SUPER-HERO STEPS OUT IN DIAMOND HARBOUR

The blue and red cloaked costume, the black shin-high boots, the dark kiss-curl of hair above masked eyes, the cleft chin – he oozed super-humanity. The crowd that had gathered around him looked up at that face in awe. He was taller than they. And wider. Much wider. In fact, width was his outstanding feature - as that blue and red spandex suit did it’s best to contain. The cleft chin flattered the wobbling double below it; drooping pectorals gazed forlornly down at a waist of alarming equatorial magnitude. This belly itself loomed over hidden, once famous, blue Jockeys. And thighs dimpled where they should have flexed.

Flatman gazed down sadly at the upturned faces of hope. As always they looked to him for help. But he needed theirs more. He needed to explain.

You see before you, he informed them, the former Flatman of Christchurch. You see the saviour of the needy and undernourished. He gestured towards the distant city. How is it, you are asking yourselves, that the Masked Milkman, the Caped Cookieman, has left his post to live bloated among the good people of DiamondHarbourville.

Yes. How is that? asked a helpful voice.

Let me explain, explained Flatman. Temptation. That was my undoing. All that delivering of foodstuffs. Well, it was - uh - hungry work, he shrugged with a self-deprecatory smile, and I have a Super appetite.

Have you come over here to remove yourself from temptation Flatman? suggested an intuitive local.

Please, Fatman – I deserve it. But yes. It was my plan to come Flatman?

Flatman?

Have you come over here to remove yourself from temptation Flatman? suggested an intuitive local.

Then you have come to the right place, averred a loyal DiamondHarbourvilleenne, for we are famous for the many vistas that surprise the eye of the unsuspecting visitor at every turn.

That may so, sighed the Creped Crusader, but I have failed to shed a single ounce since my arrival these 3 weeks ago.

How can this be? enquired the incredulous loyalist.

Great Galloping Gumboots! roared Flatman, If only it was that easy! Have you tried to walk these footpaths? he challenged. First, they are too narrow. I imagine that they were originally designed to accommodate two people passing in opposite directions. But now they do not. So one party has to take to the road and risk oncoming traffic. God knows how school or home-bound children get on. An innocent ramble approaching me in my present condition, might well become road-kill.

This may be true, admitted a defiant voice, but years of caution have taught us to become vigilant and nimble-footed.

Then I am in awe of you. said Flatman angrily, Even I, wearing Kryptonite Komfs, cannot keep my nimble feet dry, clean and unskidding in the mud that oozes onto your walkways from Nature’s drainage system. Yeah, well, that’s Nature’s way innit? countered a man on crutches. And Man has tools to fix these ills. Flatman’s eyes lifted to the hills and the city beyond. How hard would it be to gutter both sides of your pavements, to attack those encroaching embankments, to slash back that untrammelled foliage that threatens the unwary eyes...?

He stepped through the crowd his jowled jaw jutting assertively. Turning back, he was heard to say Fear not Earthlings. I will speak with City Hall!

With that he began a tottering run towards take-off. With one small bound he made it to the pavement, slipped, slid from it onto the road. Just as the sheep truck lumbered round the corner...

Should it ever have been necessary to demonstrate the accuracy of the early Incas stonemasons, the late Flatman could have been eased between the building stones of Machu Picchu.

SO WE PROBE OUR PAVEMENTS...

In deference to the now Very Flatman, we decided to seek out examples to support his claims. Admittedly the first step was to find the footpaths—there are numerous residential streets around here where the master road builders apparently considered pedestrians are just too pedestrian to warrant any consideration...

...although there is one 50m strip which actually has footpaths on both sides!

Once on track however it wasn’t hard for our intrepid investigators - John, Ron and Elaine - to prove that Flatman was definitely on the right path with his comments. See the evidence for yourself on pages 2 to 5!

Elaine

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WET, MUDDY AND VERY SLIPPERY

Opportunities abound to challenge the best of Kryptomite Komfs. Inadequate or non-existent drainage means water, mud, gravel and debris seep down to cover the footpaths. To avoid these areas one has no choice but to step out onto the road.

Left: A lone pedestrian has trouble getting through this particularly wet and narrow area. A pushchair has no chance — for Mum and Baby to avoid it they must venture right into the middle of the narrow curvy roadway to get past the large boat which is permanently parked here — it seems rather odd that someone who can afford such an expensive toy, is apparently unable to afford to pay for an appropriate park for it!

Above right: Even in the newer subdivisions many pavements are both wet and treacherously uneven, forcing older and less agile walkers onto the road. In the same area, the mangled pavement on the left has been that way for almost a decade and the one on the right about half that time. Even the hole, pile of earth and cones shown below have not changed since the leaking pipes below were repaired a couple of months ago.

PAVEMENT PROBE—HOW SAFE ARE OUR FOOTPATHS?
PAVEMENT PROBE contd

NARROWED BY ENCROACHING FOLIAGE

CROSSING THE ROAD—BLIND!

Q: Why didn’t the chicken cross the road?
A: Because it lived in Diamond Harbour... and was no longer a spring chicken!

But seriously, crossing Marine Drive/Purau Ave is no joke, especially for the older members of our community. Many, I suspect, reluctantly take their car, rather than their life in their hands by going on foot – and are thus denied the pleasure of a healthy stroll down to the village, church, friends or wherever.

Almost every public destination/amenity in Diamond Harbour (Church Bay Store, Fire Station, Church, Cafés, Post Office, Ferry, Community Hall, Toy Library, Library, Rugby Club and sports field, Memorial Gardens, Medical Centre, Playcentre, Bowls and Croquet clubs) is situated below Marine Drive/Purau Ave – on the opposite side from the narrow, inadequate footpath.

