MEMORABLE YEAR FOR OUR PROBIANS

Probians, You may be saying, Who are they? They are, of course, members of Probus, a name with which most people will be familiar, although not many will know the origins of the movement. It all began in England around 1965 when a group of recently retired executives decided to get together on a regular basis to continue the collegiality they had had in their professional careers. Their Rotary Club was quick to embrace the idea and the setting-up of groups was soon accepted as being part of Rotary’s services to the elderly. The name Probus was chosen as symbolising the professional and business backgrounds of the original group members, and it is also a Latin word meaning virtuous.

So popular was the concept, that Probus spread rapidly throughout Europe and within ten years the first New Zealand club had been formed. Today there are around 200,000 Probians in the South Pacific alone, well over 100 being right here in our community.

This year, both the Mt Herbert Men’s Probus and the Mt Herbert Women’s Probus celebrate a significant milestone, their 20th birthday. While the celebrations for the women are to come in November, those for the men took place recently and included the promotion to Life Membership for Bruce Ott and Bruce Ryde, and the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Ray Blazey.

Last month, prominent local Probian, Jean Burford, was asked, with husband Roy, to attend a Rotary breakfast. Jean was both thrilled and humbled, as such an invitation is rarely accorded to non-members of the organisation. She assumed, however, that it was because, a friend, the Area was both thrilled and humbled, as such an invitation is asked, with husband Roy, to attend a Rotary breakfast. Jean Last month, prominent local Probian, Jean Burford, was

While it is notably unusual for this award to be made to a non-Rotarian, those who know of the spirit which prevails in the Burford family can appreciate why Jean was considered a most worthy recipient.

Arriving in NZ from England, in 1973, Jean and Roy were determined to embrace their new lifestyle and become part of their local community, so when the opportunity arose to become the Governors Bay storekeepers, they were ready and willing. However their three children also followed their parents’ lead and were soon so involved in local activities that the couple found it necessary to opt out of the six-days shop business to keep up with their youngsters’ interests. A move to Diamond Harbour followed with Roy commuting to work in Christchurch and Jean and a colleague sharing the management of the Diamond Harbour Post Office which at that time was open daily and offered banking and telephone services as well as being a mail centre. This arrangement, which in fact continued for twenty years, gave Jean four days a week to manage the family home and be actively involved in the children’s pony club, sea-scouts, drama and so on. She even found time to become a JP and is a long-standing and active member of the local Cancer Support Group.

Since joining the Mt Herbert Probus she has been Women’s President twice and is currently Chair of Probus Centre - South Pacific, the co-ordinating body for all Probus Clubs in Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere in the South Pacific. This position involves promotion of and assistance to Probus groups throughout the area, and Jean is often called upon to speak about the Probus movement and has a prominent role at such occasions as the annual week-long Rendezvous, for which this year she will travel to Darwin. Typically, though, Jean remains very modest. I was so flabbergasted at the presentation, she admits, I kept thinking “This has nothing to do with the eradication of rats!” I can barely remember anything of my impromptu acceptance speech except that I finished with “…and we are all here for each other.”

Roy sums it up with, You never know what doors Probus will open for you. I recommend it for everyone. Elaine
PICS OF THE MONTH FROM DIAMOND HARBOUR CAMERA CLUB

Photographer: Ben Doudney

An Iconic Local Mountain

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OUR WEBSITE

If you have not yet discovered the new Diamond Harbour website you can view it here: www.diamondharbour.info. The Diamond Harbour Community Association created the website to provide accurate, up-to-date information about what is happening in our community. While most of the hits are from locals, our website is being viewed around the world – apart from the more obvious places like Australia and the UK, we are taking hits from all over Europe, as well as Russia, India, China and Japan! Our aim is to list details of all community services, clubs, societies and businesses. We are also happy to create pages just for your organisation (as we have done for the St Andrews Parish, the Under 20s Trust, the Writers Group, and Transition Harbour Project). Alternatively, if your group has its own website, we can create a link to it. The Events calendar is an electronic bulletin board of everything that is happening in our community. You can find it here: www.diamondharbour.info/events.aspx. If you have an event you would like added - be it a one-off or regular - or your club, society or business is not already listed, or the details need changing, or you can think of something to add that others might find useful, please email the responsible content manager – we would love to hear from you:

