ORTON BRADLEY PARK SPRING FAIR — AND WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY IT WAS!
SO WHAT’S GOING ON HERE?

Last month the question was asked about progress on the Godley House site. While clearly there is still a long way to go, local landscape architect, Tracey Ower, this month allows us a preview of plans based on feedback from the community.

Tracey explains:

CONCEPT PLANS FOR GODLEY HOUSE SITE AND SURROUNDS/VILLAGE CENTRE

Recently the DHCA requested the preparation of a concept plan for the GH site and surrounds. This was to be based on community feedback following consultation post-earthquakes. The community was asked to comment on its vision for the redevelopment of the GH site and its better integration into the wider area.

Three concept plans have been prepared which draw together these ideas and also address issues raised in the draft Stoddart Point Management Plan.

The first plan (below) refers to options which are achievable within the short to medium term, whilst the second and third plans (opposite) include progressively more significant interventions.

These plans do not go into detail within the GH site, apart from to indicate the different options which the community has suggested. The plans also highlight proposed vehicular and pedestrian linkages to and from the GH site and other well supported ideas from the community consultation phase.

The plans are to be read in conjunction with the document prepared by SPRIG last year - terminology used in the plans relates directly to this. Hard copies of the complete document will soon be available for viewing in the local library and cafes.

The plans serve as closure of the first stage of the journey towards redeveloping the GH site and surrounds. They are a visual representation illustrating, collating and synthesising community ideas into a single document which can be used to support dialogue with the Christchurch City Council and others involved in future development in the area.

Tracey Ower

Undoubtedly all members of our wider community can continue to contribute towards this re-development, but it is the Diamond Harbour Community Association which is pivotal in continuing to progress the process. Individuals who really want to make a difference, should consider joining the DHCA committee which is currently seeking new members (see page 16 for more details).

Ed
Diamond Harbour Village Centre
Conceptual Site Plan – Option 2

Legend
- Natural Environment
- Movement
- Built Environment
- Sustainability Design
- Community Well-Being
- Cultural & Heritage

Diamond Harbour Village Centre
Conceptual Site Plan – Option 3
TIMEBANK REPORT

Repair Cafe
As part of Project Lyttelton’s Kura Festival of Learning, that was held from September 28 to October 6, the timebank held a couple of events designed to show off the wealth of skills our timebank members have.

On Sunday the 6th we held a Repair Café at the school. Repair Cafés originated in the Netherlands and quickly gained popularity in US timebanks and in Australia. The idea is to gather a group of handy people to help others fix all those things we have lying around home waiting to be mended.

At the inaugural Diamond Harbour Repair Café we had a plethora of talent and skills. Pippa and Rowena riveted us with their sock-darning skills, David did plastic-welding and supervised heavy-duty sewing.

Heather hemmed trousers and Phil fixed chairs.

Malcolm mesmerized us with his knot tying, Jan kept the kids quiet with book-reading and Simone spoiled us with a decadently delicious chocolate cake. Paddy and Rowena shared the abundance of their gardens with rhubarb, lemons, wasabi lettuce and herbs. I hope to organize another Repair Café sometime in the new year.

Upcoming event
Every year the Inspiring Stories Trust showcases documentaries and short films on environmental and social justice issues. On Thursday November 21 at Te Kete (the Diamond Harbour School library) there will be a potluck tea and a screening of this year’s Inspiring Stories, which include: Plastic Bottle Kayak Expedition, by Seung-Woo Hong (Christchurch) - this beautiful film follows 25 young New Zealanders on the adventure of a lifetime – a 100km kayak expedition down Whanganui River on kayaks they made from plastic bottles; Continuity Error, by James Pryor (21) of Whangarei – about his younger brother’s passion for conservation; Love in a Little Town – a short film about the Lyttelton community coming together after the Christchurch earthquake in 2011; and Caine’s Arcade – from a movie to a movement that inspired cardboard creativity around the world. A beautiful story about the power of a young boy’s imagination unleashed... and more!

So come along, share some kai, meet other timebankers and be inspired. Entry is 1 time credit paid to the Diamond Harbour School. Non-timebank members are welcome to come along for a gold coin koha.

Where: Te Kete (school library)
When: November 21 at 6.30-8.30pm
Why: Kai, meet other timebankers, inspiring movies

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

Sarah

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DIDN’T THEY DO WELL!

DH Rugby Club
Community Contribution Pays Off

Soon after Godley House was destroyed by the earthquake of 2010, the Diamond Harbour Rugby Club Committee quickly realised their attractive clubroom and bar was realistically the community’s only viable place where folk could continue to gather, socialise and relax in pleasant surroundings at the end of the working week. There being no way at that time that the very limited Club funds could support the employing of a barkeeper, committee members opted to voluntarily man – and with a modest sum has been invested for future club funds. In accordance with liquor licensing rules the service was restricted to club members only but this did not prove to be a problem as locals were happy to become financial members.

