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POETS’ CORNER

Wreck on the Skerraigh Vore

On the hidden fangs of the Skerraigh Vore
Lie the bones of a broken ship,
Twisted and torn and scoured within
By the greed of the tidal rip.
With her ribs upthrust in misery
To a sullen northern sky
And none to mourn, in the cold grey dawn
Save the dirge of the petrel’s cry.
Surely she knew when she sailed from Leith
On that black December night
Of the hidden set, where the tide streams met
And that one extinguished light.
Of the lookout’s cry in the seething wrack
“Breakers ahead! Beware!”
Of the pounding shock as she took the rock
And her pulsing life laid bare.
She was known and loved by so many men,
Even those that she took to their death.
They had served her due – Aye, and cursed her too
As they choked on their drowning breath.
But none could have felt my grievous pain
And none could have loved her more,
For I was her Master on that night
When she struck on the Skerraigh Vore.

Tony Morrison

If anyone is interested in a further miscellany of writings about the sea, the Southern Harbour Bays Writers’ Group have produced a small booklet, “Sea Diamonds” Price $5. Please contact Tony Morrison 329 4646.

Herald Subscriptions

Please use the envelope included with this Herald to pay your annual subscription. It is $10 per household for those who receive a loose folded copy of the Herald each month in their letterbox or pick it one with their mail at the post office.

For readers living outside the distribution area, or anyone else wishing to receive their Herald in a stamped envelope, the cost is $16 (please include your postal address).

Anyone wishing to pay their annual Diamond Harbour Community Association subscription of $5 per family can include it (please note this on the envelope).
Music is Mark Walton's life. Sharing it is his passion. He is a man with poor sight but remarkable vision. He has made the impossible happen, bringing music tuition to people who thought it could never be.

Growing up in, as he puts it, the wrong end of Worchester Street in Christchurch did not hamper the development of his musical talent. At 16 he was tutoring pupils in Christchurch schools as an itinerant music teacher. While his favourites are the clarinet and saxophone, he plays and teaches most wind instruments, and he has made music his life – but with a difference.

It was while in America that he was introduced to the concept of video conferencing and saw the possibility of teaching music via this medium. He hired facilities in Sydney, using their equipment, then valued at $95,000, but the reception and sound quality were poor, so tutoring was arduous for both Mark and his pupils. Nevertheless the desire was spawned to bring music to those living in remote areas.

After his marriage to Jo, also a musician – but, she insists, at a much lower level than Mark - the couple lived in England for a number of years, before moving to Australia where Mark held the Chair of Performance at Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Sydney University. There they soon began exploring outback Australia, particularly enjoying meeting the people who lived in remote places. Before long, they were regularly travelling thousands of miles to places where other music teachers would never venture, to give music tuition to a few people for whom learning an instrument would never otherwise be possible. I see distance as a disability and therefore it is not impossible. You just have to be prepared to go the extra mile.

Back in Christchurch, with the Christchurch School of Music as his base, and with home computers, broadband and Skype now widely available, Outreach Music and distance music education blossomed.

Although Mark and Jo still officially live in Sydney, they have recently purchased a summer home in Church Bay with just magnificent views of the hills and water.

When we visited them there, we found Mark, photographed below, giving a clarinet lesson to a woman who lives in a remote and currently very damp spot in flood-ravaged New South Wales.

Earlier in the day he had tutored a budding Arrowtown musician and then a Christchurch city resident, all without either the tutor or the students leaving home.

Many teachers still claim this is impossible, says Mark, but I have the results to prove it works. I have students in six different countries and they range in age from children to pensioners, and in ability from beginners to elite musicians who have surpassed the abilities of their former teachers. I also teach one student in Australia by phone, as there is no internet access in her remote area.

Mark does not just tutor his students. He writes and then teaches his own musical shows, and then, with Jo's help, brings everyone together to perform on tour. This concept is particularly popular with the older students – who never thought they would ever be able to play an instrument, let alone find a tutor to visit them regularly for lessons in their remote homes. It is indeed a dream come true for them to go on an organised tour with like-minded new friends, to visit new places and use their new-found skills in actual public performances. Their constant query is, When is the next tour?