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NEWS FROM OUR LIBRARY

Did you know that the Diamond Harbour Library has recent magazines? They are free to borrow for 2 weeks. All you need is your library card. Remember that it doesn’t cost anything to join the library. Some of our magazine titles include:

- NZ Gardener
- NZ Lifestyle Block
- Your Dog
- The Oldie
- North & South
- New Scientist
- Crafts Beautiful

WHAT’S ON IN DH?

To find out what’s on go to the Community Electronic Bulletin Board www.diamondharbour.info/events.aspx

To get events of your club or society listed email the details to events@www.diamondharbour.info
Neighbourhood Week is all about making time to get together to meet your neighbours. Getting to know your neighbours can make the difference between merely occupying an address and living in a neighbourhood of friends.

Neighbourhood Week encourages participation from individuals, local businesses and community groups to hold local get-togethers in their streets.

Popular activities from previous Weeks range from street barbeques, pot luck luncheons, dinners, kite flying day, dessert evening, morning/afternoon teas, pizza parties, games in the park, street garage sale, gifting balloons and chocolates to neighbours and street clean-up days.

Community Boards are offering a small subsidy to encourage people to take the lead in organising a community event or activity to bring their neighbourhood together. Applying for the subsidy is a simple process of filling a form that can be either downloaded at www.ccc.govt.nz/neighbourhoodweek or picked up from a local Service Centre. The website also has handy tips and ideas about planning an event. Applications close on September 3.

**TRIANGLE INTERSECTION MEETING**
Saturday, August 7 at 10am Stage Room, DH Hall
Mr Mark Millar, a Senior Traffic Engineer at Christchurch City Council has some concerns about traffic and pedestrian safety at the triangle intersection where Marine Drive meets Waipapa Avenue.

A community meeting has been organised for Saturday, August 7. Mr Millar will outline the safety issues and present some options for changing the layout of the intersection to make it safer. He would welcome discussion and feedback. The meeting may be followed by a walk to the intersection to have a look on site.

Anyone interested in this matter is welcome to attend.

Paula Smith, Community Board, 329 4445
TIMEBANK MARKET REPORT

Recently the Stage Room was abuzz with the Timebank midwinter market. The event was put on as a way of introducing timebanking and it attracted a good mix of established and new members and people interested in joining.

The evening began with a shared potluck dinner followed by a market place. Ann Thornton was kept busy all night with various darning jobs people had brought along for mending. Reiki and shoulder massage sessions were keenly taken up. Gardening and knitting advice was given, shoes were polished, and the troop of kids were entertained by some wonderful storytelling and then delighted in having their faces painted. The room hummed with lively conversation and laughter the whole evening.

The market, a first of its kind, was a huge success and clearly demonstrated the vast array of skills we have. Timebank is a way a community can trade skills and pay in time rather than money. Members received 1.5 time credits for the one and a half hours they worked. These hours have been logged into their Timebank account and they can spend the time credits at a later date.

Watch out for the next market in spring. I hear there will be a real whiz with an ironing board there… a good excuse to let the ironing pile up the next few weeks!

If you would like more information about Timebanking, brochures are available at the library or go to: www.lyttelton.net.nz/timebank or contact Jacinda 329 4424 or cins@paradise.net.nz.

