Harbour home. Call Ross Fountain for details on 329 4202.

**Rainbow Music**

Currently in recess. Please contact the Parish Office on 329 4790 if you can help in being a music leader.

**Baby & Toddlers Group**

For infants 0-36 months and their caregivers in the Church hall every second Tuesday at 10-12 noon.

Upcoming dates are August 13 & 27 and September 10 & 24. Please contact Wendy Coles 329 4483 for further information.

**City Shopping Van**

The fortnightly shoppers van will be heading into town on August 14 & 28 and September 11 & 25. The van will pick you up from home around 9am and drop you back home around 1.30pm. Bookings are essential as the van only seats 8 people. A contribution towards fuel of $10 per shopping day is invited. To book a ride contact Nicky 329 4341 or Wendy 329 4483.

**Special General Meeting of Parishioners to elect a new Peoples, Warden**

Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting of the Church members of the Mt Herbert Parish will be held on Sunday September 8 at St Andrews at 12 noon following the 10:30am service to elect a new Peoples’ Warden due the recent bereavement of the Peoples Warden, Bob Buckley. The responsibility of Peoples Warden is pastoral, spiritual and managerial in conjunction with the Vicars Warden, Vicar and Vestry.

Please email any nominations to: mt.herbervicar@xtra.co.nz. Nominations will also be accepted on the day of the meeting. All members of the church registered in this parish for a period of not less than two months are entitled to speak and vote.

**Soup & Toast Lunch**

Forthnightly at 12 noon in the Church Hall on alternate Wednesdays to the shoppers van. Upcoming dates are August 7 & 21 and September 4 & 18. Gold coin donation.

**Pinkalicious Ladies Breakfast**

Saturday August 10 at 8.15am at the Church Hall. Here’s something to mark on the calendar, ladies, come and join us for breakfast. You don’t cook or do the dishes, and then sit back and listen to someone tell us about the importance of taking care of ourselves. The speaker is Viv Williams from the Cancer Society. Please contact Ruth Willis 329 4243 or the Parish Office 329 4790. (See p10.)

**City Mission Basket**

The church has a basket for non-perishable food and grocery items for the City Mission. Many families are dependent on the support of agencies like the City Mission as jobs dwindle and money fails to stretch to meet basic outgoings. We also collect Small Change for the Small Room, with the coins being spent on toiletries and personal hygiene items which are distributed by the City Mission and St Vincent de Paul.

**Mount Herbert Parish Magazine**

Email contributions for the next issue to mt.herbervicar@xtra.co.nz.

You can read the current issue and back copies at www.diamondharbour.info/church-notices.aspx.

**Mount Herbert Parish Website**

For further parish news and information visit http://mountherbertparish.wordpress.com

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**MT HERBERT PARISH TRADE ME FUNDRAISER**

We all have stuff lying around that “we must do something with one day” - This fundraising initiative may help with that.

The process is structured in a way that we trust is manageable and efficient. Any goods will be gladly accepted for sale and the method for the transaction are listed below:

1. Select the item you wish to sell.
2. Take a descriptive photo(s) of low resolution if possible, and email to Fiona Waghorn at waggie@xtra.co.nz.
3. Add a description of the goods. The more detail the better: measurements, weight, size, area where it is to be collected from, any marks or damage etc.
4. Inform Fiona of your details, phone contact, address etc, as she will reply at any easy questions. Be prepared to answer questions outside of the information you have supplied to Fiona.
5. Do not send the goods to Fiona.
6. For pick up we will send your address to the buyer and the buyer’s details to you to complete the transaction at mutual convenience. Should postage be required, you may wish to include that in your generous donation. Should this be large we will re-fund to you upon receipt. As with pickup we will send all delivery information upon the completion of the auction.

This is a mutually beneficial fundraiser. Accumulated items can be shifted and funds raised to help us be more connected with our local communities. Essentially we run an auction for you, the mechanics of it are as though it is a normal Trade Me auction, and the sale price is received as a generous donation. Trade Me allow for 50% of any fees to be refunded to us as well.

