WHAT’S HAPPENING TO OUR POST OFFICE?

If you have visited Diamond Harbour Post Office in the last few days, chances are you will have found Ella or Jane behind the counter. Wendy was probably on hand as usual but now taking a back seat as she helps Jane and Ella learn the tricks of the trade with which she has given us such great service since 1997.

As Heralded last month, September 2 saw management of the Post Office and ownership of its building passed over to Chalfont Café owners, Jane Broughton and Drew Davison.

Apart from the new faces all will continue much as usual, but further changes are to come in the near future. One of these will be the doubling of the number of Post Office boxes available. This move will be welcomed as for several years there have insufficient boxes to meet the needs of the ever-growing number of organisations and businesses based in the area. It will also offer another option to the smattering of residents who have hitherto been able to collect counter mail. This once common mode of receiving one’s mail was officially terminated by NZ Post several years ago, but maintained at Diamond Harbour in deference to long term residents who had grown accustomed to the routine.

Apart from the boxes, the other sales and services will eventually shift to the Diamond Harbour Country Store as Jane and Drew plan to open a country-style gift and homewares shop in the current Post Office building before summer.

THANKS AND FAREWELL

It is with mixed feelings that we hand over the keys of the DH Postcentre on August 31. We are both feeling sad to say farewell, especially to our regular customers coming in to collect their mail and stopping for a chat.

For some years now, standalone Postcentres in small rural communities have been incorporated into existing local businesses, so we are fortunate to have been able to maintain the status quo for so long.

We have been moved by the number of well-wishers coming in and saying farewell. We will miss seeing you, so many who have become not just customers, but also friends.

Thank you for making our time in our lovely Postcentre so enjoyable.

We wish Jane and Drew all the best and thank them for supporting us all by continuing this valuable community service.

Thanks and Farewell
Wendy & Vicki
FURTHER CANDIDATES FOR BANKS PENINSULA WARD ELECTIONS:

Following on from last month’s information about the coming local Body Elections and candidate for Banks Peninsula, Paula Smith, we now hear from two other local nominees, Jane Broughton, Diamond Harbour resident, and our near-neighbour Mark Belton of Governors Bay. The two other candidates for the Banks Peninsula Ward, Nuk Korako and Andrew Turner, are from further afield.

CANDIDATE: JANE BROUGHTON — PASSIONATE ABOUT THE PENINSULA

Because I have always wanted to pursue a career in politics and am passionate about the Peninsula! was Jane Broughton’s response to my question as to why she is standing for the Banks Peninsula ward in next month’s City Council elections.

Jane, now 39, took up residence in Diamond Harbour only two and a half years ago, but she has had a long affiliation with the harbour and Banks Peninsula. Her grandfather was the station master in Lyttelton, where he and his family lived in Cressy Terrace. Jane recalls many trips to the harbour throughout her childhood – catching her first barracuda off the Lyttelton wharf, stopping for icecreams at the Diamond Harbour Country Store, family picnics in Orton Bradley Park, and weekends spent with friends at their Charteris Bay batch.

Haven’t spent 11 years living in London, and travelling extensively during this time, Jane says she has a renewed appreciation for Banks Peninsula’s natural beauty and the opportunities it offers. It is an idyllic place to bring up my daughter, she says, referring to 11-year-old Isabella.

To me, life’s all about striving for a good balance, comments Jane, indicating the panoramic harbour view from the farmhouse she shares with her partner Drew Davison. The right balance between economic development and environmental sustainability, both can thrive in harmony, because they are largely interdependent.

Of particular importance to Jane are the management of the rural environment of Banks Peninsula, the maintenance of the ward’s heritage, the potential for vibrant, people-orientated development at Lyttelton’s wharves and waterfront, the balance between tourism and the quality of lives for locals in Akaroa, the growth potential for Little River, and of course the massive task of recovery and sustainable growth in the city. The affairs of Council itself also require balancing of effectiveness with practicality, so standards are not compromised, procedures are efficient and funds are wisely spent.

What we need, says Jane, is a fresh approach. And I’m more than ready to take the plunge!

This applies both to how those in governance positions within the City Council communicate with Council management, and to how Christchurch approaches the critical stage of rebuild that lies ahead. She believes private sector experience, particularly in relation to budgeting and strategic planning, is a huge asset. Jane is a strong advocate for local control where it is achievable and says there are certainly times when communities and sectors can effectively make decisions as to what happens in their patch.

THE FULL LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR BANKS PENINSULA

for Banks Peninsula Ward Councillor
- Mark Belton (Independent)
- Jane Broughton (iCitz - Independent Citizens)
- Nuk Korako (Independent)
- Paula Smith (Independent for Banks Peninsula)
- Andrew Turner (The People's Choice)

for Lyttelton-Mt Herbert Community Board
- Denis Aldridge (Independent)
- Jane Broughton (iCitz - Independent Citizens)
- Ann Jolliffe
- Malcolm Leitch
- Jed O’Donoghue
- Paula Smith (Independent for Banks Peninsula)
- Adrian Te Patu
- Andrew Turner (The People's Choice)
- Christine Wilson (Independent)
CANDIDATE: MARK BELTON — ADVOCATING FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

I am standing for Council because I care deeply for Banks Peninsula and our City. So much is at stake right now. Never in the history of local government has the role of council been so important. While much of what we know and value in greater Christchurch has been destroyed it is how we manage the recovery that will truly define us. The recovery presents a huge opportunity for improving community well-being, improving our built environments, and protecting and enhancing our natural environment.

