ON LEAVING SCHOOL

Leaving school is a special event in everyone’s life, and retiring Diamond Harbour School principal, Jill Buick, says, although she has done it more times than most people, each time brings the same feelings for her as for the many youngsters she has seen facing it for the first time - excitement, anticipation and a little nervousness at the prospect of a different environment and lifestyle, and new challenges and expectations, along with sadness at farewelling the familiar surroundings, the routines and, of course, the people who have been such an important part of one’s life.

After about twenty years as a school principal, seventeen of them at Diamond Harbour, Jill looks forward to shedding the responsibility of being on call 24 hours a day and of needing to always consider the welfare of the school, the staff and students in every decision, personal as well as professional. I’ll be able to have a life of my own, she quips. Lots of gardening, travel – two sons now live overseas - perhaps downsizing the house, and getting involved in some way in her community are on her ‘will do’ list. But the memories will live on….

Originally from Carterton in the Wairarapa, Jill taught for a few years in Masterton and Wellington before moving to the South Island’s West Coast, where she progressed to become principal of the three-teacher Dobson School, now known as Paparoa Range School. Very soon after she arrived there, the new national educational policy, Tomorrow’s Schools was implemented, bringing increased responsibility for individual schools to formulate their own policy statements and to document in detail how the school aimed to achieve the national goals. As well as dealing with a lot more paperwork, Jill took up the challenge to include more Tikanga Maori in the curriculum by personally completing an appropriate Massey University paper by correspondence. A vacancy at Diamond Harbour in the early 1990’s offered both a career advancement and the opportunity to live in Christchurch near her three sons. One of her early priorities at Diamond Harbour was to remove the barriers, both physical and intellectual, between the senior and junior divisions of the school. A fence was removed, and a program of peer tutoring of juniors by older pupils was established. Changes in the school environment during her time there have included the establishment of the junior playground, the senior fitness circuit, a caretaker’s storage shed and the drive-way along the rear of the school, which also necessitated, to Jill’s considerable relief, the removal of a row of precarious pine trees which threatened to fall onto the classrooms. More recently, the opening of the multipurpose learning facility, aptly named Te Keti Aromai – Basket of Knowledge, was a proud milestone for all.

Understandably, Jill rates seeing former Diamond Harbour pupils achieve academically, on the sports field and in life generally as her greatest rewards. I am sure that children in rural schools have a number of advantages over their city counterparts, and in Diamond Harbour we have the added bonus of being close enough to the city to be involved in city events such as music festivals.

Jill calculates that she has worked with more than 40 Board of Trustees members at Diamond Harbour and is appreciative of the good relationship she has had with the Board. No school can succeed without everyone pulling together – the Board of Trustees, staff, parents, community and pupils. And under Jill’s leadership, that certainly seems to have happened. Among many instances of people going the extra mile for the school, she cites the great work done in Music by staff member, Fiona Rice, whose efforts mean that our youngsters have access to tuition in guitar, ukulele, recorder, violin, piano and keyboard – a range comparable with that of many larger schools. Similarly, credit for the creation of the superb basketball court is given to the Mt Herbert Junior Basketball Club and in particular, Nicky Palmer and Paula Wilkinson. The Club also followed up with coaching, enabling the school team to achieve a high standard. Other highlights include the gaining of an Enviro award. Jill attributes much of her personal satisfaction to the collegiality and friendship shown her by the staff, especially long-standing member, Joc Haley, who was there when Jill arrived and who continues on.

Understandably, when she leaves school, probably for the last time, on July 2, Jill Buick will miss the supportive community, the children and the school which has been her life for so long and she will take with her the community’s thanks for a job well done, and our best wishes for a well deserved life of her own.

Elaine
My mother works as hard as worker ants to cook and clean for a hungry household.

Couch potato siblings sink under pillows like sloths hanging from tree branches.

Cheeky chimpanzees swing from their perches like the call of the wild when it’s time to eat.

