For Russell and Elaine McLeod, who, in 1997, had recently returned from many years in the warmth of Pacific islands, it was simply a matter of temperature. Russell had secured a managerial position with an international car dealer in Christchurch, but before he even began work there, he was informed that due to changed circumstances he was now to be assigned to Invercargill. He declined, and with Elaine, decided to set up their own business. The service station at Church Bay became available and the couple saw it as an opportunity for development and growth in a very pleasant environment.

Russell was born in Waimate, and from an early age, showed an interest in motor vehicles and a determination to succeed. His after-school job in a garage preceded an apprenticeship with Canterbury Farmers Co-op. Ass., the Waimate Ford Dealership. At a Motor Trades Association Cabaret he met Elaine, the daughter of the St Andrews garage owner. Rumour has it that there they both deserted their original dates, and have been together ever since. By coincidence, Elaine was working for C.F.C.A. in Timaru where one of her duties was to relieve the telephone operator at lunch times. With the co-operation of the Waimate operator, essential calls between the two branches often extended to include a certain apprentice.

While Russell completed his automotive engineering apprenticeship and duly became the workshop foreman at a Waimate business, Elaine took up nursing and eventually completed her qualification in the Air Force. In 1971 the couple moved to Greyworth where Russell, now with an Advanced NZ Trade Certificate and a Diploma in Service Management, spent seven years as Service Manager for Schae’s Ltd., before the lure of new and exciting challenges led them, now with three children, to the Highlands of Papua-New Guinea and a position with the Australian company, Burns Philp Ltd which is hugely influential in the automotive trade right around the Pacific, with numerous franchises, the biggest being Toyota. Russell began as service manager at Mt Hagan before being promoted to branch manager at Poponetta near the beginning of the Kokoda Trail, and then to the larger Goroka branch. The family have many tales to tell of their six years in Papua-New Guinea, from exploring deserted airfields and relics of the Japanese invasion of WWII, witnessing fierce and deadly inter-tribal battles between spear-wielding warriors, and surviving tropical diseases to the comparative life of luxury of the ex-pat Kiwis and Australian company employees. Yes, says Russell, it was potentially dangerous, but we were well compensated and looked after very well. Our children were thoroughly drilled in emergency procedures, and overall we felt safe and comfortable. He does however admit that there were occasions when tribal tensions caused a virtual lock-down. At least once, he recalls, he sat on the office counter with a loaded revolver in case the trouble outside spilled over into the local businesses, as it occasionally did.

After a brief sojourn back in NZ as manager for G.T. Gillies Nissan in chilly Oamaru, the McLeods were off back to the Pacific, Russell being General Manager of Burns Philp’s Asco Western Samoa, where he was responsible for all aspects including sales, staff training and vehicle assembly. A transfer to a similar position in American Samoa followed before, in 1992 he took on the challenge of managing three separate companies—Ford USA, Mazda Japan and Hyundai from Korea—and ultimately overseeing their successful merger to become Samoa Motors. Within three years Russell was again sought by Burns Philp as General Manager/Director of their new consortium with Toyota Japan. With the children now at boarding schools in New Zealand, Russell and Elaine became well versed entertaining heads of state, hosting international trade delegations and generally working with leaders of multinational companies.

In 1996 they returned to New Zealand to be with their two daughters following the tragic death of their son, and so to the service station in Church Bay, where as would be expected of such an enterprising and hard-working couple, they set about establishing their three business – service station, shop and mechanical workshop – to provide good immediate service to the community as well as to fit in with expected future developments.

Today the McLeods are somewhat puzzled that no new enterprises have come to Church Bay and there has been no real development in the area. They were particularly disappointed when this indirectly led to the closure of their service station a few years ago. While accepting that it is in the interests of safety that it is the responsibility of the fuel companies to ensure that underground fuel tanks are not used beyond their given life span, it was sad to have to accept that fuel sales were insufficient to make the installation of new tanks viable for either the fuel company or the McLeods themselves. Thus, despite retirement looming, Russell and Elaine are happy to continue providing the services they can to the community, for as long as it takes.

Elaine
THE SCHOOL REPORT:

PRINCIPAL’S FAREWELL
As of the 2nd of July 2010, Jill Buick (Hornblow) is retiring as Principal from Diamond Harbour School after 17 years of service to the community.

An end of term assembly will be held on July 2 at 1.30pm at school to farewell Jill. We welcome members of the community to attend the assembly to help us celebrate Jill’s contribution to education. Alternatively, if you would like to write a message this can be put in a card/book for Jill or read out at the assembly. Please contact Lisa at Diamond Harbour School for further details on 329 4842 or email lisa.oliver@diamondharbour.school.nz.

YOUNG WRITERS’ WORKSHOP
On the 24th of May, ten talented young Diamond Harbour writers from Diamond Harbour School took part in a young writers’ workshop. The ten students chosen worked from nine to three for two days. The workshop was kindly sponsored by the Southern Bays Writers Group. I was lucky enough to take part in the workshop and I would recommend it to anyone who has the chance.

When we walked into Te Kete Aronui on Monday we met our tutor, Jason. We got straight into it and started to talk about verbs and the poems we would be writing. He told us that we would be writing haiku. I had done a few haiku before but was eager to learn more.