We need a fresh council, connected to our communities, that is open to informed debate, leading to wise decisions, inspired leadership and financial prudence. I am standing to ensure the post-earthquake recovery leads to better outcomes for our communities and environment.

I have lived with my wife Rosie Belton in Governors Bay for 35 years in the home we built to raise our three children. I am a science graduate with a post graduate degree in Natural Resource management from Lincoln. My professional life began working for Government in environmental forestry and later shifted to research, and senior positions in commercial forestry investment. Since 1999 I have headed forestry companies and worked in NZ and overseas focusing on sustainable forestry, nature conservation, and climate change issues.

The time ahead presents a huge opportunity for improving our communities, the environment, and business prosperity provided we do the rebuild and recovery well.

As a CANDIDATE I will:

ADVOCATE for the recovery of democratic local government and transition of governance roles from CERA to our elected council.

ASSIST people whose lives are still affected by the quake’s aftermath, (zonation issues, insurance mediation, support for community health).

DRIVE revitalization of Lyttelton’s commercial heart and connection with its waterfront.

WORK for recovery and protection of heritage and our unique Banks Peninsula landscapes and natural environment.

HONOUR the ‘share an idea’ mandate for urban recovery. Encourage built environments that are attractive, foster community well-being, and are energy efficient and ‘nature rich’.

SUPPORT prioritizing of council work programs into essential and non-essential until urgent work is complete.

I am committed to listening to and advocating for the interests of our Banks Peninsula communities.

Mark Belton www.markbelton.co.nz

Meet the Candidates
Be informed – Make the right choice

Come to the meeting organised by the Diamond Harbour Community Association and meet the candidates wishing to represent you over the next three years on the Christchurch City Council for the Lyttelton-Mt Herbert Ward.

Bring your questions with you.

Monday September 9, 7.30pm
Stage Room, Diamond Harbour Community Hall

VOTE MARK BELTON

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A strong Peninsula voice on Council.

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NOW IS THE TIME TO TELL COUNCIL WHAT YOU THINK!

Council is reviewing the District Plan. The result will be one plan for the whole city, merging the Banks Peninsula District Plan with the City Plan. Chapters relating directly to recovery are going to be completed first, then all the rest. The idea is to get it all done within 3 years.

The District Plan is the rulebook for all types of land use. Land is zoned for different uses such as residential, business, or rural, and the rules for each zone have wide-ranging implications for things such as road safety, housing choice, noise, landscape character, transport choice, natural hazards and heritage protection.

A little blue brochure was delivered to many homes recently which contains more detail, and there is plenty more info at www.ccc.govt/districtplanreview. There is also to be a drop-in session at the Top Club in Lyttelton on September 9 between 4 and 7pm, as well others around the city.

However the quickest and easiest way for you to feed your views early into the process may be to go to www.futurechristchurch.co.nz where Council has set up an online conversation. Don’t get bogged down in all the planning-speak, just use your own words to describe the issue which concerns or interests you and why you think it is important. You may also like to suggest how you think the issue could be addressed.

Here are a few local issues which have come up in the last few years which could be addressed by changes to the existing District Plan:

- Housing for elderly: Under existing planning rules it is quite difficult for smaller units to be built on residential land. This makes it hard for people who wish to continue living here, in their own community, to find a smaller house with less maintenance.

- Rural lifestyle properties: Existing rural subdivision rules make it easy for farms to be subdivided into small lots, changing the rural character of the landscape and increasing the number of essential car journeys. Are we happy with this kind of development or would compact settlements be more sustainable?

- Views being built out: People often buy hillside residential properties because of wonderful sea and hill views, but existing planning rules sometimes enable our neighbours to build across our views or shade our properties in winter. Are the rules defining the permitted building envelope too generous? Is there some other mechanism which could prevent such problems?

- Godley House site: Under existing district plan the land where Godley House used to stand is zoned for commercial development. Is this the most appropriate land use for this significant site? Could the zoning be changed to better support community facilities or even the site becoming part of Stoddart Point Recreation Reserve?

- Protected trees and heritage sites: Currently, our district plan contains lists of notable trees and protected heritage sites in our area. Are these lists up to date and complete? Are the rules associated with them working?

There will be an opportunity for people to make formal submissions on the draft EQ recovery chapters when they are publicly notified in late November, but it is always good to get your views in earlier in the process. Besides, you might be far too busy in the weeks before Christmas to be thinking about making submissions!

Paula Smith, Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board Chair
Lett"ers - Have Your Say

NOTE: When submitting a letter for publication in the Herald, you must include your full name and address, although you may choose not to have this information published. Ed.

Why did You Decide to Live in Diamond Harbour?