Encouraged by the regular attendance of a loyal group of members and friends, the few volunteer committee members remarkably kept the club bar open on Friday and Saturday nights for the next 35 months in what has proved to be very much a win-win situation for the whole community. Not only did the community members have an interim local until alternative facilities could be established and commence operation at the two local cafes but also the almost $100,000 raised during the three years has been reinvested into the community as a whole.

Almost half has been returned to local community organisations in the form of donations and sponsorship of events, while the remainder benefits local rugby both now and into the future. The purchase of additional playing and training equipment and a specifically focused on the Senior team has resulted in their winning the Ellesmere Competition for the first time in 23 years. Improvements to the Rugby Clubroom facilities will commence in the near future and in addition a modest sum has been invested for future club funds.

Special thanks are due to both the committee volunteers and to all those who supported the club by their attendance.

Elaine

LIVING WELL

Blue Trees?

Do not think of a blue tree. Do not think of blue bark, or blue branches, and definitely do not think of blue leaves. Chances are you now have a pretty clear image of a blue tree in your mind. That’s because the unconscious mind doesn’t hear the word not. It just hears content words and focuses on them instead.

This is a pretty important concept for our communication with ourselves and others. Take goal setting for example. How often have you heard people say things like the following: “I don’t want to be broke all the time, or I don’t want to be unhappy”? The problem with these statements is that they focus on the negative, so that the unconscious mind hears is “broke all the time” and “unhappy”, and therefore focuses on these things. Some people try to turn it round and make their sentence positive, yet still manage to focus on the negative, for example: “I want to stop eating lollies. Here, the problem is still contained in the sentence, so all the unconscious mind hears is “eating lollies”, and that’s what it focuses on.

It’s therefore important to consider what you do want, and take the negative out of the sentence completely, so your unconscious mind knows exactly where to go, instead of just where not to go. If you want to someone’s house and they asked you what you’d like to drink, you’d never reply, “Coffee and not tea, and I don’t want water either thanks leaving them no closer to knowing what you do want, and goal setting should be the same. I don’t want to struggle with money could become instead. I want to have enough money to pay all my bills and buy the things we need, plus have enough left over to save $500 a month. Now your unconscious mind knows exactly where you’re heading, making it much easier to figure out how to get there.

Interestingly, we all have these skills and we all use them at certain times. Imagine a child meeting his or her younger sibling for the first time, and wanting desperately to hold them. We very carefully explain to the child exactly what they need to do. “Sit down, put this cushion here, put your arms like this and hold him very gently. Yet at other times we forget these skills and exclaim: “Don’t hit your sister!” All the child’s mind can hear is “hit your sister” and there’s little chance of them figuring out what they might like to do instead.

Right through our lives, it’s important to know what we want and to communicate that very clearly with ourselves and others. When we say what we don’t want, our unconscious mind has no guidance as to where to focus its attention aside from what they want to stay away from. When we turn that communication around and focus clearly on what we do want instead, we can finally shine the torchlight in the direction we want to go, instead of pointing it behind us.

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VET-SPOT

Feeding Your Pet

Huge advances have been made in commercially available pet foods during the time I've been practising. Cats are living on average two years longer than they did 15 years ago, and we see fewer diseases of dietary origin like blocked bladders and feline heart disease. In dogs the benefits of better nutrition are especially appreciated by farmers whose working dogs have more stamina, and owners of large breed dogs who see fewer developmental joint conditions.

Your pet's nutritional requirements change as it gets older. Young puppies and kittens need a lot of protein for growth. A homemade diet for puppies should consist of roughly half meat, a quarter carbohydrates and a quarter vegetables. Cats are obligate carnivores so they require all meat. Commercial puppy and kitten food will have these percentages built in to them. Make sure that the bulk of their food is dry (pellets or kibbles) which aids dental hygiene. You can add a small amount of gravy or wet food (tinned dog or cat food or dog roll) for flavour if you want. If possible avoid milk after weaning, it often causes allergy or diarrhoea, and is not needed on a decent diet. Pups and kittens should be fed three times daily until 3 months of age.