Lost Memories

Old fingers stretch over knitting needles like starfish yearning for water.

Grandmothers peer through reading glasses magnifying the dust settled on the past.

Family photos scratched by fingerprints are like broken records repeating history.

Fishy Family

Solar panels absorb heat like a sea lion dad sunbathing on the beach.

My dolphin sister dives for tuna as my brother boogies on a wave.

My mother’s mind is like a flock of seagulls trying to work out our daily routine.

Sahara Boniface

Our Poetry Editor, James, describes this poem of the month as “Just splendid—a nicely turned piece.”

EMPTY PLATE

Furnish unto the feast an empty plate
For all your needs required to satisfy
Let appetite on hunger fully sate.

Mark well the easy gourmand’s parlous state
The lapping jowls of gluttony lay by
Furnish unto the feast an empty plate

The laden bowl serves but to exacerbate
That lack the empty soul cannot deny
Let appetite on hunger fully sate.

In such excess perceive the devil’s bate
To hide the starving face of those that die
Furnish unto the feast an empty plate

Then to the feast go early and come late
Allow the least temptation to your eye
Let appetite on hunger fully sate.

Know half the world exists in famine’s state
And half content to live life as they lie
Furnish unto the feast an empty plate
Let appetite on hunger fully sate.

Tony Morrison

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WENDY: A GOOD SORT

It takes a special character to be a Civil Defender. These community-minded volunteers regularly hone skills that they may never be called on to use. Unlike our valued Volunteer Firemen, whose training is justified and reinforced by real incidents, Civil Defence volunteers beaver away unseen and unsung.

But every year the City Council acknowledges its debt to their nearly 1000 Civil Defence volunteers by hosting a dinner in their honour. Recently, three locals represented the Diamond Harbour Sector Post at this ritzy affair. During an interval between courses, cups were awarded for various inter-area competitions and citations were announced. One of the most prestigious citations was for exceptional leadership in each major ward.

It came as no surprise – except to her – that Wendy Coles was awarded this distinction for the Banks Peninsula area. Wendy puts in a great deal of her free time in many local community roles – Civil Defence and Neighbourhood Support being but two. So next time you see her – thank her. Better still – really make her day by offering to join her Civil Defence team!

Wendy Coles

John Barry

TRANSITION HARBOUR NEWS

ANNOUNCING...

The First, the Great, the Unique, the Inimitable and Clucking Good

CHICKEN AND EGG FESTIVAL

will be hatching

on Saturday September 11

down at the Diamond Harbour Hall.

Now is the time to

- Start brushing up your chicken jokes for the COMMUNITY CACKLE SESSION (Why did the chicken cross the soccer pitch? She heard the referee calling fouls)
- Perfect your quiche or pavlova making technique for the BIG EGG BAKE-OFF
- Start snapping or painting chickens (or wild birds) for the AVIAN ART EXHIBITION
- Get your winning costume together ready to strut your stuff at the BARN DANCE to the sounds of BANTAM OF THE OPERA
- Come up with other feather-brained ideas for having fun.

Watch this space next month for more details on what, when, who and how - and if you want to stick your beak in and help make it all happen, call Christine (329 4588) or Annie (329 4779). Just remember, folks - no bad yolks!

Here’s another good one—

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Paru is an experienced and successful travel agent having worked in the industry in Australia for twenty years. During that time she has had a long association with Flight Centre and it is in partnership with this company that she will operate her home-based venture. This of course means that she has access to all the Flight Centre deals, but more than that, Paru herself has first hand knowledge of much of the world, having travelled widely and lived in Israel, the UK, France, India, South America and Australia. She also speaks French, Spanish and a little Portuguese, in addition to English.