My late wife and I decided to move to Diamond Harbour over 10 years ago for the wonderful views, the sun and friendly community. But I am concerned that developments in the area over recent years could be threatening all of that. In particular, there are new houses being built which significantly detract from established neighbours’ views and sunlight – and thus resale value - therefore potentially challenging the good relationships between residents. The natural terrain and aspect of Diamond Harbour allows almost all houses to have a pleasant view and ample sunshine but for many this diminishes as surrounding land is built on. While such development may be predictable and inevitable, I wonder why it is necessary for so many of the new homes of two storeys when just one would provide excellent views and sun and at the same time allow neighbours above and behind to retain theirs. When one contacts the council over such issues, the stock answer is that the building complies with the height regulations and recession plane. While such blanket conditions set down by the council may well be appropriate in the flatter more concentrated city environment, I am of the opinion that additional conditions should be put in place for coastal and hillside residential areas. I for one would like to see a requirement that the developer discuss with neighbours prior to the building owner seeking a PIMS from the Council showing, by drawings, pictures or such like how the new building, alteration, extension etc. affects the neighbours. Ten years ago the maximum height of a residential home was 6 metres. It is now 7 metres, increased by the council after developers claimed they could not build modern two storeys residences under 6 metres. As a resident I cannot recall any consultation by the council over the increase in height and I feel that I am being dictated to by developers, so I believe there is an opportunity for residents to have their say when the City Council next asks for submissions from interested people. Real estate companies use Sun and Views! in their advertisements which emphasises that this is an important issue for all. I would be pleased to hear, perhaps via the Herald, from others who have opinions on this matter.

Dave Henshaw

Why Kick the Cat?

As we sat in our neighbour’s front garden on Patiki Place celebrating a young boy’s 5th birthday we saw two middle-aged women of short stature walk around the corner into Patiki Place leading their wee dogs. They seemed to be out for a brisk lunchtime walk. As they made their way up the path towards us they paused and reconsidered taking their poaches past the tumultuous throng of kids playing on the road side and field beside the house. Having decided they wouldn’t tempt fate, they made an abrupt about-face and headed back down the Place.

At the same time, our inquisitive cat Lizzie (a slightly crazed ginger who befriends all who pass our home on Patiki Place) trotted off to see who the interlopers were. As Lizzie approached the ‘pooch pack’ one of the women stopped, ran back up the path yelling and fulminating, trying to scare Lizzie away. Lizzie, well known for her stubborn nature, was intent on seeing more. The woman, clearly agitated and perhaps wanting to protect her poosches, then lashed out with her foot – twice striking poor Lizzie and sending her skittering across the road to the safety of home.

As you can imagine, our group was incensed and only wished we’d had the video cameras rolling – a sure fire YouTube success was sadly missed!

Pete Simpson
It’s all about space (or Ao takiwā) at Playcentre this term.

We’ve been inspired by the work our older siblings and friends have been doing at Diamond Harbour School on space and our solar system. We hope to make a spaceship and some jet packs for our astronauts. For the younger children we will be focusing on sensory activities such as what the surface of the moon would feel like (moon dough) and building craters in the sandpit. We will also visit Diamond Harbour School so that Pukeko can teach us what they know about space. Other activities planned for this term are a visit from a St John’s Ambulance and trips to our wonderful Diamond Harbour library for storytime on Thursdays.

Haere rā and thanks
Recently one of our families left playcentre after many years as the youngest member of the family, Hamish, joined his older brother Flynn at school. We’d like to acknowledge the Clinch family for their contribution to playcentre over the years and especially Grant for all his help with maintenance and his wonderful boat fort Otira which takes pride of place in our grounds. The boat fort had its beginnings as an addition to a classic boat (Otira) that Paul Pritchett purchased and restored. Because the cabin addition was not in keeping with the original boat Paul donated it to playcentre, where it was repainted and sat in front of the sandpit until Grant designed and with the help of other parents built a new fort with the boat cabin at the bottom. Come down and see it if you haven’t already.

Haere mai welcome to new whānau
We’d like to welcome Tenzi Sherpa and his parents Amanda and Thendup who joined us at playcentre towards the end of last term. Tenzi is with us for a short time before he joins his older brother Tashi at school. Also joining us last term was Reuben Gill and his parents Angela and David. Reuben has an older brother Ethan at school. This term we’ve welcomed Viva Niccol and her parents Carmen and Todd. Viva too has an older brother, Jet, at school.

We Want You!
Our tamariki would love to have visitors from the wider community. Many of our children are first generation kiwis and so don’t have grandparents close by. If you would like to come down and read books to the children, teach them to knit, help them at the carpentry table, with cooking or anything else you can think of please come down and visit us on Mondays, Wednesdays or Thursdays from 9.15am-12noon; or call 329 4515 during these hours. We’d love to see you and we’ll even make you a cup of tea!

Playcentre Supervisors

Diamond Yoga
7-8.30pm Mondays, Stage Room, Community Centre
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**RUGBY CLUB BAR HOURS CHANGE**

The Rugby Club Committee has decided to call it a day with regard to opening our bar on a Friday and Saturday evenings. We have thoroughly enjoyed opening our doors to welcome locals down to become members and enjoy our hospitality since our Gracious Lady, Godley House, ceased to be our local gathering place.

A few hardy bar staff voluntarily manned the bar for two months short of two years which is a sterling effort. Thanks to everyone involved. Thanks also to the loyal supporters who arrived on the dot at 5pm every Friday and Saturday for all those months. Your support has enabled us to implement strategies for our rugby teams to perform very successfully in the Ellesmere Competition, this year our Senior Team becoming Ellesmere Division III Champions! Through your patronage we were also able to help sponsor many local events, Sprig Concerts, contribute to our local Diamond Harbour School and also Governors Bay and Cholmondeley Schools!

All is not lost however - we will be open at 5pm on Saturday September 7 for the All Blacks vs Argentina Test Match in Hamilton at 6.30pm and then again a week later on Saturday September 14 for the All Blacks vs South Africa playing in Auckland at 6.30pm.