Jason gave us several pages of information and told us to write ten haiku. He explained how to write haiku – it went like this: Find a simile, then turn it into a metaphor, next make it an extended metaphor, and finally use the info from this process to turn it into a haiku. After we had all written ten haiku we had a conference with Jason and decided on four of our best haiku to publish.

The next day our topic was senryu which is a Japanese poem about human life. Jason told us to write three sets of five senryu. After we had completed them we choose one of our sets and combined the five poems into one longer poem. We were a bit short of time and just finished three. That night a six o’clock we all came to Te Teke Aronui to present our poems to the public. We presented our four best haiku and our one extended poem, followed by a light supper. A few of the Southern Bays Writers Group came to watch; hopefully they enjoyed our work.

All in all it was a really enjoyable two days; we learnt more than you can imagine. Isaac Fowler

[See page 3 for some of the haiku; longer poems next month]

SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Declaration of Parent Election results
At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected: Clinch, Sarah; Mouhica, Eric; Reid, John.

Lynn Fisher, Returning Officer

A warm invitation is extended to you and your family to our Term 3 Musical Soirée. Mark this date in your calendar so you don’t miss out.

MUSICAL CONCERT
7pm Saturday July 31 at the DH Community Hall
Showcasing the best of our local musical talent and our emerging young artists. More details and ticket booking information in the July Herald.

TWILIGHT FESTIVAL
Get ready for Spring. The winter is not quite with us however here at Diamond Harbour School we are already talking about Spring and the Twilight Festival that is to be held on November 5. This year the school PTA have decided to hold a Twilight Festival instead of the traditional fair. We will be hosting an evening of entertainment for the local community where you can come along and enjoy live music, purchase quality food from a range of stalls, and load your boot with plants and seedlings for your spring garden.

How can you help? To make this evening a success we would like to encourage you to consider donating a few seedlings or cuttings from your garden for selling at the festival. Please think of us when you cut your garden back in preparation for winter and again as you sow seeds ready for spring. Your left-over or surplus plants would be greatly appreciated as donations for our plant stalls.

We also want to encourage the enthusiastic chefs in our community to have a food stall at the festival, i.e. falafels, crepes, cakes, specialty breads, juices, homemade lemonades, sausages, spit pig, fruit, jams, preserves, etc.

This event will be a fundraiser for the school. We are looking forward to preparing a fantastic festival for all of us so keep a lookout for details in next month’s Herald.

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A Man of Letters

In 2005 Church Bay became home to one of New Zealand’s distinguished Men of Letters when James Norcliffe moved here with his wife Joan. Recently announced New Zealand Post Children’s Book Award winner of the 2010 Junior Fiction Award for The Loblolly Boy, James has been publishing poetry, short stories, and children’s fiction since the early 1980s, in the process winning two New Zealand Poetry Society’s international poetry competitions and having short stories produced on Radio New Zealand. His poems have been published in Australia, Canada and the United States and anthologised in the Oxford Book of New Zealand Poetry. He has published six collections of poetry, six novels for young people and one collection of short stories. When one adds the Burns Fellowship and other writing fellowships in New Zealand, Australia and the USA, it can be seen that the description Man of Letters is truly appropriate.

Born in Greymouth in 1946, James moved with his family to Mt. Pleasant where he attended primary school before doing his secondary schooling at Christchurch Boys High. Graduating from Canterbury University he taught at Shirley Boys High, which produced one of his plays. In 1968 he married Joan Melvyn. James recalls that he met Joan when he was at university and she was working for the Church of England’s education department with the late Rev John Mullane. I was flatting and she arrived one night on the back of my flat-mate’s scooter. We found so much to talk about we wanted to continue the conversation and have done so for more than forty years. They have two children, Tom, born in 1974 and Elizabeth, born in 1980.

In the early 1980s they moved to China where James taught English at Nankai University in Tianjin for two years. Back in Christchurch, he taught at Mairehau High School before heading to Brunei for three years - which for Joan seemed more like 30!

Early in the 1990s he published the first of his very successful children’s books, Under the Rotunda.

Now teaching English in the Foundation Studies Certificate course at Lincoln University, he devotes a lot of his time to helping young writers, and some older ones, conducting workshops and judging competitions. He is also the Poetry Editor for The Press.

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Haiku from The Young Writers’ Workshop

silver birch leaves
raked into a pile
autumn treasure chest

Katie Holland

candy floss clouds
rain icing sugar
poisoned pink sleet

Isaac Fowler

a paper clip snaps
onto a bank statement
crocodiles cry

Sasha Cuthbert

chip packets litter
an empty playground
stadium ghosts howl

Islay Fowler

teenagers fingers
disconnect from the world
cell phone lights flash

Edward Ryde

my granny’s picture
hangs on the wall
ancient eyes stare

Sahara Boniface

the girl’s wet socks
stink up the hall
skunks in distress

Julia Dower

library books whisper
never-ending waves
pages pulsed by tides

Stella Reid

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Good old fashioned, senseless fun!

Photo opposite is from the Herald’s predecessor, The Link, of July 1997 and shows some of the hardy souls who made the midwinter dip that year. We’re betting most of them will be there again this year. Will YOU?

