A DABBLEMASTER PERHAPS?

He describes himself as a poetaster, which an online dictionary tells us is essentially one who dabbles in poetry but is not much good at it. While my expertise in that field is such that I would struggle to be a doggerelaster, I suspect John Riminton is being typically modest. Throughout his 82 years he has dabbled in many things generally with quite remarkable success. Not always, he argues, I dropped out of medical school after just one year, and I hated being a finance manager.

John’s story begins in the Channel Islands. His homeland’s close proximity to the French Coast meant that when Paris fell in WWII, Jersey’s occupation by German forces was inevitable, and when the island was presented with an ultimatum offering surrender or bombardment the community succumbed. Naturally, John retains vivid memories of his five teenage years in this environment where no-one had a car and contact with the outside world was forbidden. John recalls one of his school friends had secreted a radio. On its discovery, both the boy and his father were transported to their eventual deaths, in a concentration camp in Germany. Conversely, though, for those who carefully toed the line, the attitude of the occupying forces was surprisingly gentlemanly. A British airman shot down over the island was accorded a full military funeral, with uniformed German soldiers as the pall-bearers of his Union Jack draped coffin.

It was after the war and the subsequent liberation of the Channel Islands that John entered Medical School in England only to drop out. He moved to London and when his finances ran out, entered the unlikely world of tea plantations. In his 15 years as a planter in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), John moved from learning the basics of estate work as a creeper to being supervisor of a 2,000 acre estate, negotiating with the powerful and well-organised trade union groups, and organising the employment, welfare, housing and education needs of 3,000 Tamil labourers.

During this time he met and married Jackie, a nursing sister with the RAF, and eventually, with nationalisation of the tea plantations looming and no English language school for their three young children, the family returned to Britain. Having no immediate prospect of work, John, through a family member, gained an interview with Lombard Banking only to learn that they were unable to offer him a position. However, when, in answer to a question from the sympathetic interviewer, John explained that the family were considering emigrating to New Zealand, the unexpected result was an offer of a position as a Lombard’s branch manager in Christchurch, which John accepted.

Although the family settled well in their new country, John did not enjoy his work in the bank and resigned after four years. I was never much good with money, he quips. Again fate smiled upon him and he became only the second employee of the Christchurch School of Medicine as the North Canterbury Hospital Board moved to establish that institution. Initially as secretary and co-coordinator to the various groups involved in the setting up of the school, John, despite being, as he puts it, the only employee without a university degree, eventually retired twenty years later from the position of Deputy Registrar, with lay responsibility for the administration of the School.

Despite the obvious demands of both his jobs in New Zealand, John has still found time over the years to dabble in various other areas.

While with Lombard in 1967, when a member of his staff was having problems with her landlord, John, drawing on his British background suggested she seek help from the Citizens’ Advice Bureau. When he discovered this was non-existent in this city, he took the idea to the Junior Chamber of Commerce, of which he was a member, and his initiative duly brought about the establishment of a Bureau in Christchurch.

Since moving to Church Bay in 1987, he has been secretary of Stoddart’s Cottage Trust, and both secretary and chairman of the Health Support Group, through which he played a key role in the building of our Health Centre in 1991. He founded the Diamond Harbour Camera Club, and is a longstanding member of the Writers’ Group. With the Red Cross he put his writing skills to good use, designing scenarios for local disaster management training. Despite this experience, however, he turned down a request that he take over the local Civil Defence. How could people be expected to have confidence in an emergency action group led by an octogenarian? he asks.

The initiative of which he is most proud is the powerful and successful recommendation to the Banks Peninsula District Council for the gazetting of Stoddarts Point as a reserve, thus protecting it against any residential or commercial development and making easier the establishment of the long-talked-about Memorial Garden. In his spare time, John maintains an impressive home garden and yes, he dabbles in poetry too.

Elaine
The Diamond Harbour Playcentre is situated next to the bowling club and is a very popular place among the preschoolers in our community. Run by parent volunteers under the auspices of the Canterbury Play Centre Association, it is a busy place on the three days it is open each week during school terms. Not only are the parents on hand to ensure the littlies have positive social and learning experiences in a safe environment at each session, they are also responsible for maintenance and much of the equipment. Over recent months a small group of dads has been developing an adventure playground. While it is very rewarding work, it can also be heartbreaking, when vandals destroy their painstaking work.

Elaine

A playcentre committee member and parent writes:

The recent theft of the children's tyre swing has left parents frustrated and annoyed. For several years we have accepted with stoic patience the activities of a few who have used the Playcentre as a venue for unwelcome activities such as using the sun shade as a trampoline, stretching the cover and breaking the strops, rolling the tractor tyre into the fence, badly damaging it, and removing outdoor sofas and dumping them down the cliff and on the beach. Playcentre parents are working to repair the damage and have retrieved the sofas with patient understanding, sometimes remembering their own youthful transgressions and generally assuming this was a passing fad. But the recent vandalism has left the children without a favourite plaything, and the parents are saying enough is enough.

