DIAMOND HARBOUR MEDICAL CENTRE WELCOMES TRAINEE INTERNS

The University of Otago’s Christchurch division of the Faculty of Medicine is keen to encourage young doctors to consider practicing in rural New Zealand and our Medical Centre has recently joined the program which involves Trainee Interns spending four weeks in a rural practice to gain first-hand knowledge of the challenges and benefits of being a country GP.

Diamond Harbour is ideally suited for this purpose being just far enough away from the city and truly country. Our efficient Medical Centre, the incorporated district nursing service, the diversity of our population and our strong community spirit all contribute to a valuable learning experience for trainees. Add in the easy commute for students from their Christchurch homes and the novelty of the ferry ride and it’s not surprising that there is already a queue of trainees wanting to do their rural rotation here. Doctor Pete and his team are all enthusiastic about having the young doctors-to-be in their midst and hope patients will also enjoy meeting them. Dr Davies explains: Patients should expect to see trainees here regularly from now on. But he assured you will always be asked if you are comfortable with the trainee being present during your consultation, and if you are not, please don’t hesitate to say so — it is your choice entirely.

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Nurses: Nicky Anna Petria
Reception/Admin: Jan Hogbin

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Monday 9am to 12noon Dr Bronwyn Graham
3pm to 6.45pm Dr Bronwyn Graham
Tuesday 11am to 7pm Dr Peter Davies
Wednesday 8.15am to 12noon Dr Peter Davies
Thursday No clinic
Friday 8.15am to 12noon Dr Peter Davies

New Patients Welcome

- AMIRUL WAS ONE OF THE FIRST

While there have been trainee nurses from CPIT at Diamond Harbour in the past, Amirul Asaf bin Sapawi was just the second doctor-to-be. Officially a trainee intern at the University of Otago Christchurch Faculty of Medicine, Amirul spent most of September at the Medical Centre and was thoroughly enjoying his rural rotation when we spoke to him there during his last week.

Home for Amirul is Malaysia and in introducing himself he explained that his surname is Asaf, but it is custom in Malaysia to add one’s father’s name as well thus Amirul Asaf bin Sapawi would translate as Amirul Asaf, son of Sapawi.

Amirul has been studying medicine in New Zealand for the last four years on a Malaysian government scholarship, which understandably means he is committed to returning to practice in his homeland where he plans to specialise in infectious diseases. The fact that he is probably unlikely to ever take up a position in a NZ rural medical centre hasn’t dampened his enthusiasm for the experience he has had in this country and particularly with the Diamond Harbour medical staff who in turn were delighted to have this personable young man with them for a month. Although Amirul confesses to being a bit concerned about his mastery of English grammar, he need not worry. As Dr Peter Davies commented, We were a bit worried at first that he might not get it, but there was no problem — he got it all!

Despite the restrictions of his scholarship’s rather meagre allowance of $100 a month, Amirul has been able to do a bit of sight-seeing in the South Island, but Diamond Harbour gave him a special first ever opportunity.

We have cattle and goats in my homeland but I had not seen a sheep until I came here. So getting close up and personal with a lamb on a Port Levy farm was really something. Even the lamb seemed to recognise the importance of the occasion and pricked up its ears and obediently posed for the photo.

The Diamond Harbour medical team are looking forward to meeting other Trainee Interns but reckon that Amirul has set a pretty high standard for them. Elaine
PLAYCENTRE NEWS

Kia Ora Tatou, Hello Everyone,

We have had some great things gifted to us this last month. We are now the proud holders of some computer technology. Thank you to the Whakaraupo Learning Community Cluster for the gift of 2 brand new iPads. (See below) We are very excited and grateful for this addition to our resources, thanks to Tracey Jane for organising it.

We were also gifted 95 trees and shrubs from Trees For Canterbury as part of their Spring give away. A very busy Saturday was spent by a few hardy souls to get these plants in the ground on our bank that was made so bare by the April storms. It will take quite a bit of care with watering but these should start to green the bank by the end of the summer. Now we just need to apply for a grant or find a sponsor to buy a few feature trees such as Pohutakawa and Kowhai and something that is good to climb on!

It’s been getting warmer these days so the children have been outdoors mucking about with the hoses and taps. They love water play, and in the sand pit this can be used to learn about canal and dam building, bridge making and so on. We tried out a wet volcano with the aim of making a smokey one, and this certainly produced a lot of smoke, which was a nice continuation on from making the bubbly frothing volcanoes. Some lambs came to visit right from their second day of birth so we got to see them at their shaky wobbly stage and then only a few days later they were walking around strongly.

There was a trip to Botanic gardens and the highlight was probably the playground of course! But they also were very fascinated by the newly re-opened Tropical House. It was so warm and lush with many tropical plants in flower, and we spotted bananas growing too.

Story time at the library was a lot of fun with a hearty ho ed bananas growing too.

We were also visited by a lovely lady from Redwood Playcentre who gave us some words and tips for writing our children’s own Mihi (introduction) in Te Reo Maori. We hope to see her again once we have digested her teachings. And as this goes to print the Wednesday children will be enjoying a fantastic puppet show put on by Natasha.

We said goodbye to some very special older children: Oscar, Olivier and Ben all finished their playcentre days to carry on with their homeschooling; these boys and their families have been strong members of the playcentre for many years through many events. Some people will be able to remember when they started as just tiny tots... Thankfully we do not have to say goodbye to their parents just yet as they continue on at playcentre with the younger siblings.

Playcentre is a parent run early childhood education centre with a paid supervisor, so if you would like to be an important part of your child’s development come along. It’s also a great way to meet the local families.

Ho Ho Ho!

(L) Joshua, Jonty, James, Reuben, Tilly, Ayla and friends all enjoying pirate tales at Library Storytime.

(R) Joshua, James, Viva and Jackenkey have a picnic in the garden.

Session times are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9.15-11.45am. Phone 329 4515 or email diamondharbourpc@gmail.com.

Please be aware if you wish to bring children down for a trial visit, that we will close for the school holidays and our first day back is Monday the October 13.

