THE GODS MUST BE CRAZY!

In the 1980 film of that name, it was the dropping of a Coca-Cola bottle from a light aircraft into a very remote African native village which upset the applecart so to speak, so it may not have been quite just to blame the Gods for the hitherto unknown phenomena which followed. In our case, however, there can be no doubt that at least the meteorological division of the deities has blown its cool and released upon us a couple of once-in-one-hundred-years weather events in just a couple of weeks. It could also be that wise old Mother Nature had an inking of what was to come as she has had the earth around us trembling in fearful anticipation for more than three years now!

Although to date, Diamond Harbour overall has come through the gales and torrential rain better than many communities, we were not unscathed; just a few examples being illustrated in these photos.

At the same time of course we’re still coping with the effects of the ‘quakes, not to mention the disruptions, albeit worthwhile, of the installing of new water systems and all the associated road works.

Quite frankly, most of us are getting a bit tired of it all, but as always we battle on...

The above HydroTech employee has what some modellers would say was the perfect job—from his laptop in the van, he drives this little remote controlled vehicle through underground pipes taking photos of damaged sections and pinpointing their locations so others can fix them.

Predictions for the winter seem to be suggesting that the Weather Gods might not yet have got themselves fully harmonised so we just have to keep hoping that, as in the film, there is a very happy ending to all this, that there is a rainbow above us and that summer WILL follow........
A couple of months ago I talked to Kotuku (the year 7 & 8 class) at Diamond Harbour school about timebanking and got them to come up with some things they could do to help the school earn time credits. They decided they could offer to garden, mow lawns, help with fundraising for community groups/organizations, read aloud or provide companionship, walk dogs, cook, clean, mind pets, chop or stack wood, accompany people on walks, collect mail and walk younger children to school. So I put this up on the timebank for them and a few of them stacked wood and did a few other jobs for a timebank member one weekend.

I had also asked Kotuku to help the younger children at school understand what timebanking is all about and so a couple of students wrote an article about timebanking for the school newsletter (thus earning a credit for the school) and they also did a timebank skit for assembly. They must have done a good job explaining timebanking because recently some of the younger children were happy to help out for an hour at a timebank member’s working bee collecting and shifting stones to earn time credits for the school.

A few of the girls in Kotuku, Makenzie, Myah, Charmaine and Ella decided to join timebank as individual members and when I did the timebank orientation with them they picked out a few requests they thought they could help with. The next time I was up at school, Makenzie told me she’d had a weekend full of timebank activities. She and Myah had helped Laura milk her cows, which was really fun, especially as they got to feed the two calves. One of the calves, Bruce, was a bit greedy and didn’t want to wait for his turn so he knocked the fence down! Then on the Saturday Makenzie helped entertain children at the Lyttelton Farmer’s market, and on Sunday she helped another Diamond Harbour member with some gardening.

I asked Makenzie what made her decide to join timebank. I thought it would get me off the couch from watching TV, and actually do stuff, she told me, adding, It makes you feel nice ’cause you’re doing something for someone else.

In addition Makenzie is happy to look after other people’s pets, help with household chores, or entertain children (she can’t babysit them on her own until next year). I asked Makenzie what she thinks she’ll do with the credits she earns and she thought maybe surfing or horse-riding lessons or, very generously, that she might find a babysitter for herself and her sister so her mum and dad can go out for the night in town. As for why other young people should join timebank Makenzie says, You can spend the credits on lots of good things without having to have money. And it’s just fun.

Clarification
From time to time people mention that they couldn’t work out how to join the Diamond Harbour Timebank. That’s because there is no Diamond Harbour Timebank, we are a part of the Lyttelton Harbour Timebank, which means we benefit from the resources a larger timebank can provide and also from being able to trade within a larger timebank population.

Drop-in at Godley Café
Next term I’m changing my drop-in day and time to Wednesday mornings from 9-11am, still at the Godley Café. Otherwise go to www.lyttelton.net.nz/timebank to sign up.

Sarah
PLAYCENTRE GOES TO MEET THE PENGUINS

On a windy Wednesday in February we took the ferry from Diamond Harbour to the jetty at Otamahua/Quail Island to learn all about the little blue penguins.

It was quite rough on the water so we were pleased to have our local ferry skipper John in charge! We made it onshore and accompanied by Tina Troup, the ecologist from the Quail Island Ecological Restoration Trust (QIERT), we headed up the hill to learn about our little penguin friends.

The kororā, or white flippered penguin are in fact little blue penguins but have distinct white flippers. Some of the things the tamariki (and the adults) learned or already knew about the penguins are:

* In June they have a party and make lots of noise.
* Their burrows are up high [on Quail island] and they also like to make burrows under sheds.
* Penguins eat fish and can get caught up in fishing nets.
* On the West Coast lots of penguins got killed by a dog off its leash and that’s why no dogs are allowed on Quail Island.