Buchanan Brothers’ FUNdraiser Party

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Jayvee and Kim’s FUNdraiser Pasta & Music Party

Live music with Jayvee, Lianne & Kim
Special guest musician: Michele Poore

Venue: Charteris Bay Yacht Club
Date: Saturday 12 June 2010
Time: 5.30pm to 9.30pm
Meal: From 6-30pm
Price: Adults $20; Children $10

Refreshments available for purchase. Great raffle prizes and auction items.

All proceeds go to Jayvee and Kim Buchanan who will represent NZ at the Asians (Pattaya, Thailand) and the Worlds (Langkawi, Malaysia).

Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Please come and support a worthy cause.

For more information, or to buy tickets please contact Jeff Morrison 03 329 4518
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Only a limited number of tickets available!
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Ann Thornton

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ALLERGIES IN DOGS AND CATS

Just as large numbers of people suffer from hay fever and asthma, pets too can suffer from skin allergies. An animal’s skin acts as its allergic organ – much like our respiratory tract. From my experience of Canterbury, the Canterbury Plains is low in allergens, the Banks Peninsula is higher, and Akaroa is tops. This is likely to be related to the amount and variety of pollens in each place.

Chronic conditions can be frustrating to manage, and skin allergies are no exception. Animals can scratch or bite themselves excessively; their skin can become very red, and sometimes smelly. The classic skin allergy is called atopy, which is inhaled like hay fever. It causes red itchy skin, dry or greasy scaling and sometimes odour, pustules and papules. Typically, it affects the face and paws, but can also affect skin folds or the ears. It is caused by an allergic reaction to environmental allergens like dust mites, pollens, grasses, or animal dander and is generally worse in spring and summer.

There are a host of other conditions that can target a pet’s skin and be troublesome all year round. These include flea allergies and other parasites such as mange as well as food allergies, which tend to affect the face and paws. Contact allergies which often affect the underbelly can be caused by carpet cleaning chemicals and grasses like kikuyu plus Wandering Jew. Finally, there are bacterial and yeast infections and also metabolic conditions especially hypothyroidism and Cushing’s Disease.

The best way to manage itchy animals is to feed them a good quality diet. Hills Science diet is good for animals with a sensitive skin, and both Hills and Eukanuba/Iams have special diets for itchy animals. Be strict about parasite control and de-flea your pet regularly. There are soothing shampoos available, but they should not be used more than once a week. If this does not help you could try moving with your pet to either the Australian Outback or South African Karoo where there are very few allergies – or alternatively talk to your vet about therapies to relieve the symptoms. Cortisone or antihistamines used at the correct dosage and frequency can make a big difference. There is a new blood test available to screen for some of the more common allergies, and desensitisation therapy is suitable for treating some of them.

WEATHER WATCH

And then it rained!

After weeks of dry weather, and quite a lot of sunshine, it looks like it’s the end of autumn. At last rain has arrived, and as a fall to begin with – just what is needed for the garden to replenish the soil moisture. At the time of writing, the Met Office is issuing heavy rain warnings right, left and centre, and the Banks Peninsula is getting special mention. But when rain starts gently there is a fair chance that our slopes and soils will be able to cope. We are experiencing one of those systems the Met Office likes to call a weather bomb. This is a relatively new term, and seems to mean a small intense low pressure system that can be guaranteed to bring a lot of rain.

Autumn has been very dry, with less than 70mm of rain in the last four months. Meanwhile, evaporation rates have been more or less normal, so that soil and vegetation have dried out, and we have not had the flush of growth that we expect in autumn. According to the airport figures, we have had about half our average rainfall for this time of year. Much of that (78mm) fell in a few days of heavy rain in January. February and March had about 20mm each, and April only 15mm. The first three weeks of May totalled a mere 11mm.

A quick look at the last ten years shows that even the driest of these, 2007, still had 108mm, more or less evenly spread across the same four months. Last year was much the same, until May doused us with one of the wettest spells ever. It is a bit late for this May to equal that, but this weather bomb may cause our records to suddenly jump to something like normal!

Temperatures for the May have been variable. It began with some days that were unusually warm for the time of year with temperatures rising to the mid-twenties. By the third week, however, things were beginning to cool down, and a persistent northeast wind gave us lower temperatures. A little rain and some days of low cloud made quite a difference in the garden – with some plants perking up noticeably – but the rain did not penetrate far into the soil. As we head into winter, I note that none of our local or national forecasters have ventured to see too far into the future, although there are dire warnings of snow to come!

Jane Soons
**WINE SPEAK**

OK I get it – summer is well and truly over! Here’s a few quaffers to enjoy as you keep warm (surely NOT using your outlawed log burners) watching the rain pelting against your windows. It’s the last time I’ll feature Sauvignon Blanc for a while but I’m still drinking it to cut through richer autumnal cream or white-meat dishes. The 2009 vintage from Palliser Estate is a beauty again with a pungent lemon-lime herb nose, passionfruit richness throughout, and racy acidity down the back. Too cheap at $15 on special! Also $15, Chardonnay stalwarts can enjoy the 2009 Moana Park Vineyard Selection Orange Block. Flinty citrus aromas with grapefruit and mineral backbone, it really sings with food to get that mealy peaches and cream flavour out the back end. For those trying to pair Asian food, try the 2008 Wild Earth Pinot Gris. At $22 it’s fresh rather than oily, with pear and spice to the fore, even a hint of Turkish delight, finishing slightly sweet and built for drinking now.