Those lucky residents who live above Marine Drive/Purau Ave only have to risk their lives twice when walking down and back from the village – while those living below must make the perilous crossing 4 times.

Mirrors (which our arrogant council has decided are bad for us) are extremely helpful for pedestrians too; but even if they are all reinstated there will still be too few places where a sufficient length of road is visible in both directions.

There is however a very obvious, and affordable, solution: pedestrian crossings strategically situated wherever people need to cross Marine Drive. When they are close to a bend, signs can be placed before the bend alerting motorists to the unseen crossing. Too many drivers, in their rush to get to town – or home again – behave as if the road belongs to them and pedestrians have no right to be on it. Pedestrian crossings are a statement that they do have that right and that drivers need to be aware of them and allow them safe passage. Ron

A DEATH-DEFYING PROSPECT!

The pedestrian’s view of crossing from...
A: Marine Drive footpath to Ranui Crescent
B: Ranui Crescent to Marine Drive footpath
C: from Upper to Lower Whero Ave
D: from Lower to Upper Whero Ave or to Marine Drive footpath

Left: The driver of this car is obviously very much aware of the dangers of crossing our roads—the vehicle is parked overnight with two wheels on the Marine Drive footpath while there is a very adequate, easily accessible parking area less that 20m away — but it is on the other side of the road!

Turn the page to read what local groups have to say about our footpaths, and Christchurch City Council’s response to our questions about who is responsible for keeping our footpaths safe and accessible.
**Playcentre is finding it very difficult these days, because our usual access from the car park is closed due to logging. So we have to walk across the very slippery ground from the Community Hall carpark to the gate on the rugby ground side which has turned into a mudslide. Several mums have gone for a slide there – so far no one has been hurt. We are hoping that the council will kindly put in some steps as it is a real hazard at the moment.**

**To walk to Playcentre along the roadway, you have to either cross on the bend or cross before and walk without a footpath – both of which are dangerous with little ones.**

**It would be good to have traffic lights at the Diamond Harbour school crossing as most cars don’t stop even when you are standing there and that’s why some of us are still walking/driving our kids to school.**

**Annabelle Wear**

**CCC RESPOND TO OUR QUESTIONS**

**Who is responsible for....**

- **Inadequate drainage allowing water, mud and gravel to drain onto the footpaths from property frontages?**
  Not all of Banks Peninsula is rated for land drainage, however properties must not discharge mud and gravel to footpaths, drains and sumps. The Council will accept stormwater from the road and from approved private stormwater laterals.

- **Foliage on property frontages protruding onto or over the footpath?**
  Property owners must not allow their vegetation to impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

- **Damage to surfaces caused by general wear and tear, weather etc., or by contractors?**
  Normal maintenance is the responsibility of Council. Property owners are responsible for any damage that their contractors incur.

- **Provision of footpaths?**
  Provision of footpaths are controlled by the City Plan. Additional footpath programmes will be as per the Long Term Plan. See: www.ccc.govt.nz/thecouncil/policiesreportsstrategies/ltccp/index.aspx

**Note:** Council is technically the owner of public parks and reserves etc. and as such assumes ownership responsibilities as above for these properties. In the case of private property, the individual owners are fully responsible.

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Tanz—A Mum on a Mission. . . .

Tania Bennett, known to many as Tanz, is campaigning hard to have the missing section of footpath in James Drive completed urgently. It seems that during the formation of the subdivisions on Church Bay headland certain aspects cost more than expected and funds were not available to lay the section of pavement between the two ends of Emerson Crescent. James Drive is the main road on the headland but is also narrow with numerous bends and a few hills. For the pedestrian walking northwards, the footpath ends abruptly and does not restart for a couple of hundred metres, forcing walkers onto the road in the face of vehicles coming over the hill and round the corner!

It is just too dangerous for our children to walk too and from school unaccompanied, says Tania. No wonder most parents choose to drive their kids to school, which just adds to the congestion there, creating yet another hazard for youngsters. Not surprisingly, Tania’s quest has the support of other parents in the vicinity and she would love to hear from anyone else who feels this is a worthwhile cause. Please email Tania at tanzee@xtra.co.nz or phone 329 3327.

. . . While Trish Leads the Charge to Legalise Our Jetty

An accident suffered by an elderly visitor on the slippery steps of the Diamond Harbour wharf recently was the last straw for Trish Forbes. Access to and from the ferry at Diamond Harbour is sub-standard. Not only are the steps currently unsafe but also there is no wheelchair access, even though this is a legal requirement. In addition this makes it extremely difficult for the elderly and for parents with pushchairs. Trish is seeking your support for this issue. Phone her on 329 4629.

Supermarket Potential for Grocery Deliveries to DH

The opening of the sparkling new SuperValue Supermarket in Lyttelton has triggered investigations into the possibility of grocery deliveries to Diamond Harbour via the ferry. Supermarket Manager, Rob de Their, is keen to proceed and investigations are currently underway with Black Cat Cruises and local groups here to determine the viability of such a project. While this is still in the very early stages, Diamond Harbour Neighbourhood Support would like to hear from anyone who feels such an arrangement would be of benefit to them. Please contact Elaine at dhshq@gmail.com or 329 4512.
400 Cancer Society volunteers from across Canterbury and the West Coast have been named the overall winners of the 2014 Minister of Health Volunteer Awards. The awards celebrate the volunteers whose commitment, dedication and hard work improve the quality of lives of New Zealanders.

This is the first time an overall award recipient has been chosen, in recognition of an individual or a team of volunteers who stand out. As the inaugural recipient of the Health Volunteer of the Year award, the Cancer Society’s Rural Groups stood out for the impact they have made on the lives of hundreds of New Zealanders in South Island rural communities, over many years, with several groups more than 30 years old, and spread over great distances across Canterbury and the West Coast.