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ROB: ANOTHER GOOD SORT

Rob Dickey, chef at Godley House is always keen to help others. So when he came across three young Cantabrian footballers raising funds for their sports trip to Spain, he bought a raffle ticket from them, never dreaming that he would be the one to win the official World Cup 2010 soccer ball signed by members of the All Whites team. But that is not where it ends. Rob, pictured above with his prize, has decided to donate the ball to a local charity which can then auction it on TradeMe to supplement their funds. Well done, Rob!

Footnote: Tell us about your favourite local Good Sort.

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RETURN OF THE NATIVE WORKSHOP REPORTS

More weed-busting, less planting, says Restoration Expert

People get a lot of satisfaction from planting native trees, and it is understandable, but the best way to restore native bush is to just remove the deleterious things and leave the rest to nature, says Dr Wilson. Nature has been practising for millions of years. She’s keen, she’s just itching to do it for us.”

Dr Wilson was a key speaker at the workshop which was attended by nearly one hundred Lyttelton Harbour people.

The aim of the Lyttelton Harbour Basin Biodiversity (aka Return of the Native) Workshop, held in Diamond Harbour on the last Sunday of June, was to bring together diverse groups and individuals from around the Harbour Basin who are involved in biodiversity projects on their home patches.

Local botanist and writer, Hugh Wilson, led off an impressive array of highly qualified speakers, with a brief history of the past 200 million years of the Banks Peninsula. When man first arrived around 700 years ago, our peninsula was wall to wall forest – but by 1900 only one percent of the original forest was left standing! Half the species of birds on the peninsula have been lost.

Islay Marsden, a marine biochemist from the University of Canterbury, gave a similar account of the loss of marine species as a result of human activity – a process which continues unabated due to global changes in sea levels, urbanisation of coastal areas, tourism, and contaminants entering our waterways, much of it from farmland.

Dr Trevor Partridge and Andrew Crossland (both from the CCC) spoke about the work being done to control plant and animal pests on the Port Hills and the peninsula. Initiatives to reduce predators (stoats, ferrets, weasels, and feral cats) and browsers (possums, pigs, and wild goats) and to restore endemic habitats have enabled the reintroduction of formerly indigenous bird species, such as Morepork, Tomtit, Welcome Swallow, and Tui.

CCC Rangers gave a hands-on lesson in animal pest control, and Colin Meurk, an ecologist from Landcare Research, gave a fascinating talk on backyard biodiversity, the reintroduction of endemic plant species into home gardens, and in urban public spaces, such as parks, along road and water ways, and even in the heart of our cities.

Jorges Santos, from DOC’s Motukurara Nursery, spoke on the importance of planting the correct sub-species, grown from locally-sourced seeds, in restoration projects.

Then it was over to each organisation and local biodiversity group to give an overview of their activities. These included: The Quail Island Restoration Trust, Orton Bradley Park (Ian Luxford), The Summit Road Society, QEII Trust, Governors Bay Landcare Group, Ferns of the Port Hills, Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust, Friends of Hunter Gully (Paul Pritchett), Uniquely Purau (Nilgun Kulpe), Lyttelton Harbour Issues Group, Christchurch City Council, Ecan and DOC.

Each group set up a display of their work in the Community Hall and Stage Room for viewing during the lunch and tea breaks.

Workshop participants got a chance to give their ideas and to network with others with similar interests when the workshop split into a number of smaller focus groups tasked with coming up with a vision of what could be achieved in the next ten years.

The workshop ended on a high note, with the enthusiasm generated from seeing the great restoration work being done by so many different groups around our harbour.

Ron

You can contact Paula Smith for more details on 329 4445 or email biodiversity@ccc.govt.nz.