For further details contact Fiona 329 0171 or waggie@xtra.co.nz
Neighbourhood Week
Neighbourhood Week 2013 runs from Friday October 25 to Sunday November 3.
This is an annual event with the aim of getting neighbours talking to each other and forging a little community spirit. Funding is available for individuals and groups wishing to put together an event. In the past these have included barbecues, street parties, working bees, tree-planting days, kite-flying and community walks. Applications for funding subsidies close on August 31.
The subsidy is a refund of expenses rather than a payout before the event runs. To apply for reimbursement of costs relating to your neighbourhood event, pick up an application form from the Council Civic Offices in Hereford Street, from a Council Service Centre or library, or download it from: www.ccc.govt.nz/neighbourhoodweek
For more information please contact Dean Kilbride at CCC: 941 8698, 027 499 5591 or dean.kilbride@ccc.govt.nz.

Neighbourhood Support
Diamond Harbour

To stay informed about
Neighbourhood Security, Welfare and Emergency Information
ensure your inclusion on our secure database.

Membership is Free
for all residents and property owners
on the southern side of Lyttelton Harbour

To ADD, UPDATE or REMOVE your details,
to request an new group list,
or for information or concerns

CONTACT: Elaine Bryson (Area co-ordinator)
Email: dhnshq@gmail.com Phone: 329 4512
28 Koromiko Cres, Church Bay, RD1 Lyttelton 8971
or Ron Dubin (Deputy Co-ordinator) Phone: 329 3032

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DH Volunteer Fire Brigade Community Notices
Care in your Community

Diamond Harbour Medical Centre
2c Waipapa Ave Phone 329 4402
Doctors: Peter Davies and Charlotte Clifton
Nurses: Nicky, Anna and Petria
Receptionist/Administrator: Jan Hogbin
Services Include:
Medical and Nursing car, Home Visits, Out of Hours calls
New patients welcome

ACUPUNCTURE
Neck/back pains Sports injuries
Musculo-skeletal problems
Insomnia & depression
Digestive problems
Menstrual/ menopause
Headaches, migraines

Acupuncture could help these problems
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In Greek mythology, the Sirens were dangerous and beautiful creatures who lured sailors onto the rocks. Our fire sirens serve two main purposes which are far less sinister. The first and most obvious is that they alert us very quickly to the need for our presence at the station. The second purpose is to reassure the person that called 111 that help is on the way. We have received feedback that this can be very reassuring in a settlement like ours.

Some communities have raised concerns about the level of noise, especially at night. We are mindful of the fact that noise annoys and have fitted automatic timers to restrict the duration of the sirens. We hope you agree that 40 seconds of wailing, an average of once a week, is a small price to pay.

The sirens were not a part of the original Diamond Harbour Volunteer Fire Brigade. Back when the Brigade was formed there was a fire bell. This was hung from a blue gum tree in lower Waipapa and rung manually when an emergency arose. When the bell tower at St Andrews was built the old fire bell was gifted to the church. Both bell and siren still call out across Diamond Harbour, but the people now responding to the bell can take their time arriving at their destination.

Fire Fighter David Rice
DH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Meeting held July 15

Public Forum

An interesting discussion was held about the problems arising from new houses being built or single level houses being rebuilt, blocking out views of existing houses. We decided this topic could prompt a worthwhile discussion via the Herald. If enough interest is shown, some CCC planners could be asked to attend a meeting and outline the rules and difficulties.

Anyone wishing to give their views on this subject is invited to send a letter to the Herald. Ed

Correspondence

Andrew Hensley, Network Engineer for Road Corridor Operations, will be invited to speak to the community and explain the reason why mirrors are not being replaced.

Treasurer’s report

This was David Dearsley’s last meeting. He will be missed. He has been an outstanding treasurer. The committee wish Toni and David well for the next phase of their life post Diamond Harbour.

Community Board Report

Paula read out a letter which will be sent to all Post Office customers outlining the future of this service in Diamond Harbour.

Submissions

Stoddard Point Management Plan hearing will be held on August 14, possibly in Diamond Harbour.

Tracks

Pete Ozich’s good work with the track for school children to use has been discussed with the Council. Dave’s Gully (Morgans’ Gully) is awaiting a Memorandum of Understanding.

Buoys

Buoys are to be placed in the Diamond Harbour bay to ensure vessels do not enter the swimming area.

Rugby Club

This building has not been included in the DEE process by Council. The club has now been asked to financially contribute to this process. They will share the cost of $15,000 equally. The club wishes to make changes to the area under the deck.

Next meeting 19 August 2013 at 7.30pm. Public Forum topics are always welcome.