Everyone is also welcome to our AGM at 10.30am on Sunday October 19 at Playcentre.

Hei Konei Ra, Bye for now,

Annabelle and Annya

NEW iPADS FOR PLAYCENTRE

Last month our Playcentre received two brand new iPads from the Whakaraupo Learning Community Cluster whose coordinator, Tracey Janes (also a teacher at Diamond Harbour School) made the presentation to our supervisor Annya Boyd. Also present was Mark Doyle, the Ministry of Education’s Operations Delivery Advisor.

The Whakaraupo (Lyttelton Harbour) Learning Community Cluster consists of the three local schools, Diamond Harbour, Governors Bay and Lyttelton Primary, and the three Early Childhood Centres, Diamond Harbour Playcentre and Lyttelton’s Busy C’s and Kindergarten. Tracey told us, “As educators we are always striving for efficient ways to improve good practice across the sector and we are strengthening our understanding of how collaboration will work to help improve children’s achievement. We have identified and celebrated our shared values—the love of Our Place and the desire to have all children engaged and happy in their learning are just two of many examples of these. As well, joint ventures such as the Harvest Festival, sporting events and the Yr 7 and 8 Leaders’ Camp – booked for Living Springs next year—technology provides another way for us to work together to achieve the best outcomes for our tamariki.

The iPads will be used by the Centre’s kaiako (teachers) in their professional development and with the children in the Transition to School programme.

Elaine

From left with the iPads:

Mark Doyle, Annya Boyd with Emily, and Tracey Janes
DIDN’T THEY WANT TO MEET US?

Despite Diamond Harbour Community Association having sent invitations to all seven candidates standing for election in the Selwyn District, only two, National’s Amy Adams and the Green’s Peter Hill, fronted on September 10, with Labour’s Gordon Dickson sending a last minute apology.

On the other hand, more than sixty of us were present as Paula Smith, aided by Richard Suggate and Colin McLeod, introduced Amy and Peter who then each spoke of their personal backgrounds and their party’s policies before answering a number of questions from the audience. The evening concluded with supper during which several locals took the opportunity to chat with the candidates.

RESULT FOR SELWYN ELECTORATE
(100% counted)

National
Amy Adams 22182
Majority = 18665

Green
Peter Hill 3517

Labour
Gordon Dickson 3384

NZ First
Bill Woods 1664

Conservatives
Roger Clibborn 590

Maori
Sheryl Gardyne 112

Act
Paul Gilbert 67

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DIAMOND HARBOUR SCHOOL
The latest Women’s Community Breakfast at Diamond Harbour was enjoyed by 67 ladies in August. Our speaker, Stephanie Hersh, entertained us after a tasty cooked and continental breakfast ably prepared and served by three men from the St Andrews Community Church.

Stephanie, who now lives in Christchurch, spoke on her life as assistant to American Julia Child, the famous television cook who passed away some years ago. Stephanie’s humour and competence in the kitchen shone out as she spoke and cooked chocolate truffles for us to share at the end of her presentation.

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We look forward to the next breakfast and thank the ladies of the community for their support in these great events.

You can find the recipes of the truffles we sampled opposite (page 5). Anna Pickersgill-Brown

COMING WALKING WITH US!
That invitation comes from Dave and Lou Heath (photo) of Studio Red Fitness. This health-conscious duo are also a community-spirited couple. Beside running the very efficient gym and Boxing Fitness classes Dave is also coach of the local junior football (soccer) team and DH Community Association committee member and key holder for the Hall.

Community Walks are very popular in the UK, says Lou. Walking is a very healthy and safe exercise — it is load-bearing and strengthens bones as well being good for our cardiovascular system. There is no great expense or special equipment needed other than a good pair of walking shoes and probably a raincoat — we plan to walk every Thursday morning, rain, hail or shine!

The fact that Dave and Lou are both obviously pretty fit doesn’t mean that they will be striding it out around the streets of Diamond Harbour. On the contrary, they stress that these Community Walks will be moderately paced and that everyone of any age is welcome to join in — and that includes dogs and baby-buggies as well.

So if you would like some company when you walk and perhaps some advice on warming up, appropriate pace etc., the Community Walk concept is for you. Each 45 minutes walk will start and finish outside Godley Café which gives the option of elevenses in the café for those who so choose.

While the Community Walk concept is always on the basis of personal choice with no prior commitment required, for those who live a bit further away and are perhaps without transport, Lou and Dave can help coordinate car pooling. Just give them a call for further information on 329 3061 and get walking. Elaine

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RECIPE

This month’s recipe comes from Stephanie Hersh — read about her on page 4 (left)

Chocolate Ganache for Truffles

Ingredients
- 1/4 cup cream
- 225g bittersweet chocolate, broken into small pieces

Method
1. In a saucepan, slowly heat the cream just to the simmer. Remove from the heat.
2. Add the chocolate and stir with a whisk until melted and the ganache is smooth and is uniform in colour.
3. Transfer to a clean bowl, and let cool completely before forming into truffles.
4. Chill formed truffles before rolling in melted chocolate or cocoa powder.

Peanut Butter Filling for Truffles

Ingredients
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1/4 cup butter
- 2 cups icing sugar

Method
1. In a large bowl, combine the peanut butter and butter. Cream together until smooth and uniform in colour.
2. Add the icing sugar and mix to form a soft, slightly sticky dough.
3. Pinch off small pieces of dough and roll into truffles. Place on a tray and refrigerate for 20 minutes before rolling in melted chocolate.

THE ECO GARDENER'S

Stay safe in the garden

Spring is the busiest time of year for gardeners. Between raising seedlings, sowing and planting new crops, controlling weeds, and cutting back rampant growth there is no end of things to do. One has to be careful not to overdo it physically – especially as one gets older. I am still suffering twinges in my hip and back after digging out recalcitrant rose bushes in May. I wasn't aware at the time just how much strain I was putting on my body by digging at awkward angles. I now take extra care when lifting heavy things like bags of potting mix, remembering to bend the knees, not the back. However, at least I am never in danger from the biggest health and safety threat to gardeners these days, which is toxic chemicals. I have yet to meet a gardener who can answer the question to which poison is the best answer. I'd rather live with persistent weeds than persistent poisons, which harm a lot more than the species they supposedly target.

