DH SCHOOL GARDEN TO TABLE PROJECT

Diamond Harbour School has embarked upon a kitchen garden collaboration with the Garden to Table foundation. At the heart of the program is a beautiful, productive garden and kitchen where the children cook the produce they have grown and sit together to share a delicious healthy meal. Each Tuesday morning, the students of one class spend 40 minutes tending the garden, under the supervision of the garden co-ordinator, Lisa Hurry – who is also the school’s librarian and teacher-aide - and volunteers from the community. This is followed by 90 minutes with the kitchen co-ordinator, Jacqueline Newbound, and volunteers, preparing a meal using produce from the garden, which they serve to the adult helpers before tucking in themselves. In this way, each class has at least a couple of garden sessions per term, ultimately giving all students the skills needed to establish and maintain a garden organically and to chop and grill, stir-fry and poach with confidence. The experience also exposes the children to a wide range of foods, flavours and textures and illustrates the connection between care in the garden, flavour on the plate and a healthy planet. Other important spin-offs are an appreciation of the value of being able to take responsibility for their own physical wellbeing and an increased self-esteem.

At the school’s recent Garden to Table Open Day parents, Diamond Harbour Gardening Club members and friends admired the impressive garden and watched Kotare’s Year 5 and 6 students tending the plants, harvesting seeds from last season’s sunflowers and painting rocks to use as plant markers. Later in the kitchen Kotuku’s Year 7s served the visitors a delicious morning tea which included tasty savouries made by the Year 1 Pukeko children under the watchful guidance of senior students who also prepared additional dishes.

Speaking about the Garden to Table Project, principal Eddie Norgate stressed that its on-going success was largely dependent on help from volunteers from the community in providing the additional supervision and guidance needed in practical situations.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

We want the local community to share in this ongoing program, through support with kitchen and garden activities.

You don’t have to be a green thumb or a naked chef, you just have to love growing food, eating food and being with children.

Please contact the school, on 329 4842 if you can help!

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On Friday 20 and Saturday 21, Diamond Harbour School performed *Wind in the Willows* at Diamond Harbour Community Hall. Reporters from Ruma Korimako decided to get a few of the opinions of some very important people who were involved in this performance. Carys (12) who played Mole, said that it was really scary being on stage in front of all those people but it was fun because it was something new. Eva Hillier (5) who acted as a woodland creature found it was quite fun and a bit scary. The ducks felt much the same. We were happy with acting on stage because it was really exciting, said Scarlet Tuipulotu (5) while Grace Bridger (6) wasn’t quite so confident. I was a bit afraid with an audience but it was fun! The people who were acting as the train carriages said the music was fast. Abby Laird (6) said, Keeping in time to the music was really hard to learn.

Toad’s admirers performed a dance. Max Clinch (7 years) said, We were put under pressure because if we did something wrong everybody could see. The policemen had to run around the stage after Mr. Toad. They said that they were quite proud of themselves and it was very exciting. The trees, who had a completely different role, thought that it was worth all the practices. Daniel Dent (10) said, It was tiring because we had to hold our arms up the whole scene.

Charmaine Cameron (10) who was Otter, said it was fun and she liked going on stage. *Wind in the Willows* was a good choice for the school to do as there are lots of main parts. The production was sold out but Matt Warwick got to see it twice. He was the lighting manager and knew it was going to be great. I knew it would get better at the first rehearsal. Even when all the lights unexpectedly went off, I calmed down and found the problem, he told our reporter. Matt felt happy, satisfied and relieved to be part of the end result.

Prop mover Mr Halliday said that he loved seeing excited faces when he was putting the props out even though the job was very hectic. Mrs Janes was busy working backstage sorting out microphones, and when asked whether her job was hard, said it wasn’t because everything was so well organised, although there were some crazy microphone changes.

When asked whether he would have liked to have been a main character, our Principal, Mr Norgate, said that although he likes acting and speaking he doesn’t like singing! I don’t think I could have done those solos like our children did, he added.

And what about our wonderful audience? Elaine and Murray Mackay said it was totally worth their time and money to come all the way from Golden Bay to see it. The ducks actions were so good and the train driver made the Chase Chase very funny, they said. We love the way all teachers and students at the school were involved and how we could understand the plot so well. Kaye Jones thought the production was great, and all the hard work paid off in the performance. Her favourite scene was the stoats’ scene because the mood came out well.

Some parents loved it so much they suggested we should have improved it by doing three nights instead of two! Maybe next time.

Thank you to all who supported us in this production. If you missed our performance, you can go to our school website www.diamondharbour.school.nz and look at the video recording and photos taken on the night. Ruma Korimako

### Mobile Phones Save Lives

It is not hard to imagine a scenario in which a mobile phone plays a vital role in an emergency, but Diamond Harbour School’s Year 6 student, Charmaine Cameron has a different perspective on the value of your phone—especially your old one.

As part of the school’s innovative Diamond Challenge, Charmaine has undertaken to collect as many old and disused mobile phones, working or not, as she can before December 6.

As technological developments ever lure us from public phone boxes to primitive mobile bricks, on to sleek unobtrusive pocket phones, to even sleeker ones with cameras, then to iPhones and then even smarter Smart Phones, chances are that at least one of those once-so-clever devices has ended up in some dark corner of an over-crowded cupboard while you pondered the ecologically best way of disposing of it.

Now is the time to bring it out and drop it off at Diamond Harbour School office. If you are in a hurry, just drop it into the box that Charmaine has made, but if you have time, fill in your details on the back of one of the special envelopes provided and you will be in to win Calltex petrol vouchers for yourself as well as for the school.

However there is much more than that at stake here. Charmaine will forward all the phones to the Starship Mobile Phone Appeal which has annually raised more than $500,000 to assist the work of Starship National Air Ambulance Service.