A good travel agent, says Paru, is one who goes the extra mile to find out what interests you, gives you tips on where to go and what to see and do, is honest and finds you the best deal possible. Paru aims to do all that and more. If you are familiar with the internet and are off to stay with family or friends here or in Australia, Paru will suggest that for best value, you should do your own bookings online, but if you are going further afield or need things like ground transport, accommodation or tours, and want to avoid unpleasant surprises en route, you need the skills of a good travel agent. Paru aims to create travel plans that are stress-free and memorable right from the first moment you contact her – and she guarantees best price and service. Consultations can be carried out over the phone, via email or in person at her home, which just happens to be her Shunyata retreat and day spa, so if you book your travel before the end of August, you’ll also be offered a free ozone sauna.

There are several ways to get in touch with Paru:
Email: Karen.Clarke.nz@flightcentre.co.nz,
Phone: 329 4773, look under Specialist Consultants/Brokers at www.flightcentre.co.nz or check the Yellow Pages under Flight Centre.

Elaine

Support Workers

Individuals required to provide personal care and household assistance in Diamond Harbour.

Access is one of New Zealand’s leading healthcare organisations, specialising in home-based healthcare and support.

We’re looking for support workers who are passionate about people, about offering them the best possible care, and about giving them the support they need to live independently in their community.

If you are honest, caring, have a passion for people, and are interested in providing home support services, we would like to hear from you.

Please email your application, including a CV, to Denise Gray at denise_gray@access.org.nz, or phone Denise on 0800 AT HOME (0800 284 663).

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WEATHER WATCH

The Big Wet?
When I wrote my last report we were experiencing – even enjoying – a period of rain which was quietly replenishing the soil moisture and causing few, if any, problems. I did what a weather commentator should ever do, and opined that it was a bit late for May to equal the record rainfall of 2009. Events proved me wrong; it went on raining. By the end of May I measured 184mm, most of it falling in the last week. It continued raining for the next three weeks, with only a few breaks. Since the start of our rainy season on May 17, until June 17, I measured 309mm, and I am sure that some people have had even more. The ground was – and still is – absolutely saturated, although there has been relatively little damage apart from a slip on the way to Purau and a tree that came down on the road to Christchurch.

The heaviest rainfall was on June 7-9, when we had 70mm in approximately 24 hours. Over in Lyttelton the automatic weather station recorded 68mm for the same period. This must be an absolute record for our part of the world. It seems to have been a feature of the Harbour Basin, since the figures for the Airport were lower. Their year-to-date total stood at 334mm, while we received 450mm.

The weather maps show all-too-frequent fronts travelling up from the south, and NIWA are promising more rain to come. But then on April 1 (was the date perhaps significant?) NIWA’s projection for the autumn was temperatures above average, and soil moisture levels below average (implying a low rainfall) in the east of the South Island. Well, they were right about the warm temperatures, until it started raining, but not the low soil moisture levels. It seems like we have not had the sunshine we expect for autumn going into winter, though the Airport figures show sunshine hours close to average. The grey skies, southerly winds, and rain caused temperatures to drop sharply. Looking back over the last few years, this seems to be normal. The mean temperature for April is a pleasant 14°C, before dropping to around 7°-8°C in May and June. Since the deluge started in late May, there has been a succession of days with single figure averages, and not many above 12°C. There have of course been a few welcome exceptions, such as a Saturday where a nor’wester resulted in a high of 17°C.

While the rain to date has produced little in the way of slips and rock falls, it looks as if more rain will come, and given the saturated state of the roadside banks, some slips are likely. Take care on the roads!

Jane Soons

GAFFERS’ GOSSIP

Water, Water, Everywhere
I’m really sorry that I missed John Key when he came down to Christchurch to give us a reasoned account of democracy in action on the subject of water. It becomes obvious that this outmoded system can only go so far when it comes to the nitty gritty of the real world, where water flows like oil, or was that oil flows like water? I might have to ask BP about that. However one immediate advantage became apparent when Ecan dropped its rate rise due to the cancellation of elections. This is really what I wanted to talk to John about. Surely such a scheme could have National benefits, where the money saved, less necessary deductions for Ministerial credit cards, would naturally flow back to the taxpayer.

