The Man with The Knowledge

His grandfather had it, so did his father - uncles and cousins too; so it was almost inevitable that he would get his as well.

As a child, John Lammiman lived in London, where his father had a taxi business. At just nine years old, John was capable of driving a cab in the alleyway beside his home and by the time he was twelve he was quite an accomplished auto-mechanic. However very soon after leaving school he went to sea for a couple of years and spent some time in Australia before working his passage back to England as a ship’s 2nd cook and baker. Rejoining the family business, he soon began to think seriously about getting The Knowledge, a compulsory requirement for all of London’s black cab drivers but John Lammiman’s not bad! you exclaim, so I’ll explain...

The term black cab originates from the black, petrol-driven vehicles which replaced the horse-drawn taxi cabriolets - cabs for short - of course - at the beginning of the last century. Although the traditional shape remains essentially unchanged, today’s black cab may be of any colour - and so may the driver. The term simply differentiates between these traditional real taxis and the somewhat inferiorly-regarded minicabs which aren’t actually small, but operate under strict rules allowing them to transport only pre-booked passengers.

The Knowledge of London Examination System was introduced in 1865, presumably to ease both driver inefficiency and traffic congestion. Since then, all would-be black cab drivers have been required to memorize routes and points of importance in the area in which they will ply their trade. The examination has two levels. A Yellow Test covers suburbs individually, and is generally quite easy to obtain. The Green Badge test covers the central city. To assist those aspiring to this Real Knowledge, the Public Carriage Office, which regulates London’s taxi licensing, lists routes as test questions in a book known as The Blue Book. Today, some 25,000 streets within a six miles (about 10kms) radius of Charing Cross, along with major arterial routes through the rest of London, are listed in 320 standard routes or runs. An estimated 30,000 points are also identified - key streets, squares, clubs, hospitals, hotels, theatres, embassies, railway and police stations, churches, cemeteries, parks, restaurants, historic buildings and more – all to be memorized.

The London taxi drivers’ test is recognized as the most difficult and most comprehensive of its type in the world. Green Badge holders given brain scans by scientists at University College London were all found to have a larger than normal hippocampus—a part of the brain associated with navigation in birds and animals.

So in London, black cabs are not necessarily black, mini cabs are not necessarily minis, green is harder than yellow, taxi drivers could be big-heads and at least one edition of the Blue Book was pink... ah, the English!

But back to John. Getting the Yellow Badge for his home area was not too much of a problem, so he could drive his taxi at night, while pursuing The Knowledge with his friend, Percy, during the day. Once enrolled as Knowledge Boys, they were given the Blue Book - John got a pink one. They were to report back to the FCO in fifty-six days time for the first interim test, and, largely dependant upon those results, would be subsequently recalled at eight, four or two week intervals until the inspector was satisfied that they had reached the required standard.

John and Percy spent almost every day doing runs. Distances and routes were first calculated using lengths of cotton on a map, then they were off on mopeds to note the points and how potential traffic jams could be avoided. Back at base, they quizzed each other and practised reciting the call-overs... Leave it on the right, Camden Hill Road, left into Notting Hill Gate... comply with the one way working at Shepherd’s Bush Green, forward into Goldhawk Road and set down on the right... which was the form of reply required for the routes chosen by the inspector at each test, and more and more detail was expected. As they progressed - such as the order of the theatres or hotels on a given street. Occasionally the inspector would deliberately give slightly erroneous information, or try to upset or anger candidates to gauge how they might react to a difficult passenger; this was known as the Temper Test.

The average time taken for the completion of The Knowledge is 34 months. In the mid 1950s John took just sixteen months, an impressive achievement even for that time, and he drove his cab for a further seven years in London.

When asked about the impact of GPS navigation on taxi-driving, he concedes that it could be useful when an inner city driver is asked to make a run to the outer edges of London, maybe 50kms away, but within the city centre, John is adamant that GPS is still no match for The Knowledge. Not only is the data input time, albeit short, likely to irritate the customer and possibly incur a traffic fine for over-parking, but also the SatNav cannot recognise and avoid traffic jams or road works.

When John immigrated to New Zealand, he was able to use his practical skills working in Christchurch as a mechanic, a sales rep and Blue Star taxi driver. Here The Knowledge and Green Badge meant nothing, although one assumes his enlarged hippocampus may have helped him find his way around his new environment.