The manufacturers and retailers of garden/agricultural chemicals tell us that they have been rigorously tested, are present in very small amounts and break down quickly in the soil. But as organic grower Andre Leu points out in his just-released book The Myths of Safe Pesticides (www.acresusa.com/the-myths-of-safe-pesticides) these are myths, and have been scientifically disproven.

I'm glad I've been playing it safe and gardening without chemicals for the past 40 years, and at the same time I have proven that they are not necessary for a highly productive – and beautiful – garden.

Christine Dann
Final touches were being made to the new decking at the Charteris Bay Yacht Club just a few days before opening day late last month. This marks the completion of stage one of repairs and upgrading of the club’s boat storage and launching areas. As can be seen in this photo, there is still more work to be done on earthquake and storm damaged jetties. This is expected to be completed next year, along with improvements to the access roads.

Elaine

Naval Point Yacht Club opened a week later with a good fleet providing a bit of a challenge, not only to each other, but also to the Diamond Harbour Ferry.

Are You With It?
If you are a resident or property owner within the triangle formed by Port Levy, Manson’s Point (near Allandale) and the top of Gebbies Pass, you should be part of Diamond Harbour Neighbourhood Watch Contact Elaine (details below) if you are not!

Neighbourhood Support
Diamond Harbour

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 a new group list, or for information or concerns

CONTACT: Elaine Bryson (Area co-ordinator)
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14 Cut with a serrated edge (4)
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17 Asterisk (4)
19 Base (10)
23 Thrilled (6)
24 Games (6)
25 Saturday and Sunday (7)
26 Hedging plant whose clippings help make chemotherapy drugs (3)

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2 Incident (5)
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10 Cause a (6)
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13 Thing that fits badly (6)
15 Finger joint (7)
18 Walk unevenly (4)
20 Avoid (5)
21 Care for (5)
22 Employ (3)
24 Unhappy (3)

Hint: October is when NZ Breast Cancer Foundation organise a sponsored Pink Star Walk in Chch.

September Solution

In case you hadn’t heard 2014 is the Lyttelton Timebank’s Year of Education. The aim is to encourage timebankers with an interest or skill to offer a class to other timebankers. Apart from sometimes having to cover the costs of materials or ingredients these classes cost you nothing but your time. So far this year the timebank has run 22 classes and had 108 people participate in them. Courses offered have included cheese making, celestial navigation, Facebook for beginners, sewing, acting, how to sleep better, how to build a retaining wall and bookbinding.

We were delighted to hear that as a result of this focus on education we’d been chosen from 500 applicants as the winners of the 2014 Dynamic Community Learning Award. Wendy Everingham and two of our Timebank Advisory Group members went along to collect the award at the national launch of Adult Learners’ Week/He Tangata Mātauranga on the September 8.

This has inspired us to continue focusing on education in the following year. So if you have a skill or interest you’d like to share with others or you have something you’d like to learn, please contact me. You never know there may be a timebanker with the skill you are wanting to learn.

We also have timebankers with knowledge of health and nutrition so if this is something you want to focus on let me know and I can point you to the appropriate person.

Want to join the Lyttelton Timebank and learn a new skill or share a skill you have with others in our community? Drop in to Godley Café on Wed mornings 9.30-11.30am or sign up on www.lyttelton.net.nz/timebank.

Sarah
COMPUTER HELPDESK

A Cautionary Tale

I was planning to continue on from last month’s column and offer advice on how to sort out your browser and make it safe. But that will have to wait as recently, two locals have fallen prey to a very nasty ransom scam to which I would like to alert Herald readers.

Both victims received a call from a professional sounding techno from Windows, who had been monitoring their computer and discovered it was infected by malware which was spreading malicious malware to thousands of other computers. The caller offered to help remove the malware – for free – all the person needed to do was follow some simple instructions – going to a particular page on the internet and clicking on a series links.

One of the locals was so upset at learning that her computer was infecting those of many innocent victims that she immediately agreed to follow the instructions. The second victim, however, was more cautious and initially refused. She was then informed that if she did not comply and allow the malware to be removed she would be legally liable for the damage caused to thousands of computers worldwide and would be subject to lawsuits for compensation. This was enough to put frighteners on her and she too complied with the caller’s demands.

In following the instructions, the victims gave the caller control of their computer allowing him to use a legitimate Windows function to install a Syskey Password. At this point the victim was informed that they had been scammed – and that they would be unable to use their computer again unless they paid $400 to have the Syskey Password removed.

This was the first true thing that the caller had said. When the victims’ computers were restarted they were greeted with the image below and could get no further. They were locked out of their own computers.

Both women refused to pay the ransom and one was repeatedly phoned and harangued by the scammers. Eventually they contacted me and I was able to remove the Syskey Password – a procedure which is not without risks, but luckily succeeded.

Although it is a very convincing scam and the callers sounded authentic, there are a number of points which should have sounded alarm bells. Firstly, there is no such company as Windows – so if a caller claims to represent them, hang up! If a caller claims to be from Microsoft or some other bona fide company, such as Spark, Vodafone, Slingshot, Chorus, etc, you may want to recall how hard it is to actually get one of their support people on the phone when you really need them! How likely is it that they will have the time – and go to the trouble of phoning you – let alone monitor your computer? Not a chance! No legitimate business would monitor your computer – firstly, it’s illegal and secondly there’s no profit in it!

In both cases the caller had an Indian accent – but since many companies outsource their call centres to India (or the Phillipines) that is quite credible – as is the possibility of your computer being infected by malware which it is spreading to other computers. Millions of computers worldwide have been hijacked in this way. You click on a link, thinking you are downloading some free goodie and a Trojan is installed on your computer which can be activated and used by a remote computer which may be controlling thousands (sometimes millions) of other computers without their owners having the slightest suspicion. The criminals controlling these networks of hijacked computers (known as bot nets) use them for various nefarious purposes: sending out the millions of spam emails that arrive daily in our inboxes, spreading scams and malware, etc.