However the international group of 16 young elite clarinet and saxophone players who met up recently for a week-long summer school also loved their similar experience, which among other things involved an exciting ferry ride to Diamond Harbour to perform for the locals. They were so overwhelmed by the size and enthusiasm of the audience in our community hall that this will now become an annual event, something music lovers here will undoubtedly cherish. Mark and Jo are also planning a concert at Diamond Harbour School in early March, at which our own young musicians will get to perform alongside talented visitors.

While he still regularly teaches students face to face at the Christchurch School of Music, Mark says there are definitely advantages in distance music education. There are fewer distractions. The students are more relaxed in their familiar surroundings and other family members, particular parents, are much more involved. He tells the story of a bruly truck-driving father who joined in lessons to help his struggling son. A gift of an old clarinet eventually led to father and son performing together in their local town band.

In 2005 Mark was awarded the Order of Australia medal for nurturing talent in children from rural and regional areas. Somehow, amidst all the tutoring, he also finds time for his own very active solo performing career. You can find out more about Mark Walton and his life of music in his book How Did That Happen which is available from the Christchurch School of Music, to whom the proceeds of the book sales are donated, or via Mark and Jo's website: www.markwalton.com.au

Elaine

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If the matter you are reporting needs Police immediately, due to it being either life threatening, or criminals are committing a crime at the time, please ring 111 – this will get a quick response from on duty staff.
If the matter is of a non-urgent nature, you can contact the Lyttelton Police Station on 328 7900. Staff will take the information or complaint and it will be dealt with in due course.
We are in the process of starting a Lyttelton and Bays Crime Watch, coming under the City to Sumner Watch. A car donated by First Direct Taxis is available for volunteers to use for patrolling, and a training programme is in place for persons interested in joining this watch. It is hoped the area between Lyttelton and Diamond Harbour will be patrolled on a regular basis. If you or someone you know is keen, please contact Alan Diamond Harbour will be patrolled on a regular basis. If you or someone you know is keen, please contact Alan Bain (chairman of City to Sumner Watch) on 021 361 434. Anyway that’s it from me. Happy new year to you all.
Sergeant Gary Manch, Lyttelton and Bays Bain (chairman of City to Sumner Watch) on 021 361 434.

Thanks, Gary. Judging by the letters opposite, this is just what we need, so let’s make it happen! Ed.

COMMUNITY ALERT - BEWARE THE HELPFUL HELPDESK

An international computer scam that has been doing the rounds for the past several months has recently targeted a number of local Diamond Harbour residents. It begins with a phone call from a person with a foreign (usually Indian) accent claiming to be a computer support person. They warn you that your computer has a serious problem (possibly a virus) and offer to fix it. The support person may then direct you to display a screen on your computer which gives the false impression that your computer is malfunctioning – thus confirming their claims. They then steer you to a website and instruct you to download a program and key in a code that gives them remote control of your computer.
You may see various things happening on your screen: the mouse moving about, windows opening and closing, etc. The caller may attempt to charge you for software they installed and for fixing the problem or even for a subscription for preventative services.
But a far greater concern is that you have just given a complete stranger unfettered access to everything on your computer! Viruses, malware, key logging software could have been installed and any information on your computer taken – such as usernames, login credentials, and passwords. Malware may have been installed which will continue to log this sensitive information when you use your computer in the future, and make it accessible over the internet to cyber criminals.
All of us, at some time, have had the frustrating experience of trying to get help – either technical assistance from our internet provider or from the phone company, bank, or electricity supplier – or perhaps the EQC! It takes true persistence to battle one’s way through the endless menu systems (numeric and voice recognition), monotonous muzak – interrupted by repetitive reassurances of how greatly we are esteemed and our custom valued – to get to an actual real live human being who can possibly help us.
So how likely is it that such a rare, rationed, commodity is going to actually take the trouble to call us, unbidden, out of blue? Not very!
If you get one of these calls, just hang up! Further details about this scam can be found on the internet, including the website of the Department of Internal Affairs. Links are listed on the Diamond Harbour Website www.diamondharbour.info.