Today, in Diamond Harbour, he is a volunteer driver for those needing emergency transport, and contributes to our community through Civil Defence, Neighbourhood Support and the Bowling Club. He is also a keen member of the Christchurch Garden Railway Society.

Elaine
The School Report

Maria Gill visits the Village

We were lucky enough to have an extremely talented New Zealand author to come to Diamond Harbour School. Maria Gill shared her knowledge of book writing and editing skills. She specialises in writing non-fiction nature books, and her books have been short-listed for the New Zealand book awards. She lives in Auckland on a 10 hectare farm and has children.

Maria took the school in different age-appropriate groups. She explained the format and style of her books to us, and took us through each book individually with a power point presentation.

We also got to act out some material from one of her books about the safe egg program.

Did you know that out of 100 kiwi eggs, only 5 survive in the wild – but around 70 will hatch if the eggs are looked after in a sanctuary?

Maria showed us the process of how she makes one of her books. First she gets her BIG IDEA. Next she plans out her idea. Then, she gathers information from books, internet, interviews and other sources. The mock-up design process is next. She plans everything out as if it is the real book.

The illustrating and artwork incorporation is a big part of completing her books. For her book, Kokako, it took the artist 16 months to finish all the illustrating.

Her final step of completing a book is to send it to the publisher to see if it is ready to be published and sold on book shelves.

Maria explained it is important to use different styles of writing to interest the reader, and also, depending on the type of writing, putting in some jokes, interesting facts and activities. We could tell Maria was passionate about her writing, and she definitely passed on her enthusiasm to us!

Islay Fowler and Madison Cuthbert

Diamond Harbour Camera Club Shoot It with the School

The Diamond Harbour Camera Club have set up an exciting project called Shoot It with the Diamond Harbour School. It is sponsored by local photographers, Linda and Peter Harper, Lynette and Peter Hughan of Diamond Harbour Real Estate, and Photo and Video International in Christchurch.

The aim is to help show final year students the basic principles of photography, in an innovative move which involves the community in sharing their expertise and enriching the school curriculum.

Last term the students learnt about light, and how the eye sees the surrounding environment. The camera is analogous to the eye, with a lens (cornea), an aperture (iris), sensor (retina) backed up by a microprocessor (brain) to invert and interpret the image. The project extends science with a creative and practical bias.

The students will have the opportunity to make a pinhole light box, to help understand the working principles of the camera, and compare the similarities to the functioning of the eye.

The art of photography will be covered, varying from aperture to composition.

At the end of the course students will be invited to enter a competition covering aspects of landscape, family, pets and abstract composition. Their photographs will be independently judged by Linda and Peter Harper, and displayed at the Orton Bradley Spring Fair on October 23, where a presentation will be made to the most successful photographers.

The Diamond Harbour Camera Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Stage Room. It caters for all levels of photographers and hosts guest speakers and holds field trips for members. Anyone interested in taking better pictures, no matter how experienced, is welcome.

Graeme Keeley

For further information please contact Dale McMillen (chairperson) 388 0542, benitadale@clear.net.nz or Rouke Bakker (secretary) 358 1720 rouke.bakker@paradise.net.nz
We would like to say thank you to all the individuals and groups within the Diamond Harbour community who have been so generous in their support of the medical centre. We pride ourselves on delivering a high standard of medical and nursing care, and your donations have enabled us to buy equipment and comfort items for our community, which, as a small medical centre, we would normally take much longer to fund. These include: Defibrillator, ECG machine, Redecorating, Syringe driver, DermLite device, Mattress protectors and other extras (for the comfort of those being nursed in their own homes).

Thank you for your generosity from all the nurses, doctors and patients of Diamond Harbour.

Pete Davies, Diamond Harbour Surgery

Soon after the 1992 snow disaster, a fundraising event was organized by Gordon and Gay Edwards, then proprietors of Godley House, and a considerable amount of money was raised to help purchase emergency equipment and services for the community. The Godley House Snow Relief Trust Fund was formed and the monies invested. Today the fund is administered by Gordon Edwards, Brian Keenan, Bill Haley and Lindy Pickering-Hughey, who recently unanimously approved the purchase of a defibrillator, complete with training for the Diamond Harbour Health Centre, for use in our community. In accordance with the rules of the Trust Fund, this equipment is owned by the community and will remain so in the event of any changes to the control of the Health Centre.