We will also look at opening for the 2013 ITM Cup semi-finals on October 19 and the final on October 16 - to be confirmed.

Once again thanks everyone.

*The Committee*

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**PLANTING DAY SUCCESS**

Sunday August 4 was Community Planting Day at Orton Bradley Park in Charteris Bay and was a great success with over 40 volunteers planting 400 native plants in just over an hour.

The plants for this annual event are donated by Trees for Canterbury. This is part of the park’s continuing community re-vegetation and biodiversity enhancement project, which is a partnership between the community, Trees for Canterbury and the Orton Bradley Park Board. For more information about the park go to: www.ortonbradley.co.nz.

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**NO MONEY. . . . JUST BOOKS . . . .**

**Saturday September 7**

**from 9am till noon**

**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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**Scrapbooker? Stamper? Cardmaker?**

Do you want to be able to buy quality stamps, inks, papers and albums that arrive at your door? Do you want to be able to supply your craft group with all they need? Do you want to pay for your crafting needs whilst helping your friends?

After years of successfully and consistently providing quality crafting equipment to the USA, Close to My Heart has finally arrived in New Zealand!

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**Geoff Brewer Systems**

Diamond Harbour’s Technology Specialist

Got Computer Problems?

Call 0272807859 or (03) 3294083

I am a qualified electronics technician and Microsoft certified systems engineer working in the computer industry for 35 years, 20 of which on PC’s and networking.

One of my specialities is building custom PC’s and media servers.

But if you have ANY computer related problems or need free unbiased advice on what to buy give me a call.

Note I can also help with Apple technology ie Macs, Iphones, Ipads and Ipods.
Many local residents will cherish fond memories of Annie Baxter’s sumptuous Victorian Afternoon Teas served at Stoddart’s Cottage before it fell victim to the earthquakes. Undaunted, Annie set off for Oamaru where she realised her vision of creating an authentic Victorian Tearooms in Oamaru’s Victorian Precinct.

Sadly, the building in which the Annies Victorian Tearooms is situated has been sold to a company intent of replacing the tearooms with an Italian restaurant, leaving Annie with no alternative but to close what had become a very popular venue for those with a taste for the gracious ways of bygone days... and a wonderful cup of tea.

Annie wishes to thank her many loyal Diamond Harbour patrons who always dropped in for a cuppa when passing through Oamaru.

What does the future hold for Annie? Could we see her back in Diamond Harbour? Annie has not yet decided her future. She says that she has learned a lot about the hospitality trade from her three years in Oamaru, and one suspects that Annie’s kettle will not be long off the boil.

Ron
**LIVING WELL**

**Choices**

Choices give us flexibility and the opportunity to respond to situations in different ways. The more choices we have, the more likely we are to behave in ways that we are really happy with.

Adding choices can happen in a couple of ways. Sometimes it’s about learning new skills, such as new ways to respond to a difficult situation, and sometimes it’s about taking existing skills and applying them to new situations. Often we have huge numbers of internal resources which we could apply to a given situation, but we have never thought of doing so.

Often we find ourselves behaving in ways we are not entirely happy with. We may wish to eat healthier foods but find ourselves reaching for chocolate. We may have difficulties with a colleague but always find ourselves at a loss for words instead of standing up for ourselves.

Adding in new choices means old behaviours may no longer be chosen by the unconscious as they’re no longer the best choice. When you have new ways to relax, feel good, or fill in your time, chocolate may no longer be such a temptation.

**Method**

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Form into patties and gently fry. These patties are great on the BBQ and are just as nice cold.

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**VET-SPOT**

**Accidental Poisonings in Dogs and Cats**

There are two commonly used substances that can cause severe poisoning and even death in dogs and cats, rodenticides (mice, rat or rabbit poisons) and ethylene glycol (antifreeze). Both are really palatable to our pets, so they will eat or drink them if they have the opportunity.

The first precaution is to prevent exposure, so use bait stations or lay bait in an area where pets (and children!) can’t reach it, for example in the ceiling. If you empty your radiator don’t leave the contents lying around in an open container, or allow it to drain anywhere where pets would be able to lap it up afterwards.

Rodenticides prevent clotting by inhibiting vitamin K1 which is necessary for coagulation, so the animal bleeds to death. The onset of symptoms is usually 1-3 days after ingestion of the toxin. Unfortunately in NZ, most rodenticides are of the second generation variety, which are extremely potent, and don’t require much to be eaten to be deadly. Symptoms vary, but the most common ones are lethargy, and often coughing. Gums can become pale, and sometimes bruising can be seen on mucous membranes. If you suspect your pet may have eaten rat poison you must contact a vet, even if they are looking perfectly healthy. We can induce vomiting (up to 4 hours after ingestion) and remove most of the poison. We can also start prophylactic Vitamin K1 therapy, which is the antidote, or give advice about when to do blood testing to determine if this is necessary. At this point the prognosis (outcome) is really good. Once the animal is showing clinical symptoms the prognosis becomes a lot worse, and they will need hospitalisation, shock treatment, and sometimes a blood or plasma transfusion. Unfortunately many will not survive.

Antifreeze poisons the kidneys, and causes acute renal failure. Treatment consists of hospitalisation and fluid therapy to flush out the toxins, and to keep the kidneys perfused and functioning. We don’t see this as often as rodenticide toxicity; there is no specific antidote, so prevention is definitely better than cure.