Ron
Welcome back readers. Some of the gems put it ahead of the field. At $35 it is not badly priced for savoury/feral edge; but it’s the depth and balance that great vintage with dark cherry, wild thyme and a Peregrine Pinot Noir. An elegant beauty showing off a smooth tannic ride. Smart buying too, for a snip over and blueberry feature, but I love the savoury palate and winning 2007 Church Road Cuvée Series Merlot. Plum and tannin balance are just perfect, and all for under plum and spice with a sumptuous mouth-feel; the oak best I can remember under this label, all black-fruit, Coonawarra Estate Cabernet Shiraz Merlot. Probably the For reds, try the latest old “red-stripe” 2008 Wynns balance it offers fine quaffing for under $20. ginger with again a mineral edge adding complexity and and deserving of its trophy. Floral peach, pear and Stoneleigh Rapaura Series Sauvignon Blanc. More than a further claim to specialness – it is able to produce hermaphroditic flowers with blue pollen. Blue pollen is most uncommon.

The flowers of the fuchsia are dark red and very small, which makes them easy to miss when the eye is more naturally drawn to the unusual peeling bark of the kotukutuku. The tree is continually shedding soft layers of bark, and is wind, dark new bark underneath is often a beautiful light green colour. For all its special features the kotukutuku deserves to be grown much more widely as a specimen tree in New Zealand gardens. It is especially suited to small gardens, as it takes a long time to get to its optimum height. As well as being deciduous its open way of growing, and small soft leaves, ensure that it does not create too much shade. At this time of year the berries of the kotukutuku (which have their own name – konini) have almost finished ripening at sea level on Banks Peninsula, but are just starting to ripen higher up the hills. Berry-eating native birds (and some exotic birds) find them good eating – and so do I! They are not very big, but the ripe ones are sweet and flavoured (to my taste-buds, at least) a bit like Turkish Delight. Definitely worth a try – but do leave plenty for the birds. See a colour photo of ripening konini berries on my blog: http://ecogardenemz.blogspot.com

Christine Dann

Wine Speak

Welcome back readers. Some of the gems from the Air New Zealand Wine Show are featured to kick off the New Year, so enjoy quaffing these as you repair, reconstruct and reinstall new flash log-burners courtesy of EQC (I hope!).

Starting with Savvie of course, I really like the 2010 Stoneleigh Rapaura Series Sauvignon Blanc. More than just the typical passionfruit and gooseberry in the palate is the fresh mineral mouth-feel and its incredible length. It seems to taste better, too, on special around $20, instead of its normal near $30 price-mark. Riesling fans should grab the gold medal winning 2009 Waimea Classic Riesling. From Nelson this opens with floral honeysuckle, then juicy apple-lemon-lime in the mouth and a mineral zing balanced perfectly by the residual sugar. Great buying at under $15. The 2010 Mud House The Home Block Vineyard Pinot Gris is also excellent and deserving of its trophy. Floral peach, pear and ginger, with again a mineral edge adding complexity and balance it offers fine quaffing for under $20. For reds, try the latest old “red-stripe” 2008 Wynns Coonawarra Estate Cabernet Shiraz Merlot. Probably the best I can remember under this label, all black-fruit, plum and spice with a sumptuous mouth-feel; the oak and tannin balance are just perfect, and all for under $15! Best straight Merlot has got to be the trophy winning 2007 Church Road Cuvée Series Merlot. Plum and blueberry feature, but I love the savoury palate and smooth tannic ride. Smart buying too, for a snap over $20. Wine of the show was the trophy winning 2009 Peregrine Pinot Noir. An elegant beauty showing off a great bouquet, with dark cherry, wild thyme and a savoury/feral edge; but it’s the depth and balance that put it ahead of the field. At $35 it is not badly priced for a decent pinot. Enjoy! The Godfather

Franziska

Gaffers’ Gossip

Wicked

What’s all this stuff about wicked leaks? You must have heard about that. It’s something which threatens the security of the whole Free World.