The Canterbury West Coast Division comprises nineteen rural support groups involving more than 400 volunteers. This dedicated group of people ferry rural cancer patients to appointments, deliver meals and baking, provide companionship and help raise awareness of a disease that affects one in three New Zealanders. Their work is greatly valued by cancer patients and their families.

The team is also the winner of the Community or NGO Health Service Team Award.

Health Minister Tony Ryall presented the award at a celebration in Wellington this afternoon as part of National Volunteer Week, along with awards to outstanding achievers.

DIAMOND HARBOUR LOCALS FEATURE IN HONOURS AWARDS:

OFFICER OF THE NEW ZEALAND ORDER OF MERIT—NIGEL PRIESTLEY

In the Queen’s Birthday Honours announced at the beginning of June, Diamond Harbour’s Professor MJN Priestley was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for his services to structural and earthquake engineering. Nigel, as he is most widely known, has been working in this field for 45 years. During his career he has written several books and numerous research and technical papers for which he has received more than 30 awards and been honoured by several overseas universities. His work and outstanding leadership in the field of seismic engineering has influenced engineering practices worldwide.

Following the Christchurch earthquakes he provided invaluable expertise, both as a key witness to the Royal Commission of Inquiry and in the investigation into the collapse of various CBD buildings.

Nigel and wife, Jan, say they have been somewhat overwhelmed by the influx of congratulatory messages. The Herald is delighted, on behalf of everyone in the community, to add our message of congratulations to the many already received by Nigel and his wife Jan from throughout New Zealand and beyond.

DH LOCAL ACCEPTS AWARD ON BEHALF OF CANCER SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS

Cancer Society volunteers Diana Reid (Malvern - left) and Phyl Heal (Diamond Harbour - right) with Minister Tony Ryall.

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Tony Lester – a Tribute

Anthony Spenser Lester died on 30 May, 2014, but there is no need to refer to him other than as Tony in this community.

A retired master mariner who settled in Marama Terrace, Tony very quickly filled his days with activity. He became president of the Historical Association and was, I believe, heavily involved with the restoration of the tugboat Lyttelton. He played a big part in the New Zealand Boy Scout movement and received high honours from that movement. However, the thing that he will be most warmly remembered for here was his role in the restoration of Stoddart Cottage which, at the time of his arrival had been badly neglected. This was coupled with his interest in the story of the Stoddart family and provided the detailed information that enabled Tony Morrison to write his play about the Stodddarts that was performed in the Hall by the DH Merry-Makers to full houses.

The Restoration of the Cottage was no easy task. It involved getting together a dedicated team of helpers, negotiations with the owners, then the Banks Peninsula District Council, the Historic Places Trust and applying for grant funds from various sources. All this Tony accomplished, his helpers eventually becoming the core members of The Friends of Stoddart Cottage Inc. Until the earthquakes, the restored Cottage became one of the well-known features of Diamond Harbour.

The way it was—and will be again.

Thank you, Tony. Others will now take over the work of a different type of restoration, inspired by what you achieved.

John Riminton

Stoddart Cottage Restoration

The effects of the earthquakes on Stoddart Cottage have been more far-reaching than the actual damage to the fabric and its closure to the public and Trustees.

A brief word about the Trustees. They were originally appointed under the Charitable Trust Act on 17 November, 1998, their purpose being to administer, maintain and develop the property known as Stoddart Cottage and the surrounding garden, and to provide other support and assistance consistent with this charitable purpose. (Trust Deed).

The original six Trustees were the signatories to the Trust Deed. Of these, one has died (Tony Lester) and three have left the district, leaving only John Mills and myself as Trustees still in the district.

There were some changes after 1998; John and I withdrew as Trustees and, as Trustee minutes of meetings have been difficult to locate, it is not entirely clear who was in charge at the time of the earthquakes.

At that time the Trust was getting income from the activities of Annie Baxter's Victorian Teas and from occasional rentals to local artists and arts groups for exhibitions. This income, of course, stopped as soon as the Cottage was damaged. It also meant that there was nothing for the Trustees to do. Meetings stopped and interest lapsed until an informal meeting was convened on February 2 this year with Adrian Te Patu in the Chair. This meeting invited representatives of various arts groups in the district to nominate persons who might be willing to serve as future Trustees. That Group met on March 2 from which a new Board of Trustees has been appointed.

The March 2 meeting of Trustees welcomed Sue Mather, Community Facilities and Activities Advisor to the CCC. From her the Trustees learned that the CCC agenda for Feb 27 2014 included reference to the Cottage and that the next steps for the repair of the Cottage would be the award of a Design Contract as a preliminary to the preparation of a detailed design. It was also suggested that those requirements, and the completion of the work might take up to two years.

The present Trustees are very aware of the forthcoming 150th Anniversary of the Cottage but there seems little point in celebrating that while the Cottage is still closed to the public. Meeting in June, the Trustees felt that the opening of the Cottage would be the appropriate time to celebrate that event and ideas will be solicited from various interested arts and other groups as to the best way to recognise the event. That is where things stand at present.

John Riminton

The way it was—and will be again.
Playcentre Wants Your Old Clothes

Playcentre is raising funds to create outdoor play spaces, so we need any clean used or new clothes, bedding, linen, shoes and accessories, which we then take in to the Pink Bag Project People who will give us some money depending on how much we can gather.

Please drop off items to Playcentre at 20 Purau Ave, (next to the Bowling Club) during session times (Mon, Wed & Thurs during term time, 9.15–11.45 am).

We would be grateful for any support! Thank you. We have until the end of July to collect clothing. Any queries contact Annybelle 329 3078.

We also visited the Canterbury Museum’s Body in Action display, which had a giant human mouth children could venture right through.