A Big Thank You

...to the community of Diamond Harbour.

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Dr Pete Davies and Nurse Nicky Palmer, accept a defibrillator from Gordon Edwards at the Medial Centre.

MUSIC - INGREDIENT X

Diamond Harbour School PTA is excited to invite our wider community to a fabulous presentation.

On Monday September 12 at 7pm we will welcome Julie Wylie BA, B Mus (Hons 1st class), ATCL.

Julie is a musicologist who is internationally well known for her workshops and speeches.

Julie says: Music promotes cognitive development. It can calm and arouse and stimulates brain growth and development. Discover the exciting ways that music promotes all learning.

There will be a presentation about music and the brain followed by a short workshop designed to show music techniques that can be used by teachers, parents, grandparents, everybody - but especially those who think they are not musical.

Julie has been invited to present workshops and papers in music education and special education worldwide and is an author and composer of the award winning children's music resource series Sing and Play.

She is HOD of the music department at the Champion Centre, has her own music school, is the founder of Musical Parenting Inc. and has lectured in Early Childhood Music Education and Special Education at the University of Canterbury.

Please circle this date on your calendar and join us for this evening. Gold coin entrance only.

The presentation will be held in the Te Kete, the Hall at the Diamond Harbour School.

For more information please contact Franziska 329 4892 or franziska@ihug.co.nz

Diamond Harbour School presents...

Alice The Musical

Friday 30 Sept
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Diamond Harbour Community Hall

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Rugby Round-up: Seniors

Like the rest of Christchurch, the senior side had a disrupted 2011 season, with byes, defaults, a complicated draw, a limited player base and earthquake distractions, meaning it was hard to get any rhythm going. The Ellesmere Senior Division II and III competitions were combined this year with a total of 15 teams which were split into top eight (Division II) and bottom seven (Division III) after the first round of games. The first round was separated into 2 sections and we struggled through our section finishing in 4th equal place with 3 wins and 3 losses. Unfortunately a poor points differential meant we just missed out on the top eight (Division II). After an initial narrow loss to the old foe Banks Peninsula at the start of the Division III second round we started to string a few wins together and ended up finishing the Division III round robin in second place earning a home semi-final against Dunsandel-Irwell. After being beaten in the semis in 2008 and 2009 there was no way we were missing out on a final for the third time. On the back of a huge defensive effort we overcame Dunsandel-Irwell 12-0 and went on to win it to the finals.

So for the first time in a long time, off Diamond Harbour went to finals day at Darfield, for a rematch with Banks Peninsula. Spurred on by a bus load of supporters the first 20 minutes was very even, but then the experience of Banks Peninsula began to show and they ran out deserved winners 42-10. On the positive side we got the runner up cup which was far better for drowning our sorrows than the winners shield! But they say you have to first loose a final before you can win one, so it is all on for next year!

Our season summary reads: started slow got better made the final and drowned our sorrows afterwards. Overall we played 1 preseason and 14 competition games for 10 wins and 5 losses; scored 356 points with 51 tries and let in 297 points. Our leading points scorer was Karl with 75 and our leading try scorer was Lordy with 10.

Each year the team plays for four inter club trophies against teams from Sumner, Ohoka, Kirwee and Lincoln. Every year the team plays for four inter club trophies. In addition to the above, the team had two players, Ben Hughey and Captain-Fantastic Shaun Roche, who played their 100th game for the club. Both occasions were celebrated with a win and congratulations to Grub and Rogue on achieving something only a very select group have managed.

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, the Governors Bay Hotel and Robbies of Riccarton for their support throughout the year.

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 we are 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. Likewise, if there are any budding players out there who would be keen for a run next season give us a call as there’s a great chance to get to know the guys over summer as they enter a couple of touch teams and have a social cricket team.

Ian Lloyd, Senior Coach (329 3183)

Most Improved Player – Campbell Stewart. This was Campbell’s first season with the seniors. His fitness and speed to the breakdown quickly established him as a key member of our loose forward trio. Despite injuring his ankle late in the season, Campbell was able to battle back to make the run on side for both the semi and the final.