Back to main text
Of course, of course. A thought occurred to Mfosi. If I was I'd call the doctor. What troubles you, old friend? Are you unwell? I see you, Chief Mfosi, with an apathetic air and the hut was in a dire state of neglect. Like what he saw. His friend was lying on his kaross with an apparent illness. He rose and tried to outdo one another. A peace treaty had been agreed a few months ago. They swapped scurrilous jokes and cackled with delight as they travelled round the village. Something was missing from this happy scene. What... what? Ah... there, of course. His old friend Nmbiki, the witch doctor, was not in his accustomed position outside his hut. Mfosi strode across and knocked. Mdanga, is it? It's not MDanga, is it? He said, referring to the young woman who had just presented him with his seventh son. Life was good. And yet, it seemed as if something was missing. He could see this didn't go down too well with his friend. Suddenly he had a brilliant thought. But he could see this didn't go down too well with his friend. Suddenly he had a brilliant thought. What say I bring over the carcass and you use them bones? It's my bones. I can't. I can't. moaned Nmbiki. It's my bones. Your what? I've lost my bones. Well, that sounded pretty serious to Mfosi. I thought you said you weren't sick. Nmbiki gave him a withering look. The bones I use to foretell the fortunes of our tribe. Ah, yes. Well things seem to be ticking along quite nicely in that direction at the moment. The cooking pots are full and the harvest is in and I've just had my seventh son and we've got a peace treaty going along with our neighbours so maybe you can forget the bones for the moment. Forget the bones! said Nmbiki in horror. Are you out of your tiny mind? That's typical of all you politicians. Live for the moment. Let tomorrow look after itself. How do you know that we aren't on the brink of an economic recession? How do you know there isn't a plague of locusts lurking over the horizon? Someone has to keep an eye on the future. Are you out of your tiny mind? That's typical of all you politicians. Live for the moment. Let tomorrow look after itself. How do you know that we aren't on the brink of an economic recession? How do you know there isn't a plague of locusts lurking over the horizon? Someone has to keep an eye on the future.

Hey man. Now you're talking! Tony

Gaffers' Gossip

Them Bones

Mfosi Kwala gazed happily around his village and saw that all was peace and contentment. The cooking pots were full and the sound of women chanting and children playing rose sweetly on the evening air. The young men were dancing in the Kraal and the old folk were seated under the baobab tree swapping scurrilous jokes and cackling with delight as they tried to out do one another. A peace treaty had been agreed between all the neighbouring tribes and his third wife had just presented him with his seventh son. Life was good. But then he felt a vague sense of unease as his eye travelled round the village. Something was missing from this happy scene. What... what? Ah... there, of course. His old friend Nmbiki, the witch doctor, was not in his accustomed position outside his hut. Mfosi strode across and coughed delicately outside the witch doctor’s hut. It didn’t do to burst in on Nmbiki when he was casting spells. Enter, came a querulous voice. I see you, Nmbiki, said Mfosi, although truth to tell he didn’t like what he saw. His friend was lying on his kaross with an apathetic air and the hut was in a dire state of neglect. I see you, Chief Mfosi, sighed Nmbiki. What troubles you, old friend? Are you unwell? If I was I’d call the doctor, said Nmbiki tetchily. Of course, of course. A thought occurred to Mfosi. It’s not MDanga, is it? he said, referring to the young woman who carried out a somewhat equivocal role in his friend’s hut. She’s visiting her mother. Oh. Well, how about a stroll down to the river. It’s a lovely evening and maybe we could sink a couple of kavas.

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Mfosi noted the gleam in his friend’s eye. What say I send number one son over there tonight to relieve them of such a huge responsibility?

Hey man. Now you’re talking!

Jane Soons
As you suffer through the middle of winter, spare a thought for our feline friends, many of whom don’t like getting their precious paws wet, and so hang on for as long as possible before bravely venturing outside to pee. This can, and often does, lead to retention cystitis, an inflammation and/or infection of the bladder caused by infrequent urination, and loss of the regular flushing effect. The symptoms include frequent squatting to urinate, urinating in unusual places, especially sinks and bathtubs. The urine will often look like red wine due to the presence of red blood corpuscles. They can also spend a lot of time licking their backsides, and in the case of male cats, the bladder can even become blocked due to struvite crystals accumulating in their relatively narrow urethras. This is extremely painful, and life-threatening, and can cause the animal to howl pitifully (roaring like a lion, was how one client described it).