We are asking the community to assist by keeping an eye out for youths hanging out around the Playcentre. We also request the immediate return of playground equipment, particularly the missing motorcycle tyre and rope, should it inexplicably appear at your house, and please remind teenagers and older children of the need for respect of community facilities and property.

Footnote: The Playcentre Committee invites everyone, and especially those teenagers who are bent on leaving their mark on the community, to do something very positive and worthwhile, by volunteering to help out with the many maintenance and clean-up jobs at the Playcentre. Give Lou a call on 329 3254 to find out dates of the working bees.
SUCCESSFUL PLANTING DAY AT PORT LEVY

800 little native trees and lots of harakeke (flax) plants were planted beside the Koukourata Stream on Sunday August 22. Today they are just tiny leaves poking over the tops of orange plastic sleeves; but in just ten years time there will be a growing forest to stroll through beside the longest fenced-off riparian strip on Banks Peninsula.

In just two hours all 800 trees were safely in the ground, and the workers relaxed over lunch.

The planting day started with around fifty people being welcomed to the stream side (or as he called it the mighty river) by Peter Ramsden, who co-ordinated and led the planting day on behalf of Te Whanau o Koukourarata.

This was followed by a demonstration of how to plant a sample tree, mulch it with a little wool mat, and protect it with the plastic sleeve supported by bamboo stakes in each corner. Then everyone began planting with a will.

Thanking everyone afterwards, Peter said, What an incredibly successful day on many levels. I have always been convinced that when like-minded people get together, anything is possible. We are grateful for the new contacts made just to continue the journey. Tumeke!! The generosity of so many for their time, contribution, and enthusiasm is reflected by the day’s result. Christine

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ROB’S AUSTIN HEALEY IS A WINNER

It is true to say that Charteris Bay resident Rob Nicholl is a car enthusiast. His passion was undoubtedly sparked and fostered by his father who established an auto repair shop in Papanui in 1947 and handed it on to Rob a quarter of a century later. Thirty years on, Rob sold the business and later retired to Charteris Bay, where he has become known for – you guessed it – his car, a sleek little red convertible.

Perhaps not so widely known is that Rob actually has two identical red convertibles. Rob acquired his first Austin Healey, which he regularly drives, as an investment in 1996. These cars came into being in the early 1950’s when the Austin Company became aware of the running gear of one of their A90 Atlantics had been cleverly incorporated into a sports car by one Donald Healey. Thus in 1952 the Austin Healey was developed in England specifically for the American market.

In 2006 Rob rescued his second Austin Healey from a frustrated Wanaka businessman after a very expensive restoration of the car had proved most unsatisfactory. Recognising that this vehicle was basically in better condition than his original one, Rob worked lovingly for four years to right all the wrongs. His efforts were justly recognised last month at the Autovia Christchurch Classic Car Show where he took first place in both the Best British Sports Car and Best Car of the 60s. He now has next Easter’s National Rally in his sights.

The specifications of the car are:
1963 BJ7, 3000MkII model, of which 6113 were made between 1962 and 64. It is 130hp with a top speed of 116mph.
From a standing start it covers a ¼ mile (about 400m) in 17.4 seconds. This model sold when new for around US$3500.
Rob’s vehicles, having been imported into this country from USA in 1994 and 96 respectively, have both been converted to right hand drive. While he has completely overhauled both mechanically, Rob has fully restored only the second one, which he will now keep while his original one is to be sold. 

Elaine
**OLD LADY UP TO THE TASK**

Despite her age, the 35 years-old *Fiordlander* was able to keep the Diamond Harbour ferry service on schedule when she stood in for the Black Diamond while it was overhauled and refitted recently. *Elaine*

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**A MESSAGE FROM ABOVE?**

When Des Bryson awoke in the wee small hours recently and glanced out the bedroom window, he was amazed to see a large portion of a wrecked aeroplane lying on his front lawn. With visions of an horrific accident flashing through his mind, he grabbed a torch and hurried out into the cold dark pre-dawn to investigate.

To his great relief, he discovered that the plane had not fallen from the sky, although it could be said that the message scrawled across it might have come from on high, for it was signed by two of his former and long-deceased bosses.

In over 40 years with the same aircraft maintenance firm, Des acquired a reputation as a master practical joker, and it seems that even a quarter of a century on, his many pranks have not been forgotten by those who had most regularly been on the receiving end. There were several former apprentices among the sixty-odd guests who turned up later the same day to celebrate Des’ 80th birthday, but none were prepared to accept responsibility for this particular gift, which, rather appropriately, was the tail-end of an old Friendship.

*Elaine*
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BANKS PENINSULA VET SERVICES?