Most Consistent Player – Dane Anderson. This is Dane’s forth season with Diamond Harbour. Dane quietly goes about his business and despite being the lightest in our forward pack Dane always punches way beyond his weight. Dane is our key lineout forward and if we had a tackle count he would be at the top each week. He is like an energiser bunny, never stops and does not feel pain. On top of that, as a baker, Dane has often already done a day’s work before he turns up for Saturdays game. Dane played every game, was consistently one of the best players on the paddock and one of the first pencilled into the starting line up.

Most Valuable Player – Nick Lordy. Lordy was our standout player again this season and at No 8 was the key to our loose forward trio which was dominant throughout the season. Lordy was our top try scorer and has that uncanny habit of being able to make a break or get a turnover just when the team needs a lift. Lordy is making a habit of winning this trophy and it is well deserved.
This year the Diamond Harbour Rugby Club has fielded three junior teams: U7, U8.5 and U11.5. The teams draw players from Diamond Harbour to Governors Bay which adds a great social winter experience for the players and parents alike.

This was the last season many of the U11.5 team will play together as they move onto secondary school in town next year. Most of the team has played together since the U7 grade and to celebrate an end of season trip was organised to the West Coast (see below). The U8.5 team has continued to grow as a unit and has many exciting individuals in its ranks, some of who may well be destined for higher honours in years to come.

Our U7 team was made up of new and veteran players and combined into a great team. Two teams were entered into the Cantabrians’ Rugby Day held at the University Grounds this year and were made up of Diamond Harbour and Governors Bay School children. Both teams performed well with the Year 5-6 team winning all three games against mainly Christchurch school teams.

At our end of season prize-giving on Saturday August 27, the U11.5 team play Banks Peninsula for the Jenkins Shield.

Looking forward to next season, it will be important to attract more junior players. We are one of the smaller clubs in the Ellesmere Competition but we have a great community of players, parents and supporters.

We welcome any boys and girls from the Harbour Basin who are keen to experience rural heartland rugby at its best.

Blue Henderson, Junior Club Captain

U11.5 Team Trip to the West Coast

On Friday August 19, the Diamond Harbour Under 11.5 rugby team did some training of a different sort. The mixed team of 14 boys and 6 girls plus 9 parents and their coach had an early start to the day to board the Trans-Alpine as it left for the Coast at 8.15am. We wove our way across the Canterbury plains getting an excellent view of the surrounding farm land from our carriage. From Darfield on we were greeted with plenty of snow, a result of the recent bad weather we have had in Canterbury. The short stop in Arthur’s Pass was filled with laughter and snowball fights.

On the Coast side of the Southern Alps, the weather dramatically improved, with what was to be two brilliant fine days as only the Coast can offer in the winter. We arrived in Greymouth about midday and with our gear on our backs headed off to Grey Main School for our rugby match. We lost the game, probably because they were much bigger than us or we were in their town for a fun filled couple of days to end a very successful rugby season. Not even my refereeing this game could help with the end result. The school gave us afternoon tea where we presented them with a rugby ball and some gifts to thank them for hosting us. Next stop was the local swimming pool and hydroslide complex. Sue Neilson, myself and 21 rugby players all had an enjoyable couple of hours in the water. Back at our overnight accommodation, which was the Top Ten Camping Ground, we had pizza for tea, then the younger members headed for bed after a long day.

Saturday morning, we were picked up by bus and taken to Shantytown where we spent a couple of hours exploring the old town and mining exhibits. This place is a must see in Greymouth as we all enjoyed it very much. Back in town, we had Subway for lunch and then it was back on the train for our return trip to Christchurch arriving about 6.30pm.

I would like to thank the Diamond Harbour Rugby Club for assisting us with our fundraising ventures, and Jenny Fowler and Brent Neilson for heading the organising of the trip. Also the traveling parent helpers and the 21 young rugby players who were well behaved ambassadors for Diamond Harbour.

Coach Richie
When the earth’s not moving, the sky’s falling in!

About 10 cm of snow fell on the Port in August, which is thought to be a record – at least in the memories of Port staff. Operations continued, though the wharves and Port roads had to be cleared of snow. This photo of the Inner Harbour was taken by photographer David Alexander.