And lastly a successful and fun trip to Pukeko new entrant class at Diamond Harbour School.

We have a planning meeting before the beginning of each term with Annya our fantastic Educator, where parents decide what key learning and activities they would like to see take place.

If you would like the chance to be a big part of your child’s development, bring your little ones along for a visit, the first 3 visits are free. 0–6 years welcome, session times are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (during term time) from 9.15–11.45am. Phone 329 4515.

We have had a few music sessions with the instruments out. We sing songs and do a bit of an impromptu music bash. In the kitchen we made some very delicious chocolate lollipops, which were enjoyed by all.

Outings for the term included a trip to Westburn Bike Park in Burnside, where the children got to bike or trike around a realistic street system.

From the children’s perspective it has been business as usual with lots of exploring, sharing and developing new skills at Playcentre.

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Diamond Harbour Rugby Club Quiz

A huge thanks to everyone for attending our quiz. It was a great night hosted by Adrian Te Patu reading some great questions and during the breaks conducting a quick auction of Mike Cron’s donated rugby gear. There was frantic bidding for his size 13 boots, but with two pairs available there were two happy recipients! And his personally monogrammed rugby bag brought in some good funds too.

A special thanks to Millers Lane and the Ranui Ramblers for contributing their winnings back to the Club. This shows that our renowned and continued community spirit is alive and well.

And another big thank you to all who supported the raffles and to the Chalfont Café, Godley Café and Church Bay Services for selling our raffles on their premises.

Congratulations to Joce Haley who won the Hamper and Dayle McKinley who won the Firewood.

Another special mention to our best dressed table, The Witches of Eastwick, complete with smouldering cauldron. A huge effort - thanks girls!

Thank you to all our sponsors who donated prizes: ITM Dyers Road, Godley Café, Placemakers, Sebel Furniture, Anderson and Hill Sports, Blackcat Ferry, Mike Cron, Sweet As, the Morrison Family and Dave Hughey Builders.

Thanks to James Dixon and our committee who contributed their time and prizes – a great effort! 

Lindy

DH & Districts Health Support

On Saturday morning 14th June the AGM of the Diamond Harbour & Districts Health Support group was held in the Stage room with a small number of the local community.

The committee for the next 12 months is Chair: Jean Burford; Secretary: Ross Fountain; Treasurer: Richard Robertson. Committee members: Mahony May, Nicky Palmer, Ruth Willis, Colin McLeod and Malcolm Pearson.

Anyone who would like a copy of the AGM minutes please contact the Secretary. If you have any matters regarding the Medical Centre building or grounds please contact one of the committee.

Ross Fountain

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Lindy
Rule No 1: Trust No One!

One of the unfortunate things about computers is that the vast majority of users have absolutely no idea what is really happening behind the words and images that appear on their computer screen... making them vulnerable — most especially on the internet.

Once it was only criminals and the unscrupulous who exploited our innocence/ignorance for their gain. However, the standard of commercial morality/ethics has sunk so low over recent years that virtually every internet company/business has succumbed to dishonesty, trickery and pulling the wool over our eyes in some form or another. They would probably claim in their defence that since their competitors do it, they have no choice but to sink to the lowest common denominator.

So rule number one on the internet is trust no one! If you are being offered something — be it a free download or simply entertainment/amusement — whoever is offering it has an angle, a scheme to somehow make money out of it. The trick is to figure out how they are making money out of you — that at least way you have a choice: you may be happy to pay the price (like the adverts one endures on television); you may be able to find a clever way to avoid paying the price — or you may simply decide that the price is too high and change channels.

The analogy to television is particularly apt in the case of the big internet league: Google, Microsoft and Yahoo with their search engines, news, sports, entertainment, cloud storage, chat, social networking, maps and more. Just like television they give you all these goodies in order to deliver you to their advertisers.

Want to have all that nice free stuff and skip the commercials? Easy, install an add-on to block adverts — Ad Block for Chrome or Ad Block Plus for Firefox. If you are still using Internet Explorer you are just asking for trouble — it is the prime target and most vulnerable browser to viruses/malware. Every few months some new new security flaw surfaces prompting governments to advise their citizens to stop using it. Plus, it does not have the vast ecosystem of add-ons to block adverts, make the internet safer (and much more) that you will find in Chrome and Firefox.

In their struggle for market share and dominance of the internet these companies resort to underhanded methods to get you to use their software. When you install Skype (acquired by Microsoft a couple of years back) if you do not have your wits about you, apart from installing non-paying the price... or you may simply decide that the price is too high and change channels.

Why doesn’t your anti-malware software stop this from happening — or at least warn me — you ask? Because they are all colluding in this new morality, which redefines unscrupulous as clever/sharp business practice. There is even a name for all the dross which is installed unsolicited on your computer: PUP — Potentially Unwanted Program. Try downloading Malwarebytes Anti-malware (when you first run it un-tick the box to enable the free trial of the premium (paid) version... yep... them too!) A Malwarebytes scan will find the PUPs — and quarantine (get rid of) them for you.

All the companies mentioned above are supposedly reputable... just imagine what the really bad guys are doing... and trust no one!

Ron

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**COMPUTER HELPDESK**

**Rule No 1: Trust No One!**

Computers are a vital part of our daily lives, but they can also be a source of frustration and confusion. Here are some tips to help you navigate the world of computer security and privacy:

1. **Use a strong password:** Make sure your password is unique and difficult to guess. Use a mix of letters, numbers, and symbols.
2. **Enable two-factor authentication:** This adds an extra layer of security by requiring a second form of identification in addition to your password.
3. **Keep your software up to date:** Regular updates include security patches to protect against vulnerabilities.
4. **Avoid suspicious links:** Do not click on links from unknown sources, as they may contain malware.
5. **Be cautious with downloads:** Only download files from trusted sources.
6. **Use a reputable antivirus program:** Keep your system protected with a reliable antivirus software.
7. **Be cautious when sharing information:** Be mindful of the information you share online and with whom.
8. **Regularly backup your data:** Regularly backing up your data ensures that you can recover it in case of data loss.
9. **Keep your privacy settings:** Be aware of the privacy settings on your social media accounts and adjust them accordingly.
10. **Educate yourself:** Stay informed about the latest threats and best practices for computer security.