For large breed puppies feed a specially formulated large breed puppy food where possible. These contain less protein and calcium than the small or medium breed equivalents, allowing for the slower bone development in these breeds. Don’t supplement calcium in large breed pups either unless they’re on a very poor diet. I have yet to see rickets in New Zealand, although I did see the odd case in Africa. Avoid heavy exercise in large breed pups until 12-18 months of age. This will reduce the chance of hip or elbow dysplasia in breeds like German Shepherds and Labradors, or any large breed for that matter. Remember genetics also plays a vital roll in reducing these conditions, so have a good look at the parents and pedigree of these types of dogs.

Young adult dogs should be fed about a third meat, a third starch and a third vegetables. Adult dogs and cats should be encouraged to exercise regularly. Feed them twice daily with no snacks in between. You can start feeding them on adult food from about 9 months in cats and when they reach adult height in dogs (9 months in small breeds, 12-18 months in large breeds). Pregnant bitches and queens in the last trimester can be fed a puppy or kitten food to aid foetal development, it is also beneficial while lactating.

Seniors, particularly cats, need less protein as they get older. Generally we switch to a senior diet at around 7. We are boosting our range of foods available with Orijen and Acana, Canadian grain-free diets, which are great for pets with allergies or sensitive stomachs. We also carry the Royal Canin low calorie Vet Care range for spayed or neutered pets, as well as Hill’s Science Diet, probably the healthiest, best balanced food available. Eukanuba does a great deal for working dogs, so really there’s something for everyone. You can find home delivery details on our website, or I can also deliver on Tuesdays. Remember, nutrition is probably the single most important factor influencing our pets' (and our own!) health, feed them well and they shouldn’t need to see me as often!

Paul
Tips and Tricks... to Try at Home

While I don’t want to put myself out of business, this month I will share a grab bag of things to try at home before calling a tech for help. These are simple problems I often encounter.

**Computer won’t turn off**

Computers can get stuck (sometimes in suspend mode) and will neither start up nor shut down normally and turn off. First thing to do is hold down the on/off button for 5 seconds. If that does not work turn off the power at the wall. This works for PCs, but not laptops. If the internal battery continues to provide power, then turn the laptop over, slide the battery release catches and remove the battery pack for 30 seconds and then reinsert it.

This method is also good for smartphones, when powering them off and on does not resolve a problem. Turn the phone over, remove the back cover and take out both the battery and SIM card for 30 seconds before reinserting them.

**Internet not working**

If your email client (Outlook Express, Windows Live Mail, Thunderbird, etc) is not working, first open your web browser and check whether you can connect to the internet. If you can, then the problem is your email client (see below). If your browser cannot connect then it’s your internet connection. First up, check if all the power and data cables to/from your modem/router are plugged in. If they are, then turn off the power to the modem/router for 30 seconds (also reboot your computer). After powering the modem/router back on, wait 2 or 3 minutes while it reconnects to your ISP and try again.

If that does not work and your laptop has an external wireless button or switch check that it has not been inadvertently turned off.

**Windows Live Mail not working**

If Windows Live Mail reports that you are working offline when you attempt to send/receive messages check the button next to Send/Receive. If it is labelled Go online, then click on it. The label should change to Work offline and your email should start working again. If it does not work close Windows Live Mail and open Internet Explorer and click on File to display a menu which includes Work offline. If this is ticked then untick it. If it is not ticked then tick it. Close Internet Explorer, reopen it and untick Work offline. Now open Windows Live Mail and check if it is now sending/receiving emails.

**Wireless Mouse or Keyboard not working**

Some people do not realise that these devices have batteries (AA or AAA). So if they stop working it probably means that the batteries are flat. Now begins the treasure hunt of attempting to find the cunningly concealed catch to open the battery compartment so they can be replaced.

**Cursor jumping around the screen**

You are typing an email and the cursor keeps moving by itself and what you have typed has gone in the wrong place. This happens on laptops when your palm inadvertently brushes the touchpad. If you use an external mouse it is easy to forget about the touchpad. If you do not use the touchpad, the simplest solution is to disable it. On some laptops there is a small button above/beside the touchpad for this purpose while on others it can be turned off/on using a function key. Some laptops require you to go to the Control Panel and select the Mouse icon and then tick a box to turn off the touchpad when an external mouse is plugged in.

Stop Press: Beware CryptoLocker Ransomware!!!

I was recently called out to remove a very nasty piece of malware called CryptoLocker. It silently installs itself on your computer when you click on an email attachment and encrypts your documents and pictures — rendering them useless unless you pay a US$300 ransom for them to be decrypted! If you don’t pay, your data is lost — unless you have a recent backup to restore from. So remember:

1. **Never click on an email attachment unless you know and trust the sender** — no matter how authentic it looks.
2. **Backup your data regularly** — you may need it one day!
The Harbour Singers
are once again holding their popular Spring Workshop

“Townies” love the trip to the harbour for this. Our well loved Auckland tutor this year is Max Maxwell

He is an inspiring and supportive leader for singers of little or lots of experience and ability. This time it is a Taize workshop which will be an introduction to a form of French singing that has been used in religious communities. Registration with coffee and muffins from 9am (10 am start) and a nutritious lunch included in the cost of $45 waged and $30 unwaged. For those who can come from 1 pm only the charge is $20 and $15. Give it a try. You will receive a warm welcome.