We are taught at vet school that being a vet involves a dynamic, interactive, triangle between the vet, the animal (patient), and the owner (client). Similarly the veterinary services at Banks Peninsula involve three parties. The vet (me), along with my support staff Jo and Lynette, work for Vetlife, a large veterinary company with twelve branches across Canterbury and Otago. Vetlife contracts to the Banks Peninsula Farmers’ Veterinary Club to provide veterinary services to their members. We also see non-members’ animals. The Vet Club owns the buildings in Little River and Akaroa which are leased to Vetlife.

Just to lay any rumours to rest, I have resigned from Vetlife, effective from the end of October. This is because Vetlife have no longer been providing a relief vet to allow me the occasional weekend away. I’ve now been on call continuously for just over four months, and am expected to continue over the spring period, and indefinitely after that! So I’ve decided to call it quits before I burn out. Although I really enjoy doing what I do, occasionally I need a few days without the pressure of being on call. As nice as the Peninsula is, I like to get away every so often.

So what happens now? The honest answer is that I do not yet know. The easiest solution, for me, would be to walk away and find another job. However, I do not want to do that as I feel a responsibility to the people and animals of the Peninsula. I have put in a proposal to the Vet Club to continue to provide veterinary services here. Hopefully this will be accepted. I like the Peninsula, and my family and I are committed to staying here. At the time of writing, and to the best of my knowledge, ours is the only realistic proposal on the table. We are part of the community here, and I already know the job well, and am under no illusions as to what the job of Peninsula vet entails. I would get in a locum occasionally, in order to keep me enthusiastic (and sane!), while, at the same time, ensuring that there is always regular and emergency vet cover available. Having run my own practice in Cape Town for eight years, I have plenty of experience in running a business.

I can’t speak for the other two parties in the triangle. I do know that Vetlife is advertising my job and that the Vet Club is bound by their contract with Vetlife. The Vet Club holds its AGM in September. Any decisions made there will affect all of us. Finally, thank you for all the messages of support, and good wishes.

Dr Paul Williams

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GAFFERS’ GOSSIP

The Golden Egg

There is nothing very extraordinary about laying an egg, especially if you are a hen, but when it is a Golden Egg, that calls for some thought. As Nineveh remarked waspishly, You could trust a silly fowl like Rhoda to produce something weird like that; she was always on some strange diet. What on earth could you do with a Golden Egg? You couldn’t poach it. You certainly couldn’t fry it. It probably wouldn’t make a very good omelette. There was considerable clucking as the hens considered the best use for such an unusual object. They decided to form a Committee with powers to co-opt.

Well, the first thing to do, said Frazzle, is to hide it somewhere before that girl with the basket comes round. You never know with these humans, they might take a shine to it.

This seemed a sensible suggestion so the Golden Egg was tucked safely away in the rafters, but not before Gallia complained that she had suffered a hernia.

For goodness sake stop your squawking, said Nineveh, who had the beady eye and profound disdain for her companions, which marks the truly great Committee Chairperson. Now, has anyone got any sensible suggestions?

We could present it as an annual egg laying prize, said Frazzle diffidently. You know, like the Bledisloe Cup. Those humans seem to enjoy spending their time chasing that egg shaped thing round a field.

What humans do has got nothing to do with it, said Nineveh. Besides, we can hardly display it proudly on the mantelpiece. Someone might notice.

The hens pecked thoughtfully at the problem.

What about a doorstop? Gallia murmured, but Nineveh didn’t deign to reply to that.

Have you heard the one about why the chicken crossed the road? said Rhoda brightly. The chickens groaned. It crossed it with a flyover to make a super highway. The chickens groaned again. OK. OK. I just like to have my little yoke if it’s all white with you.

At this point Nineveh felt that she was losing control of the meeting, besides which she had spotted a particularly juicy worm in the corner of the hen house. The matter was held in abeyance and referred to a sub committee. So if anyone’s interested, the egg is still there although goodness knows what you’d do with it.

Tony
RECIPE

Chicken Night Ahead – Quick Chicken in the Oven

There are two reasons why I would like to share a chicken recipe with you. One is the Chicken and Egg Festival on Sept 11 (see p12). Another is the abundance of lemons in some local gardens this season. The Thornton’s wonderful lemon tree is laden with the most beautiful yellow fruit… envy, envy… thank you Ann for the lemons!

This very simple and much-loved lemon chicken dish is quickly prepared and cooked in about an hour.