We also had a look at the native trees that QIERT and their many volunteers plant annually. The trees are getting really big and are even reseeding themselves now, which is amazing in such a dry environment like Quail Island which has no natural fresh water source.

Once we returned to the mainland we got back into our fundraising efforts and in conjunction with Lyttelton Kidsfirst Kindergarten we are now the proud sponsors of a Quail Island Penguin burrow. Thanks to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts by dropping a gold coin or two in our collection jars at the Church Bay Store and Godley Café, or by ordering a Save the penguin t-shirt. We raised just under $500 and since Lyttelton Kidsfirst Kindergarten had also raised money for the burrow we were able to donate the extra amount to the Quail Island Restoration Trust for their efforts in keeping Quail Island predator free and in restoring the native bush to bring back the birds.

Storms

After the first of our three recent storms we asked Dave Hammond if he could take a look at the big willow at playcentre and get rid of some of the dead branches. Dave refused payment – for this so a big thank you to Dave for sorting our willow tree’s dead branches out, for free! Unfortunately as this article goes to print the Playcentre building has suffered serious damage in the latest storm and is being cordoned off by the Council until it is deemed safe to use again. Hopefully we’ll be back in there when the term starts.

Haere rā

Haere rā to some of our Playcentre tamariki who have started or are about to start school and a goodbye and thank you to our recent President, Sarah Pritchett.

If you’d like to know more about Playcentre or to visit us, just drop in during one of our session times, give us a call during session times on 329 4515 or contact our information officer Kate on 027 415 1046 or kate@jlarc.co.nz.

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DIAMOND HARBOUR/KAITUNA CRICKET CLUB ENDS GOOD SEASON

The Diamond Harbour/Kaituna Cricket Club had another good year in a new cricket competition. Country South have merged with Country North to form a new combined competition that involves 12 senior teams which has received a lot of positive feedback. The only unfortunate aspect is the amount of time spent travelling to and from games, but that's country cricket. Having lost a few players from last season, the senior A team struggled to come to terms with the higher level that the merging of the two areas created, but still managed to finish in sixth place which was a good effort.

Funding is vitally important for the success of our club. We would like to thank Air Rescue Services Limited for their donation to our section 3 team that was used to buy playing equipment. Thanks to Pub Charity for their donation for the Senior A cricket balls - the club's biggest annual expense.

Since it was the first season for our Senior B team, we needed not only playing equipment for the team, but other equipment to help bring the Kaituna ground up to standard. New Zealand Community Trust gave us the funding for that. Our thanks go to them also, as they do to Lyttelton, Port of Christchurch for funding the Section 3 playing shirts as well as the medals for all the players which Paul Monk (LPC Operations Manager) handed out at this year’s prize giving. Last, but not least, we would like to thank Christchurch City Council (Lyttelton Office) for funding the pitch preparation.

Trophies awarded at the end of the season were:
Section 3: Cameron Duff (Batting), Lachlan Smith (Bowling), Alex Cameron (Most valuable player), William Curry (Team player), Charmaine Cameron (Best personality).
Senior B: Raniera Tini (Player of the year), Sharlene Wiseman (Supporter of the year).
Senior A: Aaron Chapman (Batting), Russell Chapman (Bowling), Ryan Banks (Most improved).

If anyone wishes to play cricket for the Juniors or Seniors please call Mark Pearson, 337 8089 or 027 277 6516. Mark

JUNIOR CRICKET REPORT

This is our 2nd year of having a Diamond Harbour junior team in section 3 of Canterbury Country South Junior Cricket Competition. Co-coaches are Rowena Cameron and Peter Jones.

We have had a great year playing with all players improving over the season. We played 10 games this season with some players making their first 4s and 6s; also some players bowling their first wicket. The players range in age is from 7 years to 12 years. The players that played last season helped out our new players over the season.

We had 13 players this year. You only need 8-10 players but nobody missed out - we took them all to the games and just rotated on and off a bit when fielding and bowling and just had a few less overs when batting if we had more than 8 players on any Saturday.

Out of the 13 players only 6 played last year for their first season and the other the 7 players this was their first season.

Rules: You may have 8-10 players per team. We play 20 overs of 6 balls per over so if 10 in the team you get to bowl 2 overs and bat 4 overs. If you get out you lose 4 runs off the total but you still bat on and you get to bat for 4 overs. If you can’t hit the ball when it is bowled you get to hit it off a tee. After every over you move around 1 space so everyone gets a turn at bowling, fielding and wicket keeper.