This organisation flies top medical experts to life-threatening emergencies involving children anywhere in New Zealand. A highly trained team of specialists stabilises the children to allow them to be brought safely to Starship Hospital in Auckland where they can receive the very best of care that they need.

So, with Charmaine’s help, you have until December 6 to easily turn your old mobile phone into a life saver too—and maybe benefit our school financially as well.

Elaine

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SO WHAT’S GOING ON HERE?

Certainly not as much as we would like! We overwhelmingly want something to happen sooner rather than later. Many people cannot understand what it is taking so long, and why SPRIG and DHCA have not been able to resolve this burning issue for the community. I am writing this article to provide an update on the current planning proposals by Christchurch City Council, and the efforts made over recent times to work with Council to accelerate planning for our community objects. I focus specifically on the opportunity we have for planning a future for the Godley House site and also for the wider Southern Bays communities of Lyttelton Harbour. I believe we should grasp this opportunity and hence I am seeking like-minded people to work with me towards this.

Background:
Canterbury is now involved in unprecedented earthquake recovery and regeneration, with a clear emphasis on the central city and major business and commercial townships. A number of these townships including Lyttelton have their own Master Plan, setting out a community-agreed vision for each township and the critical actions required to achieve the plan. Council appears to be struggling to keep up with the significant demands on their resources and funds, and a new Council and new Community Boards are only weeks away. Locally, there has been strong community interest in what will happen to the Godley House site, as well as the broader question of regional recovery and regeneration.

Recognising this interest, the Stoddart Point Regeneration Ideas Group (SPRIG) was established as a sub-committee of the Diamond Harbour Community Association (DHCA), with the objective of encouraging a community-led development of a regional vision and objectives for Stoddart Point and the Godley House site. Over 2011 and 2012 SPRIG consulted with the Southern Bays communities and captured a range of feedback regarding the potential options for redevelopment of the Godley House site, and how that might integrate with the Diamond Harbour village centre and the wider Southern Bays communities. Many people have asked why nothing has happened following the initial phase of consultation. SPRIG and DHCA representatives took the community feedback and met with various Council representatives to present our findings and seek an understanding of the planning process they intended to follow. This included having the Mayor visit Diamond Harbour, meeting with Council Heritage representatives to understand the proposed resolution of Godley House foundations, and meeting with Christchurch & Canterbury Tourism about raising our regional profile, and meeting various Council earthquake recovery and regional planners.

Unfortunately, the Council meetings have not achieved any commitment to engage in planning that would commence activity towards achieving our community aspirations for the Godley House site. Council heritage staff wish to see the foundations retained as an historical attraction, and the current plan is to complete an archaeological investigation of the foundations, and then bury them, preserving them until a decision is made on the site future. This will allow removal of the fences and provide improved public access. Unfortunately most activity on the site incurs costs that gradually erode the potential insurance payment that Council will eventually receive, and that could be applied to re-development of the site. There are no guarantees regarding how Council will allocate insurance money received from demolished buildings across the region.

Council planners have advised that the Godley House site regeneration will be considered following review of the district plans. The recently initiated district plan review is designed to consolidate Banks Peninsula and Christchurch City plans, and to provide a more consistent and efficient approach to regional planning. The Council planning manager has confirmed that this current review process will not consider detailed planning issues such as the Godley House site, and that this would likely fall under the one or three year planning processes following completion of the new district plan.

Given the circumstances, Godley House site regeneration is unlikely to be a Council priority for at least the next 2 to 3 years. If we are comfortable with that timetable and the uncertainties surrounding insurance for the site regeneration then we could simply do nothing, and await Council to follow their proposed planning timeframe. However, it is clear that many people here expect some form of regeneration to occur and they have a multitude of views about what form that regeneration might take.

Last year I presented the community consultation information to a full Council earthquake recovery hearing, and suggested that our community might be willing to continue with our planning in partnership with Council, and that we could potentially frame this as our own regional Master Plan. Councillors were supportive of that idea, recognising that this approach is well understood by Council staff and therefore provides a good basis for such a partnership. Over the past few months I have had a chance to discuss a planning partnership with a number of Council and local Board candidates, and all have expressed support for this idea.

In the next Herald the DHCA will present concept plans for the Godley House and Diamond Harbour village centre area based on the SPRIG community consultation information. This involves a site analysis and three concept plans that include a conservative plan which could be put into action soon, a plan for temporary activities until Godley House site future is resolved, and a potential long term plan.

The Plan
We should take a proactive approach and develop our own regionally focused Master Plan. Development of such a plan requires both funding and resourcing.

Funding
There are a multitude of potential sources, including Council, with one example being the recently launched Social Enterprise Fund by The Canterbury Community Trust, www.commtrust.org.nz/social-enterprise-fund. The fund of $2.5 million is designed to help restore the fabric of the Canterbury community and social infrastructure following the earthquake.

Resourcing
This will involve people in our community who have the desire, capacity and skills to contribute towards continuing our planning efforts, and are willing to engage with Council and seek a regional planning partnership. If you feel this is a worthwhile project, or you wish to work directly on this initiative, then I would like to hear from you. Please contact me on 021 253 8405 or pete.simpson@tallpoppyconsulting.co.nz.

Pete Simpson
OUR POST OFFICE STORY

Last month’s changes at Diamond Harbour Post Centre signal the start of a new era, so it seems an appropriate time to take a look back at the history of the service in our community.

Until 1987, all New Zealand postal services were in the care of the Post and Telegraph Department of the NZ Government, so it is appropriate to begin our history in 1900 when there was a telephone office at Purau. It is a fair guess that this may have been instigated by Harold Gardiner, whose family owned the 6600 acre Purau Station. His was one of just two phone lines in the area.