Ingredients:
- 1 whole chicken
- 2 tbsp mustard, preferably grainy
- 4 tbsp butter
- 3 onions sliced
- 100ml white wine
- salt, pepper
- 4 cloves garlic, peeled and whole
- spices (eg rosemary, thyme, paprika, sage)
- 2 lemons whole – poked with a fork (keep zest aside)
- 100ml chicken stock

Method:
- Preheat oven to 230C.
- Pat chicken dry inside and out and rub the outside well with mustard.
- Generously season chicken inside and out with salt, pepper and spices.
- Put the lemons, garlic, and 2 tbsp of butter inside the chicken.
- Heat up oil and brown chicken on both sides.
- Add the onions and white wine.
- Turn chicken breast side-up, and pop it in the oven.
- Roast until the juices run clear (approx 1 hour).
- Remove chicken from oven and cover loosely with foil.
- Wait at least 10 mins before serving.

Gravy:
- Reheat juice from the pan, adding lemon zest, and 2 tbsp cold butter; whisk until smooth.

Variation:
- My favourite is using pickled lemons instead of fresh ones… it gives the chicken a superb flavour. I must ask Joy McLeod for her recipe for pickling lemons – it is worth doing just for this recipe.

Bon appetit.

Franziska

A mate and I took our annual pilgrimage to the Food Show recently giving us both an excuse to re-stock our cellars. Here are some wines that turned our heads (read: we bought up large!); and a few others that have impressed since then.

The ever reliable Villa Maria stable has done it again even with their bog standard 2009 Private Bin East Coast Gewurztraminer. This is all lychee and ginger spice with a dryish finish to wash down Asian cuisine. No wonder it got gold at the Royal Easter Show Awards and it is often discounted well below $15 in supermarkets too! A little sweeter with pear, apple and spice is the 2009 Mount Riley Pinot Gris. Also under $15 and lovely quaffing, chilled. With food, try the 2009 Mills Reef Reserve Chardonnay, currently discounted to $15-20. A chunk of white meat will temper the oak to get that lovely creamy stone fruit, citrus and vanilla mouth-feel that some just love! Finally for whites – pale yellow actually – is Lemon Z Limoncello liqueur – 100% NZ made and the perfect digestive between courses; a lot dryer than some others around (as it should be – remember I’m Italian), so grab a bottle for the freezer. On to reds, and the 2010 vintage in Hawkes Bay is looking very promising, based on the Esk Valley Rose. Well under $20 and Merlot-based with a splash of Malbec; serve chilled as an aperitif to enjoy strawberry and cherry flavours on a dry finish. Edging into the mid-$20’s is the 2008 Coopers Creek SV Chalk Ridge Syrah (with an Air New Zealand Wine Awards trophy under its belt already, and Cuisine’s #2) this is plush with pepper and mocha flavours, and the hint of floral, courtesy of the splash of Viognier. Big guns now (read: splurge bracket of $30+); the pick of the Clearview Reserve Range was their 2008 Enigma. A Merlot predominant blend it’s a morish savoury number with plum and cassis fruit throughout. Mills Reef again, this time their Elspeth range, its hard to go past the Air New Zealand Wine Awards trophy winning 2007 Cabernet Merlot. A rich wine with blackberry plum and cedar. Mind you, the gold winning 2007 Syrah was no slouch either, with white pepper straight off then a mix of every berry you could think of on savoury oak. Whack them all in the cellar like me, and hold off if you can till 2012 to enjoy at their best. Cheers!

The Godfather

Would you like some assistance?
Home or Garden Help?

- * A hand around the house?
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CIVIL DEFENCE EXPLAINED AT INFORMATION EVENING

At the recent information evening held by our local Civil Defence team, Wendy Coles and John Barry explained the many responsibilities which fall on Civil Defence members when disaster strikes.

The main roles are to collect information and assess the local situation, and to organise, co-ordinate, and keep track of the response personnel and equipment needed to deal with the emergency and the safety of people and their property.

They are also responsible for sending regular situation reports to Lyttelton Area Civil Defence which is in communication with Christchurch HQ. In a community such as the wider Diamond Harbour area, Civil Defence is also likely to have a direct role in the immediate welfare of those affected. This could be expected to include the provision of food, shelter, medical needs, and clothing; as well as counselling, and assisting individuals to locate family members, pets, and property.

Given that every Civil Defence volunteer would be available to assist others only if their personal situation, family well-being and so on were under control, it became clear to those present at the meeting that a large team with basic training in specific areas would greatly enhance the effectiveness in dealing with any crisis.

Similarly, knowledge of the equipment and skills available in the community is another essential in meeting the needs of the moment, and to this end the local Civil Defence team from time to time ask residents to identify personal skills and equipment they have, which could be of use. It is worth noting that this information is treated with strict confidence and careful records are also made of all equipment used in an emergency so that it can be returned to the owner, and compensation made for any loss or damage.

Wendy and John urge everyone to establish a personal and family emergency plan, which includes evacuation, point of assembly, and communication. Items such as extra clothing, medical needs, food and drinking water need to be carefully considered. In an emergency, seconds rather than minutes will count; and remember it is not if, but when!