Yeah, I got some pretty wicked ones in my outside dunny. Threatens my security pretty bad in the middle of the night. It’s nothing to do with water leaks. It’s all to do with secret information.

Like what?

Well, like Colonel Gaddaffi travels round the world with a young blonde sheila. Cor, is that supposed to be a secret? Half his luck, I say. Mind you, there must be a couple of million travellers who are in on the secret.

Yeah, but they don’t talk about it ‘cos it’s secret. It’s only when they start sending messages to each other an’ someone gets hold of the message. That’s when it threatens the security of the Free World.

So everyone knows that old Gaddaffi’s got a blonde sheila, but it’s alright so long as they don’t tell one another. What other mind boggling secrets can’t we tell each other?

Well, the leader of North Korea is a flabby old man. That puts him right up there with all the others. Anything else?

Vladimir Putin likes dressing up as Batman. Like half the kids in the world. You don’t seem to realize if these things become general knowledge, it could upset the balance of world power. Look, I promise not to tell old Bert down the road. Just hope this conversation’s not being bugged. Tony

Recipe

Summertime Tomato Time – Gazpacho

One of my favourite tomato recipes on hot summer nights is a good tasty Spanish Gazpacho, which is a cold tomato soup.

Ingredients (for 4):

- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1 onion, finely diced
- 2 red capsicums, halved, washed, seeded and cubed
- 1 small cucumber, cubed very small
- 1 slice of toast bread, crumbled in small pieces
- 4 tomatoes
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp good vinegar
- salt and pepper
- 250ml ice water (put in freezer for 40 mins)

Method

Set aside 2 tbsp each of cucumber, tomatoes, and capsicums.

Squash garlic and onion to a paste, along sides of a large bowl (using a wooden spoon). Pop tomatoes in boiling water for 10 secs, hold under cold water, then peel off skins.

Halve the tomatoes, discard seeds, and cut into cubes.

Pour oil and vinegar into the bowl.

Add all cubed vegetables (except for those set aside) and stir gently.

Pour ice water into bowl and leave at least 30 mins. Blend lightly – or leave for a more chunky soup.

Add toast bread before serving.

Spice with salt and pepper (plus cayenne pepper if you wish).

Serve remainder of cubed vegetables separately.

Enjoy it on a hot summer night. Franziska
SAILING SUCCESS CONTINUES

Diamond Harbour youngster, Jayvee Buchanan has capped off an already memorable sailing year with outstanding results in three major regattas in two different classes of yachts in one month.

It began early in December at Torbay, Auckland, with the Sir Peter Blake Memorial Regatta, with 400+ mainly youth sailors competing in more than a dozen different classes.

By far the biggest fleet was that of the Open division of the Optimist class National Championships with just over 100 entrants. Jayvee, no doubt spurred on his experience of the previous year when he missed making the national team by just one point, was determined to do well in this, his last Optimist Nationals. In the five race series, he had three wins and a third placing to comfortably not only take the Optimist title, but also to be judged, for the second year running, the most outstanding young sailor of the whole regatta. Of the seven names on this prestigious trophy, Jayvee’s is the only one to appear twice.

Back in Christchurch briefly, Jayvee had to overcome several obstacles to compete in the Canterbury P-Class Championships, which he won convincingly. His success here was probably no surprise to most as he had earlier in the year won the National P-Class title, despite still being young enough to compete for another season in the Optimists.