Sometimes it is hard to be sure whether a caller or email is genuine. Someone recently forwarded me an email, purportedly from Telecom, which initially appeared to be bogus, but upon investigation, turned out to be genuine. If you have the slightest doubt, ask the caller to phone back later and get a second opinion before you agree to – or do – anything. Herald readers are always welcome to contact me on 329 3032 or forward dubious emails to ron.dubin@gmail.com.

Ron
VET-SPOT

Five Freedoms
The Bible says in Proverbs 12:10, A righteous man cares for the needs of his animals, and Ghandi is quoted as saying The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated. This month I’d like to look at animal welfare, a subject very close to my heart.

The SPCA in New Zealand promotes the five freedoms of animals, and these also form the basis of the animal welfare act of 1999, so as a responsible animal owner you must give your animals:

1. Freedom from hunger or thirst
Every animal must always have access to clean fresh water. You must provide proper and sufficient food for good health and weight.

2. Freedom from discomfort and inadequate shelter
Shelter must be weather proof, free from drafts, wind, rain and full sun. Dogs must be able to stand up and comfortably be able to turn around in their kennel. In cold weather, animals need extra care and attention. Whether you have a dog, cat, rabbit, in fact any animal, you must make sure it is warm and comfortable.

3. Freedom from disease and injury
Get prompt veterinary treatment if your animal is sick or injured. We recommend that your animal is kept up to date with their vaccinations, and you need to control internal and external parasites to keep them from getting sick. Also keeping their environment clean and free from hazards helps prevent injuries and disease.

4. Freedom from distress and pain
Always handle animals in a way that won’t injure or cause unreasonable pain or distress.

5. Freedom to display normal behaviour
You are obligated to meet your animal’s behavioural needs and provide an environment in which they can display normal behaviour. Some good ways of doing this are adequate exercise, toys, scratching posts etc and an opportunity to play. Leaving a dog tied up for long periods is not acceptable.

I’d also like to take this opportunity to commend those involved in animal welfare work. This can often feel like a herculean task and we feel as if we are making so little progress, however by focusing on the good we can do our perspective will change.

The story is told of a man walking along a deserted beach at sunset. He saw a young boy in the distance and as he drew nearer he noticed that the boy kept bending down, picking something up and throwing it into the water. Time and again he kept hurling things into the ocean.

As the man approached even closer, he was able to see that the boy was picking up starfish that had been washed up on the beach and, one at a time he was throwing them back into the water. The man asked the boy what he was doing; the boy replied, I am throwing these stranded starfish back into the ocean, before they die.

But, said the man, You can’t possibly save them all, there are thousands on this beach, and this must be happening on hundreds of beaches along the coast. You can’t possibly make a difference.

The boy looked down, frowning for a moment; then bent down to pick up another starfish, smiling as he threw it back into the sea saying, I made a huge difference for that one!

One way we can make a huge difference is by de-sexing our pets, and re-homing shelter animals. Keep up the good work!

Paul
LIVING WELL

The Power of Acting as If
Within each of us is amazing potential, but so often in the world we stop ourselves performing as well as we could, whether at work, in our relationships, or in other areas of our lives. It is often the case that we are our own biggest enemy, that it is not lack of ability that holds us back, but the way we focus on our limitations, inadvertently creating and reinforcing them for ourselves in the process.

What if we did something different? What if we acted as if? What if we acted as if we were like the person we wanted to be like? What if we pretended we had all the resources we needed to perform brilliantly? What amazing things might happen then?

I remember reading about a reporter who was great at what she did. She was behind the scenes of all sorts of news stories, encouraging people to speak well about what they knew, directing the cameraman and getting the shots she wanted with the people she wanted. There was just one problem. Whenever she was asked to be in front of the camera instead of behind it, she would become horribly awkward, stammering her way through and getting worse and worse each time. One day, after two such takes with the cameraman trying to be encouraging but trying hard not to roll his eyes, the reporter came up with a fantastic idea. In the next take, she decided to act as if she was a great reporter, one who just loved being in front of the camera and did it with ease. Doing this completely transformed her. She pulled it off brilliantly, stunning the cameraman with how professional and at ease she looked after years of awkwardness. It was amazing what happened as soon as she let go of the inhibitions which had held her back and acted as if she was someone who was capable and enjoyed presenting instead.

Imagine applying this principle at work, acting as if you were very capable, deserving and had all the resources you need to do your job well. What opportunities might that open up for you? How about in your health, acting as if your body was great at healing itself and had a perfect recipe for good health? How might your body respond to that? What if you applied this principle to something you find quite challenging, acting as if you were somebody who was really resourceful and great at pulling off challenges like that? What kind of changes would that create in your stance, your breathing, your thought patterns and your behaviours?

Acting as if is an incredibly powerful thing to do and can open up all sorts of possibilities for you. In which area of life would it be valuable for you to act as if? Robyn

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Did you know that we have free Wifi at the Diamond Harbour Library? This means that you can bring your laptop, tablet/iPad, etc and connect at the Library. We also have computers with free internet for everyone to use.
If we don’t have the book, DVD or music CD you want, you can reserve it and we will get it from town for just $2.

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Next Pre-School Storytime
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All Welcome. Christine

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Next Woolfun Day is Saturday October 11.
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Ph 329 9118. Rowena MacGill

Diamond Harbour Historical Assoc
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Fiona Farrell’s talk is entitled
Christchurch: Two Cities.
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All present and intending members most welcome.
Come along and enjoy a great day out.
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Road Cycling Group
Meets weekly in Diamond Harbour.
To join a ride contact Mike on 329 4647 or mikecotton@mac.com.