I’m well behind on reds still but that will surely change as I’m relegated more indoors. The 2007 Henriks Drive Pillar Box Red from the Padthaway region is a blend of Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Merlot. It’s all red, black and blue berries with some mocha notes and a hint of pepper that offers endless quaffing value at $15 a bottle. For $5 more track down the Reserve which has a boring brown label but is all of the above with a lot more oompf! Finally, another beauty to trolley out from the cracker 2007 Hawkes Bay Vintage is the Te Awa Left Field Merlot. Unashamedly fruit forward, its ripeness will impress with cocoa and earth and the ride on the back deliciously smooth and long. Not bad for $20 either. Enjoy!

**RECIPE**

**Yummy Creamy Pumpkin Soup**

Winter nights are soup time so this month I would like to share my favourite pumpkin soup recipe. Perhaps you are thinking: pumpkin – boring! I think you will find this soup anything but boring. I came up with the recipe after trying many different ones and it never fails to impress at the table. Best of all, you can just improvise with whatever amounts you have on hand. However... never forget the celery or the pinch of sugar!

**Ingredients for 4**

1 pumpkin (preferably orange-fleshed) 2-3kg
6-8 Carrots (or less), washed and diced
2-3 stalks of celery, peeled and diced
1 leek chopped in rings
2tbsp olive oil or butter
1.8 litres of good vegetable (or beef) stock
2 onions 2 cloves of garlic
250ml of cream 1tbsp sugar
salt and pepper chives and/or parsley
curry and/or cumin 4 slices of toast bread
2tbsp butter for croutons

Cut pumpkin into large junks discarding the seeds. (You can hollow out the flesh and serve the soup in the pumpkin bowl which looks very attractive on the table.) Roughly chop onions and garlic, sauté in the oil or butter. Add pumpkin, carrot, celery and leek stirring continuously, then add the stock (if you like, first add 50ml of dry white wine) and let it simmer until the vegetables are very soft. Put through a blender, and then add sugar, salt and pepper and 2 tbsp of curry and/or cumin (vary to taste). Add the cream (it may be lightly whipped then carefully folded under) and chopped parsley and/or chives.

If you like croutons, cut the toast into small cubes and brown in butter. Add them just before serving.

Enjoy a cosy weekend with soup and fresh bread at the fire. Bon Appetite.

Franziska
Hi to everyone from Godley House,

With the colder weather upon us, people are enjoying the mulled wine, roaring fires, and cozy atmosphere at Godley House.

Winter Hours - Wed 4.00pm-9.00pm, Thurs-Sun from 11.00am.

Queen's Birthday Monday - Open from 11.00am

Some new additions to our schedule:

**Wed Nights** - Happy Hour 5.00-6.00, then from 6.00-9.00 pm, pool, darts, games, and curry and a pint for $12.00

**Thurs Nights** - Girls' Night Out - Mulled wine, monthly draws, drinks specials and much more to come! 6.00pm-9.00pm. Get a group together and come down for some fun!

**Fri Nights** - Happy Hour 6.00pm-7.00pm - the night anything could happen and usually does!!

See you soon.

Cheers, Richard & Michelle

The cold wet weather of last week did not mar the reunion of some present and former residents of Diamond Harbour district who met in the cozy warmth of Godley House for a hot meal and lots of reminiscing. More than forty attended the 60-60 Club event, organised by Mary Stapylton-Smith, the criteria for an invitation being that you lived in this area sixty years ago, and are currently — and not surprisingly — over sixty years of age. In addition to those pictured, the group included: Durelle Bingham, Lesley and Dick Barnett, George Buchanan, Barry and Wisha Bowater, Charlie and Monica Dudley, Maureen Fife, Ged Gardiner, Jimmy and Marie Hughes, Jeanette Lennon (Stevens), Max and Judy Manson, Seaton (Sam) McLean, Margaret Sommerville, Meredith and Ian Stewart, and Ritchie and Allison Wood.
We've arrived! Diamond Harbour is to feature in a TV1 documentary. Does this mean the world has suddenly recognised the significance of our great little community? Probably – perhaps hopefully – not. It’s just that, twenty-six years ago this month, our locale was the setting of an unsolved mystery.

On the afternoon of June 1, 1984, John Buxton, a Christchurch resident, hooked his boat trailer to his car and drove the 30-odd km to the Diamond Harbour Post Office, where he presented a sizeable parcel wrapped in newspaper and addressed to Waikeke Island.

To pay for the postage, he took a large roll of notes from his pocket and peeled one off to hand to the postmistress. He then turned and stood for several minutes gazing out the window, causing some consternation for the postmistress who was aware that she urgently needed to close up in order to get the mail bags down to the 4.30pm ferry.

John then returned to his car, drove to the Purau boat ramp where he launched his small sailing dinghy and set fourth.