Within days he was off to Langkawi, Malaysia, to lead the NZ squad in the World Optimist Championships. Although he had previously competed overseas, this was his first experience at such a high level. With 231 competitors representing 57 countries, getting a good start in each race was essential, but extremely difficult because the large fleet made it almost impossible to know exactly where the starting line was, or to be able to control one’s movements without fouling other boats. Three times Jayvee was judged to have been one of a group of yachts over the line at the start, and thus disqualified from those races, but in two others, his starting tactics worked well and he recorded two wins.

All considered, his final placing of 47th was a creditable performance, with many of those who finished ahead of him more experienced at this level, some even living full time in sailing schools in their home countries with everything, including normal education, yachts, and travel provided free of charge.

Even after this hectic schedule, Jayvee has spent much of what was left of his summer holidays assisting with coaching younger sailors at the Charteris Bay Club.

Looking ahead, the fifteen-years-old’s main focus for 2011 will be his Year 12 education, but he hopes to also be able to compete in the P-Class. Beyond that, his sailing ability, his considerable experience, and his comparatively small stature means he has already been identified nationally as ideally suited to helming a 420 yacht, but he is realistic about entering this elite class. His father, who is his greatest supporter, explains: To properly campaign a 420 would be far more expensive than the Optimist, and would probably be beyond us given that we have two younger boys who also deserve the same level of opportunities and funding Jayvee has had.

Meantime, in April, as a result of his successes, Jayvee will be an invited guest at the launching of Team New Zealand’s Volvo Series yacht and will get to helm the round-the-world contender for part of it’s maiden sail on Auckland Harbour. It is highly likely that NZ sailing circles will hear more of this talented young sailor.

Elaine

OPTIMISTS ABOUND IN BAY

It was a proud moment for all the stalwarts of the Charteris Bay Yacht Club when their outstanding young member, Jayvee Buchanan, swept aside all opposition to win the Optimist National Championship at the Sir Peter Blake Memorial Regatta in Torbay, Auckland, last December. Jayvee’s success was particularly significant for long-standing club member, Paul Pritchett, who first introduced the Optimist to Charteris Bay, and so to the rest of the country in 1975. The popularity of the little sailing dinghy was such that within weeks, there were 45 of them being sailed by youngsters at the club, and with five years there were 2,500 throughout New Zealand.

Not surprisingly, Paul also had a hand in having his old friend and sailing adversary, Bret de Thier, design the now familiar mural (above). While we all recognise the familiar sail-shape depicted and it’s connection with the CBYC sign over the doorway, Paul reckons it is not a bad thing if visitors interpret the wording as a reference to the spirit of the residents.

Elaine

WHAT’S ON IN DH?

To find out go to:

www.diamondharbour.info/events.aspx

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I was interested in Tai Chi for a long time, hoping to find an instructor near my home. I didn’t want to join a martial art class because I dislike the fighting aspect.

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At the first lesson I was a bit disappointed because everybody else was at retirement age and I was the only male and the moves were not the kind of Tai Chi that I had seen in films or photos. The instructor explained that we were learning a modified version to prevent falls and arthritis in elder people and that we could learn the more traditional Yang style after we have mastered the modified one.

That was OK with me and I promised myself to finish the first course.

I made a point of practising the moves at home, even though the kids would laugh their heads off. After a while I noticed that my general movements during work and leisure were becoming a lot smoother and that I used the learned moves when walking, turning, picking things up and so on.

I used to get backaches several times during a year – sometimes they were so severe that I had to go to a physiotherapist. Since starting Tai Chi, this does not happen anymore.

I convinced my wife to join the class as well, and now both of us are very keen and practice almost every day. It has become a quiet and calm ritual to start the day with the 108 Yang movements. If I miss it only one day I begin to feel stiff and less flexible.

All those facts are reason enough for me to keep practising Tai Chi, and I hope that it will be with me for all my life. I would like to point out that we are really grateful to Christine Rudin Jones, for teaching us such a wonderful activity. We found her to be an excellent teacher – calm, patient, and never tiring of showing us the moves over and over again.

Peter F

Tai Chi continues in Diamond Harbour in 2011 with funding available until June.