Diamond Harbour Croquet Club
Meets Wednesday 1.30pm and Saturday 10am.
We welcome new players – mallets are available.
Whites not necessary, flat shoes are!
Golf croquet has become popular
it is relaxing and fun.
Please support our Christmas Raffle.
Ruth Willis

Armada?? Let me finish my bowls!
… and like Sir Francis Drake,
we now have a sea view while playing!
The 2014-15 season is now underway. We are known as a
very friendly club - new members are especially welcome.
Just come on down with flat soled shoes and have a go
with a set of trial bowls.
Bowling days at present are Tues, Thurs, and Sat starting
1.15 p.m. Stay for happy hour on Thursdays & Saturdays.
Full ($135) or social ($10) memberships but green fees also
for occasional play.
Come and join the fun - we are not biased!
Enquiries:
Ross Fountain (President)     329 4202
Russell Lienert (Secretary)     329 4066

Free For All Market
The Timebank is organising this event for
Saturday November 1 from 10am to 12 noon
by the community notice board in the village.
This is an opportunity for people to bring
household items in good condition to swap.
Bring something along, take something away.
Timebank members are asked to pay a time credit
and Non-Timebank members a gold coin koha
to contribute items.
Koha will go towards costs
of taking leftover items to the community garage sale.
Items will be rejected
if they are not in good condition so bring only
things you would happily take away yourself.
For more info email sarahpritchett72@gmail.com
Sarah
Diamond Harbour Ramblers
This walking group meets at an arranged time every Tuesday.
We welcome you to join us for day walks round the multitude of tracks and special places of the Peninsula and environs.
For details phone John Willis 329 4243 or Shirley Ward 329 4116.

Sculpture on the Point & Live at the Point are Back
Sunday 28 Dec 2014 - Sun 22 Feb 2015, 1-4pm
Start looking for your picnic rugs and sunscreen...
Live at the Point is gearing up for another great summer!
SPRIG is happy to announce that planning for these events is well underway with most bands booked and funding coming in. We have even had bands contact us this year which is fantastic - they have had such great experiences in the past or have heard about us and are very keen to be involved.
Plus we will have our 2nd Sculpture on the Point with 4 new pieces currently being made which is very exciting.
Look forward to seeing works from Sam Mahon, Hannah Kidd, Aaron Te Rangiao and Graham Bennett.

Call for Sponsorship to Support Summer Music & Sculpture Events
SPRIG is looking for sponsorship from businesses and local organisations to assist with the running of these exciting and popular events.
This year’s combined events will cost just under $30,000 to organise (artists, insurance, portaloo, promotional material, etc) - not bad considering it is 9 events.
We have already secured some funding from CCC and are awaiting confirmation of other grant applications and business requests, however we would love to hear from anyone else who may be interested in sponsoring us.
Contact Tracey Ower 329 4611 or traceyower@gmail.com if you would like to receive further details.

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TALK ABOUT THRIVING LOCAL DEMOCRACY!

On this page and the next is information about future plans and development or our community. Various meetings are being held to clarify this.

You have the opportunity to express your opinion NOW.

CHCH CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT PLAN

So much is going on people may becoming confused about all the different draft documents we are being asked to provide community feedback on. Here is a summary as we understand it:

**District Plan Review** (Recovery Chapters)
The District Plan is the book of rules about what we can and cannot do with our land. The rules both create opportunities and limit opportunities for land owners and occupiers. Some key local issues will be decided within the District Plan draft which is currently open for submissions. For example you may have an opinion about the Godley House site being zoned commercial or about how difficult it is to build units for older people on smaller sections in Diamond Harbour.

Christchurch City Council and the decision-making commissioners need your views NOW. Don’t worry about the planning-speak, just use your own words to say what you think about the issues which interest you most. Submissions can be made online or on forms available at the libraries. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday 8 October.

Once finalised, the District Plan will determine how our communities will work, look and feel into the future, so seize the day and have your say!

**Long Term Plan Projects for Diamond Harbour**

Pete Simpson of SPRIG recently presented their *Getting to the Point* document to the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board which wraps up all the consultation work done to date about the future of the Godley House site, Diamond Harbour village centre and beyond. It identifies a number of possible projects. The Community Board is now asking people from all the communities on the south side of the harbour to tell us which of the projects identified should be prioritised for funding in the CCC Long Term Plan.

It is the Community Board’s role to support and advocate for local projects in the Long Term Planning process. Given the Council’s financial situation, we need to be very clear about what work is most important to this community.

Look out for the brochure in your letterbox or pick one up at the library, café or ferry. Fill out the form and get it back to us, or do the survey online. For more information about the options check out *Getting to the Point* in the Sprig pages on www.diamondharbour.info or attend one of the drop-in sessions.

**Lyttelton Port Recovery Plan**

Submissions have now closed on the Port Lyttelton Plan and LPC is now working up the detail and modifying the technical reports which will inform development of the draft Recovery Plan being prepared by ECan. Key issues for Diamond Harbour are the proposal to relocate the ferry beth, construction noise and ecological effects on the harbour. There will be another opportunity to express your opinion on these and other matters later in the year when ECan publicly notifies the draft Recovery Plan.

**Facilities Rebuild and Repair**

Albion Square is nearly finished and steady progress is being made on Norman Kirk Pool and repairs to Trinity Hall and the Recreation Centre in Lyttelton. Council resolved to fund the rebuild of a community centre in Governors Bay and the repairs to Stoddart Cottage have funding to be done this financial year.

Paula Smith, Chairperson LMH Community Board

LMH COMMUNITY BOARD

We are keen to find out what your priorities are for the Southern Bays (Teddington to Purau) that you would like us to advocate for in the Christchurch City Council’s Long Term Plan. The Long Term Plan sets the budget for Council’s spending over the next 10 years. The Plan covers everything Christchurch City Council does and how they pay for it.

The Community Board and SPRIG are co-hosting two drop-in sessions where you can ask questions and discuss this further:

- **Sat 11 Oct, 4-5pm** in the Stage Room,
- **Tues 14 Oct, 7-8pm** at the Church Hall

For further information please contact me or Andrea Wild.