And any time Lyttelton looks like this... you’ll want to know what’s going on in diamond harbour

When havoc strikes you need to know... and fast! Our community website posts up-to-date local emergency information for our community, when the need arises. Thank you to everyone who provides us with updates. If you need know... go to: www.diamondharbour.info

The place to go in the snow

When it snowed we had all the local info:
♦ When the Post Office & shops were open
♦ When the Ferry was running
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Neighbourhood support

Diamond harbour

Many people have expressed appreciation of the emailed information on road conditions during the first snowfall. In future, updates will also be on the Diamond Harbour community website (see opposite). A priority now is to make sure such information also reaches those without computers when necessary. Once organised, this will link in with the telephone tree. Meantime, don’t forget about....

Neighbourhood week

Saturday October 29 to Sunday November 6

The CCC is offering a small subsidy to encourage people to take the lead in organising a community event or activity that brings their neighbourhood together. The initiative is part of Neighbourhood Week which is dedicated to getting to know the people who live close to you. It is about bringing people together – whether a small gathering of a few households, a get-together for your group, an opportunity to meet with the other groups in your Block and its leader, or a larger Sector event. So make sure your group details are up to date, and get planning.

To apply for the subsidy pick up a form from a Council Service Centre (the Lyttelton centre is temporarily located at the Lyttelton Library) or download it from: www.ccc.govt.nz/cityleisure/eventsfestivals/communityevents/neighbourhoodweek/application.aspx

The website also has handy tips and ideas about planning an event. Popular activities from previous Neighbourhood Weeks range from street barbecues, pot luck luncheons/dinners, kite flying day, dessert evening, morning/afternoon teas, pizza parties, games in the park, street garage sale, gifting balloons or chocolates to neighbours and street clean-up days.

Applications for the subsidy from the Community Boards are now open and must be received by 5pm Friday September 9.

Note: The subsidy is a refund of expenses, not a cash payout before the event. If your application is approved you will receive details of the reimbursement process. For further information contact: Sarah Kelly 027 229 4148 or sarah.kelly@ccc.govt.nz.

Thanks for being part of Diamond Harbour Neighbourhood Support.

Elaine
By the time you read this, Spring will be upon us, and with it the clutter of little hooves and patter of little feet, not to mention all the bleating and mewing sounds from hungry little mouths. It’s a magical time of year, and I still find the birth process and new-borns a miracle, no matter how many times I see it. Assisting at a birth is still one of my favourite jobs. I will run through a few things you can do to help everything go smoothly, and also indicate at which point you need to call for help.

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When labour begins, the more relaxed the animal, the easier things go; so observe, but only interfere if you have to. Also, remember the first birth is the most likely to have complications. With cats and dogs, weak irregular contractions can be allowed to go on for 2 hours for the first puppy/kitten and 4 hours for subsequent new-borns, provided they are relaxed between contractions. Do not allow strong regular contractions to continue for more than about 20-30 minutes without producing a pup/kitten before calling for help.

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**Civil Defence Notes**

Nothing like a few quakes to shake things along. Before the Quakes Time (ante-seismic?) we could count on only 3 or 4 regular CD volunteers. On a recent training night we mustered 11. We went through the drill of setting up the Sector Post fully manned and we don’t have enough people to run shifts. Fatigue, stress, over-commitment and unavailability will thin our ranks. So if you have a mind to join, contact Wendy 329 4483 or John 329 4545. We will arrange initial training for you.

**Vet-Spot**

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Godley House Wake

Join us as we farewell this fine house with a wake

Godley House Farewell

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT A POT LUCK LUNCH FOLLOWED BY A WALK AROUND GODLEY HOUSE

Sunday 11 September 2011

Diamond Harbour Community Hall

Share food, chat about your memories, and catch up with old friends

Bring food for a shared Pot luck Lunch

This is an event for the whole family and the whole of Canterbury

Community Hall Doors open 11am

Lunch at 12 noon in the Hall

Gate opens at Godley House 1pm

We will provide tea, coffee, and milk

Lots of room for the kids to run around outside

Please invite friends visitors and neighbours

- Gate to Godley opens at 1pm and closes at 4pm
- The Diamond Harbour Volunteer Fire Brigade will provide security at Godley to keep folk outside the security fence
- A place at Godley will be available to lay flowers or tributes
- An attendance book will be on hand for all to sign
- We are making a CD of photos and pictures of Godley people and the place. Email pictures to dhherald@gmail.com
- If you would like us to scan your photo please contact us
- Pictures will play on screen on the day and also copies for sale - proceeds to Stoddart Cottage and school pool project
- The Diamond Harbour Rugby Club will be open for drinks (cash bar only)
- Please bring food ready for the table - no heating facilities will be available
- We will provide tea, coffee milk etc.
- Diamond Harbour Singers will perform during lunch
- Sticky Jam Dixie Jazz Band will play near Godley
- Black Cat Cruises will operate the Diamond Harbour Ferry until 8pm
- There will be brief words of welcome at the Hall at 12 noon