Diamond Harbour Camera Club
Tuesday November 19
Meet at Stage Room at 6:30 pm
Photo shoot evening walk around the Cliff Track.
For further info:
email rouke.bakker@paradise.net.nz
or phone Dale 329 4041.
Everyone welcome. Visitors: $3 donation. Rouke

School Music Concert

On Saturday November 30 we will be holding a music concert at school. This is an opportunity to showcase all those students who learn musical instruments at school, whether individually or in groups. We have school xylophone and recorder groups, and we are also very lucky to have several dedicated music teachers who come to school to teach violin, cello, flute, guitar, drums and piano. The concert will begin at 2pm and will be followed by afternoon tea. Entry will be by gold coin donation. Come along and enjoy an afternoon of music, and see the progress our musical children have made this year.

Do you like food? How about children? Possibly both?

Each Thursday at Diamond Harbour School two kind parents prepare, with the help of a small group of children, lunch for approximately 50 children. All of the ingredients come from our garden and children pay $1 for a healthy lunch. Our two parents are willing to continue, however they need assistance from volunteers on a roster basis - possibly every fortnight or once a month. Menus and ingredients are planned ahead of time. The time commitment is around 3 hours each Thursday morning.

If you are interested in helping to support this programme please contact the school on 329 4298 or office@diamondharbour.school.nz.

Road Cycling Group
Meets weekly in Diamond Harbour. To join a ride contact Mike on 329 4647 or mikecattan@mac.com
YOU CAN COME TOO — LOCAL EVENTS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

DH Croquet Club Coaching Afternoon
On an afternoon bathed in sunshine, croquet club members enjoyed coaching provided by Chris Clarke and Tony O’Donnell, both from the United Club, Christchurch. The members learnt lots of new skills and honed their techniques under their watchful eyes. Both Chris and Tony play at Hagley Park on a regular basis to very high competition standards so we felt privileged to see them in action. We are now better players for our afternoon of instruction, so watch out world, here we come!
The Croquet Club in Diamond Harbour meets on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. The club has extensive facilities of three courts and a functional clubhouse. So if you wish to come along and have a go or, simply have a cuppa, join us on one of our friendly sessions. The rules are straightforward and learning can be fun.
Should any organisation, or individual, wish to hire the facilities for a fun event or function this can be arranged for a small donation to the club. Enquiries should be made through club president, Ruth Willis on 329 4243. Ruth

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

Harbour Savings Pool
Over the past 50 years money affairs have become a far more private matter as people turn away from their neighbours and communities and towards the ever-consuming, self-absorbing task of growing their own personal money tree or simply getting by. This has grown a popular culture where competition is King and consumer-driven individualism constantly rips money from local communities and undercuts the connectivity that we rely on for fulfilling human relationships in our neighbourhoods.
Here in the Harbour Basin many people are interested in turning back towards the people in our communities; we recognize that healthy human connection in our communities brings meaning and happiness into our lives. Local economies are central tools in growing communities brings meaning and happiness into our lives. Local economies are central tools in growing communities that are resilient and self-sustaining; local economies keep jobs and money circulating in the same communities which recycle our money back into the pockets of our local growers and businesses that service those markets.
We have a highly effective Harbour Pool. Imagine a small group of households collectively pooling their monthly savings from which individual members can borrow money without incurring interest. Imagine borrowing money without having to bear the strain of interest. The existing Harbour Pool has been running for 3 years and already has paid off 2 mortgages and many other smaller purchases.
After the flurry of interest at the recent Kura Festival of Learning, members of the Harbour Savings Pool will run an information evening here in Diamond Harbour for anyone interested in learning more about Savings Pools. This will be held on Tuesday November 12 from 7-8.30pm in the Stage Room.
Any queries please ring Jacinda Gilligan on 329 4424. Jacinda

Woolfun Day at Bergli
Next Woolfun Day is Saturday November 16
Enjoy a relaxed day working with wool, with like-minded people in a small group, in a beautiful log house with wonderful views. Koha. Morning and afternoon tea provided. Bring your lunch, your woolcraft gear, and if felting, a table if possible.
Bergli B&B, 265 Charteris Bay Rd, Teddington.
Ph 329 9118
Rowena MacGill