On January 22, 1915, when the telephonist (unknown) retired, the office was shifted to Godley House, which at that time was a hostel run by the Lyttelton Borough Council. After Harry Raymond Ayres, the hostel caretaker, took charge, until January 16, 1918, just after the hostel closed indefinitely. There were still no permanent residents in Diamond Harbour, so the P & T Office moved back to Purau under the supervision of Harold Gardiner, who was very pleased to hand it back on March 31, 1922, to the lessee of the reopened Godley House, Mrs Eva May Edmonds, and the telephone circuit was connected to the Port Levy to Christchurch line. As Godley House management changed, so did that of the P & T Office, first to Edith Francis Henrietta Paine (Oct 15, 1922 to April 30, 1930), and then to Miss Noeline Hildyard Curtis. By that time there were 18 permanent residents and a number of holiday homes, and for some unexplained reason, at least some of them received their mail via Mr W Cleary of Lyttelton Ferry launches Ltd and Mr W Paine, now the Diamond Harbour storekeeper.

An official Post Office opened on September 1, 1931 and was run by Noeline Curtis (soon to become Mrs Wood) and Edith Levy was born and Diamond Harbour’s mail came to the Post Office via this means, rather than by ferry. The establishment of a military camp on Ripapa Island also meant an increase in workload for Edith.

When the Paines moved out of the store in 1943, the post office moved with them to the enclosed front porch of their nearby house at 2 Waipapa Ave, and Edith continued in her role until the end of March 1948, when she officially handed over to her daughter-in-law, Agnes Paine, who had been assisting her for some years.

By early 1950, services such as the sale of postal notes, money orders and the savings bank facilities had been added. In 1953 when Agnes and husband Clarrie were living in the Lower Waipapa Ave house, the P & T Dept undertook extensive alterations to the former porch to better accommodate the Post Office, and in December 1958 added the long awaited automatic telephone exchange.

At the opening ceremony, the community presented Agnes with a gold watch and a wrought iron table in recognition of her service, but she did not retire from the position of postmistress until November 1979, at which time the Lyttelton Borough Council, in a letter dated November 14, 1979, gave permission for the Post Office to occupy Lot1 DP 13147, next to the Diamond Harbour Store, free of charge.

The present day Post Office building was duly erected there and Mrs Dale Keenan was the postmistress until mid-1980, followed for the next 9 months by Ms Philipa Webb.

Lois Blatchford, Jean Burford, Wendy Coles, Vicki Belcher and Agnes Paine

In March 1981 Jean Olive Sylvia Burford began her almost 20 years of service to our Post Office and its community. She was assisted by Louise Blatchford until April 1993, and then by Jill Strack until Wendy Coles joined the team in November 1997. When Jean resigned in June 2000, her place was taken by Vicki Belcher, and as we all know this pair worked hard to maintain the service through some tough times until a month ago. As previously noted, in 1987 the Post and Telegraph Department was disbanded and its services assigned to three separate state owned enterprises, NZ Post, Telecom and Postbank, with resulting changes in services available. In particular, the loss of banking facilities along with rapidly improving computerised communication impacted badly on small offices such as Diamond Harbour. From the start of their tenure, Wendy and Vicki fought hard and made considerable sacrifices to keep what NZ Post referred to as essentially a community service which does not realise a profit. There is no doubt that Wendy and Vicki also saw it in this light. They were prepared to continue to serve the community and respected the fact that NZ Post supported them – and our community – by relaxing their rules somewhat. In 2002, the Banks Peninsula District Council, which had superseded the Lyttelton Borough Council, informed NZ Post that the land on which the Diamond Harbour Post Office sits, was to be sold, but eventually relented when reminded by NZ Post of the LBC's commitment to make the site available at no cost and of the need to keep the service going.

Wendy (left) and Vicki (right) made a special effort in the Post Office - and not only at Christmas.

Now with new owners, Jane Broughton and Drew Davison, the Diamond Harbour Postal Services will fully comply with the standard format set down by NZ Post and thus hopefully will be able to continue to serve our community for many years to come.

In Our Post Office Story, we name nineteen people who have held or currently hold key roles in providing post and/or telephone services to us for over one hundred years. No doubt there are more, unnamed, whose support and efforts have also made a contribution. To them all, a big thank you.

Elaine
The Bowling Club was full on a sunny morning last month to farewell Post Office staff, Vicky and Wendy and those who have gone before them as the days of our Post Office as we have known it, draw to an end.

Three generations of the Hawkins family were present when Natasha rose to speak about the warm welcome she received at the Post Office when she arrived in Diamond Harbour from Russia with little English. John Riminton also shared some fond memories.

It was evident that the Post Office has been a far more than just a place to post letters for many in our community. The well-loved little building will be greatly missed when the service transfers to the Diamond Harbour Country Store next door.

Joy

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On Building Regulations

It is rare that I write to a newspaper, however the letter from Mr Henshaw in the September edition of the Diamond Harbour Herald requires a response.

It appears Mr Henshaw would like to have control over property he does not own. It is well established in law that we are not entitled to our view over another’s property, for the very reason that it takes away (steals) the owner’s property rights. With regards to sunlight we are all protected by the natural light envelope prescribed by the City plan.

If a person wishes to guarantee a view that cannot be obstructed by future building work then that person will need to purchase an elevated or waterfront section and bear the additional cost over a non-waterfront location, which is probably in the region of an additional $100,000 in today’s market.

Mr Henshaw wonders why so many properties are two stories when in his opinion one story would do. I would suggest that many of the Diamond Harbour residents are building homes later in their life, perhaps as a retirement home, and due to previous hard work find they can afford a larger house. Ultimately it is an individual’s choice what they spend their money on.

It is so often the case that once an individual has obtained their little spot of paradise they then object to others that seek similar benefits. We have only to remember the vitriolic and illegal defacing of signage that occurred at the Black Point development as witness to that sentiment.