The boat was later discovered drifting off Godley Head. John Buxton was never seen again. A tragic accident or …? The drive to a relatively distant community, the attention-grabbing sequence at the Post Office, and the decision to go sailing in a small boat on a winter’s evening might suggest otherwise.

To learn more of this intriguing mystery, be sure to catch John’s episode of the documentary Missing, Series 2, to screen on TV1 in July or August.

DIAMOND HARBOUR ON TV

NATURAL BURIALS UPDATE

While checking my records relating to the provision of a site in our area suitable for natural burials I have discovered that it was in May 2005 that I first made a submission to the then Banks Peninsula Borough Council for such a site. Since then, many people locally and in the wider Christchurch area have become interested in, and have expressed their enthusiasm for, this form of burial to be available locally.

After amalgamation with the Christchurch City Council our local councillor, Claudia Reid presented this concept to the Council. Both the Banks Peninsula Council and the Christchurch City Council were sympathetic to the idea. In April 2007 the Wellington City Council in cooperation with the Natural Burials Organisation opened a natural burial ground at Makara Cemetery in Karori and negotiations are underway for a similar burial ground in New Plymouth. So why have we not yet got a local burial ground available for natural burials?

The answer lies in the process the Christchurch City Council has initiated for providing for adequate cemeteries to cater for the Christchurch/Banks Peninsula area. This process involves a comprehensive review of existing cemeteries and a survey of the needs of the current and future populations of our area. During this review a number of focus groups were organised by Christine Heremia who was in charge of the project. One of these focus groups provided the opportunity for a number of us who are keen on the idea of natural burials to present our case. There have since been two public meetings where once again a strong case has been presented for the inclusion of natural burial sites in future planning.

Anthony Shadbolt (941 8270) has now taken over the brief of producing the Cemeteries Master Plan which he has told me he will have ready to present to the Council in March 2011. Once the Council has approved the plan it will be made available for public submissions. This will provide the opportunity for interested parties to support the case for a natural burial site and perhaps even suggest suitable locations.

The characteristics of natural burial are that the body is buried:

unembalmed

in a biodegradable coffin or shroud

in an area designated as a regenerating native forest at a depth of 1m (the optimal depth for decomposition to take place)

covered with rich soil and planted over with a native tree as part of a landscape plan

As my contact list is five years old, I would welcome hearing from people who expressed an interest earlier and are still interested, as well as anyone else interested in being kept up-to-date with developments or who would like more information.

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ELAINE

[Picture shows John Buxton’s look-alike entering our P.O.]

Ann Thornton
The 2010 Lyttelton Harbour Festival of Lights from 18 to 27 June promises to be the biggest and best yet. It opens with an exotic harem-themed party and then showcases local talent in fashion, music, food and wine, performing arts, heritage and art.

Up-cycle unwanted clothes at Swap-O-Rama-Rama, see The Butler before it tours to London, swot up on Lyttelton’s heritage, sip wine by the fire with a connoisseur, join a ukulele jam or improvise on a theme in the Basement – there is something for everyone and almost 30 events to choose from!

For kids, there will be storytelling at Volcano Radio, The Butler for Kids, a mask-making workshop, the Kids in the Community Concert, Matariki and the much-loved mask and lantern street parade.

The biggest event, as always, will be the famous Street Party on Friday, 25 June with a masked parade, live bands, a dazzling fireworks display, and a Science Alive planetarium.

**ORTON GOES DUCK-SHOOTING —**

The following is the entry Orton Bradley made in his diary for Friday, July 5, 1879.

Went out shooting with Mr Hawkins John Gebbie and Harvey they got there about half an hour before I did. When I got there John had got two Swans and that is all he got all day long. I got in a good position and I got 2 grey teal and 7 spoonbills and one swan just as we were coming away. If the weather had been more favourable I should have got more. Mr Hawkins got three ducks and Harvey none. Mr Hawkins and I were shooting close together in the afternoon we missed several good chances. One duck came within twenty-five yards and we fired four barrels at it and it went away after all you could hear shot strike on it. I had my ducks stuck up as decoys and they acted splendidly one teal coming down and settling with them and all the rest came a good bit closer to look at them. Mr Hawkins was driving so I got my game to Edmonds without much trouble. If we had not come away so soon I think we might have got a few good swans as they came overhead just after we started. I had one shot off young Mouse but she jumped too much for me to get a steady aim. Murray Taylor shot one and only broke its wing and it got in the lake and I fired three shots at it about thirty yards off and did not kill it. John Gebbie came and had one shot at it and got it. I stayed playing Euchre at JGs till ten. Mr Hawkins stayed all night.
LAND, WATER AND STARS - News & Views from the Transition Harbour Project

Purau Park - a dream delayed
Just when it seemed that the community’s dream of a park on the Purau headland was coming to fruition, the money-men tried to squeeze some more cash from these ancient rocks. While the City Council was hearing submissions on the annual plan on support for borrowing $1.2 million dollars to buy a 31 hectare public reserve on the headland, the vendors upped the ante. The vendors are a firm of Timaru lawyers who put together a portfolio of investors to buy the land at the highly inflated price of $5 million. They have only got around half of this back, and they are looking for a buyer who will pay twice what the Council has offered as a fair valuation for the land.