Fees (of $25) collected from participants go back into the local community – at present contributing to the ECG medical fund.

Tai Chi Classes Term 1, 2011
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ART IN THE PARK

Art Workshops coming to Orton Bradley Park
19-20 March

The weekend of March 19-20 will see artists and craftspeople from the Lyttelton Harbour and Banks Peninsula region gather at Orton Bradley Park to host a variety of workshops that run from one hour through to two days.

The inspiration for the first ever Art in the Park event grew from a hui held at the park in mid-November last year, exploring ideas around developing the park as a centre for sustainability in Canterbury. Art in the Park event organiser Trent Hiles, a Lyttelton resident, says the workshop weekend is the first step in developing part of the park into a permanent public-access sculpture park. As far as I am aware there is nothing in the South Island along the lines of sculpture parks that have been established in the North Island. I would like to change that.

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The workshops on offer include wood carving, raranga (flax weaving), mixed media, land art, kokowai – earth paint, drawing/painting and woolcraft. Artists include Lyttelton’s Stephanie Crisp, Whakaraupo Carving Centre’s Caine Tauwhare, and, from Okains Bay, Stacey Moana Smith, an artist skilled in numerous traditional Māori arts. Bookings essential. Go to www.ortonbradley.co.nz for workshop details.

Trent can be contacted at: obpartspace@gmail.com or 021 172 8373.

Above: Fantails at Dusk - Stephanie Crisp
Left: Kokowai - Earth Paint - Stacey Moana Smith
Right: Kete with Tawa Berries
Below: Dandelions Newly Flowered

Our Library
Happy New Year to you all from the Diamond Harbour Library.
Did you make a New Year’s resolution? Maybe it was to join the Library?
Now’s the time to do it!

Perhaps you have decided to take it easy and chill out more this year? What better way to relax than to sit down with a good book, magazine, or DVD from your Library? As Charles de Montesquieu said, I have never known any distress that an hour’s reading did not relieve.

It’s back to school time again... Check out the Library Website christchurchcitylibraries.com for booklists recommended reads, homework help, and other fun stuff.

We also have free internet access at our Library.

Diamond Harbour Library Hours:
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Friday 2-4
Saturday 10-12

Christine Rochford

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Ian Boyd

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**D.H. RUGBY CLUB NEEDS PLAYERS**

Well it’s that time of year again: the BBQ is getting a thrashing, the surf’s up at Camp Bay, the Blackcaps are struggling again and the Super15 is about to start up again. Just when you are all relaxing into summer, shock horror, planning begins for Diamond Harbour’s next rugby season. Can the seniors build on their nine game winning streak at the end of last season? The seniors play in the Ellesmere Div 2 grade and our season starts the first weekend in April. Preseason games are being organised for late March and the guys are starting to think about hitting the pavement to lose those few extra Xmas pounds. If there are any budding players out there who are keen to be involved in a true grassroots country rugby team give me a call on 329 3183 or for juniors 329 9226.

Finally I would like to remind the Diamond Harbour community that the senior team is always looking to increase our team 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.

Ian Lloyd 329 3183

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**Diamond Harbour Rugby Club**

**Clubroom Bar Open Friday Evenings from 5pm**

In keeping with the terms of our licence, people wishing to attend more than once must be members of the club. Social membership for the year ending 30th September 2011 costs only $10. Once-only visitors must sign in at the door or bar on entry.

Alcohol is sold at club prices—cheaper than at hotels—and food is available for sale. Please note that we do not have EFTPOS and cannot accept bar tabs.

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NEW VICAR FOR MT HERBERT PARISH

After over a year without a vicar, the Mt Herbert Parish is looking forward to again having one living and working in the parish.

The Bishop of Christchurch has announced the appointment of Russell Pickersgill-Brown as Vicar Designate for our parish. The appointment is a little unusual, in that Russell is not yet an Anglican priest, and so the first two years of his ministry here will include further training and his eventual ordination as a priest.