I for one am pleased that I live in a reasonably free society where we do not have to suffer unreasonably rigid and prescriptive rules that would have us all living in identical little boxes made of tikky takky.

Keith Shurmer

Thank You

I would like to thank Shaun and the Blue Group for being so fantastic whilst my house was being repaired. Shaun was a great listener and I felt involved with any decisions about materials, etc. They are a friendly bunch who were sensitive to the fact that it was my home and even the young workers were unerringly polite. Paul, from Fletchers, was also a great support and responded to my questions with clarity.

Jan
One of the things I really enjoy about timebank is the different people I meet through it. Having young children means I generally hang out with other people with young children. Through the timebank I am getting to meet all sorts of interesting people of different age groups. One of the strengths of a timebank is how the varying needs of different generations can be met. For example, older people may no longer have the physicality to keep up with the demands of their gardens, while people with young families have a need for experienced, reliable babysitters.

A couple of our recent new members are husband and wife Pete and Marg Simpson, who moved to Church Bay two and a half years ago – just five weeks after the February earthquake. Pete and Marg have three young children – Ethan (nearly 7), Evie (nearly 5) and Finn (nearly 3). Marg first looked into joining timebank when they moved over here, but decided they had too many other things going on at the time.

The motivation for eventually joining was when Marg and I had a conversation about the difficulties of finding childcare for occasional nights out and I suggested the timebank. Timebanking makes sense to Pete and Marg, we love the concept of sharing skills in the community, and it is a great way to meet new people.

Between the two of them Pete and Marg have plenty of skills to offer. Marg loves gardening – which is one of the most requested services from Diamond Harbour timebank members. Pete also enjoys a bit of gardening and manual labour such as chopping firewood to keep him young and fit! They also have a trailer that can be borrowed or just filled when Marg and Pete are taking a load to the landfill.

Pete is a business management consultant and is involved with the DHCA. He is keen to offer as a timebank service coffee and chat sessions to small business owners to provide strategic or management advice. Marg has admin skills and is happy to do word processing or filing for people. In addition, the Simpsons recently purchased a laminator that can laminate documents up to A3 size and could be used for time credits. And as for their childcare needs? It’s for the occasional night out to Lyttelton and their three lovely children would already be tucked up in bed. Any timebank volunteers?

**Want to join timebank?** Call Sarah Pritchett on 329 3344 (after 3) or go to: www.lyttelton.net.nz/timebank

**TIMEBANK EVENTS COMING UP**

**Repair Cafe at the Kura Festival of Learning**
Diamond Harbour School on Sunday 6th October from 2-4pm. At this timebank event we’ll have people with sewing machines for simple repairs, a handy bloke with a sewing machine that can handle heavy duty jobs and a plastic welder... and I’m looking for people with other handy skills to share with other timebankers. Can you darn? Are you good with a hammer? Let me know which handy skill you’d like to share.

**Inspiring Stories Trust Movie Night**
The Inspiring Stories Trust have kindly given us permission to show the short films and documentaries that toured around Aotearoa earlier this year. If you are interested in attending this evening (sometime in November) would you prefer a week night or weekend? We’d begin with a potluck dinner before watching the movies.

Contact sarahp@snap.net.nz or 329 3344 after 3pm.

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Diamond Harbour School Dental Clinic for sale

**Details:**
- Building and foundations to be removed.
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- All access ways need to be reinstated.
- Contract works as per NZS 3910 standards.
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Quotes to be received by 12 noon October 16, 2013. Any questions phone Eddie Norgate on 021 305 808. Inspections welcome.
FAREWELL TO ALICE

On September 7 friends of Alice Droogan gathered in Diamond Harbour to farewell her. They scattered her ashes on the Cliff Track beside the seat which she had dedicated to her husband Tom, who died four years ago. Tom and Alice were well known in Diamond Harbour; their home was always open to their friends. They were greatly valued members of the Diamond Harbour Ramblers and will be sadly missed by all who knew them. Two years ago, after the earthquakes, Alice moved to Nelson where she carved out a niche – and where she received many visitors from Diamond Harbour and Christchurch.

Alice was a wonderful gardener and very generous with her plants, cuttings etc. so her legacy lives in in many of our local gardens. Tom and Alice’s Memorial Book is on display in the Diamond Harbour library.

Farewell Alice. Marlene Bishop

CCC STODDART COTTAGE UPDATE

From a letter to the Mayor, Councillors and Community Board members from Michael Atiken, General Manager. Community Services.

Stoddart Cottage was closed following the February 2011 earthquake event.

To date it remains closed although make-safe works have been carried out on the chimneys and roof. The Cottage has minor earthquake damage mainly centred around the chimneys and fireplaces.

A preliminary engineering report has placed the Cottage at 34 per cent of New Building Standard (NBS). This engineering report is currently under peer review.

Although the building is 34 per cent of NBS, it remains closed. This is because it is a small cottage and the deconstructed chimney and other heritage fabrics are stored inside the building.

Council is now in receipt of preliminary costs for the repair work. These are based on a visual inspection only and are not the result of intrusive investigations.

The report outlines the minor damage and an indicative cost for repair of $163,000.

The next step in the process is to complete the engineering report peer review, draft the design concepts for reinstatement and complete the package of works along with a statement of position from the insurers ready for a report to be presented to Council in early 2014.

Staff are in discussion with Council’s insurer and a report outlining solutions and costs is expected to be tabled at Council in early 2014.