Diamond Harbour Historical Assn
Next meeting is on Sunday November 17 at 11 am.
Visit to Ohinetahi with talk by Sir Miles Warren followed by a picnic lunch (bring your own) and time to explore the garden.
All welcome. For more details phone Jan on 329 4895.
Jan Studholme

Diamond Harbour Bowls (Purau Ave)
Tuesday evenings from 6pm commencing October 29
(also November 5, 12 & 19)
Come and spend an evening on the green to relax and enjoy and experience the challenge that bowl presents!
➢ Entry Cost $5
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➢ Bowls provided
➢ Please wear flat soled shoes or bare feet
➢ All ages welcome

ART EXHIBITION
The Diamond Harbour Painting Group is holding an exhibition at
Diamond Harbour Church Hall on Show Weekend
Fri Nov 15 10am to 4.30pm
Sat Nov 16 10am to 4.30pm
Sun Nov 17 1pm to 4.30pm
Local artists exhibiting oil, watercolour, acrylic and pastel paintings.
Guest artist Jennifer Neutze

DRAMA CLASSES IN DIAMOND HARBOUR
Exploring drama techniques, elements & conventions for 7-13 year olds
Thursdays 3.30-5pm in the Stage Room $8/class
Contact Jacinda (BA Drama, Dip. Teach) to register 329 4424 or cins@paradise.net.nz

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Our Library

I have always imagined that paradise will be a kind of library. (Jorge Luis Borges)

Did you know that the Diamond Harbour Library has DVDs? They are $1 for singles and $2 for sets to borrow for a week. If there is a DVD that you would like to borrow that we don’t have we can reserve it from town for you at an additional cost of $2. There may be a waiting list for the popular new ones. Children’s DVDs are free for a week and free to reserve. All you need is your library card. Remember that it doesn’t cost you anything to join the library.

Next Pre-School Storytime at 10am Thursday Nov 21. All welcome. Christine

Walking Festival Offers Much to Enjoy

This year the Walking Festival – previously the Lyttelton Festival of Walking – expands to offer walks around the whole of Banks Peninsula. The festival celebrates the stunning scenery and intimate communities of the Banks Peninsula over the weekends of 2nd - 3rd and 9th - 10th November.

Walks on offer range from historical township walks in Akaroa and Lyttelton to day and half day tramps and an overnight camp at Quail Island. Dr. Sam Hampton will lead a walk to Panama Rock and introduce the GeoPark proposal for the peninsula. Popular Lyttelton walks such as the Backyard Chickens will be on offer again, and foraging and botanical walks are available in both harbours.

The event, a collaboration with Akaroa District Promotions, Little River/Wairewa Community Trust and the Rod Donald Trust, is designed by local people who love to share their passion for this special place with people from the wider community.

Participants will enjoy a refreshing walk and are guaranteed an enjoyable experience as they relax, meet new people and together absorb the stories and atmosphere of this rugged land, right on the doorstep of Christchurch.

The Rod Donald Trust is offering guides and participants the opportunity to enter a photography competition with first prize a double pass for the Banks Peninsula track.

Bookings are necessary for all walks. Grab a programme from your local library or view it online at www.lyttelton.net.nz and give us a call at the Lyttelton Information Centre on 328 9093 or email infocentre@lyttelton.net.nz to book your walks.

Lucette Hindin

PIZZA & PINT Springtime Special

Every Friday for the month of November between 5pm and 8pm purchase any pizza and pint (or glass of house wine) for just $20 (takeaways excluded).

All our food is available as takeaways and remember we have a takeaway liquor licence.

$10 cooked breakfasts Wed-Fri 9am-12noon
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.

We are also looking for an organised “foodies” to come and work with us preparing and cooking food.

Hours: Wed & Thurs 9am-4.30pm, Fri 9am-10pm
Sat 9am-6.30pm, Sun 10am-4.30pm
LIKE US on Facebook Godley Café 329 4880

Unconditional Parenting Screening

There will be a DVD screening of a lecture by Alfie Kohn on non-coercive parenting on Tuesday November 5, 7-9.30pm in the Stage Room.

Supper provided Gold coin donation appreciated

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Adrian 329 3395 or diamondyoga@gmail.com

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Touch Rugby
Summer Social Touch Rugby Has Started!
When: Fridays 6:15pm
Where: Diamond Harbour Rugby Grounds.
Why: Social run around - fitness - fun
How: Informal – turn up and play
Age: high school / young adults / middle aged / retirees
Gender: Gals and Guys
Kids (primary school): starting Nov 8th (if numbers)

Be great to see the locals turn out.
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Whether you are on your own, with a group, having a
family get-together or a relaxed dinner for two, Chalfont
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So spread the word and come on down to Chalfont Café
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Taking bookings for Christmas functions now!