Another insecticide that causes poisoning of pets from time to time is slug bait. This affects the nervous system and causes incoordination and convulsions, requiring sedation and fluid therapy. I’ve never seen accidental poisoning with cyanide or cholecalciferol, a testimony to the care taken by the pest control officers in our area.

We are really lucky not to live in an area where 1080 is used, as various non target species can be exposed accidentally, as it is dropped aerially. I can see why it is used! I’m very grateful not to live or work in areas where it is used!
COMPUTER HELPDESK

Staying Safe on TradeMe
While the majority of TradeMe members are honest, there are also those – including convicted criminals – for whom it provides an easy means of cheating and defrauding others. If you fall victim to one of these crooks, TradeMe will not compensate you for your loss – something stated explicitly (albeit buried in the fine-print of an obscure page) on their website.

When I was recently defrauded on TradeMe (and sadly not for the first time) I suggested that TradeMe make this important caveat visible rather than hiding it – and warn members that fraudsters are active on their site, and that they are unable to guarantee the bona fides of traders – or that they are not criminals. Such warnings should be front and centre on the TradeMe home page, rather than concealed behind a cool/fun façade of security and safety. TradeMe did not respond to this suggestion – nor did they respond to other suggestions to make their site safer (if perhaps less profitable for them). I will outline these suggestions here, along with other measures that may help save you from being ripped off on TradeMe – particularly when making an expensive purchase.

1. Pay for items on pickup
   This gives you the chance to check out the purchase before handing over your cash. Of course it is only possible if the seller is in Christchurch or nearby.

Use SafeTrader
With SafeTrader the buyer makes payment to a TradeMe Trust account where it is held until the goods are received and deemed satisfactory, at which point it is released to the seller. This is bullet-proof, but the drawback is that it comes at an additional cost to buyer and seller – both of whom must be registered for SafeTrader. Unfortunately, most sellers do not use it; and while you can ask the seller if they will, in my experience most decline (or do not even answer the question).

Use PayNow
PayNow allows you to make purchases on your credit card. If the goods do not arrive you can get your money (eventually) refunded by your bank – you must make a claim within a specified period. PayNow and SafeTrader share the advantage that fraudsters are very unlikely to use them in the first place; but they share the disadvantage of limiting the auctions you can bid on. Only traders doing a lot of business on TradeMe are likely to be setup for PayNow – and they tend to sell new items. Something you should always do is check the trading history of the seller – only buy from those who have a good and extensive track record. But beware – this is not foolproof. I have twice been ripped off by people using some one else’s account – which had a 100% clean record.

Ron

The place to find out what’s happening in our community

The Community Noticeboard is an electronic bulletin board - you can post notices for free!

Our Home page lists all the important events coming up in Diamond Harbour

On the Events page you’ll find details of all the regular weekly/monthly meetings.

To find the right website always remember to put .info on the end — and bookmark us!

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THE ECO GARDENER’S PATCH

Avocado Aspirations
Does anyone in Diamond Harbour or districts have an avocado tree dripping with fruit like this one shown, which I photographed in an orchard in the Bay of Plenty?

I am hoping that the answer is yes, and if so that they will share their secrets of success with the rest of us. I had a query about whether avocados will grow well this far south, and what they need to succeed. In theory they should if given a warm, sheltered, frost free (or protected) situation for their first few years of life, plus enough water at the right times. Once the tree is well-established it can tolerate temperatures down to minus 3°C.

According to the AvoPro website www.avopro.org it might be a better to plant not one but four(!) avocado trees, all different varieties – and keep them small. This apparently provides just as much fruit per tree as one big tree, in a much shorter time.

If you have experience in growing avocados this far south, it would be great to hear from you – email christine@horomaka.org or call 329 4588. Christine

IN THE VEGETABLE GARDEN
What are we eating?
I saw a very interesting, slightly depressing but unexpectedly optimistic movie recently called Genetic Roulette – basically about GMO (genetically modified organisms) and short/long term effects on human and animal health in America.

Today at the supermarket I was absorbed in reading the list of ingredients on packets and jars of food.

I don’t want to make this too political. However it really has made me more aware of what we are being sold and what we are eating.

On my drive home looking out over the lovely rolling green hills and spotting a series of lovely brown scorched hills (having being sprayed with a herbicide (which will remain nameless) mentioned throughout the movie I saw last night. It will no doubt have a crop of stock feed planted on it. This meat will end up in our food chain!

NZ is only at the trail stage with GE (I may be a little out of touch with that) but certainly with our 100% Pure brand and overseas reputation I think we shouldn’t be too complacent.

So what’s all this got to do with growing vegetables? The more we can grow ourselves, without using herbicides, insecticides and artificial fertilisers, and becoming more self-sufficient (like in our grandparents day); keeping our food choices simple – the less ingredients in a packet of biscuits the better.

I left the supermarket stocked up with organic flour, milk and back to good old butter; bought two plum trees from Bunnings and pledged to check out my seed source from my suppliers.

One thing I did take from the movie was that we the consumer ultimately hold the power. The simple economics of it is that if we won’t buy it, they (the big multinationals) will have to do something about it – because it’s all about money for them.

The sad thing is we often don’t know what we are eating because of the vague and technical jargon used in the labelling. So next time you go to the supermarket remember to take your reading glasses!