We had our prize giving on the very windy stormy wild Sunday 16th of March. Will Williams from the Canterbury Wizards cricket team presented our trophies and also had a bat signed by the Wizards team members for every player and Paul Monk from the Lyttelton Port Company handed out medals which LPC had made and personalised with each member’s name. LPC also sponsored us this year with shirts and hats and the team took great pride in wearing a uniform for the first time. We would like to thank the LPC so very much as without great sponsorship it can be hard raising that money to start a new team. Thanks also to Annie Sewell from Communication of Lyttelton Port of CHCH who helped big time with arranging the funding for this.

For the first time in the club’s 57 years we had a Senior B team that competed in the T20 competition in Ellesmere. They made the semifinals in the first round and made a final against Weedons in the second round. This team is made up of a group of mates that have lived and played their cricket for various clubs on Banks Peninsula for many years. Many thanks to Tom Stuart for selecting and managing the team. We look forward to continuing the team next season.

The section 3 team had another good season. Rowena Cameron and Peter Jones made a fantastic effort for player trainings and organization of the team. The parents who get out of bed early on Saturday morning to take their children around the countryside to play their games also require mention. Thank you to you all. It is great to see the children come back each year to play cricket for their club and I personally can’t wait to see them next season and watch their skills develop.

Our combined section 2 team had a bumper season as well and goes from strength to strength. Ex-Diamond Harbour resident, Vicky Forbes, runs the team extremely well so a big thanks to her. The section 2 team is there to upskill the players that want to move to the hard ball game.

Our President, Pete Jones has done a wonderful job of preparing the playing block and the pitches have been excellent. He spends anywhere between 5 to 10 hours a week on maintenance. It’s not the easiest of jobs so if a DH local would like to help Pete out, it would be very much appreciated. You can contact Pete on 329 3132.

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How often have you wished you really knew how to sew - to put in a zip, to adjust a pattern or make one from a favourite old garment or to restructure that dress that’s hanging uselessly in the closet because it won’t fit but you just can’t throw it out because you love the fabric so much? If this sounds like you, Miriam Eisenhart of Governors Bay can help you.

Miriam has been involved in the fashion industry for about ten years, designing, producing and selling her own seasonal ranges which have been retailed nationwide. My designs are an expression of my creativity… they are more out there in terms of style and design, she says.

After initially completing her diploma in fashion and design at Christchurch Polytechnic in the mid-nineties, her first job was at a bridal shop, where among other benefits she gained great insight into the struggles that many women have to put in a zip, to adjust a pattern or make one from a favourite old garment or to restructure that dress that’s hanging uselessly in the closet because it won’t fit but you just can’t throw it out because you love the fabric so much? If this sounds like you, Miriam Eisenhart of Governors Bay can help you.

And because each person knows their own figure best, Miriam recognises that being able to make subtle changes to garments oneself is practical and satisfying. She tells us, I have found being able to design and sew my own clothing to fit over the years a rewarding experience and I have been asked many times by friends and locals if I could teach them how. We live in a consumer-orientated society and being able to recycle a favourite garment by remaking it can be so much fun.

Now, having honed her teaching skills while she tutored at Hagley School of Fashion for 3 years, Miriam has decided she would love to share her passion for sewing with others in the local community. Thus Learn to Sew lessons are available for adults and children from the age of 8. I’m happy to do small group or one-on-one lessons, or for larger groups, perhaps run a one day workshop on the basics of patternmaking or recycling that garment and so on.

You can contact Miriam on 329 9342 or 027 961 4517 or mimcan@xtra.co.nz

Elaine}

Our local sponsor is Jane of Chalfont Cafe who for the last two years has provided a weekly voucher for the player of the day for a free ice cream. The kids all love it. So a big THANK YOU to her.

As well as we coaches, Mark Pearson also a big part of our management team. Mark helps out by going to meetings and does a lot of behind the scenes stuff that really keeps the club ticking along. Without passionate people like Mark this would never have got started. He is an amazing person to have in a club and is of course also involved in the senior team.

Travel is a key part in playing any country sport and we have to sometimes go as far away as Dunsandal for early Saturday starts. Our parents show amazing support with transport, car-pooling when they can, as well as helping out in other ways. Most are avid supporter’s at games and we all get a bit sad when the season ends.

We are very keen to keep junior cricket going in Diamond Harbour and our aim is to have two teams next season starting in October 2014. We would like to have a 5½ - 7 or 8 years old team in section 4 as well as the team in section 3. (Both still play with the soft ball) If you want to put your child’s name on the list to be contacted in September please phone Rowena Cameron on 329 4996.

Rowena}

Elaine
THE SOUND OF MUSIC—A FITTING PRELUDE TO A SPECIAL DAY

When the Diamond Harbour Singers heard that George Hill was still not quite well enough to go to choir practice, they decided to take the practice to George, which was a very good idea because their visit coincided with the eve of a very special day for George and wife Roberta.