They have been looking for such a buyer for over two years now, and the Council’s offer is the best one they have received. It seems extremely unlikely they will find anyone who will offer more, since the land is not worth that much. Although, in theory, it can be divided into lucrative 4 hectare blocks, in practice there are many reasons why this can not and will not happen, ranging from water supply problems through to strong community opposition to subdivision.

So where to next? It is important that the community continues to support the Council’s efforts to buy the headland, and encourages it to look at other ways this might be achieved. One of them is for the Council to take an option to purchase on the land, giving it the right to match any offers the vendors may receive from the market which are higher than the Council’s offer. A second suggestion is that the Council gives the fair valuation purchase money to an appropriate trust, such as the Rod Donald Trust, and it buys the land. This does not mean that the vendors get more money, but it will entitle investors to a tax write-off on some of the dollars they were foolish enough to lend on an over-valued property.

Please let the Council know that you want them to keep trying.

Reflections on Water
Four members of the Transition Harbour Project had a chat with Selwyn MP Amy Adams when she was in Diamond Harbour seeing constituents last month. We shared with her what the Transition Harbour Project has been doing over the past year, and we also shared our concerns about what her party in government had just done by way of sacking our democratically-elected regional councillors and setting up new arrangements for managing Canterbury’s water resources. We had a free and frank exchange of views, as they say. At the end of it we remained unconvinced that abolishing regional democracy was a necessary step to take in order to protect water resources, and indeed we remain sceptical about whether the new commissioners will do a better job of protecting the water resource. Amy assured us that the change was not intended to facilitate water access for irrigators, but was motivated primarily by sustainability considerations. Since she told us that, Forest and Bird has obtained documents under the Official Information Act which show that from April 2009 National Party ministers were meeting with each other and with those with a vested interest in greater water extraction to plan how to make this happen, including removing Water Conservation Orders on Canterbury rivers and removing the rights of Cantabrians to have recourse to the Environment Court. Just how few rights we now have left were covered in Ann Brower’s article Environment Court. Just how few rights we now have left were covered in Ann Brower’s article Environment Court.

Matariki and Mid-Winter Gardening
The Kitchen Garden Group hosted some twenty people to an enjoyable soup, crumble and gardening discussion evening at the Hall on Friday May 14. These gatherings are a great way to share good fellowship and good gardening tips - look out for the next one and come along.

On Monday June 14 there is another special day in the New Zealand gardening calendar – the new moon of Matariki. The season of Matariki, also known as the Maori New Year, is signalled by the return to the night sky of the Seven Sisters constellation, or Pleiades. (Known as Subaru Jap for - for those who have ever wondered about the car company’s logo.) The constellation will be easiest to see at new moon. In the traditional Maori calendar Matariki was a time for remembering those who had recently passed on, for drying and storing late harvests and fish catches, and preparing for new plantings. If you grow garlic and broad beans, now is a good time to prepare the ground ready for planting these crops later in the month and also for planting later flowering bulbous flowers, like tulips and lilies.

Christine

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NOTES FROM AMY ADAMS

Hot demand for Government insulation scheme.
So far, 7016 Canterbury households have benefited from the Government’s home insulation and energy efficiency programme Warm Up New Zealand: Heat Smart.
The scheme is open to all New Zealand households as long as the house was built before 2000. All eligible houses receive 33 percent of the total insulation cost up to $1300, and $500 towards clean heating. Homeowners who hold community services cards receive 60 percent towards insulation and $1200 towards clean heating. Landlords with community services card holding tenants can also apply for a 60 percent insulation subsidy and a clean heating subsidy of $500. Community Services card holders may be eligible for other funding from community based projects. Community groups, district health boards, iwigo groups and local businesses are among the organisations providing additional funding to allow those most in need in their community to take part in the scheme at little or no cost.
For more information contact the Christchurch branch of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) on 03 353 9280, or free phone 0800 358 676. For more information visit: www.energywise.govt.nz.

Appointment of Temporary Commissioners to ECAN
You will be aware that the Government has recently appointed temporary commissioners to replace ECAN councillors until 2013 or sooner if possible. “This is not a decision that Government took lightly but it is a decision I believe needed to be made for the good of our region. Water is and always will be a big issue for Canterbury. On many occasions, Selwyn residents have raised concerns with me over the operations of ECAN and in particular the confusion and lack of leadership about Canterbury water. While every one of New Zealand’s other 15 regional councils has a plan for water in place, Canterbury still does not have an operative water plan. That is not an acceptable situation.
The commissioners are tasked with getting ECAN back on track to provide well managed rivers and aquifers that provide Cantabrians with jobs, clean energy and a great lifestyle for generations to come on a sustainable basis. Efficient water management is crucial to New Zealand’s competitive advantage and our clean green brand, and we in Canterbury have the chance to get it right.
The appointed commissioners will be required to consult with the Canterbury community on all decisions just as the council would have under the Local Government and Resource Management Acts.
It is important to note that issues around managing our water resources are not easy ones and there is no quick fix. I believe that if central Government to have ignored its responsibility to take action, we would have seen further deterioration of our environment, a myriad of lost opportunities and the continuation of the excessive costs and unacceptable delays that have been the hallmark of Environment Canterbury for far too many years.
The Commissioners now face a significant challenge and there will need time but in my view they give our region the best hope of moving forward on these issues and away from the divisiveness of the past.