Bishop Victoria Matthews will ordain Russell to the Diaconate on Sunday February 13 at St Andrew’s Church, Diamond Harbour. A supper will follow to welcome Russell and his wife Anna into the parish.

As Vicar-Designate, Russell will serve in our parish with Rev David Boyd acting as his Priest-Supervisor.

CHURCH NOTICES

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

Regular Services
Anglican - Methodist - Presbyterian:
Sunday 8am Communion, 1st and 3rd Sundays only.
Sunday 10:30am Communion.

Catholic Mass every Saturday at 6:30pm.

Ordination and welcome of our Vicar-Designate
Bishop Victoria Matthews has indicated that she intends to ordain Russell Pickersgill-Brown to the Diaconate on Sunday February 13 at 6pm at St. Andrew’s Church, Diamond Harbour.

Bring and share supper afterwards. All are welcome to join us for this important occasion. Russell, as Vicar-Designate will serve in our parish, with the Rev David Boyd acting as his Priest-Supervisor.

World Day of Prayer
Ecumenical Service on Friday March 4, 7:30 pm at St Andrews Community Church.
Theme: How many Loaves Have You? This question invites us to reflect upon the ways we share our gifts talents and resources.
Prayers have been prepared by the women of Chile, where bread is central to daily life and is the universal sign of hospitality.
Offerings from World Day of Prayer Aoteoroa NZ support the NZ Bible Society, Christian World Service, and International Council for Hospital Chaplaincy.

Women’s Breakfast
Saturday March 5, 8:15-10:00am at the Diamond Harbour Church Hall.
Russell and Marion Lienert will speak on life in Afghanistan and Tajikistan (Russell is an eye-doctor). Cooked Breakfast provided. Koha towards costs is welcome.
RSVP for catering purposes to Margaret Somerville 329 4713 or the Church office 329 4790.

Consecration of St Andrew’s
The Bishop has agreed to consecrate the church on Sunday March 27 at 6pm. There will be a supper to follow. All welcome.

Bible Discussion Group
Wednesday afternoon fortnightly at the Diamond Harbour Church Hall. Contact Anne Boyd 329 4444.

Home Groups
Two groups meet alternate Monday evenings at 7:30pm.
Group 1: in the Church (contact Ross Fountain 329 4202).
Group 2: in the home of John and Margaret Somerville (contact the Somervilles 329 4713).

Rainbow Music
Weekly sessions at 9:30am each Friday during term time.
All preschoolers are welcome.
$3 for one child or $4 per family. Inquiries can be made to the Parish office on 329 4790.

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

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

City Mission Basket
The church has a basket for non-perishable food and grocery items for the City Mission. Many families are dependent on the support of agencies like the City Mission as jobs dwindle and money fails to stretch to meet basic outgoings. We also collect Small Change for the Small Room, with the coins being spent on toiletries and personal hygiene items which are distributed by the City Mission and St Vincent de Paul.

Mount Herbert Parish Magazine
Please email contributions for the next issue to mt.herbeparish@xtra.co.nz by March 18.
Read the current issue of the magazine at:
The Diamond Harbour Community Association committee met on 13 December, 2010.


AGM
The Diamond Harbour Community Association AGM will be held on Monday, March 21 at 7.30pm in the Stage Room (Community Hall). All welcome.

Waste Water Disposal
Mediation will be held on Tuesday, January 25 on the Waste Water Disposal issue. The Community Association submission will be presented by Richard Suggate with David Dearsley and Adrian Te Patu also attending. It was agreed that Richard has the authority of the meeting to present and make a decision on our behalf. Richard would like to hold a meeting to coordinate the responses of the harbour groups wanting clean water in the harbour within 8-9 years.

Submissions
Richard Suggate reports that the Reclamation for coal area issue is dragging on. Both the earthquake and Pike River will effect what happens. The Port Company have had an extension from the Environment Court and been asked to submit a new request for a date for the hearing. Richard was thanked for all the work he has done on submissions particularly on the Stoddart Point Plan.