The split-level living area of the Hill’s Church Bay home proved to be an ideal venue, two of the three sections of the choir standing on the upper level, the third section and George, seated on the stairs with leader, Rachel, very ably conducting the lively proceedings from the lower floor.

The acoustics were brilliant and the singing likewise, with the obvious enthusiasm and enjoyment of the singers all making for a memorable evening for the small audience of friends and neighbours, and especially so for Roberta and George on the eve of their golden wedding anniversary.

The Diamond Harbour Singers are a relaxed and friendly group who just love singing. New members are always very welcome, just come along — no auditions required — to practice in the Stage Room of the Community Hall, Wednesday evenings at 7.45pm. Also everyone is invited to attend their next concert on Saturday June 21st at the Community Hall, where they will share the bill with Christchurch choir Acapellago.

Elaine

CONGRATULATIONS ROBERTA AND GEORGE — 50 YEARS TOGETHER

At a pre-Christmas function board the HMAS Leuwin in Fremantle in 1960, a young naval officer excused himself from his partner of the evening and asked a vivacious young lady for a dance. The young lady, a journalist with The Daily News in Perth, was too polite to refuse so excused herself from her partner and thus George and Roberta began a relationship which spans more than half a century.

After deciding to marry, the pair separated in 1962 for just over a year, George encouraging Roberta to fulfil her desire to travel and work in England before settling down, although that term hardly applied to their life which included 4 years in Papua–New Guinea where Roberta worked in broadcasting radio news and current affairs, while George was involved in agricultural research.

They came to New Zealand in 1972 with their two children Alexandra and Andrew, George lecturing in Agronomy at Lincoln University and continuing his naval reserve career and Roberta completing under-graduate and post-graduate studies before taking up a position with DSIR. In 1994 she and 4 colleagues set up a company that specialised in research on work, education and business.

During their working lives, Roberta and George travelled extensively. They have recently retired and now have more time to spend with their friends, their two Wellington grandsons and their parents and to enjoy visits from Australian relatives in a more relaxed lifestyle in Church Bay.

Elaine

Roberta and George Hill of Koromiko Crescent reflect on the many wonderful experiences they have shared in the 50 years since their marriage in Fremantle, Perth on April 3, 1964.
LIVING WELL

The Dangers Of Helping People

People can get a great deal of pleasure out of helping others. It makes us feel good that we have contributed to someone’s wellbeing and helped make their world a better place. Helping people has its dangers though, both for us and for the person we’ve helped, in that when we effectively help someone to solve their problem, they may learn one thing: that you are good at solving their problems for them. That means that in future, when they have problems, they come to you again and again, never learning to solve their own issues, and instead depending on you to do it for them.

It’s therefore useful to consider not how we can help people with their problems, but how we can empower them when they come to us with problems. It’s very tempting when someone comes to us to offer them advice and give them suggestions about things we think might work for them, but providing the solution in this way doesn’t help them develop their ability to work through issues, consider options and plan paths towards solutions that will really work for them.

To help empower people towards their own solutions, one thing we can do is reflective listening. That means reflecting back what you’re hearing, either in terms of content or in terms of the feelings you detect are behind the content. For example, you could use phrases such as So the problem is that..., or It sounds like you’re really concerned about this whole thing.

This allows several things to happen. Firstly, it checks understanding. Sometimes we are interpreting things in a different way to what the person means and it allows this to be corrected. Secondly, it lets the person feel heard. We all like to feel heard and hearing what you’re saying reflected back is the best way to know that is happening. Thirdly, it allows the person time to think through the issue. Often when we try and think through our own problems we only get so far, but when given time and the opportunity to go through them with another person we can get much further in our thinking.

The second strategy for empowering people in this situation is to ask questions. These questions should encourage people to generate options about actions or think through how each action would work or the consequences of it. In addition, it’s good for these questions to be open questions, allowing a number of different answers rather than just one. For example, you could ask What options have you considered in responding to this? or If you chose the first option, how would you do that? or What do you think would happen if you did that? This really helps people to generate and evaluate options they think may work for them.

Helping people through their problems in this way is incredibly empowering. It lets them know they can solve their own problems and it helps them find a solution which will really work for them, rather than one that works for someone else. Deep down people often know what they want to do, they just need a little time and space to get there. As the person helping, it’s also a great process. It takes the pressure of having to come up with the right answers completely, and means you won’t find yourself constantly having to fix everyone else’s issues in the future. In short, it’s a win win all round, and one that helps the person not only to solve their immediate issue, but to be far more resourceful in solving their problems in the future.