If you would like to join the CD team, offer information on your skills or equipment, or just get advice on how to prepare yourself and your family, give Wendy a call on Ph. 329 4483.

Elaine
The senior side had a roller coaster ride this year with a slow start but we finished on a high. The Ellesmere Senior Division II competition had 11 teams this year which were split into top six and bottom four (one team dropped down a grade) after the first complete round of games. We started to hit our straps towards the end of the first round but unfortunately our slow start and a couple of narrow losses meant that we finished the first round with 4 wins and 6 losses and in 7th place one win outside the top six.

We started to really hit our straps in the second round where we went unbeaten (6 from 6) and won the pennant completion for the bottom 4 so there is some silverware in the cabinet for the summer.

Our season summary reads: started slow got better and finished by winning our last 9 games in a row, we will be striving for double figures at the start of next season!

Overall we played 16 games for 10 wins and 6 loses; scored 391 points with 57 tries and let in 301 points.

Our leading points scorer was Tarek and our leading try scorer was Lordy.

Each year the team plays for four inter club trophies against teams from Sumner, Ohoka, Kirwee and Lincoln. Unfortunately due to our slow start only one of the trophies is left in the Diamond Harbour cabinet. With our winning streak at the end of the season there is definitely a feeling of unfinished business for next year!

Senior Team awards for the season:

**Most Improved Player – Michael Odering.** Mung has been part of the senior side for 4 seasons. He had a great season and became a key member of our front row and team. It will be interesting to see how his form extents to the married singles game, especially now that he has joined the married ranks.

**Most Consistent Player – Karl Warren.** Karl is a stalwart of the club, being a 500 club member, and is vice captain of the side and a key leader both on and off the paddock. Karl owned the No 12 jersey this year and defensively was a rock regularly shutting down the opposition. He hardly missed a practice or game all season and was consistently one of the best players on the paddock.

**Most Valuable Player – Nick Lord.** Lordy was our standout player this season and at No 8 was the key to our loose forward trio’s being dominant throughout the season. Lordy was our top try scorer and has that uncanny habit of being able to make a break, a bit tackle or get a turnover just when the team needs a lift. During the early part of the season Lordy almost single-handedly kept us in games, especially in our match out at Darfield.

**Best Supporter – Kate Marshall.** Kate was a standout among our various supporters. Not only did she attend almost all the games and provided great support she kept Flash out of trouble all year which is no easy feat. Thanks Kate, and we look forward to your support next year.

The team has a number of people it would like to thank: firstly, the Club and the Committee, for the great facilities and their ongoing efforts in running the club. Special thanks to the club secretary, Ian Boyd, for arranging for the senior side to use CRFU’s great training facilities in South Hagley Park. Thanks to our team sponsors, Dave Hughie Builders, Godley House, and Robbies of Riccarton, for their support throughout the year. Finally we would like to thank our supporters, your sideline encouragement does make a difference and we hope you have enjoyed the season as much as the team has.

As we throw the boots away for another season and get ready for summer, the team would like to remind the Diamond Harbour community that the team is always looking to increase its funds, so if you have a job which is a bit daunting to tackle on your own and would suit 15-20 blokes, give us a call. Likewise if there are any budding players out there who would be keen for a run next season, give us a call now as over the summer the guys enter a couple of touch teams and have a social cricket team.

*Ian Lloyd (Ph. 329 3183)*
Diamond Harbour Sparkles

**When:** 10am, Sunday Sept 19  
**Where:** Diamond Harbour Wharf  
**Target Area:** Wharf area, roadsides and tracks up to the shop.

Join us at Diamond Harbour Wharf at 10am on Sunday morning 19 September for a Clean Up Week event to pick up litter between the Wharf and the shop. Many hands make light work. Bring a thermos for a shared morning tea at 11.30am at the picnic table opposite the shop. Muffins provided. (And hand sanitizer!)

Rubbish and untidy vegetation around the Wharf, litter over the roadside banks and in the reserve areas leading up to the shop create a poor first impression for visitors arriving here by ferry. Let’s clean it all up. Let’s sweep out under the dinghy shed, tidy up some of the vegetation, and pick up all the rubbish that has accumulated over the months and years, even the tiny fragments of glittery foil which catch your eye. Retrieving litter from down the banks will require a reasonable level of agility, but all ages and abilities can help. If we can get Council approval, maybe we could even plant something nice along the top of the stone wall at the road end car park.

For more details go here:  
*Paula Smith*

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**Spring into Action**  
walk and family fun day.  
**When:** Sunday September 19, 10am to 2pm.  
**Where:** North Hagley Park (Armagh St bridge entrance).

Please come and support this worthwhile charity – $10 single, $20 family. 70 Hearing Dogs are needed in the Christchurch area – currently there are 8. For more information, go to [www.hearingdogs.org.nz](http://www.hearingdogs.org.nz), hover over **Events** and click on **Spring into Action** or contact Maddi Naylor on 329 4419.