It is unfortunate that you will always get those niggers and drivellers who oppose progress, but as a leading councillor said, If you stand still, you won’t move forward. Very true. In fact you might even fall over backwards. A great deal of nonsense is talked about exhausting the aquifers, curtailling river activities, and even urban water control, but expert farmers from Queen Street have calculated that we are looking at a $650 million dairy industry out on the Plains. That’s not to be sneezed at.

Lest I should be accused of partisanship, I must confess to a hidden agenda. With the increased boost in methane emissions, I am hoping to get my Piper Cub up to 44,000 feet.

Tony

WINE SPEAK

I’m sick of the cold and rain, and could have filled up two water tanks by now! Ah well let’s continue enjoying the Football World Cup and Tri-Nations Rugby with these fireside winter warmers.

I was challenged recently to find a match for an exquisite lobster green curry.

The knee-jerk response was Gewürztraminer, which was OK, but it was an Esk Valley Verdelho that stole the show. Built for drinking young, think mineral and grapefruit flavours of dry chardonnay with less oak, meaning it doesn’t trounce the meal but instead unleashes gentle fruit sweetness to deal to the food spice. At around $20, it’s worth a crack with your next Asian seafood meal.

For a few dollars more is the 2009 Peregrine Pinot Gris. Spice, peach and mango off the glass it has good palate weight with a toasty oak finish but enough mineral lime to give it a dry aftertaste; something I think Central Otago has got sorted with this grape variety.

A steal for under $25 at the moment is the 2008 Kumeu River Estate Chardonnay. Elegant wine, with subtle peach flavours that go toasty oak on you with food, kept perfectly in check with the mineral acidity of the wine, finishing long.

Onto reds; try the 2008 Passage Rock Reserve Merlot for under $20. From an excellent Waiheke Island vintage this is plummy and dense with a savoury undertone but cellar time will improve the fruit/oak/tannin balance.

To Hawkes Bay; rest assured that if you missed out on some of the 2007 gems, then 2008 wines are shaping up as worthy replacements. The Merlot are predominant; 2008 Alluviale is lovely again with great nose, depth, and fruit/oak balance.

For a few dollars more is the 2008 Craggy Range Gimblett Gravels Syrah (formerly the Block 14). Fruit richness features here rather than savoury oak and pepper that win the backseat but I am sure these will fuse elegantly over time. At under $25 each, don’t miss out this time. Cheers!

The Godfather
VETMOBILES I’VE KNOWN

Watching the delightful video series of James Herriot’s All Creatures Great and Small recently got me reminiscing about some vet cars I have driven!

My first car was known as The Flying Avocado, a light green VW Golf. When I became her proud owner I was in my second year of vet school at Pretoria, so I learned to drive in the pressure cooker environment of the Transvaal Highveld, where any hesitation is seen as a sign of weakness. Fortunately I’ve mellowed somewhat since then (well I think so anyway)! The Flying Avo lasted me about 13 years; she was about 20 years old when I reluctantly sold her; on her second engine and with the lower part of the hatchback rusted through (as Golfs on the coast were prone to do – for by then I’d moved back to Cape Town), and lovingly repaired. Even when she was getting very old and tired – she had lasted through my first job in Cape Town, and well into my first few years of practice ownership – she served as a faithful spare set of wheels. Apparently their very reliable engines were ideal for driving borehole pumps, but at least I wasn’t left stranded.

As a young vet in England on my OE I was given an ancient Ford Fiesta as a practice vehicle. Her brakes were pretty dodgy, and the town I was staying in had a steep hill as you descended into it, so I’d always drive down in second gear, with my hand firmly on the hand brake just in case I needed to stop in a hurry. She was no good for exploring the countryside, also she always smelt of dog, so for any weekends away I’d either hire a car, which always felt extremely luxurious after the Fiesta, or experience the delights of British Rail with its endless delays.