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Android Device Manager (ADM) – Google for it – can be run from your computer. Not only does it show the exact location of a missing phone on Google Maps, but if you are at that address and cannot find it, you can make it ring at maximum volume (even if it’s on mute) for 5 minutes. If it has been stolen, you can provide the Police with its current location and if you have previously authorised ADM to allow it, you can remotely lock the phone or set it back to factory defaults, thus erasing all personal data – including saved passwords, email, photos, etc.

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Ron

**COMPUTER HELPDESK**

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VET-SPOT

Protection for Puss

I’d like to remind cat owners about 2 serious diseases that can be vaccinated against, but which are not included in our standard cat vaccinations. These are FIV (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus) and FeLV (Feline Leukaemia virus). It’s worth reading through this and considering whether your cat needs to be protected, or if the risk of contracting them is low enough to justify doing nothing.

Briefly they are both retroviruses (slow acting) that can lie dormant for years before any symptoms are seen, as is the case with HIV/AIDS in people. They mainly act by suppressing the immune system, so symptoms are very similar in both diseases, increased susceptibility to infections and abscesses, gingivitis and smelly breath, weakness and weight loss. FIV is primarily spread by saliva injected below the skin (bites), and FeLV by aerosol transmission, sharing food and water bowls, grooming, and coughing and sneezing. FeLV can also be transmitted from mother to kitten, however this is rare with FIV.

The prevalence of FIV in the NZ cat population is around 10% and FeLV around 1-2% although these figures can be considerably higher in feral colonies. Un-neutered male cats, roamers and those that often fight are most at risk for FIV, and cats with a lot of contact with wild cats, breeding cats and those in multicult households with more than 3 cats are most at risk of FeLV.

Both diseases can be vaccinated against, although FIV vaccination probably only gives around 80% protection (still a lot better than 0%!) and FeLV vaccination is most often associated with vaccine induced sarcomas – again these are extremely rare!

If your cat should contract either disease it is almost always eventually fatal, and although we can identify risk factors we can’t guarantee that any cat will never become infected. Cats over 6 months of age are worth testing first, vaccines aren’t curative, and once vaccinated with FIV we can’t distinguish between vaccinated and naturally infected cats, since the test identifies the presence of antibodies. This is not the case with FeLV vaccination, since here we test for antigen (the presence of the virus itself). For this reason it’s also recommended to microchip any FIV vaccinated cats, as shelters that test before re-homing strays will euthanase FIV antibody positive cats, and of course there are many other benefits to microchipping.

FeLV requires 2 injections 4 weeks apart, and FIV 3 injections 2-3 weeks apart, with both needing annual boosters thereafter. This is in contrast to the standard Felocell 3 vaccination we give (which is required by boarding catteries). After the 1st annual injection at around 15 months of age it can be given every 3 years. Of course if cats are going into a high risk environment (show or boarding) even the Felocell needs to have been done within the last year.

Paul
CHARACTER CROSSWORDS

Across
6 Dispute (9)
8 Greek island (5)
9,10 Second Sunday in this month (7, 3)
11 Viral illness (3)
12 Indigestion (9)
14 Tally (5)
15 Blocked (7)
18 Wooden tile (7)
20 Southern, for example (5)
21 Make laws (9)
24 Member of the genus Felis (3)
25 Might (3)
26 Leafy vegetable (7)
28 Sudden fright (5)
29 Nutrition expert (9)

Down
1 Flavours (6)
2 Soothing succulent (4)
3 Burdens (6)
4 Floating along (8)
5 Season (6)
6 Of a humorous nature (7)
7 Causes affection (7)
8 Those who weep easily (9)
13 Suited for efficiency (9)
16 Harmonic (8)
17 Made later (7)
19 Sheep station somewhere (7)
20 Fill (6)
22 Cuts (6)
27 Coloured part of eye (4)

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RECIPE
Fresh Spaetzle for an Autumn dish
I would like to share a recipe which my children and husband love! More, more, more... is the verdict for this super simple fresh pasta dish made from simple ingredients.

It can be served as a side dish to a roast or a speciality with a venison fillet or venison stew, cooked in red wine or as a main veggie dish with warm butter and/or braised onions and grated cheese. Served with a fresh salad it is a delicious dinner for young and old.

*Ingredients*
- 350g flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 tbsp oil
- 50g butter
- 200ml milk and water combined (approx)

*Method*
1. Put salt and four in a bowl and make a well in the centre. Add the eggs and enough milk and water to make a very soft dough.
2. Beat the dough with a wooden spoon until it develops bubbles (about 5 mins). Add the oil and beat again.
3. Bring a large pan of salted water to the boil.
4. Dampen a chopping board with water, place the gooey dough on it and shave off strips (50mm long and a few mm wide) into water, using the broad side of a knife.
5. Cook in batches until they swim on the surface (about 3 mins) then remove the pieces with a slotted spoon and rinse quickly in hot water and put in a warmed serving bowl (keep covered and warm or in a warm oven. Repeat until all the dough has been used.
6. Drizzle the melted butter over the top or add browned onions in butter and a generous lot of grated tasty cheese and serve immediately.