Fiona Waghorn www.thefaithfulgardener.co.nz
Diamond Harbour School presents

Wind in the Willows

Diamond Harbour Community Hall
Friday 20th September
Saturday 21st September
6.30pm

Adults $15 Children $5
Tickets available from school office
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PreSchool Storytime
at Diamond Harbour Library
has moved...
Now the 3rd Thursday of each month
at 10am
Stories, rhymes and songs
All welcome

Diamond Harbour Camera Club
Tuesday Sept 17 at 7:30 pm in the Stage Room
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Our Library
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PreSchool Storytime: 3rd Thursday each month at 10am

Check our website: www.christchurchcitylibraries.com
Christine Turner

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Road Cycling Group
Meets weekly. To join a ride contact Mike on 329 4647 or mikecatton@mac.com.

Free Running Group
Sundays at 8am. 329 4647 or mikecatton@mac.com

Diamond Harbour Tennis Club AGM
To be held on Monday September 9 at 7.30pm at the Clubrooms, Waipapa Avenue.
All members are welcome to attend.

DH Historical Association
Tuesday Sept 10 at 8pm in the Stage Room.
Bronwen Jone’s talk is entitled Who knew? The history of Te Waihora-Lake Ellesmere – a tale of hubris and vainglorious colonial endeavour.
All welcome.

Diamond Harbour Croquet Club
Over the winter months the lawns have been maintained and are looking good. The watering system is at last up and running thanks to many people in the community. Our Opening Day is Saturday September 21 beginning at 10am and followed by a finger food lunch.

Toy Library AGM
The Diamond Harbour Toy Library AGM will be held at 2 Whero Ave at 8pm on Thursday September 19.
All members welcome. Refreshments provided.

Memorial Service for Alice Droogon
Meeting at Tom’s seat on the Cliff Track at 10am on September 7. All friends welcome.
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Sat 9am-6.30pm, Sun 10am-4.30pm

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**The Body Festival 2013**

**Have A Go Workshops** will include 3 dance workshops at Lyttelton Main School Hall in Oxford St on Saturday, September 28.

**Tap Dancing**

The Sintes Brothers are pleased to be a part of The Body Festival again in 2013! Daniel and Matthew, who grew up in Rangiora, have performed in NZ, Australia, Dubai, Singapore, Europe and New York. This workshop will introduce you to some basics of modern tap dancing and rhythm. Suitable for beginners of all ages and anyone “willing to learn!”

Tutor: The Sintes Brothers

Date/Time: Sat 28th September 10.30am–12pm

**Blues Dancing**

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Tutor: Swingtown Rebels

Date/Time: Sat 28th September 12.30–2pm

**Maori Performing Arts for Beginners**

This workshop is for those interested in learning basic Maori songs, actionsongs, poi dances, stick games and a haka.

No previous experience required, just a willing attitude to learn.

Tutor: Ripeka Paraone

Date/Time: Sat 28th September 2.30–4pm

For further details contact Rasa Cowie-Cloesen: 366 7709, 027 868 4114 or rasa@thebody.co.nz

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We hope to see you soon
Jane & Drew
Chalfont Café, Diamond Harbour Country Store
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**Church Notices**

**Catholic Masses**  
*Every Sunday at 5.30 pm*  
First Sunday of the month: Mass at DH Community Church  
Second, Fourth, and Fifth Sunday: SCAP* service (which fulfills Sunday Obligation)  
Third Sunday of the month: Mass at Lyttelton (21 Exeter St)  
*Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest*

**Anglican – Methodist – Presbyterian Services**  
**St Andrews Diamond Harbour**  
Every Wednesday at 9am and Sunday 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 any 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.

**Gamma 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 meeting in the Church hall every second Tuesday at 10-12 noon.  
Upcoming dates are September 10 & 24. Please contact Wendy Coles 329 4483 for further information.

**Special General Meeting of Parishioners to elect a new Peoples Warden**  
Sunday September 8 at St Andrews at 12noon.  
Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting of the Church members of the Mt Herbert Parish will be held 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.herbertvicar@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.  
*Reverend Russell Pickersgill-Brown*

**Soup & Toast Lunch**  
Fortnightly at 12 noon in the Church Hall on alternate Wednesdays to the shoppers van. Upcoming dates are September 4 & 18. Gold coin donation.

**City Shopping Van**  
The fortnightly shoppers van will be heading into town on September 11 & 25. The van will pick you up from home around 9am and drop you back home around 1.30 pm.  
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.

**TradeMe Parish Fundraiser**  
We all have stuff lying around that we must do something with one day - This fundraising initiative may help with that. For full details check the Church Notices on the DH Website [www.diamondharbour.info/church-notices.aspx](http://www.diamondharbour.info/church-notices.aspx) or contact Fiona on 329 0171 or waggie@xtra.co.nz.

**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**  
Please email contributions for the next issue to mt.herbertparish@xtra.co.nz. You can read the current issue of the magazine and back copies at [www.diamondharbour.info/church-notices.aspx](http://www.diamondharbour.info/church-notices.aspx).

**Mount Herbert Parish Website**  
For further parish news and information visit [http://mountherbertparish.wordpress.com](http://mountherbertparish.wordpress.com).

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Acknowledgement
June McLeod wishes to acknowledge with thanks the support of Wendy and and Vicki at the Post Office for the sale of her cards. These will continue to be available at Heather Watson’s Snowdrop Cottage. June McLeod

CALLING ALL VEGGIE GARDENERS

Are you running out of room for your vegetable garden? Could you do with some space to plant potatoes/pumpkins/corn? Do you want to be more self sufficient? There is plenty of space and good organic soil available now in Purau. This area was used for several years by a group of enthusiastic gardeners who, for various reasons, have moved on to other things. The ground is still there; all it needs is a few new gardeners who are keen to grow vegetables organically. The group will need digging over first. Ex-members can help you to get a new group started, but you’ll need to do the digging yourselves!
If you are interested, please talk to Franziska 329 4892 or Mark 329 3178.