Since arriving in New Zealand I’m now on my third work vehicle, and the quality has improved hugely since my student and early working days. Big, chunky four wheel drives with lots of room for all my gear. Not very green, but efficient for my purposes. My first truck, a Toyota Hilux almost washed away in the Hinds River soon after I started work in Ashburton. We’d had heavy rain and one of the upper bridges had been washed away. The next crossing up was a ford, which unfortunately got deeper and deeper as I progressed, until the water was spilling into the front foot-well, and the car began to be pushed downstream. I couldn’t reverse because my tyres just slipped on the rocks, so in the end I turned downstream, drifted a short way with the current to a shallower spot, and managed to drive out. At least I didn’t have to explain to my boss why the truck had ended up in the ocean!

My second truck, a twin cab Mazda Bounty, and probably the most practical work vehicle I’ve owned, is unfortunately no more. I’d inherited her from the previous Peninsula vet. On my way to a TB testing job in mid winter I was attempting to get through a gate on a very rutted farm track at the top of a paddock. Twice I’d been pushed out by the ruts and was on my third attempt. Again the ruts pushed me out, only backwards this time, and I started sliding down the hill. The brakes did nothing, and the hand brake only pulled me around 90 degrees. Before I could work out what to do next I’d gone over a lip and into a gully, rolled twice, and ended up in a gully, with at least another 50 metres below me! I didn’t break a single drug bottle, although my gear was strewn far and wide, but the car was written off. I still really enjoy exploring the back roads of the Peninsula, and hope my present vehicle dies of old age – and not by plunging over a cliff somewhere!

Paul
Letters

Dear Ed,
Regarding the article you published from Mr Arnold, who knew John Gill. I have been writing to Mrs Gill since she left Diamond Harbour and sent her the article. I have had a reply to say that she wrote to Mr Arnold and told him about her late husband John. He replied and said how pleased he was to get the information. They have struck up quite a communication.
Thanks to you all.
Bet Agar

Purau Headland

There were 231 public submissions covering 71 different issues. Of these, 89 people commented on the Purau headland purchase proposal. While not everyone agreed, most thought its purchase was a good idea.

It will be bitterly disappointing then that Council’s $1.2 million offer has gone from the final budget. But this does not mean a deal cannot be consummated at some time in the future. Indeed, I am optimistic that it can.

The vendors themselves took the chance to become annual plan submitters, and frankly I was taken aback at the $3.5 million figure they said they want for this property. They seem to take the view that Council has very deep pockets. But of course it is your pockets we are talking about, and it is not for ratepayers to make good the investment decisions of others.

Council remains the only serious potential purchaser in the market – but only at fair value. The vendors tell us they are prepared to mark time and wait for the market to recover. For $3.5 million, it may be a long wait and it is for this reason, the $1.2 million figure has gone from this year’s budget. It is my belief that time works in our favour and the opportunities for the vendors to realise the sort of return they want from this headland are diminishing rather than increasing. I am confident time will bring us closer together.

With such clearly articulated public support for its purchase, not only as a result of the annual plan process, but also the recent Public Open Space hearings, Council has asked the Chief Executive to keep negotiations alive and come back with a conditional sale and purchase agreement for the Purau headland, if he is satisfied that the purchase price represents fair market value.

Tsunami Sirens and Future Budget Work

The other significant change to the budget resulting from submissions is a new allocation of $338,000 that will see twenty tsunami sirens installed between Waimairi Beach and Sumner this year, and the need for more sirens in other areas including Banks Peninsula investigated.

In addition, staff have been asked to do two pieces of work to help inform future budgets. One is to establish priorities, and costs for suburban transport interchanges (submitters asked for improved facilities at Lyttelton Port and New Brighton) and the other is to assess the need for a dedicated environmental funding scheme.

Claudia Reid, Banks Peninsula Councillor
Ph: 329 4377 or 027 4570 603

Heart-felt Thanks

Russell and Elaine McLeod would like to extend heart-felt thanks to the Diamond Harbour Medical Centre, the Diamond Harbour Fire Brigade and the many people who have expressed their concern in so many ways. Your kindness and efficiency is very much appreciated.