Any leftovers are very nice warmed up or fried the next day (or may be frozen).

Enjoy a cozy night by the fire and fresh homemade pasta.
En guete.

Franziska

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I was ruefully regarding
My cabbages quite small,
And I wondered what had caused them
To the ground to will and fall –
Not a single chip was flying –
Not the slightest sound of whacks –
Yet the slug was here bushfelling,
And had no bushwhacker’s axe!

I stood by and watched him working,
And he truly took his time,
And I noticed that he travelled
On his undercoat of slime,
When a bantam hen trespassing,
With a most important air
Came zig-zagging and - Eureka!
There was slug no longer there!

Then with cool deliberation,
Up an oat straw slowly went,
A green caterpillar climbing
On some oat-topping bent,
When a very common sparrow,
Plumed in common brown and grey,
Grabbed that caterpillar roughly,
Gurgled Chirp and flew away.

Later on, while much tormented
By some common kitchen flies -
And I’d told them how I loved them -
When, behold, before my eyes
A small fantail steering badly
Through the open window flew,
And at once without alighting,
He took on the buzzing crew.

Ornithology I’d studied,
Entomology could spell,
So set off to tell my neighbours
Of a battle going well,
And the farmer, most prosaic,
Asked me in – or near- these words,
Can you lend me any poison
For these very blanky birds?

Oliver Hunter 1945

The Eco Gardener’s Patch

Gardening in a Changing Climate

One swallow does not make a summer and
two devastating storms in just two months
may not mean that the predicted long era of
damaging climate change effects is now well
and truly upon us – but if we are not going to
start mitigating and adapting our behaviour to this era
now, then when?

I have been thinking about what home and municipal
gardeners could and should be doing to stop climate
change. Re-thinking what we grow in the garden is also important.
More shrubs and trees can play a significant part in
improving the local climate as well as the global one,
whereas thirsty expanses of lawn that require frequent
mowing are part of the problem. Trees need to be selected
carefully for how well they will withstand strong winds,
hotter temperatures, and soils that are often very dry
or sometimes very wet.

Varieties of fruit and vegetables grown need to be chosen
with greater care, and sowing times will need to change
both to ensure the optimum temperatures for plant growth
and to avoid peak times for pests and diseases, which are
changing as temperatures change. It will also be advisable
to start saving seed oneself, because locally-grown
vegetables will be adapting to local changes in climate
(with the fittest surviving) in a way that commercially-
grown vegetable seeds grown hundreds or thousands of
kilometres away will never do.

It is more important than ever to grow and consume as
much of our food as we can locally (and what could be
more local than at home?) because the current global
industrial food system is a major producer of greenhouse
gas emissions. So let’s see the changing climate as an
opportunity as well as a challenge, to get out in the garden
and grow better food as well as better weather.

Christine Dann
Our Library
Did you know that the Library has loads of Council information? We have Annual Plans, Council Meeting Agendas and Minutes as well as numerous booklets and flyers covering a wide range of topics. We also have Parliamentary and Local Body Electoral Rolls. Winter is a really good time to sit by the cosy fire and read...
To celebrate NZ Music Month several libraries are having free musical performances (check the library web page christchurchcitylibraries.com or get a leaflet at the library)
We will be having a special NZ Music Month Pre-School Storytime with Tania on Thursday May 15 at 10am. Everyone welcome.  

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A fund-raiser for the Diamond Harbour Rugby Club
Make up your team of 5-6
See you there!

ROAD CYCLING GROUP
Meets weekly in Diamond Harbour. To join a ride contact Mike on 329 4647 or mikecatton@mac.com.

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

Student Design Exhibition
Diamond Harbour
Students in their fourth year of studies at Lincoln University’s School of Landscape Architecture are currently working on a (hypothetical) complex design project entitled, Diamond Harbour: designing a vibrant and resilient village centre. Each student is preparing a Harbour-wide Strategic Plan, a Stoddart Point Master Plan, and a Village Life Plan of the Town Centre zone, including the former Godley House site. This insightful and creative work will be displayed by the students in the Stage Room on Saturday, May 10, 9am-2pm. All welcome!

Nancy Vance

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

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

Rowena MacGill

Diamond Harbour Camera Club
Instead of our regular meeting in May there is a photo shoot trip from Governors Bay to Lyttelton on Sunday May 4 (May 11 if wet).
Meet at the Church Bay Store at 10:30 am to carpool.
Everyone welcome. Visitors: $3 donation.