Diamond Harbour Volunteer Fire Brigade

Mushroom Compost Fundraiser

This year's Compost Day will be Saturday September 21

Mushroom compost is great for the garden at this time of year and we can save you a trip to town. You can collect sacks, bring your trailer to be filled or we can deliver (in the local area).
$45 for a 6’ x 4’ trailer delivered.
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Civil Defence Update

Who? What? Where?
Incredibly, someone asked the other day – after feeling a few new quakes – who would you contact in an emergency in our local Civil Defence area and why wasn’t it publicised somewhere?
Just in case you too are curious, it is there on the front of the local Service Directory and Phone Book. The phone number you should ring is in bold numerals. It is a dedicated cell phone number reserved for use after an emergency has been declared. The two personal numbers are for information required at any time other than an emergency. Please take a moment to read the rest of that phone book information. Be part of the solution – not the problem.

Elaine, the Neighbourhood Support Coordinator, recently drew our attention to an exercise to be run by Civil Defence in the city on September 13 at Cowles Stadium. If you have the time and would like to exercise the thespian in you, turn up there between 5.30pm and 8pm as a displaced person. Please let the Exercise Coordinator know beforehand – call Mike Vida on 941 5062.

Your Civil Defence Team

Diamond Harbour Volunteer Fire Brigade

Brigade Briefing

A couple of weeks ago our training evening was hosted by a guest speaker from the Governors Bay Brigade. Like most volunteer firefighters, Andrew also has a day job and it was this work that was of particular interest to us. Andrew works in the Fire Communication Centre in Christchurch. This is one of three in New Zealand and it is where all South Island 111 calls are handled. When you call for help and the Fire Service is required, Andrew and his team take your instructions and relay them to us. Once the fire truck leaves the station, we are required to regularly update the Communication Centre with all relevant information and if we require additional information or resources, it is the Communication Centre we talk to.

It is therefore very important that all communication is as clear and unambiguous as possible. If you ever need to call 111, the most important things to remember are what the emergency is and how the responding parties can find you. If you are at home then giving your street address is good – especially if your house number is clearly visible from the road. If you are not at home then look for landmarks and other signs that could help.

In Diamond Harbour we also serve as medical first response. This means that for some medical emergencies the first uniform you might encounter is that of a firefighter. We carry a good range of medical equipment, much of which has been provided by charitable trusts or through fundraising.
Throughout the year we have a number of fundraising activities and September is becoming a regular time for our Mushroom Compost Fundraiser. This year it will be held on Saturday September 21. Please visit www.diamondharbour.info for more information.

Fire Fighter David Rice
DH CA August Meeting
Public Forum
Graffiti
Graffiti and damage in the area has been raised as a concern with the committee. A push bike is in the water and bikes have been damaged or stolen.
Adrian said the council was very proactive on this and photos of the graffiti should be sent to council. The contact phone number is 941 8999.
Sprig
Remaining funds from the Strengthening Communities grant will be used to prepare a conceptual site plan.
Tracey Ower will proceed with this work. Further consultation and planning will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
Morgan’s Gully
CCC’s Greenspace will be picking up the Morgans Gully project which is great news. Discussions have taken place on the placement of the fence between Whero Ave and Bayview Road.
Community Board Report
Stoddart Point Management Plan Hearing
This went ahead last week. There may be some amendments as a result of submissions.
DH Cricket Club
L/MHCB gave $2,000 of Discretionary Response Funding to the DH Cricket Club to repair the pitch. $5,000 is needed to complete the job properly before spring. Could DHCA help?
Also, at the Management Plan hearing, the DH Cricket Club presented their proposal for a new traditional-style pavilion between Stoddart Cottage and the Playcentre.

Neighbourhood Support Notes
Recent events have shown that, unfortunately, crime and misdemeanors continue to occur across our area causing inconvenience and annoyance for all and for some of our elderly residents in particular, real concern and unease. We all need to be vigilant, not only in regard to our own property but also in being aware of any unusual or suspicious activity at any time. Sadly recent events have shown that it is not just undesirable visitors who are committing crimes – some of the perpetrators are residents in our community.
It was good to learn that the prompt actions of some Diamond Harbour Neighbourhood Support members aided the police in identifying a recent offender and so recovering stolen property. However it is equally disappointing to note that a number of people who were affected by this spate of thefts chose not to report it to the police.
Sergeant Gary Manche has again stressed that every bit of information is important and urges all victims of crime and anyone who notices anything to contact the police on 111 at the time it is happening or 363 7400 if it is historical. Together we CAN make a difference.
Also, please ensure that your personal details on the Diamond harbour Neighbourhood Support Database are accurate. You can check these at any time on your copy of your Neighbourhood support Group, with your group leader or by contacting Elaine on dhnshq@gmail.com or 329 4512. Please also let your leader of Elaine know of any new residents or recently vacated properties.
Thank you for being part of Diamond Harbour Neighbourhood Support.
Elaine
Head to Head Working Party
Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board are hoping to establish a community based working party to work with Council to implement the Head to Head coastal walk.
Port Levy School
This building was accidentally left off the list of Banks Peninsula Community facilities to be re-opened after the CCC change of heart about buildings below code (which did not suffer earthquake damage). It is expected to go to the CRAC committee on September 3 and then to Council, for a decision enabling immediate re-opening. A possible funding source for Live at the Point 2013 or future sculpture exhibitions was mooted.