Liz Beaven, Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board Adviser
Ph 03 941 5602   Mob 027 434 7541
Email liz.beaven@ccc.govt.nz

MEETINGS AROUND THE HARBOUR

The boardroom at rhododendron blooming Orton Bradley Park is the venue for the next **Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board** meeting which is in the afternoon of 15 October starting 1pm.

**Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee** is meeting this month at the Rapaki marae on the 21 October at 4pm. If you have not been into the new marae this could be your opportunity to check it out. The interior decoration is lovely.

Both meetings are open to the public. The agenda can be found on the CCC website. All Welcome.

Paula Smith, Chairperson LMH Community Board
After many years of local concern at the lack of smaller manageable sections and homes, a solution is finally at hand. We are pleased to advise that a new housing subdivision is planned within the existing Bayswater Estate in Church Bay. The proposed development will offer 26 house and land packages, comprising gently sloping sections each of 400 m², with plans for homes ranging from 80m² to 120m² floor area. Titles will be freehold, giving peace of mind, and most sections have a wonderful view of the harbour and Ōtamahua Island.

We are sensitive to the increasing demand for down-sized properties, that meet the needs of the growing 50+ demographic wishing to remain on our side of the harbour, and more widely across Canterbury. Our objective is to provide a range of professionally designed 2-3 bedroom dwellings that meet the highest possible construction standards, all within an inviting village-like environment that fosters community and sanctuary.

While we finalise our plans and complete financing arrangements, we are calling for expressions of purchasing interest from the local community.

Please contact Pete Simpson in the first instance on 021 253 8405 or pete.simpson@tallpoppyconsulting.co.nz.

**EXCITING NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Thank You from DH Cancer Support Group

To all who supported us during our fundraising efforts in the weeks leading up to Daffodil Day, including those who gave so generously and the people involved in collecting and supporting the collectors.

The Diamond Harbour Cancer Support Group has again been delighted with the response to our fundraising activities. The combination of the raffle, film evening, donations and the fund raising at Diamond Harbour School and the Women’s Breakfast was a fantastic effort.

Daffodil Day saw collectors at the wharf and around the village. We are delighted to report that yet again there has been a tremendous response from the community. We had an entertaining film evening, thanks to all who assisted and those who attended. Our gratitude is also expressed to those who allowed us to fund raise on their premises, especially Jane at Diamond Harbour Country Store, Michelle at Godley Café, Sheryl at Church Bay Services and Russell for the use of the Church Hall. We have raised over $2,000 this year; this money will be held by the local Group and used to benefit our local community.

Joy Harding, Sec, DH Cancer Support Group

Diamond Harbour Camera Club

Calendars

The Camera Club will be launching its 2015 photographic calendar at the Orton Bradley Spring Fair on Sunday October 26.

We will have a photo exhibition in the little old red school house and the calendars will be sold there. Calendars are A4 (page size) and cost $10. Only cash can be accepted.

This year’s calendar is of scenes around the harbour basin from Diamond Harbour to Lyttelton. All the photos have been taken by members of the camera club.

For those unable to attend the fair, calendars will be available at the Lyttelton Information Centre, Diamond Harbour library and other outlets.

For further information please phone Noel 329 4937 or Dale 329 4041 or email noelanna@farmside.co.nz.

Benita Dale McMillen

Orton Bradley Park Pump Track

Volunteer Call Out:

Orton Bradley Park will shortly be building a new kids cycle Pump Track alongside the playground area.

This initiative will enhance the Park as a family destination, and has been kindly funded by generous donations from the local community. The talented team from The Huxter Mountain Bike Trust are providing their services in designing and constructing the track.

We have mountains of clay at the ready, and the plan is to construct the track on the weekend of 1/2 November (weather permitting).

We need some keen volunteers on both days to assist the construction team with shovelling clay, planting and general support.

The track will likely be very popular and we aim to organise a group of local supporters to assist with regular track maintenance.

Please contact Pete Simpson on 021 253 8405 or pete.simpson@tallpoppyconsulting.co.nz.

Pete Simpson

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Civil Defence Update

When: Wed October 15 at 7-8.30pm
Where: Diamond Harbour Church Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Your local Civil Defence team

“Look after yourself. Yes, recovery is having homes repaired, but what matters most is the life we live within them.” Dr Rob Gordon, disaster recovery expert
DH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting September 2014

Public Forum
Tracey Ower and Janet Luxton attended to discuss the Summer Concert Programme on Stoddart Point. Discussion of LPC sponsorship agreement for $3k took place. DHCA wish to ensure it retains unfettered ability to submit on behalf of community on LPC plans. SPRIG will remain as the contracted party for the LPC sponsorship agreement. It was agreed that DHCA supports SPRIG and their plans for the summer music and sculpture events.

SPRIG requested the Association consider funding the summer events. This was deferred to October meeting to see how the other funding activities are progressing (a number of applications successful or pending).

It was agreed that DHCA shall apply to Canterbury Community Trust Community and Economic Development Sector Fund for $7,000 in funding for the upcoming summer time music and sculpture events and that the committee forms a SPRIG Summer Events subcommittee for the purposes of organising the summer music and sculpture events and appoints Tracey Ower and Janet Luxton to the subcommittee with the power to co-opt others to support their efforts. Four sculptors have agreed to exhibit at the summer event: Sam Mahon, Graham Bennett, Hannah Kidd, and Aaron Te Rangiao.

Currently the SPRIG profile on www.diamondharbour.info website is minimal and if possible can the presence be enhanced on the front page?

Getting to the Point
At a recent Council meeting, it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Turner, seconded by Councillor Clearwater, that the Community Board, supported by Council staff, begin formal engagement and consultation with the Diamond Harbour community about issues highlighted in the Getting to the Point report to enable projects to be considered for the Long Term Plan. Phase one community consultation should be completed by Christmas, to develop a plan for regeneration projects for submission into the Long Term Plan process. Phase two will be formal consultation with the community in early 2015.