On urinalysis we see the pH of the urine change from a normal fairly acidic state to neutral or even slightly alkaline (pH rises). We also often see red and white blood cells, and crystals. Treatment involves anti-inflammatories for the pain, antibiotics for the infection, and a special diet to help acidify the urine, which makes it harder for bacteria to grow, and crystals to form. For blocked cats we need to catheterise them to allow them to urinate; this requires hospitalisation.

Cats suffering recurrent episodes of cystitis are often left permanently on a urine acidifying diet. In any case cats prone to urinary problems should be kept a young adult diet (rather than a senior diet, which does not acidify the urine as effectively).

We see far fewer urinary problems these days because the quality of the commercial cat diets has improved considerably. Cats that block frequently need an operation called an urethrostomy. When I started practicing this used to be a fairly common procedure, now I do one every 3-4 years on average. Testament to the improved diets!

On that note just a reminder that if you do want food brought over to the Diamond Harbour clinic, we have a good range in Little River. Just give us a ring before Wednesday afternoon and I can bring it over (dog food too)!

Paul
**WINE SPEAK**

I trust you’re all remaining buoyant out there either literally, as you wade through your garden, or mentally, as we watch the All Blacks carve up the Tri-Nations Rugby. Regardless, here are a few quaffers to raise the spirits.

Starting with dry whites, try the 2009 Esk Valley Riesling for around $20. It’s the first time it’s been made using Marlborough fruit and was immediately awarded the Air NZ wine awards trophy. It offers a delightful crisp mouthful of lemon/lime served lightly chilled. Better still, for fans of that kerosene lift typical of Aussie Rieslings, hunt down the 2006 Julicher Riesling from Martinborough. It’s lost some zing now but relish the grapefruit and mineral flavours, perfect for cutting through creamy white meat or fish dishes. Picked it up for under $15 too! For similar money, and a bit more quaffer-friendly, try the 2009 Lawson’s Dry Hills Pinot Gris. With pear spice and all things nice it’s seen a bit of oak, giving it nice palate depth and some complexity. Back to the $20-odd dollar bracket, the 2009 Wairau River Pinot Gris is also good with flavours as above and peach/citrus coming through the back end.

Now to reds, I’ve mixed feelings about the latest **Cuisine** reviews of Aussie Shiraz. The 2008 Thorn Clarke Sandpiper Shiraz is a beauty from the Barossa with years in it yet to lever the dark fruit and mocha flavours and bargain buying at well under $20. For under $15 the 2007 Penfolds Highland Shiraz offered nice plum and spice flavour; good, but not great. Same is true for the 2008 Johnny Q Shiraz Viognier where I found the spice and florals overwhelming the fruit underneath. I reckon the 2008 Yalumba Y Series Shiraz Viognier does a better job, offering blueberry and Turkish delight as it says on the bottle which is spot on. Don’t muck around, grab the 2007 Yalumba Hand Picked Shiraz Viognier, where you get all of the above plus liquorice, pepper and rich berry fruit melting with the oak. $20 odd when on special it simply trumps the others in spades! Enjoy!

**RECIPE**

Homemade Stock No 9

I find myself cooking soups all the time. It is just wonderful what can be done with fresh food to make a variety of interesting winter meals in the form of soup served with fresh bread.

One ingredient which I stress in many of my recipes, not just soups, is that essential ingredient: STOCK. A good stock is the secret of most dishes, and is easy, fast and economical to make.

**Vegetable stock**

Ingredients: These are suggestions only; you can use all vegetables peelings (just go easy on cabbages broccoli and cauliflower stalks).

- Carrot peel, celery, parsnip, beetroot. Use all the leaves as well, including wilted lettuce leaves, leek, garlic, onions (unpeeled), cabbages, broccoli, etc.