Staff will continue to communicate with the Stoddart Cottage Trustees about progress.
THE CANDIDATES ARE:

Mayor of Christchurch
- Blair Anderson (Another Mild Green Initiative)
- Victor Cattermole (Independent)
- Kyle Chapman (The Resistance Party)
- Lianne Dalziel (One City Together)
- Tubby Hansen (Economic Euthenics)
- Sammy Harris (Independent)
- Hugo Kristinsson
- Paul Lonsdale (Independent)
- Brad Maxwell (Independent)
- Robin McCarthy (Independent)
- Richard (Rik) Tindall (Independent)
- Peter Wakeman (Independent)

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)

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)

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- ADVOCATE for recovery and protection of heritage and our unique Banks Peninsula landscapes and natural environment.
- HONOUR the ‘share an idea’ mandate for a rebuild that is energy efficient, ‘nature rich’, attractive, and fosters community well-being.
- LISTEN to community needs and prioritize council work programmes into essential and non-essential until urgent work is complete.

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THE ECO GARDENER’S PATCH

Fruit Blossom Parade

At this time of year I mark the change of season by the passing parade of blossoms from the deciduous fruit trees. Earliest and most dainty comes plum blossom – especially on the old cherry plum trees that have sown themselves around Port Levy. These are a great favourite of the kereru, at both blossom and fruiting time. Almond is another early starter, as is the next member of the Prunus family off the block – apricot. Peach, another Prunus, comes next, along with pears.

By the last week of September quinces and cherries are coming into flower, and crab apples (my favourite fruit and ornamental blossom) are starting to delight us. Finally comes the true apple, which is as lovely as its crab cousins.

While appreciating the aesthetic beauty of fruit blossom I am also aware of how neatly it ties in with the utility of the tree. First our eyes are delighted – and then several months later our taste buds and tummies.

I was lucky to grow up on a classic quarter acre section where there was room for apple, pear, peach, plum and apricot trees – 9 or 10 in all – and I used to study them closely for the first signs of ripe fruit, which is always at its best in flavour and nutrition when fresh from the tree.

So my advice to new gardeners on the first trees they should plant, for beauty as well as use, is fruit trees.

See more photos of fruit blossom on Christine’s blog: www.christinedann.org/eco-gardener-blog

Jan Cole

WIFI IN DH VILLAGE

As part of its national rollout of WiFi services, Telecom has sited a WiFi hotspot in the DH village centre. Coverage, which extends up to 100m from the Post Office, provides free internet access (1Gb/month) to Telecom mobile customers. Those on other networks must pay $9.95/month.

Ron

FROM THE WRITERS’ GROUP

Before We Came

Before we came the forests covered all the land
Before we came the Kokako sang in the Totara tree
Before we came the Tuatara strolled the sand
Before we came the eagles flew, as big as you and me

Before we came, birds walked the bush without fear
Before we came, they laid their eggs in peace
Before we came, the rivers flowed clean and sparkling clear
Before we came, they tumbled over rocks and boulders without cease

Before we came, the lake-shore was live with bird life
Before we came, the water teemed with fish
Before we came, chemicals were not rife
Before we came, this land was what we might wish

Before we came, the bird-song was deafening
Before we came, the Huia worked the trees
Before we came, the land was all in balance
Before we came, the creatures did what they pleased

When we came, we ignored the land-speak
We ignored the frantic calling of the trees
We took for granted, the pureness of the water
And poisoned creatures of all sizes – even bees

Now we’re here how can we address our failings
To care for land and bird and sea?
Grow back safe places for our wildlife
It’s up to all – especially you and me

Jan Cole

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VET-SPOT

Road Block

Not long ago I dehorned some adult cattle, a job that involved my face getting thoroughly spray painted with blood. I was running late getting to Diamond Harbour, and didn’t realise what I looked like until I caught a glimpse in the rear view mirror. From then on I tried to avert my face from any oncoming traffic, in case they alerted the police to an escaping axe murderer. I hoped I wasn’t stopped for any reason since I’d have probably been arrested on sight! For the first time I stopped at the Charteris Bay public toilet to clean up, only to discover that it doesn’t have any taps, so I ended up washing in the sea water at the slip way. I was very sticky for the next visit, but at least looked respectable. It got me thinking about some of the other dodgy situations I’ve found myself in while driving between jobs.

As a student we had a clinic rotation called Ambulance, basically large animal lifestyle block visits. One student had to book in the calls each morning, and take directions. The others would all arrive an hour later, and set off. For each U-turn the Ambulance had to make, that person would have to buy a round of drinks at the end of the day, so we learned to listen carefully! We were driving back to the clinic at rush hour one evening, when we were stopped for speeding. The quick thinking driver held up a tube containing blood and shouted Heart water, heart water! to the cop. Thinking this must be some dire emergency, he waved us on, without writing a ticket. Later while I was doing national service I was stopped at a roadblock driving a ute with a cow’s head on the back! We could diagnose heart water by doing a brain smear, but needed to remove the brain at the clinic. I don’t know what they thought, but I was waved through quickly, I guess no one wanted to look too closely at what else may have been in the truck.

Talking of cow’s heads, in NZ we need to submit a certain minimum number of brains each year to keep our TSE (mad cow disease) free status with European meat importers. It’s alarming how much a cow’s head weighs, and how much blood leaks out during transport. I now carry them in a plastic crate inside the truck, probably less alarming to the public than a severed, bloody head sliding around on the back of a ute!

Perhaps the journey I remember best was in Bophuthatswana, a wonderfully fragmented homeland. The vet covering a different area was away, so we were on call for him, too. We got a call from no less than the President’s farm manager saying he had a cow with calving difficulties. I drove there (over an hour away), was unable to deliver the calf, and made the call to do a caesarean. We only had one sterile kit, in someone else’s truck of course, it was now after 4pm on Friday afternoon and everyone had knocked off for the weekend, so back to Mafikeng, and return with the instruments. By now it had started to rain (in a drought year!) I did the caesarean by car headlights, and torchlight, the farmer holding the torch was shivering so much that the light flashed everywhere, only occasionally on the patient! Then I drove back on greasy roads, where the dust had turned to mud, I actually skidded right off the road before I realised how treacherous the conditions had become, arriving home after midnight, and finishing up in a hot bath to soak away the blood now stuck to the hairs on my arms.