A draft schedule has been prepared and emailed to DHCA for feedback, to revise and forward to Andrea Wild at Suburban Communities Unit for 16 September meeting with Community Board on consultation scoping. Aim to have at least two Council-led public consultations, one on a week day and one on a weekend day. DHCA will advise Council on the process for consultation on LTP submission to cover all Diamond Harbour community infrastructure developments.

The Godley House site is still not cleared and the archaeological report has not been presented to Council. Issue to be raised at the Community Board.

Community Board Report
Governors Bay Water Monitoring Report released, only one instance over the last year when coliforms exceeded limits.

Work to replace the remaining planks on Diamond Harbour Wharf to be undertaken mid-September to mid-October by Maintenance Management Services Limited who can be contacted on 027 435 2284. Restricted wharf access at certain times but should not affect ferry access.

District Plan Review is underway, review sections are available and submissions can be made via Council website. Richard said he would prepare a submission for DHCA if given comments to work with.

Temporary structures consents in the village will be extended by an additional two years subject to planning approval - this affects Godley Café. There are currently no available plots in the Diamond Harbour Cemetery, the soil is deemed unsuitable although there are plans to assess the suitability of the upper area.

Morgan’s Gully Restoration Agreement multi-party meeting proposed to iron out remaining wording issues, aim to resolve within one month to avoid holding up planting. Aim to gain Council assurance that the gully will not be cleared in future and the area protected.

Pedestrian safety near the school
A letter was sent to Andrew Hensley at Council regarding pedestrian safety in and around the Diamond Harbour School. Dialogue continues, survey of usage is underway. The school has instigated crossing attendance by teachers / parents in the interim.

Noticeboard
DHCA minutes are to be posted in the notice board opposite the shops and also a copy of previous minutes will be available in the library. Extent of public access to the board to be considered at the next meeting.

Hall
DHCA wishes to thank Dennis Collins for the excellent job with the kitchen pantry installation.

There has been no further Council/contractor communication on Hall maintenance programme. The roof contractor has completed further repairs to address ongoing leaks, the foyer and toilet floors have been varnished, further tree pruning has been completed.

A kitchen stocktake will be completed and crockery/utensils purchased to ensure catering capacity for up to 50 people in the stage room kitchen. A successful Meet the Candidates evening was held on 10 September with approximately 60 attendees.

Next meeting Monday October 13

Karen

DH VOLUNTEER FIRE

Brigade Briefing
Last month my family and I moved out of our home for earthquake repairs. Luckily our repairs were mostly superficial, but they did include the removal of asbestos-bearing stipple from several ceilings. This meant that our smoke alarms were taken down. When we moved back in we were surrounded by boxes which all needed to be unpacked – it was chaos.

It would have been very easy to put the smoke alarms on one side while we dealt with everything else. However, having seen first-hand how rapidly house fires spread, and knowing how deadly the fumes are, I made the safety of my family a priority.

If you are moving back into your property after repairs and you need help or advice with smoke alarms, just contact a brigade member – we’re here to help.

On Saturday 18th October we will be running our very popular Mushroom Compost Fundraiser. We can deliver, or you can collect from the fire station, sacks or trailer-loads of top quality mushroom compost. Keep an eye out for the posters or look on www.diamondharbour.info for more information. Pre-booking is recommended – just call Don Cameron on 329 4868.

Fire Fighter David

OPTIMUM ENGINEERING

- Structural Steel & Metalwork
- Farm and New Buildings
- Truck and Trailer Repairs
- Certified Welding

Contact Tui Scott: 0276574483
CLASSIFIEDS

Pottery Sales and Display
Workshop open Thursdays and on request. Stoneware domestic, and sculptures: See my stall at Orton Bradley. Ruth Willis, Ranui Crescent. Ph 329 4243.

Flatmate Wanted
Beautiful and warm 2 storey log house with wonderful harbour views on a sunny Teddington farm has one room available. Two storey room has a shared bathroom (with 2 others) at $180 pw. Power, firewood and water $25 pw. Garden space and grazing available. Long term, working tenant preferred. Ph 329 9118 or 027 482 9410.

Pink Batt's wanted
Small / left over amount of pink batts or similar required to insulate ceiling area of 2 x 2.5m. Ph 021 159 6482.

Cot for sale
Wooden cot including two cot mattresses and bedding for sale. Good condition, some scratches on the wood. Smokey home $100. Ph Helen 329 3199 or 027 863 5700.

House sitter wanted
Looking for a reliable house sitter in June/July 2015 for our local lifestyle block who will be comfortable looking after a few cows, chickens and family dog and happy to feed/ water same and keep an eye on them. Ph 329 3364 or email richard_swatton@hotmail.com.

Wanted to Rent
1-2 bedroom flat/house/cottage, short and long-term considered, garden preferred. Please contact Herbie on 027 642 1541 or herbiemues@yahoo.com.

Giant Plants for sale
Giant fiscus and giant pony tail palm for sale. Both excellent indoor plant specimens would suit high ceilings as now touching mine. $100 each or $180 for both. Ph/text Nez 021 107 6473.

French Style Long Mirror for sale
Has bevelled edges; very rustic. Probably originally built into a cabinet. $30. Ph/text Nez 021 107 6473.

French Style Long Mirror for sale
Very large Chicken/Duck Cage for sale
Back door needs fixing. Rodent free design. Includes panels (some in good condition others not) for an attached run. Great for rabbits, quails, ducks, chickens, etc. Shade cloth and windbreak. Excellent quality materials - top corrugated iron (2 additional sheets available). $140 the lot. Ph/text Nez 021 107 6473.

Desk for sale
Used by graphic design company. Loft design with trestle legs and white panels in-between to put items on Looks stunning and modern. $250 ono. Ph/text Nez 021 107 6473.

Washing Machine for sale
Fisher and Paykel Eco Intuitive, very large, excellent condition. $400 ono. Ph/text Nez 021 107 6473.

Dryer for sale
Fisher and Paykel, excellent condition. $150. Ph/text Nez 021 107 6473.

Fisher and Paykel Freezer for sale
$100. Ph/text Nez 021 107 6473.