We hope to see you soon
Jane & Drew
Chalfont Café, Diamond Harbour Country Store
2 Waipapa Ave. Ph 329 4465

YOU CAN COME TOO — LOCAL EVENTS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
FROM THE WRITERS’ GROUP

‘Spring’

Truly, You are not my most favourite of seasons. I much prefer the cozy contemplation which winter affords; or the full-on assault of sun and floral blowiness that comes with summertime and, most of all, the still, calm, mellow fruitfulness of autumn. Perhaps its because I’m aging but compared to any of these, I find You demanding, capricious and unpredictable.

Yes, You certainly are the season that wakes us all up! Your brassy trumpet loudly urges - get going, rise and shine! Coming ready or not and don’t count on my staying, I could be gone tomorrow!

On the positive side, You bring longer days of sunlight, earlier dawns, later sunsets. Your freshness is in the air, on the breeze. And, best of all, are your friends the birds. Blackbird on his highest perch singing me into consciousness, bellbirds, grey warblers, finches, even sparrows can all be heard in the fresh dawn chorus making my heart sing. And the bird which represents You most of all for me, is the skylark. How they fascinate me with their chirruping on the wing and sudden death defying dives. I could be tempted to watch them all day long but not what You facilitate.

When I spy the birds darting back and forth with nesting material in their beaks, I know I should be about the annual task of spring cleaning. Clutter needs clearing, curtains need laundering, carpets need attention. Simultaneously, the weeds are mocking me with their amazing ability to multiply hour by hour. Where will I work? Inside or out? Your sunshine draws me into the garden and I prepare by finding my wellies, hat, gardening gloves and tools. Oh and where’s the sun-cream? No sooner am I appropriately clad and down on my knees precariously balanced on the rock garden, when - Help! You drench me with an unexpected downpour and I scuttle back inside like a beetle scurrying under its rock!

Well, Spring, your vibrancy takes my breath away. You are at no one’s beck and call and will never be tamed. How carefully must we protect our tender shoots from your changeability. You delight us and shock us, You allow us to believe that you’re with us and then, like a will o’ the wisp, you’ve vanished, leaving us a nippy frost or heartless wind! If I had to choose only one way to describe You, it would be this little poem (from where I do not recall):

First the rain came down to soak us
then the sun came out to stoke us
and before our eye can focus
…………CROCUS!

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CHURCH NOTICES

Catholic Masses
Every Sunday at 5.30pm
First Sunday of month: Mass at DH Community Church
Second, Fourth, and Fifth Sunday: SCAF* 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 Wednesday at 9am and Sunday at 10.30am (first Sunday of 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
This Home Group meets Monday fortnightly in the evening in a warm and friendly Charteris Bay home. Please call Bruce Beckett for details on 329 4422.

Bible Discussion Group
This group meets fortnightly on Wednesday afternoons from 3.30 to 5pm in the St Andrew’s Church library. Please call Anne Boyd on 329 4444 for details.

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 Nov 5 & 19 and Dec 3 & 10 (picnic). Please contact Wendy Coles on 329 4483.

City Shopping Van
The van runs on alternate Wednesdays. Upcoming dates are November 6 & 20 and December 4 & 18. 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
Alternate Sunday nights 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. Sessions fortnightly. Upcoming dates are Nov 10 & 24 and Dec 8. For more information contact Russell on 329 4876.

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

Early Christmas Womens Breakfast
Saturday November 9 at 8:15am in the Church Hall. Come along to an early Christmas breakfast dressed Christmasy in red and green, or with sparkly tinsel etc. To book, phone Ruth Willis 329 4243 or the Parish Office 329 4790.

Special Parish Meeting
A Special Parish Meeting of the Mt Herbert Parish to make a recommendation to the Church Property Trustees on the future of St Cuthbert’s Church will take place at 4pm on Sunday 10 November at Governors Bay Fire Station Hall, Ernest Adams Drive, Governor’s Bay.

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.

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

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

More Volunteers Needed to Make Harbour Communities Safer

Maybe you have seen the Lyttelton-based Community Watch Patrol Car out and about in our harbour-side communities? The volunteer drivers and their sidekicks have found that observing and being seen helps reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in Lyttelton and other communities around the harbour. With more volunteers the Community Watch Patrol Car could be even more effective.

Volunteers can choose a time which suits them to go out in the patrol car for a four hour shift: day or night, weekdays or weekends. You can volunteer as a pair, or choose your patrol partner, or just see who you are rostered on with, a great way to get to know new people.