Paul
Fantasy Is Reality
Consider a lemon. Imagine cutting a wedge off that lemon, seeing the juice running out of it, that lemony smell meeting your nostrils. Imagine biting down hard into that lemon wedge, all that juice running through your mouth...

At this point most people will find themselves either cringing, or with their mouths watering. Either way, these people have a physical reaction to something that is simply imagined.

The unconscious mind does not know the difference between fantasy and reality – it reacts anyway. If you imagine eating a lemon, your mouth will react accordingly. If you remember a funny event, you will smile or laugh, and if you think about something stressful, your body will react by tensing and feeling stressed.

We often have little control over what happens in our worlds. Events come along, sometimes unexpectedly, and we react to those events in some way. What’s interesting is that the rest of the time we are often reacting to events that are not even happening – just ones that we are imagining. How often do you find yourself thinking about things that have happened in the past, things that could have happened in the past but didn’t, things that might happen in the future, or things that probably won’t happen in the future?

What we think about is something we can control. If you happen in the future? What do you do or don’t the secret is to roll out the dough as thin as you can.

Ingredients
200g bacon, sliced thin         salt and pepper to taste
400g onions, sliced (red onions work well)
400g crème fraîche (or sour cream, or half-and-half)
400g 4 tbsp oil
400g flour
250ml water          2 tbsp butter

Method
1. Preheat oven to the highest temperature possible (preferably not on fan).
2. Thoroughly mix flour, oil, water and salt to make a dough (should not be sticky) and roll out as thin as possible – to 2mm if possible.
3. Optional: Melt the butter in a pan, add onions and sweat for a couple of minutes. Add bacon, stir and heat through. If you slice everything very thin you don’t have to saué it before putting it on.
4. Spread crème fraîche on top of dough, spread onions and bacon on top of it. Season with salt and pepper.
5. Put in the oven and bake for about 10-15 minutes, on lowest tray. Once the bread looks crispy it’s done.

Tips: Thin out the crème fraîche with a little sour cream; top with olives, tomatoes and bacon instead of onions; or top with spinach, garlic, tomatoes and sheep cheese.

You could even make a sweet version with thinly sliced apples and cinnamon sugar on top of the creme fraîche.

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Time is Running out for Windows XP

Six months from now, Microsoft will pull life support from Windows XP. There will be no further monthly updates to fix security vulnerabilities and other Windows bugs from April 2014 onwards.

If your computer runs Windows XP (if it is over 6 years old then it probably does) it is going to be vulnerable to the ever rising tide of dangerous viruses/malware. Microsoft has declared that those who continue using Windows XP beyond March 2014 do so at their own risk.

Will it really be risky to keep using Windows XP after support ends - or are Microsoft simply trying to stampede reluctant users towards their unpopular Windows 8?

Microsoft certainly has an interest in pushing customers towards Windows 8, which has been a marketing disaster since its release a year ago. However the dangers of staying with Windows XP are very real.

While most antivirus/antimalware companies will probably continue to support and update their XP versions for some time, they will be unable to provide complete protection without the critical Microsoft monthly updates. Security experts are warning that cybercriminals may be preparing to unleash a wave of malware to attack Windows XP machines after April 8, 2014.

So what are the options? If you have a newish, high spec Windows XP computer you may be able to upgrade it to Windows 7, however it will cost around $150 to purchase Windows 7 and it may not support some of your old hardware (particularly in the case of laptops); so before going down that road you should check.

If you decide to get a new computer (either a laptop or desktop) and go to any of the big retailers, all you will find will be Windows 8.

Beware! Windows 8 is nothing at all like Windows XP. It is more like the iPad (only harder to use) and is designed for entertainment and content consumption rather than serious content creation.

But if this is all you want and you are prepared to climb the steep learning curve then Windows 8 might be for you. However, if you want to keep doing the same things, in a familiar way, without having to learn how to use a computer all over again then I recommend getting a computer with Windows 7 — not Windows 8!

Government departments, businesses and, indeed, anyone who needs a computer for serious work has steered well clear of Windows 8. When they need a new computer they buy one that runs Windows 7 (which Microsoft will continue to support until 2020).

There are plenty of companies selling new Windows 7 computers available on Trade Me. Windows Vista computers are cheaper again, but I recommend avoiding Vista, if possible.

If you have already bought a Windows 8 computer – and like most people, hate it – all is not lost. There are 3rd party programs (such as Start8 and Classic Shell) which, correctly configured, make Windows 8 work a lot like Windows 7.

Microsoft are set to release a major upgrade to Windows 8 (8.1) this month, which is said to make it look a little more like the traditional Windows their disgruntled customers have been clambering for. However, it seems likely that this may only be a token gesture — the Start button will be restored but not the Start Menu it opened on previous versions of Windows – a bit like putting back the steering wheel but not connecting it up to the front wheels!

Microsoft is also ending support for Office 2003 (regardless of which version of Windows it is running on) from April 2014, so continuing to use it may be risky.

Luckily, there is a great free alternative to Microsoft Office, named LibreOffice, which can read and write Word documents, Excel spreadsheets and even PowerPoint presentations. Office 2003 users will probably find it more familiar and easier to use than later versions of Microsoft Office (which must be purchased).