Funding Decisions
L/MHCB will be allocating $38k in Strengthening Communities Funding. Applications with a total value of $81k have been received. Projects of local interest include funding for the Anzac Service, Neighbourhood Week, Edible Garden Awards and the Banks Peninsula Walking Festival.

Horomaka Geopark Proposal
Correspondence was received from a young geologist looking to set up a UNESCO designated geopark for Banks Peninsula where underlying geology is used as a base layer for education and promotion of ecology and cultural development with a view to more geo/eco tourism on the peninsula. (See agenda on CCC website or in DHB Library for more information.)

New Maps
New maps of the harbour are being prepared by the Lyttelton Information Centre and will be available for general use later in the year. A new branding has also been designed for use on promotional material for the harbour.

Election Meeting
A Meet the Candidates night for those standing for the Banks Peninsula Ward on the CCC will be held in the Diamond Harbour Hall at 7.30pm on September 9. (See notice on page 3).

Next Meeting Monday 16 September
Karen
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Dining Table to give away
Circular dining table, beech colonial style. 128cm wide. Ph 329 4646.

Fridge/freezer to give away
Available mid-September Runs well. Ph 329 4438.

Children’s Soccer Skills
Soccer skills for primary school-aged children with Dave from Studio Red Fitness. Term time, Fridays from 3pm, DH Community Hall. Contact Dave on 329 3061 or studioredfitness@xtra.co.nz.

Boxing Fitness Classes
Boxing Fitness with Dave from Studio Red Fitness. Term time, Thursdays, 7pm, DH Community Hall. Contact Dave on 329 3061 or studioredfitness@xtra.co.nz.

Casual Cleaner required
Shunyata would like a cleaner for casual work this summer - clean quick worker - no set hours on call when busy. Contact Paru on 329 4773 or fitness@xtra.co.nz.

Lost Property
Includes children’s and adults jackets and hoodies, a lilo pump, hair brush, socks, hat, child’s white cardy. May be viewed/reclaimed in the hall foyer whenever the hall is open - Saturday mornings. Access available via library when open. Note: These will be cleared soon.

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Herald Calendar

Alice Drogoon Memorial: Sat Sep 7, 10am Cliffrack. p13
Art Group: Weds, 9.30am-12noon, Church Hall
Badminton: Weds, 7.30pm Community Hall
Ballet - Harbour Basin Dance: Sats, 9.15am, Hall.
Bowling Club: Tue, Thu, Sat at 1.15pm
Book Swap: Sat Sep 7, DH School. p7
Bridge Club: Weds, 7pm, DH Bowling Club, 329 4094
Camera Club: Tue Sep 17, 7.30pm, Stage Room. p12
CCC District Plan: Drop in Mon Sep 9, 4-7pm, Lytt. p4
Church Notices: p16
Croquet: Weds 1.30-4.30pm, Sats 10am-1pm.
Croquet Club Opening Day: Sat Sep 21, 10 am, p13
DHCA Committee Meeting: Mon Sep 16, 7.30pm CM RM
DH School Wind in the Willows: Sat 20&21, 6.30pm. p12
Drama Classes: Thues, 3.30pm, Stage Room
Film Society: Thurs, 7.45pm, Stage Room
Harbour Singers: Weds, 7.45pm, Stage Room
Historical Assoc: Sept 10, 8pm Stage Room. p13
Indoor Bowls: Thurs, 2pm Community Hall
Insight Meditation: Tues, 6.30pm, 7A Whero Ave
Jazz - Harbour Basin Dance: Tues, 4pm, Hall
Ladies Probus: Mon Sep 9, 10am, Church Hall
Library Story Time: Thu Sep 19, 2pm. p12
Little River Flower Power Garden Trail: Oct 27, 28. p14
Meet the Candidates: Mon Sep 9, 7.30pm. Stage Room. p3
Mens Probus: Thu Oct 3, 10am, DH Rugby Club
Mushroom Compost Fundraiser: Sat Sep 21. p17

Orton Bradley Spring Fair: Sun Oct 23, 10am. p12
Plenty to Share: Sats, 11am. Village Centre. p15
Post Office Farewell: Wed Sep 11, 10.30am Bowl Club. p1
Rugby Club: Bar Open Sat 7 & 14 Sep from 5pm. Abs. p7
Running Group: Suns, 8am. p13
Shopping Van: Wed Sep 11 & 25. p16
String Players: Tues, 7pm. Ph 329 4536
Table Tennis: Thus, 7.30pm Church Hall.
Tai Chi: Thu 11-12noon, Sun 5- 6pm, Com Hall
Tennis Club: Suns, 9.30am, Waipapa Courts.
Tennis Club AGM: Sep 9, 7.30pm, Waipapa Courts. p13
The Body Festival: Sat Sep 28, Lytt Main School Hall. P14
Toy Library: Sats 10am-11am, Community Hall
Toy Library AGM: Sep 19, 8pm, 2 Whero Ave. p13
Woolfun at Bergli: Sun Sat 14. p12
Yoga: Mons, 7pm. Stage Room. p6

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