- Spices: 1 bay leave, 1 clove, salt, pepper, nutmeg (if you like). A favourite of mine is lovage.

- 3l of water (more or less depending upon pot size).

Cut all the vegetables into chunks. Brown halved onions in a little fat, WITH skins, they give the stock a nice colour and a good taste. Add water and remaining vegetables and spices. Simmer 1 to 2 hours. It is important to simmer, not boil, otherwise the stock turns a milky colour.

Drain the liquid and allow to cool. The fat, which congeals on the surface, may be scraped off. Pour into ice cube trays, or larger containers, and freeze.

**Chicken, Beef (or even Fish) stock**

As above, but add the carcasses or bones from dishes cooked the day before – or collect and freeze them until it is time to make the stock.

I hope you will be positively surprised by what the addition of stock will do to enhance your future meals – or just warmed up by itself with a shot of sherry, it makes a good, quick, clear soup.

Franziska
Fifty or more of our community’s safety-conscious neighbours turned up recently to hear from speakers representing: Police, Fire Service, Neighbour Support and Civil Defence. The meeting, held in the Church Hall, had as its theme *What if...?* and dealt with the emergency services available in times of danger.

Sergeant Gary Manch, our Community Police contact, based in Lyttelton, advised the meeting to always report incidents – actual or potential – as they often contribute to identifying a pattern of crime and likely suspects.

Dave Wilkinson, Christchurch Area Coordinator for Neighbourhood Support, gave an overview of the scope and effectiveness of Neighbour Support groups and practical advice on making one’s home and neighbourhood less attractive to criminals. As one of the team trying to re-jig and up-date our local Neighbour Support groups, John Barry exhorted everyone to check that their cluster of mutually assisting neighbours was still operational, and those new to the area to identify their group leaders. He explained that recent events, such as the Tsunami alerts, had made the existence of a reliable list of Neighbour Support groups a vital tool for Civil Defence, which, by contacting group leaders, could very quickly communicate warnings and instructions to the whole community. Currently, many of the street leader posts are unfilled, due to people moving from the area. New leaders are needed.

Local Civil Defence Supervisor, Wendy Coles, reminded the meeting that rather than thinking *What if...* we should be thinking *When...* Wendy outlined the aims and organization of Civil Defence (CD) in the Christchurch area with an emphasis on how and when CD would be mobilised at the Sector Post (at the Diamond Harbour School).

Wendy noted that it would take at least 10 people to efficiently run the Sector Post – for each shift. Replacements would be required in the event of a prolonged emergency. CD is also interested in updating a register of local equipment that could be made available in an emergency (chainsaws, 4WD vehicles, trucks, generators, boats, blankets, etc) and local expertise (nurses, HD drivers, First Aiders, radio operators, teachers, etc).

After the meeting, several people came forward wishing to know more about CD and expressing an interest in possibly joining the local CD team. If you would like to find out if life as a CD team member is for you, Wendy is planning a Civil Defence information evening on Monday August 16 at 7:15pm at the Diamond Harbour School. For further details, please contact Wendy on 329 4483.

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**Under 20 Trust**

**Program for Term 3**

**Sundays:** 5:30-6:30pm: movies, videos or games for all.

**Fridays:**

- **Primary School:** 5:00-6:00pm
- **High School:** 7:30-9:30pm

**Activities** (Activities in town are for all)

**August**

- Fri 6: Games Night
- Fri 20: Ice Skating
- Fri 27: Ask Nestor!

**September**

- Fri 3: Disco, Comm Hall
- Fri 10: Speaking and Games
- Fri 17: Finding Clues
- Fri 24: Spotlight

**October**

- Fri 1: Karaoke
- Fri 8: Laser Strike
- Fri 15: Party

For further information, please contact: Nestor Rodriguez 329 4403; Emily Watson 332 2048 or 027 841 6219; Katie Fox 329 4660 or 027 747 7199; Ross Fountain 329 4202; or go to: [www.diamondharbour.info/u20-trust.aspx](http://www.diamondharbour.info/u20-trust.aspx).
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).