Ron

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Farmers Market Seeks to Expand
Puru Produce begins its new season on Saturday October 19 and markets will continue every 2 weeks until the end of May next year. Locals (both individuals and groups) are invited to join us and set up their own stalls in the village centre on Saturday market mornings to create a larger local market. It does not need to just be produce - arts and crafts, brick-a-brac, anything you wish. Join us on a regular fortnightly basis, or just when it suits - an ideal fundraising opportunity for local groups. For further information please contact Aileen Ginders on 329 4212.
Diamond Harbour Camera Club
Tuesday October 15 at 7:30 pm
in the Stage Room.
A presentation by club member John Thacker
will be about Oman and Muscat.

Members need to bring photos for
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For further info:
email rouke.bakker@paradise.net.nz
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Woolfun Day at Bergli
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Happy Hour Friday nights 5.30-7.30pm
Keep posted for further music events in October advertised in the café and on Facebook!

We are now taking bookings for Christmas Functions come and talk with us about what we can offer you.

Interested in some seasonal work this summer? Give us a call for upcoming positions – You must be available during the busy summer months December – February.

Hours: Wed & Thurs 9am-4.30pm, Fri 9am-10pm
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LIKE US on Facebook to keep up to date with the happenings at Godley Café 329 4880

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High School Student
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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
All are welcome to join in prayer for our Parish weekdays at 8:15am in the St Andrew’s Church library.

Monday Night Home Group
Monday fortnightly in the evening in a warm and friendly Charteris Bay home. Please call Bruce Beckett on 329 4422.

Bible Discussion Group
Wednesday afternoons from 3.30 to 5pm in the St Andrew’s Church library. Call Anne Boyd on 329 4444.

Gamma Home Group
Monday weekly in a warm and friendly Diamond Harbour home. Please call Ross Fountain on 329 4202.

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 October 8 & 22 and November 5 & 19. Call Wendy Coles on 329 4483 for further information.

City Shopping Van
The van does pick-ups from Diamond Harbour on Weds October 9 & 23 and November 6 & 20. Pick ups are around 9am and returning around 1:30pm. Bookings are essential so please call Nicky on 329 4341 or Wendy on 329 4483. A $10 contribution towards fuel costs is invited.

Music Jam Night
Starting Sunday October 13 from 6.30pm to 8pm at the Church Hall. Any musos or wannabes come along and let’s jam together. PA on site and some instruments available for use, or bring your own. Following sessions will be fortnightly. Contact Russell on 329 4876.

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 Newsletter
Please email contributions for the next issue to mt.herbertparish@xtra.co.nz. You can read the current issue of the newsletter and back copies at: www.diamondharbour.info/church-notices.aspx

Missing Your Church Newsletter?
Have you been missing the Mt Herbert Parish newsletter or would like to start getting one? Printed copies can be collected from outside St Andrew’s Church, 85 Marine Drive. If you would like to have your copy emailed to you, please contact Vanessa at the office on mt.herbertparish@xtra.co.nz. The newsletter is also available for viewing on the following websites: mountherbertparish.wordpress.com
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COMMUNITY NOTICES
Baby and Toddlers Clothes Swap and Give Away
Tuesday October 8, 10am-12noon at the Church Hall.
The Baby and Toddlers Group have a large selection of pre-loved baby and toddler clothes to give away or swap.
For information contact Wendy 329 4483 or Kate 329 4924.

Daffodil Day – Many thanks
To all the people who supported us during our fundraising efforts in the weeks leading up to and including Daffodil Day, including those who gave so generously and all the people involved in collecting and supporting the collectors.
The DH Cancer Support Group has again been delighted with the response to our fundraising activities. The combination of raffles, film evening, donations and fund raising at Diamond Harbour School was a great effort.
Daffodil Day saw collectors at the wharf and around the village; luckily the weather was kind to us. We are delighted to report that there was a tremendous response to the raffles. We had an enjoyable film evening, thanks to all who assisted and those who attended. Our gratitude is also expressed to those who allowed us to fundraise on their premises, especially Jane at the Country Store, Sheryl at Church Bay Store and Russell for the use of the Church Hall. We are so fortunate to live in such a supportive and generous community.
Joy Harding, Secretary, DH Cancer Support Group

Diamond Harbour Camera Club Calendar
The Diamond Harbour Camera Club will be launching a 2014 Diamond Harbour photographic calendar at the Orton Bradley Spring Fair on Sunday October 27. The Camera Club will have a photo exhibition in the old red school house where calendars will be on sale. The calendar comes in a large A4 size ($10) and also a smaller A5 size ($8) – ideal for Christmas mailing. Please note that only cash can be accepted.
The calendar contains images capturing life in Diamond Harbour and extends from Camp Bay through to Orton Bradley Park. Residents and their visitors will have fun guessing where the shots have been taken.
Calendars will also be available at the DH Post Office, the DH Library, or by contacting Noel 329 4937, Dale 329 4041, or emailing noelanna@farmside.co.nz.
This calendar is a first for our village, so share with your friends who have visited here and enjoyed the views.
Benita Dale McMillen

Sculpture on the Peninsula Needs Volunteers
The 8th Sculpture on the Peninsula is being held this year on the 9th and 10th of November at Loudon, Teddington and we need for volunteers to assist with this Cholmondeley fund-raising event.
Over the 13 years this event has been running we have raised over $350,000 for Cholmondeley and this year funds are needed more than ever for its rebuild.
This is the South Island’s largest outdoor sculpture exhibition and a popular biennial event. It is run by local volunteers and we are looking for people to help for a two and a half hour stint with the food, parking, etc. Some feedback from those who helped at the 2011 event: I am glad to hear it went so well, we really enjoyed being involved and being able to help and We had a great time, really enjoyed the event and the all the people we met along the way.
This is a wonderful chance to give to those less fortunate in our wider community – it also gets you free entry to the event! Should you be able to help, please email Grania on wgormond@hotmail.com. To find out more about the event please visit our website www.sculpturenz.co.nz.