Remember: Trust no one, especially online! Always be cautious and protect your personal information.

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VET-SPOT

The Internet & Google: The Good the Bad and the Ugly

I’ve been privileged to have recently visited Ireland. My brother and his family have lived there for the past 9 years, and this was my first trip over to see them. I had very limited internet while there - I didn’t take my laptop or cell phone with me, and stayed in a holiday cottage and then a friend of the family’s house, so besides the occasional Skype call back to New Zealand using my nephew’s iPad, I fasted from Facebook and the like for a couple of weeks.

It was quite refreshing, and upon reconnecting with the digital world, it feels like I’ve not missed a great deal. On the flight back I read an article in a Bangkok newspaper about how the columnist had been sent an email from her vet with her dog’s biopsy report on a mass that had been removed. The vet had not yet had time to phone to discuss it, so in the meantime she turned to Professor Google to try to make sense of what she’d read.

She then started to panic as many references to cancer began to pop up. She almost became convinced that her dog only had months to live. Later when the vet phoned, she was told it was in fact only inflammatory changes that would resolve with time. I remember a colleague in Cape Town years ago bemoaning the internet as a source of misleading information. He was a veterinary dermatologist and was often presented with a diagnosis the client had found online before he’d even examined the animal.

I wouldn’t go so far as to say that all information we find online is misleading, but I do believe we have to become good at filtering what we find using God’s Own Official Guide to Locating Everything as some would say Google stands for. In the case of veterinary information we are trained to make sense of and interpret what we are reading, also we have access to peer reviewed articles that are not available to the general public. This would be equally true of other fields as well.

On the plus side it is now so quick and easy to search for information. When I watch my children browsing the internet for their projects I often think back to my school and university days spent referencing the library for books and magazines, often having to use index cards to find what I needed. I also really appreciate the ease of communication the internet has produced, especially with most of my family living overseas. I’m also grateful for spell checking – I’m writing this at 5am attempting to overcome jet-lag and allow my normal circadian rhythms to resume, so I need more than the usual help!

I suppose another benefit of the internet is the ability to update information on developments instantly. We moved this week to 3328 Christchurch-Akaroa Rd just past the Birdlings Flat turn-off. By the time you read this our grand opening on the 28th June will have been and gone; but still feel free to pop in when you’re next passing (you won’t miss our sign!) and we can show you around. We’ve doubled our space and have a much bigger range of stock available, also you no longer need to negotiate our driveway on Breitmeyers Rd.

Paul
RECIPE
Appenzeller Walnut Gipfel – A Secret Recipe

When I lived in Switzerland I knew a bakery which made a very special nut croissant, the thought of which always makes my mouth water. The recipe is a closely guarded secret, and even Google was not much help. I finally ferreted out the recipe, and with a little improvisation managed to produce a very nice sweet and healthy treat – not identical, but very close to that delightful gipfel of my memory.

Method
Put flour in large bowl. Crumble in the yeast (or sprinkle dried yeast over).
Pour ½ cup of warm milk and 1 tsp sugar into middle, put it aside, or let rise for 30 min.
Mix all filling ingredients together adding just enough to make it rollable (not liquid).
Roll out dough to 3mm. Make rectangles 20cm x 10cm and spread 30g of filling on each piece. Roll up the long sides and use egg yolk to close edges. Place seam down onto baking paper, pressing lightly to flatten. Let sit for 20 mins. Then bake at 180°C for 25 mins, or longer – until light brown in colour.
Cool to lukewarm, and brush some liquid butter onto them, and roll in sugar.

These are straight croissants without the familiar bend.

Variations: Try with grated apple, zest of lemons and ground hazelnuts/ almonds. All good... but not quite like the taste of walnuts.

En guete appetit.

Franziska

Dough ingredients
500g flour 30g fresh yeast or 1 tbsp dried yeast
80g sugar 125ml luke warm milk
80g butter 2 eggs 1 tsp salt

Filling ingredients
1 tbsp ground cloves (or allspice if you don’t have cloves)
250g ground walnut 80g sugar 2 tsp ground cinnamon
zest of 2 lemons 2 tbsp of kirsch (cherry liquor)
125ml milk flour to roll out
1 egg yolk for pasting 30g Butter for pasting
sugar to roll into

Character Crosswords

CLUES - Hint: Several clues relate to the month of July

Across
1 Those awaiting approval in their position (12)
9 Nut-like fruit of the tree Pistacia vera (9)
10 Something of value (5)
11 Hereditary social class in South Asia (5)
13 Lack (7)
14 Subatomic negative particle (8)
16 Presents (5)
18 Odd (5)
19 Historic French prison (8)
22 Reaches (7)
23 Wilt (5)
25 Tree-dwelling marsupial (5)
28 Freedom from control by others (12)

Down
1 Invasive or troublesome organisms (5)
2 Eggs (3)
3 Point in Earth’s orbit when farthest from the Sun (8)
4 Line on map joining points of equal atmospheric pressure (6)
5 Myopic (11)
6 Unforgiving (9)
7 Native American in southwest US (6)
8 Pressure (6)
12 Wipe out (11)
15 Ophthalmological condition (9)
17 Fluid-filled mattress (8)
18 Fraudulent doctors (6)
20 Uncover (6)
21 Attain freedom (6)
24 Gas that absorbs UV light in upper atmosphere (5)
27 Low melting point metal (3)

June Solution

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LIVING WELL

To Do, To Have or To Be

We often get caught up in to do lists. Do the shopping, check your emails, get your WOF done. The list is endless. Some people write to have lists, full of things they want to buy – a big house, a nice car, or the latest smart TV.