Rouke

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QUIZ NIGHT
DH Community Hall
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Gold coin Koha

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PURAU VALLEY PRODUCE FARMER’S MARKET
Farmers Market Closed till October
Due to flood damage to gardens in Purau in the recent storms, the Farmers Market has been forced to close for the season. We hope to open again for the new season in October when we look forward to seeing all our regular customers. Thank you for your continued support.

Aileen Ginders

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Edible Garden Awards

Edible gardens created by gardeners of all ages were showcased at the first Edible Garden Awards ceremony held at the Governors Bay Hotel on 8 April. Eight awards were made: two for school gardens, one for a courtyard garden behind Roots Restaurant, and the rest went to productive home gardens in Lyttelton, Diamond Harbour and Port Levy. Participants enjoying photos of other people’s gardens and talking with other award recipients. At supper time sausage rolls proved particularly popular with young gardeners from Governors Bay and Diamond Harbour schools.

The community board thanked volunteers from the Canterbury Horticultural Society who assessed and photographed the gardens. Pleased with success, we plan to make this an annual event, so keep it in mind for the next growing season. We feel sure there are more people out there growing their own food who deserve an award, so keep it in mind for the next growing season. We feel sure there are more people interested in volunteering to help report or remove graffiti.

Please Report Graffiti Promptly
Reducing the impact of graffiti vandalism on the residents of Christchurch city is the goal of dedicated staff from the council’s graffiti program who briefed the board about their work at our monthly meeting on 16 April. They work with a number of local volunteers in Lyttelton and Cass Bay who routinely help remove graffiti from CCC property, Orion assets, small businesses or other private property. It really helps if people report graffiti as soon as it appears. This can be done by calling the council’s Info Line 941 8999 (I have this number in my cell phonebook, ready) or by emailing a photograph along with a location to info@ccc.govt.nz. Racist, rude or offensive graffiti is normally removed within four hours of receiving a report. If graffiti appears on your property, please try to remove it as soon as possible, preferably within 24 hours. Anyone interested in volunteering to help report or remove graffiti can contact volunteer co-ordinator: belinda.barrett-walker@ccc.govt.nz.

To stay informed about Neighbourhood Security, Welfare and Emergency Information ensure your inclusion on our secure database.
Membership is Free for all residents and property owners on the southern side of Lyttelton Harbour. To ADD, UPDATE or REMOVE your details, to request an new group list, or for information or concerns CONTACT: Elaine Bryson (Area co-ordinator)
Email: dhnhsq@gmail.com Phone: 329 4512
28 Koromiko Cres, Church Bay, RD1 Lyttelton 8971
or Ron Dubin, (Deputy Co-ordinator) Ph: 329 3032

Fire Fighting: Urban and Rural
At our April seminar Alan Merry from NZ Fire service outlined city-wide strategic planning being done to revamp the urban fire service set up to take account of changing demand post earthquake. He updated us about the Lyttelton Fire Station which is to be rebuilt on the same site, fortuitously located on a rock ridge. In response to questions from board members he explained why a co-located facility also accommodating Police and St Johns could not be built. All the existing site will be needed for the replacement fire station and the land they have purchased next door is not geo-technically stable enough to support an extra strong importance level 4 building required by emergency services. Sadly, Mrs Fyte’s colourful garden will eventually become hard stand and parking. He told us Diamond Harbour Fire Station requires seismic strengthening, but no work is planned at the Governors Bay Fire Station.

Principal Rural Fire Officer Darrin Woods explained the complexities surrounding rural fire fighting which on Banks Peninsula is the responsibility of Christchurch City Council as Rural Fire Authority. He showed the board a map of wildfire threat produced by analysing all the factors which might contribute to the likelihood of a fire taking hold, a combination of risk, hazard and values. The map informs the allocation fire fighting resources. Board members suggested this analysis could be considered in planning for a more resilient community as fire is a potential threat especially in some of our more forested settlements, such as Diamond Harbour.

Road Safety Matters
Road Policing Manager Al Stewart updated the board about recent trends. Of particular concern is the rising number of older drivers involved in accidents involving serious injury or death. In such cases families are often aware older drivers may not be driving as safely as they should be and he urged families to have those difficult conversations to avoid tragedy. Younger inexperienced drivers remain a high risk group which police focus on.

Reporting Local Crime
If it is not reported, it never happened, is the key message from Senior Sergeant Peter Laloli who urges everyone to report crime, no matter how insignificant it may seem. It helps the police build up a picture of offending. Reported crime forms the basis of police staffing. The number of police officers based in our area is falling because the reported crime rate has fallen, which is good news, but local police are aware quite a lot of crime occurring in our area is never reported. If the crime is happening call 111 and to report historic crimes call 363 7400.