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MP FOR SELWYN

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STODDART’S COTTAGE EVENTS

At the request of Stoddart’s Cottage Trust this section has been removed in the Herald web edition and replaced by the following notice:
Open most Sundays 1-4pm, for forthcoming exhibitions at Stoddart’s Cottage, please visit: www.stoddarts cottage.co.nz/exhibitionsandevents/

Beca Heritage Week coming up —
Anniversaries, adventures and a fresh look at the founding of our city will be celebrated during this year’s Beca Heritage Week, which will run from 22 to 31 October. This year’s theme, On the Horizon - rediscover the settlement of our City, highlights the early encounters and discoveries that helped shape Christchurch and Canterbury. We are also working alongside the Christchurch Fire Service to celebrate 150 years of service. Community groups, organisations and individuals can register an event that fits this year’s theme by completing a form on the Heritage Week website before 13 June. Past events have included exhibitions, workshops, public lectures, tours, open days, walks and concerts. For further information about Beca Heritage Week and how to be involved please email Aimee Holland at Heritage@ccc.govt.nz or phone (03) 941 8628; to register your event visit www.heritageweek.co.nz.

Afternoon tea as it used to be...

Victorian Afternoon Tea
Home made cake and strong leaf tea served to you by Annie and her maids in Victorian Period costume
Victorian afternoon tea will be served from 1pm to 4pm on:
Queen’s Birthday Weekend - Sunday 6th June
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CHURCH NOTICES

For latest details of all church news, visit...
www.diamondharbour.info/church-notices.aspx

Regular Services
Catholic Mass every Saturday at 6.30pm.
Anglican - Methodist - Presbyterian: Sunday 8am and 10.30am Communion (no 8am service in January).

Men’s Breakfast
July 3 at 8am in the Diamond Harbour Church Hall. A delicious breakfast followed by an interesting speaker (details to be announced). All men welcome.

Wednesday Study and Discussion Group
Meets in the Church Library at 3:30pm fortnightly on June 2, 16 & 30.
Contact: Coral Kay 329 3228 or Anne Boyd 329 4444.

Home Groups
Two home groups meet on alternate Monday evenings at 7.30pm.
Group 1: in the Church (contact Ross Fountain 329 4202).
Group 2: in the home of John and Margaret Somerville (contact the Somervilles 329 4713).

Rainbow Music
Weekly sessions at 9:30am each Friday during term time. All preschoolers are welcome.
$3 for one child or $4 per family. Inquiries can be made to the Parish office 329 4790.
Rainbow Music is now being led by parents/carers on a roster basis. There is a single session commencing at 9:30am with morning tea at 10:15am when hospitality is offered by women of the church. We would welcome a new leader who can sing, loves children, and is available on Fridays during school term from 9:30am to 11am.

Baby Group
A baby group meets regularly at Diamond Harbour Church for parents’ mutual support and encouragement. The groups are fortnightly on Tuesdays from 10am-noon for parents with a child aged between 0 and 16 months. Please ring Wendy Coles 329 4483 for dates and other information.

City Shopping Van
The fortnightly shopping van to South City mall will be running on June 9 and 23.
The van does pick-ups from home around 9:30am and drops people back home around 1pm. A contribution towards fuel of $10 per shopping day is expected. To book an occasional or regular ride to South City, ring Nicky Palmer 329 4341 or Wendy Coles 329 4483.

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.
Community Association News: The Diamond Harbour Community Association committee met on May 17. There was a discussion about the website. Felicia has oversight of the sections managed by the group managers and makes suggestions for improvements. Groups and individuals in the community are encouraged to provide input.

Karen reported that CCC is going to look after the gardens around the Hall. The council’s heating plan has been completed but owing to financial constraints the Diamond Harbour Hall may not see any improvements for at least a year or two. It was agreed that an email should be sent to Lisa Hayward at CCC stating that while we understand the pressure on funds for halls:
1. We expect the guttering to be replaced before this winter, as agreed.
2. Heating is the next most urgent expenditure. If a heat pump cannot be installed in the Stage Room before winter the committee will investigate whether it can afford to install one in the Stage Room along with insulation in the ceiling. Paula reported $5,000 of the $14,000 Community Board discretionary fund is still available for allocation. It was decided to ask for a subsidy for heating for the Stage Room.

The CCC has agreed to pay for white paint for the jetty if labour could be supplied. Some of the planks at the parking end of the jetty are going to be replaced.

Richard spoke to the DHCA submission to the CCC Annual Plan, stressing:
1. The need for a more organised management plan for upkeep of the Community Centre.
2. The need for the CCC to continue negotiating over the purchase of the Purau Headland (its initial offer has been rejected as insufficient by the vendor).
3. Support for cycling and walking which is in the Long Term Plan but has been reduced in the Annual Plan.

The Climate Change Submissions from the DHCA was tabled and endorsed. The Stoddart Point Plan is due and will require a meeting and submissions to be organised.