Russell is now making a steady recovery.
CAPTURING THE MOMENT

The Diamond Harbour area is a special place to live... fantastic views, the rural idyll within a unique community! The people are as diverse... as is illustrated by the number and variety of clubs and societies. There is something for everyone of every age. Many of the groups were established by local enthusiasts and have continued to thrive despite the lure of television and the myriad of technological gizmos. The heart of Diamond Harbour lies in its ability to rise to the occasion and support local happenings.

The Camera Club may not be the oldest club, but it has recently celebrated its eleventh birthday. It was founded by John Riminton who wished to share this knowledge of photography with others. The club still thrives today and John was made a Life Member a few years ago in recognition of his services to the club. Without such people many clubs could not exist.

The club has enjoyed a vast range of speakers this year, many giving freely of their time and expertise. Field trips are also an important part of the club’s activities, offering opportunities to get out there and have a go, putting into practice the tips and advice received at meetings. Visits have included the Iris Garden, Lake Ellesmere, the races at Motukarara, West Melton Observatory, and The Lyttelton Festival of Light. These provided great opportunities for macro, landscape, sports and general photography.

While some members are novices in digital photography, others are extremely skillful in all aspects of composing photographs and manipulating them with computer software. John Davis and Rouke Bakker are always keen to answer technical questions and pass on their expertise. Graham Keeley has produced some marvellous photographs this year. He takes sensitive and aesthetically pleasing shots which are essentially haunting in their imagery. Graham was extremely successful at the Lyttelton Show in a number of categories.

All clubs create their own atmosphere and there are so many to join. Some are small and very socially orientated, others less informal but nevertheless, great fun. If you feel inspired, the list is endless – or perhaps you could add to the choices by establishing one yourself! Details of clubs are in the local Phone Book and on the Harbour website: www.diamondharbour.info/clubs-and-societies.aspx.

For information about the Camera Club please contact Dale 388 0542 or benitatd@paradise.net.nz or Rouke 329 4556 or rouke.bakker@paradise.net.nz

Dorothy Shrimpton
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The aims of these two local organizations have converged: the safety of local citizens.

Currently, a small team is trying to update the composition of the Neighbourhood Support cells. The challenge they face is to record the changes made by past neighbours moving on and new neighbours arriving. The update process has been allowed to slip and it means that many street leaders, so essential for making the system work, have left the area and created vacancies that need to be filled.

Do you know who your local neighbourhood group leader is?

Of course Neighbourhood Support and Civil Defence are not the only organisations that deal with community safety. In a serious emergency local Police, Fire and Medical agencies will be involved.

In order to involve the community more closely with what can be achieved to create and maintain a safer community, a meeting will be held:

WHERE: Diamond Harbour Church Hall
WHEN: Wednesday 21 July at 7:30pm

At the meeting you will be able to hear from, and question, the following people:

- Dave Wilkinson, the new Co-ordinator, Neighbourhood Support, Canterbury
- Sgt Gary Manch, the new Officer In Charge, Lyttelton Police
- DH Volunteer Fire Brigade
- John Barry, DH Neighbourhood Support.
- Wendy Coles, local Civil Defence

You owe it to your family to be well-informed.

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John Barry

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**WHAT HAPPENS IF…..?**

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Emergency Drivers Needed
Did you know that there are people in the community available to take you to hospital, medical, dental, optometrist appointments, etc, if you are unable to drive? This is not the same service as that provided by the Cancer Society. Our drivers do not need any special training. Right now we could do with one or two more drivers. Generally a driver will be required about once a month. As long as there are a good number of names on the list it is not a huge commitment. However sometimes those willing to drive are on holiday, have their own health problems, or appointments just at the time they are needed, and sometimes there is a great flurry of people requiring transport, so the more names on the list the better. All drivers need is time, patience, a caring attitude, a reliable car and, of course, a good driving record.