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**Orton Bradley Horse Treks**  
**Moving to Akaroa**

After seven years of operation, the horse treks will be closing at Orton Bradley Park on Friday September 24 and will open in Akaroa at Labour weekend. The horses are moving to Purple Peak in Akaroa, where treks will be run by owner/operator Kate Tapley of Otahuna and Mt Lyford Horse Treks.

Kate will still be offering pony rides at this year’s Orton Bradley Spring Fair. 

There will be a locals weekend (for anyone living around the Harbour) on Saturday September 18 and Sunday September 19 with a special Two for One price offered on the one hour horse treks (i.e. $50 for two people). This will be the last chance to ride a horse at the park. Minimum age is 7 years. Bookings essential.

**Call Penny Sparrow on 329 4900**

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**Does your child belong to the Library?**

Our Library is a treasure trove of stories and ideas. We cater for all ages, from board books and music CDs for babies, to books, CDs (stories) and magazines for teenagers. All items are free to borrow.

Membership is free and you can use any of the Christchurch City Libraries, borrowing up to 30 items at a time.

If you would like us to get an item from another library you can reserve it and have it sent to the Diamond Harbour library for you to pick up, free of charge ($2 for adults). All you need is your library card!

Check out our Library Website  
[www.christchurchcitylibraries.com](http://www.christchurchcitylibraries.com)  
for booklists, recommended reads, homework help, and other fun stuff. There is also free internet access.

**Hours:**  
Tuesdays: 2-7 ;  
Thursdays: 10-2 ;  
Fridays: 2-4 ;  
Saturdays: 10-12.

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**Diamond Harbour Toy Library AGM**  
will be held on Thursday Sept 30 at 7:30pm in the Toy Library, DH Hall.  
All welcome. Come join a great team!  
*Sarah Nicholl*

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**Diamond Harbour and Districts Croquet Club**

**Opening Date:** Saturday September 18 at 10am.

**Venue:** Croquet Club, off Purau Ave, Diamond Harbour.  
Regular playing days: Saturdays 10am-1pm approx. Wednesdays 2pm—5pm approx. Members may also play at any time they wish.

All welcome – come along and have a go at Croquet – it is suitable for all ages and degrees of fitness.

*Ph. Faye 329 4676 or Janet 329 9893 for more information.*
Not sure if you should join the Timebank?
Read on… Let’s start at the beginning. Market day was Saturday June 5, so Friday 4 found me down in the orchard picking apples for crumbles to make for the market. Alas! My gumboot met with a greasy wooden sleeper edging my steps, coated with morning frost. Two broken ankle bones… 40 minutes calling for help… a crawl up 14 steps… the removal of the gumboot… help arriving from neighbours I had never met, followed by Rescuing Rosie and lovely Sue from the Health Centre (with the much needed morphine)... and last, dramatically, the ambulance. A week in hospital and one weekend at home was followed by accident number two – a broken wrist… and two more weeks in hospital.

Now here is the important part. I would not have been able to come home if it had not been for the Timebank. For weeks I had beautiful, thoughtfully prepared meals delivered to me each night. I cannot express how this made me feel. And the best part of it is that everyone earned credits with the Timebank for their efforts, making me feel less guilty about all their hard work. A huge thank you to Ron and Jacinda for setting this up and to all those cooks who kept me guessing each night. Diamond Harbour trumpets once again. So, don’t hesitate. Join the Timebank. You may need it some time—when you least expect it.

Karen

The CHICKEN and EGG FESTIVAL
10-11:30am ~ Chicken Keeping Workshop
Beginners to advanced [at 56 Purau-Port Levy Rd, Purau] Including; Start up basics; How to keep them healthy; Pros and cons of different breeds.

Plus an exhibition of different breeds and guest speaker.
If you have a pure bred or rare breed chicken which you would like to exhibit please contact Franziska on 329 4892.

3-4:30pm ~ Egg Painting Workshop [Stage Room, Hall]
All ages welcome - please bring a donation to cover the cost of materials and a blown or hardboiled egg.

7:30pm ~ BARNDANCE with Bantam of the Opera [Hall]
Come join in the fun... Tickets on sale from 7pm Adults $20, Students $10, Family (kids under 10) $50

Community Cackles Chicken jokes, songs, verse - all contributions welcome.

The Big Egg Bake Off* (judging)
Prizes for Best-Dressed: Man, Woman, Couple, Boy, Girl, and Family.

BYOG, and a plate for supper

*THE BIG EGG BAKE OFF
Entry forms for the Bake-Off (and eggs) are available from the Purau Valley Produce Market on Sat Sept 4 or call Christine 329 4588 or Annie 329 4779.