Ka kite ano, Paula
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DH VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Brigade Briefing

In last month’s Brigade Briefing I recommended being prepared for the next record-breaking weather event. Little could we have known that this would be on Friday 18th April when a new wind-gust record of 119.1 km/hour was set. Needless to say, being prepared for the lack of electricity will have made life a little more comfortable.

Our fire station is one of 436 fire stations around New Zealand. According to the NZ Fire Service Annual Report 2013, there are about 10,000 operational firefighters 83% of whom are volunteers – that’s around 8,300 men and women who give up their free time to work with communities to protect what those communities value.

Over the years I’ve visited a number of fire stations and met fellow firefighters. Outside of the Fire Service they have many different day jobs. I’ve met a publican, a prison officer, a hypnotist, businessmen, farmers, mechanics and house-husbands to name a few. When we don the uniform the different life experiences meld together into a body of people who share a passion for helping others. Being a part of such a team can be very rewarding. As volunteers the rewards are not financial, but 8,300 people who do the work realise that some things money just can’t buy.

The New Zealand Fire Service is in the process of refurbishing its volunteer recruitment packs. Over the coming weeks these will become available. This is timely as our brigade will be looking for a number of recruits. If you are interested in finding out more, contact the fire station or visit the New Zealand Fire Service website www.fire.org.nz and look for Become a Volunteer.

All members of the Diamond Harbour Volunteer Fire Brigade feel valued by our community and we’re often blown away by the response we get either during or after our visits to your homes – especially when your homes are being blown away by tropical cyclones!

Fire Fighter David Rice

CIVIL DEFENCE UPDATE

Now is the time to refresh your survival kit

As we bid farewell to Daylight Saving we need to refocus our attention on a few housekeeping matters: replacing our smoke alarm batteries and refreshing the contents of our emergency survival kits.

Open them up and check the expiry date on your stored food, water, medicines etc, and replace these with fresh items where necessary.

If you have not as yet created a survival kit you can find a basic list on the inside cover of the Yellow Pages, or you can download the PDF file entitled Sample Civil Defence Survival Kit from civildefence.govt.nz.

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Third Sunday of month: Mass at Lyttelton (21 Exeter St)  
*Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest

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St Andrews Diamond Harbour  
Sundays at 10.30am and Wednesdays at 9am

**Prayer for the Parish**
Weekdays at 8:15am in the Church Library. This is to specifically pray for God’s presence in all our lives and His Spirit to move in our Parish. All are welcome. If you are unable to join us, please pray wherever you are.

**Monday Night Study Group**
Meets Monday fortnightly in a warm and friendly Charteris Bay home. The upcoming meeting dates are May 5 & 19 and June 2, 16 & 30. For further details, please contact Bruce Beckett on 329 4422.

**Gamma Home Group**
Meets Monday weekly in a warm and friendly Diamond Harbour home. For further details, please contact Ross Fountain on 329 4202.

**Baby & Toddlers Group**
Fortnightly on a Tuesday, a coffee and support group for parents and caregivers of babies and infants aged 0-36 months in the Church Hall from 10-12 noon. Please contact Wendy on 329 4483 or 021 154 1434 for further information. Upcoming dates: May 6, 21 and June 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.

**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

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

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**Updated Hours**

*New: Monday mornings with Dr Bronwyn Graham*

**Monday**
9am to 12noon  Dr Bronwyn Graham  
3pm to 6.45pm  Dr Peter Davies

**Tuesday**
9am to 12noon  Dr Charlotte Clifton  
4pm to 7pm  Dr Charlotte Clifton

**Wednesday**
8.15am to 11.45am Dr Peter Davies

**Thursday**
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**New Patients Welcome**

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Manuka Honey from Purau organic production $20/kg or lesser amounts. Floral Mix Honey from Lyttelton organic production $15/kg or lesser amounts. Ph 329 3005.

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Windows 7 laptops
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Doggie Bootcamps
We pick up your pet from home in the morning, take them out for the day and drop them back in the afternoon. We spend time walking on the lead individually and as part of a pack and have free time at a safe place such as a dog park, beach or forest. Ph 027 773 0036.

Outdoor Fitness
Outdoor Boot Camp Fitness with Mike at 6:30am Mon, Wed and Fri, all year round. Ph 329 4647 or mikecatton@mac.com.

Services offered
Handyman home services are offered on the sunny side of the harbour. Home maintenance, building repairs, painting, fencing and some plumbing as well as section tidyng. Affordable rates. Ph Jim 328 8274 or 027 226 4548.

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