Community Board
There will be a meeting with Sergeant Gary Manch, the officer in charge at Lyttelton. It was suggested that it be mentioned that DH people find it hard to get quick action when there are problems over here. The occasion when troublemakers on the jetty were confronted by police quickly was a successful response.

A meeting was held about Moepuku Point. The owner wants 30-50 lots and to gift the rest of the land, instead of 23 large (4 hectare lots as permitted). It will probably be notified.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Diamond Harbour Bridge Club
The Christmas party was held on December 1. The evening started with fun bridge, followed by the presentation of trophies for the competitions held throughout the year and finished up with an enjoyable supper provided by the club members. The last competition for the year was the Port Levy Pairs, won by Carole Steele and Don Cameron The Rose Bowl Trophy was presented to Carolyn Craw. Bridge resumes again on the first Wednesday in February. Anyone wishing to play can ring 329 4094. ] Hopper(Sec)

Diamond Harbour & Districts Historical Assn
The next meeting is at 6 pm on Tuesday February 8. A BBQ at the Charteris Bay Yacht Club will be followed by a talk by George Hill about the NZ Naval Reserve and its many characters. Please bring food to BBQ, a salad to share, plates, cutlery, glasses, and beverages. All welcome. Jan Studholme

Diamond Harbour Croquet Club
The Diamond Harbour Croquet Club Christmas Hamper Raffle results: 1st Prize - Bobbie Lee, Church Bay. 2nd Prize - Miriam Preston, Diamond Harbour. We thank the community for supporting our club. Ruth Willis

Mature Drivers Course
Age Concern Canterbury is running a Confident Driving for Mature Drivers Course on Friday February 11 at the Fendalton Service Centre. The course is free and commences at 10am, finishing around 2.45pm.

To book phone Age Concern Canterbury on 366 0903 or email rachel@ageconcerncan.org.nz.

Home and Personal Safety Courses
Age Concern Canterbury is recommencing its Home and Personal Safety Courses. The courses are free and commence at 10am, finishing around 2.45pm.

The Canterbury Police, Canterbury Neighbourhood Support, NZ Fire Service, and Civil Defence Canterbury also present with lots of good safety hints for keeping mature people safe.

All participants get a free home safety audit by the Fire Service and a ten-year tamper-free smoke alarm installed.

To book phone Age Concern Canterbury on 366 0903 or email rachel@ageconcerncan.org.nz.

Thank You
To all that helped – or offered help – to get our boat off the rocks in Church Bay, where it became wedged after the mooring broke in the last storm. We were humbled by this assistance – it is yet another reminder to us that, not only do we live in a great part of the world, but the community spirit here is just as great!! We are most appreciative and look forward to getting back out on the harbour again, one day. Thank you!

Chris & Teena, Charteris Bay

Chipping Round: March 12–13
The cost is $20 to for any job of less than 10 minutes, or $2 a minute for the first 20 minutes, then $1.50 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 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.

Note that any chips not left at the place of work will have to be taken away at a later date for a separate price. 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

Announcing...
A Reprint of the Book
Oliver Hunter (1882-1979), the Magnostic Philosopher of Church Bay
It contains an introductory text by Mary Stapylton-Smith, which details Hunter’s life and the astonishing amount of effort that went into establishing the Hunter Scenic Reserve in Church Bay. Also included in the book are Hunter’s articles about the early life of this district and his collected poems, as well as photographs and diagrams. The book also contains many tributes to Hunter’s life-long services to conservation.

The book costs $25 per copy. This is the same price as the 2006 printing which sold out within weeks. Get your copy soon, as this short run will not last long!

Copies are available from the Diamond Harbour Post Centre, Church Bay Services, Mary Stapylton-Smith or Colin McLeod at 80 Waipapa Ave, Diamond Harbour 8972. Phone 329 4119.

Dave Hammond 329 4270

To book an appointment call Emma on 03 328 7093
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