However, to me, the best kind of list is a to be list. Instead of outlining the things you wish you get done, or the things you’d like to have, a to be list outlines the way you want to be in life. For example, I want to be a great parent for my children, I want to be enjoying nature on a regular basis, or I want to be effective at work. To be items should be things that we love, things we enjoy, ways of life that feel good to us. They should match our values and all those things that are most important to us.

To be items can then be used as a starting point to guide us in our day to day behaviours and things we choose to do or have in our lives. For example, if a person wants to be continually learning and growing, they might choose to do courses or invest in books to support that. If a person wants to be a great parent, they may wish to focus on playing with their children more or helping them with their homework. What is important about these actions is that they are generated as a result of what is most important to us, and it therefore feels good to do them. That way we ensure our to do lists and to have lists are coming from our hearts, rather than us just doing things out of necessity or because its what society expects of us.

Robyn

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“If it’s BIG, we will move it!”

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I’ve mentioned this before but one of the things I love about the Timebank is the interesting people I get to meet. I met Antje last year when she popped over to one of my Godley Café drop-ins to introduce herself. Antje was already a Timebank member, having joined up while living in Governors Bay. When Antje’s husband Andreas was keen to join up and mentioned some of the skills he could offer I decided I needed to interview this multi-talented couple and find out more.

Antje, Andreas and their five sons (ranging from 18 to nearly 4) moved to Christchurch from Germany a week before the February earthquake. They then moved to Palmerston North for a year and lived in an area with lots of lifestyle blocks where everyone helped each other out. When they moved back to Christchurch they settled in Governors Bay and found it harder to meet people in the community so decided to join the Timebank as a way of meeting people.

I knew of the concept of timebanks because my mother had belonged to one in Germany, Antje says and I liked the idea of being able to get a treat such as a massage through Timebank as this would otherwise be a bit of a luxury.

Antje, who is the pastoral chaplain at Marian College, had taught herself to make cheese while living in Palmerston North so she decided to offer mozzarella and feta cheese making course as a Timebank trade. She has now run about 5 mozzarella classes and one feta class and has plans to run some more feta classes over here.

Because Antje doesn’t need all the credits she earns from these classes she donates most of the credits to the Diamond Harbour Community Treasure Chest.

Antje also offers to be a doula (someone who provides spiritual, emotional and physical support during pregnancy and birth) as well as breastfeeding advice, and, on a slightly different tack, CV writing advice.

Andreas is an industrial chemist providing applications and sales for a scientific equipment company. He’s also a bit of a DIY-er and has a home-made telescope through which planets can be viewed close enough to be able to see details such as Saturn’s rings.

Andreas is keen to offer astronomy nights where planets and stars can be identified and viewed, as well as offering advice to anyone wanting to build their own telescope.

Andreas is also happy to offer technical advice for PC owners, and a sausage-making workshop (chorizo, bratwurst) is in the pipeline.

Antje and Andreas have a lot to offer other Timebank members and have been grateful to receive in return gardening advice and help with transporting the children once when Antje was sick. They have also been able to participate in a Walking Festival event using Timebank credits, and a coffee-roasting workshop.

Emergency childcare is something that they would be interested in receiving, for times when Andreas is away for work and their older sons are not available.

Want to join the Timebank and learn about astronomy, or sausage and cheese-making? Drop in to Godley Café on (most) Wednesday mornings between 9 and 11 or go to www.lyttelton.net.nz/timebank to sign up.

Sarah

FROM THE WRITERS’ GROUP

The Universe
by Patricia Shannon

The universe, it is immense, the universe, it is intense. Indeed it’s whole creation is beyond our imagination.

It holds planets, stars and the like and occasionally a meteor will strike, on the moon or here below, where and when we’ll never know.

The universe, it is immense, the universe, it is intense.

Where does it come from, where does it end?

To find it’s origin a fortune is being spent.

Scientists search for clues, each of them with different views.

They use this big machine in Cern, for some of us a great concern.

What will they find, what will they achieve?

What do they want us to believe?

Has earth been formed by explosions?

There are many questions and lots of emotions.

The universe, it is immense, the universe, it is intense.

Planet earth only the littlest thing, hiking along on a planetary ring.

Like a small butterfly, a tiny blue dot in the sky. Its powers underestimated, its beauty at times eradicated.

One small change in the universe and who knows what will emerge? It may alter our whole world in fact, it could create a butterfly-effect.
WEATHER WATCH

More or Less Normal!

What a relief it's been to wake up, day after day, and find it hasn't been raining! Or if it has, it hasn't been much. The second week of June had some rainy days, but with one exception, June 9, when I measured 20mm, the amounts weren't large. Instead, the days have been mostly sunny - after the morning cloud has cleared, and before the evening cloud has moved in!

For people whose gardens face the sun, this has meant that some vegetables have grown very satisfactorily. For those like me, whose veggie garden is rather shaded, not too much has happened. Well, a few broad beans have sent up tentative shoots, but I suspect it may be necessary to re-sow them if I'm to get a reasonable crop. My spring bulbs also seem rather reluctant to appear. In contrast, a neighbour whose garden is totally sheltered, has had an abundance of jonquils.