Competition categories:
(1) Best Traditional Quiche; (2) Best Vegetarian Quiche; (3) Best Pavlova; (4) Best Cream Sponge.

Hi from Godley,
With a few more recent fine days it’s been great to see people getting out and about making the most of it. Spring is here and we have some exciting events coming up. With daylight saving just around the corner, why not pop down and enjoy a drink or meal with us.

Did you know we do Sunday Roasts for $15 pp until the end of September? Why not bring Dad along for Fathers Day 5th September? All Dads get a free drink with their meal purchased. Did you know we do Sunday Roasts for $15 pp until the end of September? Why not bring Dad along for Fathers Day 5th September? All Dads get a free drink with their meal purchased.

Girls’ Nights happen every 2nd and last Thursday of the month. Next one is the Clothes Swap Party 7pm Sept 9. And of course there’s Music in the Garden 1st Sunday of the month. Lots happening, hope to see you soon!

Cheers, Michelle and Richard
YOU CAN COME TOO — cont

ORGANIC & PLANT SEED SWAP

BRING YOUR SURPLUS SEEDS/SEEDLINGS/PLANTS: EXCHANGE & SHARE INFORMATION

SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER
10.30 - NOON • 30 WHERO AVE (D.H.)

EMAIL: Carousel08@xtra.co.nz or
PH RACHEL EVENINGS 329 4659
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THIS GROUP

Meet your candidates
Make an informed choice

The Diamond Harbour Community Association has arranged a public meeting in the Stage Room on
Saturday September 25 at 10.30am.

Voting papers will arrive in the post from September 17, and must be completed and posted to arrive by October 9.

Come along to the meeting and listen to the candidates for:
♦ CCC Councillor for Banks Peninsula
♦ Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board

Make an informed choice. We need the best candidates possible to represent us and as many people as possible to vote for them.

PURAU VALLEY PRODUCE FARMER’S MARKET

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EVERY
2nd Saturday
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4th & 25th

Spring & Summer

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View a selection of conserves, home baking, bread, scones and Annie’s cakes

T: 03 329 4779

ANNUAL SPRING FAIR
SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER FROM 10AM

Come along and support Orton Bradley Park Friends’ White Elephant Stall

For sale will be:
♦ Walnuts
♦ Orton Bradley Diary
♦ Fabulous White Elephants
♦ Baking

We would be grateful for any donations of baking, preserves and elephants.

Please deliver to the Park on the Monday before the Fair. No large items please or (broken) junk

All proceeds towards the new FERNERY
If you have any queries please phone Jan on 377 2679 or 021 153 1363

Afternoon tea as it used to be

VICTORIAN AFTERNOON TEA
Home made cakes and sweet leaf tea.
Served by Annie and her staff in period costume

Spring Opening
Sunday Sept 19th
To book call Annie on 329 4779
Stoddart’s Cottage Events  
[www.stoddarts cottage.co.nz](http://www.stoddarts cottage.co.nz)

Opening for Spring in Sept  
The Cottage re-opens for spring on Sunday, September 5. The schedule of exhibitions is yet to be finalised. Please check [www.stoddarts cottage.co.nz](http://www.stoddarts cottage.co.nz) or [www.diamondHarbour.info/events.aspx](http://www.diamondHarbour.info/events.aspx) or look out for posters around the village.

Sunday Sept 19, 1-4pm  
Annie’s Victorian Afternoon Teas  
Come and celebrate spring with one of Annie’s fabulous Victorian Afternoon Teas - Strong leaf tea with mouth-watering homemade cakes served in period costume.

Mt. Herbert 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)  
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  
Fri 22: Finding Clues  
Fri 29: Party  

Herald Calendar  
Annie’s Victorian Teas: Sun Sep 19, Stoddart’s Cottg (p13)  
Art Group: Weds, 9.30am-12noon, Church Hall  
Barndance: Sat Sept 11, 7.30pm, Community Hall (p12)  
BECA Heritage Week: October 22-31  
Bridge Club: Weds, 7pm, D.H. Bowling Clubrooms  
Camera Club: Tue Sep 21, 7.30pm, Stage Room  
Chicken & Egg Festival: Sat Sep 11, 10am onwards (p12)  
Chopping Round: Sep 25-26 (p15)  
Cleanup Week Event: Sun Sep 19, 10am, DH Wharf (p11)  
Community Assn: Mon Sep 20, 7.30pm, Comm Room  
Croquet Club: Opening Day Sat Sep 18, 10am (p11)  
Diamond Harbour Singers: Weds, 7.45pm Stage Room  
Film Society: Thurs, 7.45pm Stage Room  
Historical Assn: Tue Sep 14, 8pm, Stage Room (p12)  
Insight Meditation: Tues, 6.30pm, 7A Whero Ave  
Ladies Probus: Mon, Sep 13, 10am, CB Golf Club  
Local Elections: Sat Oct 9. Voting papers to be returned  
Meet the Candidates: Sat Sep 25, 10:30am, Stage Rm (p13)  
Mens Probus: 1st Thurs each month 10am, CB Golf Club  
Neighbourhood Week: Oct 30—Nov 7  
Organic Plant & Seed Swap: Sun Oct 10, 10.30-noon(p13)  
Orton Bradley Spring Fair: Sun Oct 24, 10am (p13)  
Poems for Herald: Email to us by Sept 20  
Puara Produce Market: Sat Sep 4 & 25 (p13)  
Stoddart’s Cottage: Reopens Sun Sep 5 (p14)  
Tai Chi: Thurs 10.30, 11.15, 12.50, Community Hall  
Toolbox Parenting: Sep 6, 13, 20  
Toy Library: Sats, 10am-11am, Community Hall (p11)  
Toy Library AGM: Thu Sep 30, 7.30pm, Toy Library (p11)  
Under 20 Trust: Sundays and Fridays (p14)  
For updated details go to the community electronic bulletin board: [www.diamondharbour.info/events.aspx](http://www.diamondharbour.info/events.aspx)