Women's Breakfast
Saturday, September 25, 8:15-10:15am at St Andrew's
Church Hall.
Speaker: Lois Flanagan. Lois is a partner in a Christchurch
law firm and practises in family and employment law. She
has been a high school teacher, a vicar’s wife and is the
mother of a family of boys. All welcome.
For catering purposes leave your name at the Parish
office, or phone Ruth Willis, 329 4243. A koha to cover
expenses would be appreciated.

Wednesday Study and Discussion Group
Meets in the Church Library 3.30pm to 5.00pm.
Contact: 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).

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.

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 on 329 4790.

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Saturday night: BARNDANCE to Bantam of the Opera
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chickenandeggfestival@gmail.com.
Suffice it to say that some egg-stremely good workshops
are being planned, and other fun is being hatched.
Keep on taking photos and making drawings and
paintings of chickens, ducks or wild birds for the AVIAN
ART EXHIBITION and practice your quiche and pavlova
baking skills for the BIG EGG BAKE-OFF.
If you need a new quiche recipe there are over 100 at
www.basic-recipes.com/r/quiche.
Any questions? Offers of help in furthering the feathered
fun? Call Christine (339 4588) or Annie (329 4779).
Oh – and what do you get when you cross a chicken with a
duck? A bird that lays down! Christine

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to ensure the contents of the Herald are accurate the Editor
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Community Association News

A heat pump and insulation have been installed in the Stage Room.

Richard Suggate made verbal submissions (supported by Adrian and David) on water discharge. There has been no response to date to submissions made on the Port Company extension plans or the Open Space Strategy. The Community Board has received the draft Coastal Cliff Management Plan. The Community Engagement Officer has been informed that the Community Association wishes to be consulted. There will be a period of two months in which submissions may be made on the Have Your Say page on the CCC website. Richard has offered to run a submission writing workshop for the Association.

Ann Thornton reported on discussions with the Historic Places Trust. The area surrounding two weirs from Stoddart’s time has been designated an Archaeological Site and the area must not be changed or damaged. Some of the recent plantings there may need to be relocated.

The Community Association will send two representatives to a meeting about Freedom Camping. Work on the Waipapa intersection, which was paid for from an account for storm damage, was interrupted by rain. The traffic engineer was unhappy about safety and directed the bump at the corner be added. The triangle itself is of concern, and the traffic engineer wishes to meet with locals to discuss the matter. A meeting will be held in the Stage Room on Saturday, August 7 at 10am (see p4).

A Purau Residents meeting discussed the recent Ecan bylaw on motorized craft on the Purau foreshore. They wish the foreshore from the creek end to the eastern end (where people often swim) to be free of vessels over 5hp. Richard will write a submission to this effect.

Civil Defence Information Evening

If you would like to find out what is involved in becoming a Civil Defence team member, come along to an information evening on Monday August 16 at 7:15pm at the Diamond Harbour School. For further details, please contact Wendy Coles on 329 4483.

Toolbox Parenting

A six week course for parents of children in the early years (0-5 years). These six sessions will give parents an insight into the particular challenges and unique opportunities that the early years bring.

Start date: Monday 16 August, 7:30-9:30pm
Ngaio Lane, Charteris Bay. Facilitator: Sarah Nicholl

For more information or to register phone 355 2680 or e-mail christchurchtbx@parentsinc.org.nz by August 8.

Diamond Harbour School Landscape Plan

The Diamond Harbour School Board of Trustees wishes to invite feedback from interested community members around the proposed school landscape plan. It is currently in draft form and may be viewed on the school website: www.diamondharbour.school.nz. Please send comments to office@diamondharbour.school.nz.

Lisa Oliver

Any Questions?