The patrol car is normally kept at the Lyttelton Police Station, but there is some flexibility about how it is used. Volunteers from the Diamond Harbour side travel free on the ferry to pick up the patrol car. Training and briefing are provided by Community Watch with support from local police staff. Potential volunteers are required to undergo a police security check, which is initiated through the Community Watch secretary, Alan Christie.

If this sound like something you would like to be part of, contact volunteer co-ordinator Pat Owen on 328 8182

Paula Smith, Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board

After School Care Ceases.

As we were not getting enough children to cover our running costs, the Diamond Harbour After School Care Board of Trustees has regretfully decided to close this programme from Thursday October 31.

I would like to thank all the parents who have supported us, especially those who paid fees on time and helped subsidise us with gifts of food. Lastly, I would like to thank our wonderful Board of Trustees, past and present, who have given so much time and shown so much dedication to keep this programme running so long.

Christine Turner

Camera Club’s Calendar Still Available

Copies of the Diamond Harbour Camera Club 2014 Diamond Harbour photographic calendar are still available from the DH Post Office, the DH Library, or Noel 329 4937, Dale 329 404 or noelanna@farmside.co.nz.

The calendar, with images capturing life in Diamond Harbour and environs (from Camp Bay to Orton Bradley Park), 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.

Benita Dale McMillen

Mail Closing Dates for Christmas

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Thanks For Your Updates!

I am working through the near 200 updates and confirmations received so far, including several new entries. Many thanks to all who responded so promptly, but there is still a long way to go, so keep those responses coming, please.

I will also be seeking the assistance of group leaders to follow up on those who may not yet have got the message, and also in distributing to those without email, hard copies of the new lists which will be printed as the updates for each group are completed.

Those with email will receive individual copies.

I will be asking for annual updates/confirmations each October from now on. However new entries and changes can be sent to me any time.  

Elaine

DH VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Brigade Briefing
Volunteer fire brigades across the country have a requirement for a wide range of skills from their members. One of those skills is the ability to drive Class 2 motor vehicles (trucks). Most adults hold a Class 1 drivers licence that entitles them to drive a car, but for any of us to drive the fire truck we need a Class 2 licence. It is not very helpful if a crew responds to the siren and there is no driver.

I am in the process of training to become a driver and this began with a medical examination and a trip to the AA to sit a Class 2 theory test. The theory test is done in front of a computer screen and involves answering 35 multiple choice questions. The good thing is each question is marked as soon as you answer it. The next step is to take a two day practical driving course. Once we are street legal, we can then attend the Fire Service training course on pump operation. The truck not only carries 6 firefighters and equipment, but also 2,000 litres of water and a pump to dispense that water. The final stage is to attend another multi-day Fire Service course on the safe driving of emergency response vehicles.

The truck is one of two vehicles that we can use to respond to incidents. The other is the Operational Support Vehicle which, despite providing invaluable additional capacity, needs to be replaced. The New Zealand Fire Service is not in a position to fund the acquisition of such items and it is left to brigades to raise the necessary funds themselves. It has been decided that the replacement of the van will become a priority over the coming months. There will be fund-raising activities that will provide opportunities for you to help us achieve this important community goal. This community has a great history of working together to support itself. We’re confident that together we can drive this project to a successful conclusion.

Fire Fighter David Rice

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DH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

DHCA Seeks New Committee Members

Numbers are dwindling on the Diamond Harbour Community Association committee. Our previous treasurer, David Dearsley, has recently moved away to the city, and this month illness and other commitments caused the near unheard of postponement of the monthly meeting.

The DHCA has for many years been a strong voice in advocating for the needs of residents of the wider Diamond Harbour area, and over time has built up vital links with councils and local body organisations. While residential growth beyond what is now considered specifically Diamond Harbour, has seen the formation of residents’ associations in Church and Charteris Bay, the policies on which the Diamond Harbour Community Association was originally based have not changed. The Community Hall, the Herald, DH Website, the Service Directory/Local Phone Book, and the Sprig summer music events are examples of how these policies benefit us all. Thus residents right along the south side of the harbour are considered members of the DHCA and, as such, are welcome at meetings and as committee members.

The commitment is to one meeting a month, at present on the third Monday of the month. Even if you can only manage to spend a short period on the committee it is healthy to have different voices heard.

Anyone interested in joining the committee and helping to make a difference for all of us, should contact the secretary, Joy McLeod on 329 4119 or colin.joy@slingshot.co.nz.

CHURCH BAY NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

Committee: At the May 2013 AGM the Committee Officers and Members were all re-elected: John Shanks - Chairperson, Max Taylor - Treasurer, Pat Pritchett - Secretary.