A donation of $12 to $15 is usually made to cover costs. If you need someone to take you to an appointment or if you are willing to help with this community service, please contact the medical centre 329 4402, or Paddy Smart 329 4487.

Community Association News
The Community Association committee met on June 21. The Stoddart Point landscape plan due in March is to be presented for public submissions in September. An article will appear in a future Herald outlining the key issues.

A heat pump and insulation is to be installed in the Stage Room by the council before the end of June. Landscape maintenance work around the Hall has been undertaken.

Diamond Harbour Film Society
A new year of the filmsoc has started with weekly shows every Thursday evening at 7:45pm in the Stage Room.

We show great movies every week, so come and join us – all welcome – bring refreshments if you wish. The cost is either $20 upfront for an annual membership, or $5 per movie (up to the maximum of $25 when you reach full membership).

To go on the email list announcing the film of the week, please email fiona_k4@hotmail.com. Fiona O’Neill

Birdsafe Whakaraupo
Birdsafe was formed to eliminate possums within the residential areas of the Lyttelton Harbour Basin. We have recently received several Timms traps and would like to get them out there and working. If anyone would like a trap to deal with a current or potential possum problem please ring. Maybe you walk or run an area regularly and could help out by monitoring set traps, or have one down the garden ready.

Dave Hammond 329 4270

Diamond Harbour Singers Annual Concert
Time for another wonderful evening of singing brought to you by the Diamond Harbour Singers and 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! Karen

Chipping Round: July 24 - 25
The cost is $20 to for a job of less than 10 minutes; or $2 a minute for the first 20 minutes and thereafter $1 a minute. Place the green waste in a place that is easily accessible to a large and cumbersome towed chipper. It will save the customer money and the operator time if the waste does not have to be moved far. The shredder cannot be manoeuvred up steep slopes and must be operated on level ground.

Keep compostable rubbish and grass, cabbage trees, flax, earth, roots and stones out of the mix – the shredder takes only woody material, not herbaceous which blocks the outlet, and stoppages caused by the materials will be at the customer’s expense. Remember, all the material has to be fed into an 8 inch gap.

If you do not want your chips, the Community Garden group will be happy to take them away for free. Please call Colin 329 4119 or Ron 329 5032.

If the waste has been lying for some time, or has become a tangled, semi-solid mass, loosen it up to increase the rate that it can be fed into the machine. Much of the operator’s time is wasted trying to find the green waste. If your place is not easy to find, ring Dave and tell him – or you may be missed. Tie a bag to the pile with a note inside with your name on it.

Dave Hammond 329 4270

Timebank Mid-Winter Market and Pot Luck Feast
The Timebank Mid-Winter Market and Pot Luck Feast will be held on Saturday July 10 from 6-9pm in the church hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and share the evening. There will be a Timebank Market at 6pm followed by the Pot Luck Feast at 7pm.

Jacinda

Diamond Harbour School presents
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Herald Calendar

Art Group: Weds 9.30am-12noon, Church Hall
Bridge Club: Weds, 7pm, DH Bowling Clubrooms
Camera Club: Tue July 20, 7.30pm, Stage Room. See p8
Chipping Round: July 24-25. See p10
Church Groups and Services: See p9
Community Assn: Mon July 19, 7.30pm, Comm Room
DH School Music Concert: 7pm, July 31. See p10
DH School Principal Farewell: Fri July 2, 1.30pm. See p10
Diamond Harbour Singers: Weds, 7.45pm Stage Room
Annual Concert, Sat July 3. See p10
Film Society: Thurs, 7.45pm, Stage Room. See p10
Insight Meditation: Tues, 6.30pm, 7A Whero Ave
Ladies Probus: Mon, July 12, 10am, CB Golf Club
N’hood Support: Wed July 21, 7.30pm, church hall. See p9
Poems for Herald: email to us by July 26 see p2
Purau Produce Market: Sat, July 3. See p10
Toy Library: Sats 10-11am, Community Hall
Zumba Fitness: Fri Jul 2 & 16, 7-8pm, Community Hall

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