News from the Bridge Club: One of the highlights of our year is the annual tournament with the Akaroa Bridge Club. This year it was Diamond Harbour’s turn to host the event. A very enjoyable Sunday was spent playing bridge and renewing old friendships. Congratulations to Akaroa for winning the Shield this year.

Congratulations also to the winners of our major competition, the Purau Pairs, played over seven nights. The winners were Lita Ireland and Geoffrey Walker, and the runners-up were Kevin Holland and Maurice Smales.

Diamond Harbour & Districts Historical Assn:
The next meeting is at 8pm on Tuesday June 8 in the Stage Room. Jan Studholme’s talk is entitled Telling stories: Finding the extraordinary in the everyday and ordinary. All welcome.

Anzac Day Poppies: Thank you to all who donated into Poppy boxes for Anzac Day. A considerable amount was collected and was gratefully received from Returned Services Association for their welfare funds.

SeniorNet: A beginners course in basic computing skills will be offered in Diamond Harbour if sufficient interest is shown. If you are interested please phone the course coordinators on 385 0902, or SeniorNet on 386 2140.

Diamond Harbour Singers Annual Concert:
Once again it is time for a wonderful evening of singing brought to you by the Diamond Harbour Singers and the A Capellago World Music Choir from Christchurch. Sing-off will be in the Diamond Harbour Hall at 7:30pm on Saturday, July 3. A generous supper will be provided – but feel free to bring the drink of your choice. Adults $12. See you there!

Orton Bradley Park Arbour Day: Native tree planting day on Sunday June 6. Meet 9:30am at the old school house. Bring a spade and a raincoat.

Ian Luxford

Uniquely Purau Inc Society (UPSI) AGM:
We will be holding our AGM on Monday June 28 at 7:30pm in the Stage Room, Diamond Harbour Hall. It will be preceded by our guest, Frances Schmechel from ECAN, who will be speaking on the re-habitation of native birds to Banks Peninsula. Come and join us for an informative talk. UPSI always welcomes new members.

Wendy Rees

Early Childhood Centre Committee to disband:
In 2003 a group of parents of young children got together with the idea of creating a community-run, not-for-profit early learning centre in Diamond Harbour. We established an incorporated society and asked the then Banks Peninsula District Council for funds to do a needs analysis survey. The results of the survey were encouraging, with 58 families replying. If we had opened a centre then, we would have had 28 over-two year olds and 22 under-two year olds. We set about creating further documents and information, including a budget which confirmed that we could run a non-profit early childhood centre that catered for many of the needs that had been identified by the families.

It was with a real sense of urgency and purpose that we embarked upon this process because we believed that we had a mandate from the community of pre-school parents. Yet we have now arrived in 2010 still without a childcare centre in Diamond Harbour and many of our pre-schoolers either going to town, Governors Bay, or Lyttelton for their early childhood education and childcare. These are all wonderful options - just not in our community.

We have received consistent support from the Diamond Harbour community and the Lyttelton Mount Herbert Community Board for which we are extremely grateful. There are many reasons for the stalling of this project with one main stumbling block being the drawn-out process of engaging with the Christchurch City Council regarding the lease of suitable blocks of land.

In light of these factors, the current committee of the Diamond Harbour Community Early Childhood Centre (whose children are nearly all school-aged now!) wants to move on to other projects. We would love to hand this project on to other members of the community who can see the vision and benefits that this project will bring to Diamond Harbour and surrounding communities.

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 15 at 7:30pm in the Committee Room (across from the hall kitchen) of the Diamond Harbour Hall to discuss a motion to wind up the association in accordance with its constitution. All past members or anyone willing to take on this project is welcome. If there is no-one who wants to take up the opportunity before June 30 2010, we will deregister the Diamond Harbour Community Early Childhood Centre Incorporated Society and pass any accumulated funds on to the community as per our constitution. Please call Kirsten Mackay 329 3039 for further information.

Return of the Native: A one day workshop on the harbour basin’s ecosystems will be held at Diamond Harbour on Sunday June 27. It is a chance to hear some interesting speakers and to compare notes with other local activists. Groups or individuals are invited but numbers are limited, so register now – email biodiversity@ccc.govt.nz or call Aimee on 941 8628.

Western Valley Rd closure: Replacement of a bridge between May and July is expected to involve complete road closure for approximately three weeks. For more information contact Ann Campbell, Transport and Greenspace, 941 5111.

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Insight Meditation: Tues, 6.30pm, 7A Whero Ave.  
Ladies Probus: Mon June 14, 10am, Church Bay Golf Club  
Matariki: Mon June 14. See p11  
Midwinter Swim: Sun June 27, 1pm, DH Jetty. See p4  
Orton Bradley Arbour Day Planting: Sun June 6. See p14  
Poems for Herald: Email to us by June 21. See p3  
Purau Produce Market: Sat June 5 & 19. See below.  
Return of the Native Forum: Sun June 27, DH. See p14  
SHOPPING VAN: June 9 & 23. See p13  
Toy Library: Sats, 10-11am, Community Hall  
Uniquely Purau AGM: Mon June 26, 7.30pm. See p14  
Yoga: Mons 7pm, Weekdays 10am, 10 Te Ra Cres. See p10  
Zumba Fitness: Fri Jun 4 & 18, 7-8pm, Com Hall  

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