Committee members: Lynne England, Belinda and Ian Currie, Tracey Ower, Linda Pascoe, Paul Pritchett. If you have items for the Committee please contact any of the above.

Items discussed at an October Committee Meeting:

1. Beach Fire Clean-up

Discussions regarding having winter beach fire clean-ups have been held with Don Cameron of the Diamond Harbour Volunteer Fire Brigade (DHVFB), DOC, Ecan and CCC. In summary, DHVFB have approved a draft procedure, and intend to install one or more fire hydrant couplings along the pressured mains that run along the foreshore, rather than rely on the hydrants on Marine Drive as is the case at present. DOC are willing to grant a permit on a case by case basis, but require us to have in place $1m public liability insurance and $0.5m fire suppression insurance. A quote from Vero Insurance of $575 + GST has been obtained for this cover. Ecan do not require a resource consent, but forwarded a procedure to be complied with (which is compatible with that earlier agreed with DHVFB), CCC advised they had no jurisdiction below the high tide mark, but as they have a general policy of no open air fires they would not contribute towards insurance premium costs even though we would be cleaning up CCC land along the beach front reserve.

The committee has decided to postpone arranging a clean-up fire until the hydrants are in place and the insurance matters are discussed at the forthcoming January AGM.

2. Jetty

We received a response in August to our April letter to the Lyttelton / Mt Herbert Community Board in which we proposed a CBNA peppercorn lease of the jetty and assumption of maintenance responsibilities.

The Community Board have asked the Parks Operation Team to address the matter and they have responded that they are keen to work with local communities regarding the future of their jetties and will contact us later this year for more discussion. As it is now mid-October, we have written back requesting to arrange a meeting over the next couple of months. The Vero insurance policy mentioned above included a $250,000 property clause in addition to the public liability/fire suppression clauses, and presumably would be relevant to Jetty leasehold ownership.

3. Coastal Walkway

A presentation was made on the 14th of August to the Stoddart Point and Coastal Cliffs Reserve Review of Management Plan Hearing. Our presentation focussed on advising the Council Representatives that there was an existing viable walkway path around the perimeter of Black Rock Estate, and that unless it was maintained and used, there was a danger that the sections would eventually landscape their properties to the high tide mark and discourage use of the track. This option was suggested as supplementary to the existing proposed shorter route to bring the track up and over the saddle into Hays Bay. Mention was also made of the historical points of interest in Church Bay.

4. Mulching Service

A few years ago in response to concerns among Church Bay residents about disposal of green waste, the CBNA initiated a CCC subsidised mulching service undertaken by committee members. This became a district wide initiative and is now operated by Dennis Collins every few months, still subsidised by CCC. The next mulching is Dec 7/8. Dennis comes to your property or wherever you have stacked your green waste. He either leaves the mulch or takes it away. The charge is by the minute with a minimum charge and he is very quick if the waste is well sorted and stacked. It may be possible for those in old Church Bay to either take their waste to the roadside or somewhere beside the fire track. Dennis’ phone is 329 3069 or 021 223 7487. Bookings need to be made.

5. Hunters Reserve in Church Bay Gully

Paul has identified a few people willing to assist in eliminating the wilding pines in Hunters Reserve. He has the gear to do this on loan from DOC. He would like further volunteers to help these group leaders. Each group of 3 would need to work for approx 3 hour stints on days to be arranged to suit. He will oversee the work.

6. Neighbourhood Watch

Elaine Bryson the Area Co-ordinator has requested that householders confirm or update their details annually by emailing her at dhnshq@gmail.com or posting to DHNSHQ c/- 28 Koromiko Cres. RD1 Lyttelton 8971. She can then send any alerts or necessary messages directly to individual email addresses.

7. Membership

At the end of September 53 of the 84 members were financial. At the AGM the financial year was changed to a calendar year with the AGM to be held in January. Subs were increased to $10 per household. Reminders are being distributed with the newsletter.

The Aims of Church Bay Neighbourhood Assn Inc are:
- To Support improvements to our district
- To Encourage neighbourliness

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CLASSIFIEDS

Flute Lessons
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Short-term Accommodation wanted
In Diamond Harbour between November 26 and December 6. Anything considered including house-sitting. Please contact Margreet 535 1661 or contact@margreetstronks.com.

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I have lived in Diamond Harbour for the past three and a half years and hope to continue living here. I am seeking an affordable accommodation – perhaps a room or a sleep-out. Please contact Rachel Price 022 013 7670, 329 3247 or rachelpricey@gmail.com.

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Herald Calendar

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Bridge Club: Weds, 7pm, DH Bowling Club, 329 4094
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