St Andrews Church Notices  
For latest details of all church news, visit...  
[www.diamondharbour.info/church-notices.aspx](http://www.diamondharbour.info/church-notices.aspx)

Regular Services  
Catholic Mass every Saturday at 6:30pm.  
Anglican - Methodist - Presbyterian: Sundays 8 & 10:30am Communion (no 8am service in January).  

Women’s Breakfast  
Saturday, Sep 25, 8:15-10:15am, Church Hall.  
Speaker: Lois Flanagan. Lois is a partner in a Christchurch Law Firm and practises in Family and Employment Law. Lois 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.

Home Groups  
Two groups meet on alternate Mondays at 7:30pm.  
Group1: in the Church (contact Ross Fountain 329 4202).  
Group2: in John & Margaret Somervelle’s home 329 4713.

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 welcome. $3 per child or $4 per family.  
Inquiries can be made to the Parish office on 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.

Wednesday Study and Discussion Group  
Meets in the Church Library 3.30pm to 5.00pm  
Contact: Anne Boyd 329 4444

City Shopping Van  
The fortnightly shopping van to South City mall runs on:  
Sep 1, 15 & 29  
Oct 13 & 27  
Nov 10 & 24  
Dec 8 & 22  
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.

Mount Herbert Parish Magazine  
Read the current issue of the parish magazine at [www.diamondharbour.info/church-notices.aspx](http://www.diamondharbour.info/church-notices.aspx)  
Contributions for the Oct/Nov issue due by Sep 19. Please email them to mt.herbertparish@xtra.co.nz

Orton Bradley Park — Walking Tracks  
Walking tracks will be closed from August 20 until October 1 due to lambing on the property.  
Picnic areas still open.  
Ian Luxford

Diamond Harbour & Districts Historical Assn  
The next meeting is at 8pm on Tuesday September 14 in the Stage Room. Prof (Emeritus) Chris Kissling’s talk is entitled: A geographer’s perspective on the changing face of Canterbury’s transport. All welcome.  
Ian Studholme
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Chipping Round: September 25 - 26
The cost is $20 to for any job of less than 10 minutes, or $2 a minute for the first 20 minutes, then $1 a minute thereafter.

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 damper – 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 3032.

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

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION News

Meeting Times: 7.30pm, 3rd Mon each month, Com Rm.
Waipapa Triangle: The meeting heard the traffic engineer express his concern about the speed of travel at the corner, given the poor visibility; and that no further mirrors will be installed, except at private expense, as they are considered to give a distorted perception of distance and are subject to weather conditions. However, many felt that the mirrors are still a help in showing that a vehicle is approaching. There was no consensus about the best solution for the triangle, and due to funding constraints no changes will be made for at least a year.

Weir Planting: Ben has shifted all the plants from the weir and the remaining ones will be moved by Dave if necessary. The biggest problem is the willows. Peter Rough’s landscape plan is still a preliminary one and needs to be approved by the Historic Places Trust.

Freedom Camping: Jim Thornton reported from the meeting he attended that it is not perceived as a serious issue. Any littering or fouling should be reported to the police. Paula said that a management plan is being formulated and that there is some concern about camping near the Governor’s Bay jetty where there is no toilet; and also at Purau, where small cooking fires have been observed.

Grazing on Bayview Road: Stock control bylaws allow fencing off of the road verge for stock to graze. If stock is on the road the CCC hotline 941 8999 should be rung.

Foreshore: Richard has put in a submission on behalf of the Community Association supporting restriction of boats over 5 h.p. on the Purau foreshore, from the slipway.

DH Community Early Childhood Centre Inc: Are winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much regret. Their constitution requires winding up with much reg
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