Grania Ormond

Civil Defence Update
No Regrets
Not sure about this, but we think that on the date that we change to Daylight Saving, you are reminded to check your smoke alarms. By the time this edition of the Herald is distributed that date will have passed – but here’s another one for you... When Guy Fawkes Day arrives (November 5) take out your Family Emergency Plan and revise it. Does everyone in the family know that the plan exists? Do they know where to assemble after an event? Do they know where the Get Away kit is? We’re talking fire here – or quake – or landslides. If the kids are at home and you are at work, do they know what to do, who to contact? November 5 will remind you of fireworks: Fire! Emergency! ...and the need to get the family together and review your emergency plans. You are responsible. You know your circumstances best. Save yourself possible bitter regret at ignoring this reminder.

Your Civil Defence Team

DH Volunteer Fire Brigade
Spring is here and this brings with it two important occasions. The first is the start of Daylight Saving. This is the perfect time to check your smoke alarms. If you don’t have any, then it is the perfect time to learn about fatal house fires.
Over recent years cigarette smoking has been on the decline and it is now no longer the leading cause of house fires. It has been replaced by cooking – and especially cooking a tasty fry-up on return from a night out.
If you are asleep when a house fire breaks out, the fumes given off by modern day furnishings will probably enter your lungs before you hear or feel anything. The chemicals in the smoke will then prevent your body from waking as the fire takes hold. House fires spread very quickly and anything that gives you a few extra minutes to get you and your family out has got to be worth the $19.99 cost of a smoke alarm. If you need help or advice, just ask a brigade member.
The second thing that happens at this time of year is also to do with smoke, but this time the smoke from garden fires. ECan operates a Clean Air Ban during the winter and this gets lifted in the spring. However, the lifting applies only to rural properties and so this does not apply to properties in Diamond Harbour or Church Bay. We are deemed to be residential and ECan prohibit garden fires all year round. They invite residents to apply for a resource consent, paying the $1,472 deposit, but warn that the application is no guarantee of success.
There are further details of the fire restrictions that apply to our area on the Diamond Harbour website www.diamondharbour.info – just search for Fire Bans.

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DHCA September Meeting

Tai Kwan Do Mats

A proposal was presented to the committee to buy 30 gym mats for use by a newly formed Tai Kwan Do group and other community uses. An application to the Under 20 Trust for the $6,000 needed is underway. The mats will be stored in the hall storeroom. The mats would become the property of the Community Association for use by any community group. There was general support for the proposal.

Sprig

Tracey Ower presented concept plans for the Godley/village centre area as arranged at the last meeting. There was discussion about the next step forward. The spiral bound A2 plans are the result of the information previously put forward by community members and consists of a site analysis and three concept plans:

1) A conservative (minimal) plan which could be put into action soon
2) A plan for temporary activities until Godley House issues are resolved; and
3) A long term plan

Copies for public viewing will be placed the library and elsewhere. To enable progress on this project, there will be coverage in the November Herald and notice of a public meeting in November to discuss further (see page 3).

Half Right is NOT Alright!

Neighbourhood Support has been a feature of our community for more than twenty years, and the value of having one communal list of contact details of all properties and residents has been recognised for much of that time. At first an attempt to keep paper copies was made but proved too difficult to maintain. In 2009 funds were acquired for the development of an appropriate computer database and Ron Dubin was enlisted to do this and records were slowly being accumulated when I took over as Neighbourhood Support Co-ordinator for the wider Diamond Harbour Area in mid 2011.

At that time, in the aftermath of the earthquakes, most people were keen to be part of any potential emergency management scheme so it was not too difficult to incorporate most of the community on the database. The area from Port Levy to just beyond Teddington was divided into 100 groups in 7 sectors. With one exception, each group had a leader charged with assisting to maintain up-to-date details of their group members, and our database membership rose to 1066.

In the ensuing two and a half years, a considerable number of leaders continue to work steadily to ensure their members’ details are accurate, but a disappointing number do not, and, as in several cases where leaders have since left the area, there has been no apparent interest from within the group for another person to take over that responsibility.

In the meantime a secondary community benefit has evolved from the database. Currently 437 residents and property owners have provided an email address and so can be advised by me of important but non-emergency safety and security information within a few minutes. This has proved very effective and seemingly much appreciated by recipients. It also allows individual members to easily update their details at any time and a number have taken advantage of this.

While each member of a group is entitled to a copy of the details of their whole group, every effort is made to otherwise ensure the security of personal information on the database. I regularly receive requests from people seeking to contact or locate someone in the community. With the exception of known police and civil defence personnel acting in an emergency (which has occurred more than once), my policy is to always take contact details from the caller and personally relay these to the person being sought, so that no information from the database is given out.

However on several occasions in recent months, information recorded on the database has proved to be incorrect and sometimes misleading.

A deputation to the incoming Community Board was thought to be a good idea. Pete Simpson will write up his ideas for the committee. He recently attended a Social Enterprise Fund workshop. The Canterbury Community Trust fund has set up this fund with $2.5 million dollars to help restore the fabric of the community and social infrastructure following the earthquake.

Alan Matheson, CCC, has indicated that Council will not be considering work on Godley House site for 2 or 3 years.

Small Grants Fund Assessment Committee allocations

Diamond Harbour Districts Croquet Club received $1,000 towards the cost of greens maintenance.

Community Board Report

Next meeting will consider Neighbourhood Week Funding and Harbour Issues Group anecdotal evidence about harbour changes. Strengthening Communities funding has been allocated for the ANZAC service next year and an edible garden award. A Head to Head working party has been set up to work with CCC.

Hall Report

Updating the hall kitchen was discussed with the possibility we look into a new commercial kitchen.

Telephone Directory

Dave suggested a new directory is needed with people changing addresses with the end of PO counter mail.

Next meeting Monday October 21

Karen

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

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

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

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

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### Outdoor Fitness
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