I am holding a series of informal public meetings across the Peninsula in August. This is the time to ask your councillor for answers and facts – on dodgy deals with developers, to secrecy and extravagance; Mrs Mayor’s muffin, and the City Council’s record and future plans.

Do join me for Any Questions at Stoddart’s Cottage, Diamond Harbour on Saturday August 21 from 3 to 4pm. Claudia Reid, Christchurch City Councillor,

Banks Peninsula Ward
PO Box 36, Diamond Harbour 8941
Ph 329 4377 or 027 457 0603

Claudia

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.

Karen Tai Chi – Term 3

Thursdays at the Community Hall
Qi Gong 10:30-11:10
Continuing Tai Chi 11:15-12:45
Advanced Yang 12:50

Polly Milnes has kindly offered to lead the classes in term 3 (while I take a break). Please take this opportunity to meet and practice with others. New participants are welcome to commence classes in term 4, starting Thursday September 16.

Chris Rudin-Jones

Diamond Harbour & Districts Historical Assn

The next meeting is at 8pm on Tuesday August 10 in the Stage Room. Malcolm Pearson’s talk is entitled: My time in the last of the square rigged sailing ships: sailing on the Pamir. All welcome.

Jan Studholme

DH and Districts Health Support Group

The Diamond Harbour and Districts Health Support Group Inc will be holding its AGM on August 17 at 7:30pm in St Andrews Church Hall.

Mahony 329 4639

Cancer Support Group Diamond Harbour

It’s that time of year again! Daffodil Day is on Friday August 27. We will be out and about collecting for the Cancer Society. Please support such a worthy cause.

Raffles: The Group has been very fortunate to have a painting donated by June McLeod as a raffle prize. A print of the painting will be shown with the raffle tickets. Tickets will be on sale at the medical centre on weekdays from mid-August and we will be outside the DH store and after your money on Saturday August 14 and 21. We will also be holding a raffle for a grocery basket in the weeks leading up to Daffodil Day. Money raised from the raffles will be used towards equipment for the medical centre. The intention is still to purchase a fluid and medication delivery pump which will be used to deliver medication continuously to our patients when needed. It will be predominantly used for those with cancer. Like any medical equipment it does not come cheap.

Annual film show: Following Daffodil Day we will be holding our annual Film Show on Saturday August 28 in the Stage Room. Doors open 7pm, film starts at 7:30pm. The film will be Mao’s Last Dancer so come along for an entertaining evening and a glass of mulled wine. Posters giving details of the film will be around the village in all the usual places.

Joy Harding

Thank you. Jack and Lisa Barbour would like to thank all the friends who brought meals and offered support to us during Lisa’s recent illness and housing crisis.

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Box for Nelson
If you can you take a box to Nelson, please phone 329 3032. (Could the person who placed this classified please phone, as we no longer have your contact details.)

STODDART’S COTTAGE EVENTS

July and August - Winter Break
The Cottage is closed during July and August. There will be no exhibitions or Annie’s Victorian Afternoon Teas.
However, group bookings or special events can be arranged by contacting Brian Fowler 329 3135 or Annie Baxter 329 4779.

Friends of the Cottage
Stoddart's Cottage is a wonderful asset to the whole community and the focus of many superb events throughout the year.
If you would like to support the Cottage, please consider becoming a Friend of the Cottage by paying an annual subscription of $24 (single), $36 (couple), or $36 (family) which is used to assist in its upkeep, maintenance and development. If you are already a Friend of the Cottage, we would like to remind you that subscriptions for 2010 are now due. The application form and payment details can be downloaded here:
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3 Dining chairs (outback country) good condition $15 ea.
Dining table 140 cm by 90 cm good condition $45.
Coffee table 46 cm by 106 cm good condition apart from a few stains on top $45. Ph 329 4253.

Poems for Herald:
Email to us by August 23

For updated details go to the community electronic bulletin board: www.diamondharbour.info/events.aspx

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