This reluctance to grow is probably a result of all that rain we had in March and April. The soil has never really dried out since, in spite of the sunshine that we've been enjoying lately. I'm just hoping that the reluctance of some of the bulbs to appear doesn't mean that they've rotted in the wet soil. The sunshine should have helped, but checking the summary of weather readings in The Press, it's clear that temperatures for the month, including soil temperatures, have been a bit lower than is normal. The grass minimum at the airport is markedly lower than the average, and while conditions over here in the harbour are by no means identical with those in the city, it is probable that we've been affected in the same way, if not to the same degree.

Rainfall figures have definitely been different in the harbour compared to the airport. To date, the airport has recorded approximately twice the rain that we've had over here. I'm sure I'm not the only one who left home on a fine morning, headed for town, only to discover as they went over Dyers Pass that the plains were covered in cloud! As frequently happens, the hills have protected us from the worst of the wet weather.

Comparing this June's temperatures with those in previous years gives a little surprise. Global Warming is a topic that occupies space in the news from time to time, so the mild days might be considered to be a confirmation that it is happening. However, the records show that while the average temperature for this month is one of the higher that I've recorded, it is by no means out of the range for the last few years. In both 2003 and 2004 the average temperature for June was around 9.5°C, whereas this year it's just a little under 9°C.

From 2005 to 2010 average temperatures only just exceeded 7°C. To the time of writing, the average this month is 8.94°C. Some really warm weather in the next few days might change that, but it seems unlikely. The days have mostly been pleasant, with temperatures of 11°C or more, but at night the they've dropped to single figures, and on a couple of nights as low as 3°C. That's a few degrees warmer than it was in Christchurch!

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CONCERT

They are back after a successful Concert in 2013
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Sunday July 6 at 2pm in the Diamond Harbour Hall
Lianne Eveleens: flute, William McNeill: french horn
Martin Roberts: cello, Andrew Robinson: violin
Accompanied by: Cheuky Chan
Works by Mozart, Haydn, Schumann, Gaubert Bloch and others

This group of friends is putting on a musical afternoon for your enjoyment, the proceeds of which will go towards their study funds
Entry by donation. Suggested $15 adult, seniors $10 school age $5, pre-schoolers free, family $30

DH Historical Association
Next meeting: Tuesday July 8 at 8pm in the Stage Room
John Riminton’s talk is entitled The establishment of the Christchurch Clinical School
All welcome. Jan Studholme

Our Library
Our Library has a lot more to offer than books. You can hire a DVD, music CD or talking book to listen to. We also have jigsaw puzzles to swap and magazines to borrow. Membership is free and you can use any of the Christchurch City Libraries, borrowing up to 30 items at a time.
We have free internet computers and free WiFi access.
Did you know that you can reserve items from home? All you need is your library card and a pin number (ask at the library if you do not have one). This service is free for children and $2 for adults.

Check out our Library Website www.christchurchcitylibraries.com for booklists, recommended reads, family history, business resources, online newspapers, ebooks, homework help and other fun and educational stuff.

Our library also has a photocopy machine which can scan documents and print up to A3 size. A4 black and white copies are 20c and colour copies $2.
You are welcome to come down any time the library is open — Library Hours:
Tuesday: 2-7pm Thursday: 10am-2pm
Friday: 2-4pm Saturday: 10am-12noon
Our next PreSchool Storytime is on July 17 at 10am. All welcome. Christine

Diamond Harbour Volunteer Fire Brigade invites you to
Meet the Crew
Saturday July 19
9 am until midday
* Come and see the new Fire Medical Vehicle - a world-leading design, coming to us first!
* See the live fire kitchen safety presentation.
* Meet brigade members and look around the fire station.
* Find out if joining us is right for you.

Diamond Harbour Camera Club
The July Camera Club meeting will be on Tuesday July 15 at 7.30pm in the Stage Room
Everyone welcome. Visitors: $3 donation. Rouke

Woolfun Day at Bergli
Next Woolfun Day is Saturday July 19
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Annabelle

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We/I need you. Phone me on 329 3006. Pleadingly yours Karen

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

It’s that time of year again! Daffodil Day is on Friday August 29. We will be out and about collecting for the Cancer Society. Please support this worthy cause.

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

Our annual film show will be held on Saturday the August 30 at St Andrews Church Hall. Doors open 7pm, movie starts at 7.30pm. Please come along for an entertaining evening and a glass of mulled wine. The film is Sunshine on Leath which is a great movie.

Joy Harding Secretary Cancer Support Group, DH

Poetry, Song and Food

Once again the Poetry and Singing Café Night is on. Keep Saturday August 30 free for an enjoyable night of food and culture at Godley Café.

Further details in the August Herald.

Joy McLeod

An Invitation

Diamond Harbour/Purau Garden Club

Invites Past Members to Afternoon Tea to celebrate our 75th Anniversary Meeting.

1st September at 1-30pm.

in the Rugby Club rooms.

Please phone Margaret 329-4713 or Beverley 329-3363.

“Looking forward to meeting and reminiscing.”

Road Cycling Group

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

With our new lady in the kitchen, Lisa, we have incorporated some yummy new counter food – also Eggs Benedict, Bacon & Egg Sandwiches and other “specials of the day”. Our full cooked breakfasts are now available on both Saturday and Sunday.

Friday night HAPPY HOUR 5-7.30pm

Pizza & Pint/Wine $20 - Fri 5-8pm

Roast Night Thursday - $20 roast & dessert from 6.30pm – still very popular, with “overseas” guests making regular appearances!! Don’t miss out, book by Tuesday evening on 329 4880 and “let us cook for you”. A huge thank you to all our regular supporters who have re-booked each Thursday from the very first roast night ... now that’s saying something!!

If your work or social group are planning a Mid-Year Christmas Function why not come and find out the options we are offering.

Have you see our new selection of lambskin, cowhide, possum fur accessories - vests, booties, purses & gorgeous bags? All locally made originals... treat yourself!