Karen
CLASSIFIEDS

Walsnuts for sale
Orton Bradley Park walnuts available $7/kilo. Please phone Alison 329 4552 or Sarah 329 4405. All proceeds to the Park.

Bikes Stolen
3 bikes stolen from 42 Ranui Cres on June 28 and July 5. One recovered. Others are a road bike (adult male, Italian make, burgundy colour) and a mountain bike (adult male, silver colour with disc brakes and shocks). Please contact Roger on 420 1979 or 027 357 7934 with any information.

Record Player / Turntable wanted
In good working order. Ph 420 1979 or 027 357 7934.

Request for help
If you can help by donating food etc to a person with a medical condition, please phone 550 4225 or 022 027 4911.

Dell PC for sale
15” screen, 40Gb hard drive, 1.25Gb RAM. Windows XP SP3 + all updates. MSE Antivirus, Google Chrome, LibreOffice 4 (MS Office compatible), Foxit PDF Reader, Picasa, ImgBurn DVD Writer, VLC & Winamp media players. $40. 329 3032.

Toshiba L500 Laptop for sale
15” screen, 300Gb hard drive, 4Gb RAM. Windows 7 SP1 + all updates. MSE Antivirus, Google Chrome, LibreOffice 4 (MS Office compatible), Foxit PDF Reader, Picasa, ImgBurn DVD Writer, VLC & Winamp media players. $340. Ph 329 3032.

Rimu Bedside Table for sale
Width 55cm, depth 38 cm, height 63 cm. $50 ono. Ph: 329 4789.

Dresses
Specializing in dance costumes, wedding downs & formal / occasion wear. Happy to work on any sewing project large or small! 329 3166 or livingdolls@thedollfactory.co.nz.

Rugby Club
Mon Aug 19, 7.30pm, Comm Room. p10

Bar Open Fri & Sat evenings
Tues, 6.30pm, 7a Whero Ave

Bridge Club
Wed Aug 14, 7.45pm, Stage Room

Tennis Club
Suns, 8am. p10

Scrabble
Sats, 11am-1pm. Village Centre. 55

Drama Workshop
Thus, 7.45pm, Stage Room

Film Society
Mon Aug 19, 7.30pm, Comm Room. p14

Herald Calendar

Art Group: Weds, 9.30am-12noon, Church Hall

Badminton: Weds, 7.30pm - Community Hall

Bowling Club: Tue, Thu, Sat at 1.15pm

Book Swap: Sat Sep 7, 9am, DH School, p4

Bridges Club: Weds, 7pm, DH Bowling Club. 329 4094

Camera Club: Tue Aug 20, 7.30pm, Stage Room. p10

Cancer Society Film Night: Sat Aug 30, Church Hall. p10

Daffodil Day: Fri Aug 30. p10

DHCA Meeting: Mon Aug 19, 7.30pm, Comm Room. p14

Drama Workshop: Thus, 3.30pm, Stage Room. p10

Film Society: Thus, 7.45pm, Stage Room

Harbour Singers: Weds, 7.45pm, Stage Room

Harbour Singers Open Night: Wed Aug 14, 8pm, SR. p11

Historical Assoc: Tue Aug 13, 8pm Stage Room. p10

Indoor Bowls: Thus, 2pm Community Hall.

Insight Meditation: Tues, 6.30pm, 7a Whero Ave

Irish Celtic Music Meet: Sun Aug 4, 2pm, Rug Club. p10

Ladies Probus: Mon Aug 12, 10am, Church Hall

Library Story Time: Tue Aug 20, 2pm. p10

Mens Probus: Thu Sep 5, 10am, DH Rugby Club

Neighbourhood Week Funding: Closes Sat Aug 31. p13

Plenty to Share: Sats, 11am-1pm. Village Centre. 55

Poetry & Singing: Sat Aug 10, 6.30pm, Godley Café. p11

Rugby Club: Bar Open Fri & Sat evenings

Running Group: Suns, 8am. p10


Table Tennis: Thus, 7.30pm, Church Hall.

Tai Chi: Thu 11-12noon, Sun 5-6pm, Community Hall

Tennis Club: Suns, 9.30am, Waipapa Courts

Toy Library: Sats 10am-11am, Community Hall

Womens Breakfast: Sat Aug 10, 8.15am, Church Hall. p10

Woofun at Bergli: Sat Aug 17 p10

Yoga: Mon, 7pm. Stage Rm. p6

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