2 Half Wine Barrels for sale
Suitable for herbs, flowers, etc. Both a bit weather beaten. $100 for both. Ph/text Nez 021 107 6473.

2 Beds for sale

Car wanted
Cheap 4 door car. Ph Sandra 329 3098.

3 Clam Baths for sale
Suitable for sandpits or doggy play pools. Need scrubbing down $10 the lot. Ph/text Nez 021 107 6473.

Dog Long Line for sale
Very strong steel cable 40m long. Clip your dog with suitable leash to run freely. $70 Ph/text Nez 021 107 6473.

2 Deck Chairs for sale
Recliners, like new. $50 for both. Ph/text Nez 021 107 6473.

Phillips DVD/CD System to giveaway
Temperamental, works 90% of the time. Ph/text Nez 021 107 6473.

Windows Laptops
Various brands 1-5 years old, in good condition with clean factory installs of Windows 7 & 8 (made to behave like 7). Anti-virus/anti-malware and other core software. $190-$390. Phone 329 3032.

New PCs
Replace that old Windows XP computer with a new one running Windows 7. Keep your old LCD, mouse and keyboard. System built to your requirements from around $675. Phone 329 3032.

Linux PC

Psychedelic Rock Band Project
Interested in helping me with this project? This would involve artistic input, helping set up laser-lights, doing sound checks, and helping to transport band gear around (as I don't have a car). I'm looking for someone who is (preferably) a rock music enthusiast interested in trying new concepts. Ph Neville (03) 550 4225.

Walnuts from Orton Bradley Park
Proceeds go to the Park. $7.50 per kg bag. Phone 329 4062.

Orton Bradley Firewood for sale
3m3 pine delivered $195. Ready to burn next winter. All proceeds to Park maintenance. Ph 329 4730.

Dressmaker
Specializing in dance costumes, wedding gowns and formal/prom dresses. Happy to work on any sewing project large or small! 329 3166 or livingdolls@thedollfactory.co.nz.

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.

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

Boxing Circuit Classes
Monday 6.30pm and Wed 7pm. Commercial gym open 7 days. 329 9525 or 027 773 0036 or baysidefit@gmail.com.

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.

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

**Anglican – Methodist – Presbyterian Services**
St Andrews Diamond Harbour
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.

**Bi-centenary Celebration**

since the Christian Gospel came to New Zealand
Will be celebrated at St Paul’s Church Port Levy on Sunday October 5 at 10.30am. **Note:** This will be in place of the usual 10.30am service in Diamond Harbour.

All are welcome to the service and to bring a picnic. For enquiries and shared transport possibilities please contact the Parish Office on 329 4790.

**Monday Night Study Group**
Meets Monday fortnightly in a warm and friendly Charteris Bay home. The upcoming meeting dates are Oct 6 & 20; Nov 3 & 17. 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: Oct 7, 21, Nov 4, 18.

**City Shopping Van**
The van runs on alternate Wednesdays. Upcoming dates are Oct 8 & 22; Nov 5 & 19. 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

**Herald Calendar**

**Art Group**
Weds, 9.30am-12noon, Church Hall

**Baby & Toddlers**
Tue Oct 7 & 21; Nov 4 & 18. p19

**Ballet - Harbour Basin Dance**
Sats, 9.15am, Hall.

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

**Bicentenary Gospel Celebration**
Sun Oct 5, Pt Levy. p19

**Bowls**
Tues, Thurs, Sats, 1.15, Bowling Club. p12

**Camera Club**
Tue Oct 21, 7.30pm, Stage Room. p11

**Croquet**
Weds, 1.30pm; Sats, 10am. p12

**DHCA**
Mon Oct 13, 7.30pm, Stage Room

**DH School BOT Nominations**
Close Oct 31

**DH School Cultural Event**
Fri Nov 28, p13

**Farmers Market**
Sat Oct 25, 9.30am, Village. p11

**Fire Brigade Compost**
Sat Oct 18, Fire Serv. p16

**Free for all market**
Sat Nov 1, 10am, Village. p12

**Harbour Singers**
Weds, 7.45pm, Stage Room

**Harbour Singers Workshop**
Sat Oct 4, 9am, Hall. p11

**Historical Assn**
Tue Oct 11, 8pm, Stage Room. p11

**Insight Meditation**
Tues, 6.30pm, 7A Whero Ave

**Jazz - Harbour Basin Dance**
Tues, 4pm, Hall.

**Ladies Probus**
Mon Oct 13, 10am, Church Hall

**Library Story Time**
Thu Oct 16, 10am. p11

**LMH CB/Sprig Drop-in**
Sat Oct 11, 4pm Stage Room. p14

**LMH CB/Sprig Drop-in**
Tue Oct 14, 7pm, Ch Hall. p14

**Mens Probus**
Thu Oct 2 & Nov 6, 10am, DH Rugby Club

**Orton Bradley Spring Fair**
Sun Oct 26, 10am, OBp. p12

**OBP Pump Track build**
Sat & Sun Nov 1/2, OBP. p16

**Playcentre**
Mon, Wed, Thu 9.15am-12noon. p2&12

**Playcentre AGM**
Sun Oct 19, 10.30am, Playcentre. p2

**Quiz Night**
Fri Nov 21, 7.30pm, Hall. p13

**Red Cross Workshop**
Wed Oct 15, 7pm, Ch Hall. p16

**Running Group**
Suns, 8am. p11

**Sea Scouts**
Tues, 3.30pm

**Shopping Van**
Oct 8 & 22; Nov 5 & 19. p19

**Tai Chi**
Thu 11-12noon, Com Hall

**Tennis Club**
Suns, 9.30am, Waipapa Courts

**Tennis Club Opening Day**
Sun Oct 5, 10am. p11

**Timebank Drop-in**
Weds 9am Godley Café.

**Toy Library**
Sats 10am, Community Hall

**Woolfun at Bergli**
Sat Oct 11. p11

**Yoga**
Mons, 7pm. 329 3395 or 022 109 6681. p9
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