Interested in Time Bank? Sarah is at the café every Wed morning from 9-11 to answer your questions and join you up – pop on down and say hi!

With winter well and truly upon us we are now closing on Saturday at 5.30pm and Sunday 4.30pm. See you soon!!

Godley Café open Wed – Sunday – 329 4880 or check us out on Facebook for the latest events.
Meeting held Monday June 16

Public Forum

Jim Nieman attended the meeting to discuss our policy on trees, windfalls and clean up in Diamond Harbour and surrounding districts. Some of the fallen vegetation has been shredded and sent to Otroto Bradley Park. Maybe money from fallen logs can be used for new planting?

Perhaps we need to reinstate our Landscape Management Group to liaise between the community and CCC?

There are gullies, slips and erosion along the road to Purau. The tops from tree cutting are on the foreshore and have not been picked up. Fire risk could be an issue if we have a dry summer.

Paula suggested that people from the Rugby Club, Health Centre, Stoddart Cottage and the Community Hall could meet and discuss the problem of litter and trees around the area.

Hall Report

The Council is going to upgrade the heating in the Community Hall and also carry out some repairs both inside and out – this will include repairing the leaks to the Library roof. The hall made a greater profit from bookings this year and the money will also go towards some internal repairs. We agreed that heating is the main priority.

Dave Heath is going to take over the keys and hall bookings. More information about this in the next Herald.

Community Board Report

The Small Grants Assessments for the Lyttelton/Mount Herbert District invites applications for the Grants Committee. The Southern Bays are well supported by grants.

Paula made a submission on the Mataitai Reserve proposal for the Dunedin City Council. The sign on the village corner pointing to the medical centre, playground, library and car parks has been reinstated.

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DH VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Brigade Briefing

As mentioned in last month’s Herald, and featured on national television, Diamond Harbour has been selected to be the first brigade in New Zealand to trial the new Fire Medical Vehicle.

Last week four brigade members went to the National Training Centre in Rotorua to inspect and become familiar with this new multi-purpose vehicle. They have all returned with a very positive attitude and believe it will certainly be an asset for our community.

On Saturday July 19 we are opening up the fire station between 9am and midday and inviting you to come along and see it for yourself (see page 16). The New Zealand Fire Service CEO will be present together with the media. This is an event of national importance for the Fire Service and St John as it potentially marks a new era in the way communities like ours respond to emergencies.

As well as being able to see the new vehicle, there will be a live fire safety presentation and an opportunity to enquire about joining our brigade. We are currently looking for a number of new members.

David Rice

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CLASSIFIEDS

Situation Vacant
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**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Catholic Masses**

*Every Sunday at 5.30 pm*

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

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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.

**Soup Lunches**

Winter. Feeling shut in and want a warm lunch with friends you haven’t met yet?

Come for a soup lunch at 12.15pm at St Andrews Church Hall. Upcoming dates: Wednesday July 9 and then fortnightly through to the end of August.


**Monday Night Study Group**

Meets Monday fortnightly in a warm and friendly Charteris Bay home. The upcoming meeting dates are July 14 & 28; August 11 & 25. 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: July 1, 15 & 29; August 12 & 26.

**City Shopping Van**

The van runs on alternate Wednesdays. Upcoming dates are July 2, 16 & 30; August 13 & 27. 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.

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**HERALD CALENDAR**

**Art Group**:

Weds, 9.30am-12noon, Church Hall

**Baby & Toddlers**:

Tue Jul 15 & 29; Aug 12 & 26. p21

**Badminton**:

Weds, 7.30pm, Community Hall

**Ballet - Harbour Basin Dance**:

Sats, 9.15am, Hall.

**Bridge Club**:

Weds, 7pm, Bowling Club. Ph 329 4094.

**Camera Club**:

Tue Jul 15, 7.30pm, Stage Room. p16

**Cancer Support Daffodil Day**:

Aug 29. p17

**Church Notices**:

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**Classical Concert**:

Sun Jul 6, 2pm, Community Hall. p16

**DHICA**:

Mon Jul 21, 7.30pm, Committee Room.

**DH Fire Brigade - Meet the Crew**:

Sat Jul 19. p16

**Film Society**:

Thurs, 7.45pm, Stage Room

**Garden Club 75th**:

Mon Sep 1, Rugby Club. p17

**Harbour Singers**:

Weds, 7.45pm, Stage Room

**Historical Assn**:

Tue Jul 8, 8pm, Stage Room. p16

**Indoor Bowls**:

Weds, 7pm, Bowling Club. Ph 329 4094.

**Jazz - Harbour Basin Dance**:

Tues, 4pm, Hall.

**Ladies Probus**:

Mon Jul 14, 10am, Church Hall

**Library Story Time**:

Thurs 10am, p16

**Mens Probus**:

Wed Aug 7, 10am, DH Rugby Club

**Playcentre**:

Mon, Wed, Thu 9.15am-12noon. p16

**Poetry & Singing**:

Sat Jan 30, Godley Café. p17

**Running Group**:

Suns, 8am. p16

**Sea Scouts**:

Weds, 7.30pm, Church Hall.

**Soup Lunches**:

Jul 9, 23, Church Hall. p21

**Table Tennis**:

Thurs, 7.30pm, Church Hall. p21

**Tai Chi**:

Tues 11-12noon, Com Hall

**Tennis Club**:

Suns, 9.30am, Waipapa Courts

**Timebank Drop-in**:

Wed 9am Godley Café

**Toy Library**:

Sats 10am, Community Hall

**Yoga**:

Mon, 7pm. Ph/txt 329 3395 or 022 109 6681. p9

**Woolfun at Bergli**:

Sat Jul 19. p16

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