This day is possible through the support of Christchurch City Council and Structex for organizing access to the perimeter of Godley House

For further information please contact:
Adrian Te Patu 329 4620 or 021 982 982 adrian@tepatu.com

Godley House Wake Bunting

Members of the community are invited to contribute flags to special bunting being created for the Godley House Wake. The plan is to use the bunting to mark the pathway to Godley House.

The bunting flags will be alternately red and white (the principal colours of the flowers in the main garden). Red ones will be plain red felt. The white flags will be the artwork of individual contributors. They can be made from white paper or white cloth.

Everyone (children and adults) is invited to draw a picture, write a poem, attach a special picture of Godley House, paint their hand and hand stamp a flag, and so on.

The template for the flags is easy to make. Fold an A4 piece of paper lengthways (so the two long edges touch) and cut diagonally. The folded piece is the correctly-sized triangular pennant-shaped flag (210mm wide by 297mm long). Add your art down towards the point, as the flags will be sewn together at the top. Please drop them off at the library or Snowdrop Cottage by Thursday, September 8.

Another decoration idea is to have a large banner made from canvas. If anyone would like to donate their time, skills, or art supplies, please contact Heather Watson at Snowdrop Cottage or Adrian Te Patu.

The canvas will be pinned to a large board, and pens and paints etc, will be provided for people to add their thoughts, poetry, art, etc, on the day – or even earlier, if someone would like to volunteer their time to monitor this project.

For further information please contact Heather on 329 4464 or 027 323 2644. Heather Watson

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Godley Letters and Memories

Congratulations, Lois Butcher (Herald, August 2011) on formulating the issues that have to be resolved to recreate Destination Diamond Harbour.

Could we ask one – or several – of our talented local landscape architects to sketch out their interpretations of Lois’ vision, bearing in mind the opportunities and restrictions imposed by the various categories of recreational/historical/commercial reserves involved. These sketches could then be posted on the local notice boards in anticipation of a public meeting to be held late in October, jointly sponsored, perhaps, by the Community Board, Community Association and the Stoddart Cottage Trustees.

The agenda for that meeting would be to agree on one of the designs so that we go into 2012 knowing what we want. That meeting might also choose to set up a steering committee to ensure that the objectives are focussed and not confused with the general business of the three sponsoring organisations.

With that information available, we can look forward to a vigorous drive towards our goals in 2012, irrespective or the date of demolition of Godley House.

John Riminton

Godley House History

Isn’t it dreadful to see what the earthquakes have done to Godley House? For me, anyway, to see that once-handsome building so badly damaged is like witnessing the demise of a dear old friend.

Godley House has played such an important part in Diamond Harbour’s life, with its first thirty years as a very grand private residence, and almost a century thereafter in Council ownership. As part of the Stoddart’s Diamond Harbour estate, it was first purchased by the Lyttelton Borough Council in 1913, then passed to the Banks Peninsula District Council after amalgamation in 1989, and finally to the Christchurch City Council after a further amalgamation.

It has had a succession of tenants (about 26 in all over the years - all live-in residents) and was first used as a guest house, with upwards of thirty guests staying at busy times, and it also had a little shop.

More recently, as the emphasis was more as a function centre, some of the building’s inner walls were removed to provide larger areas for dining and receptions, and, under the auspices of the Banks Peninsula District Council, another separate dining area was also added, to augment the seating within the house, under the elegant veranda, and out on the lawns.

I am sure that many people who have enjoyed the hospitality at Godley House over the years would wish to join me in hoping that Council will eventually employ skilled architects to design a building to replace the old one that is just as attractive, yet easier for future tenants to live in and run as a function centre. A pleasant place where we can get a meal, have a drink or a party, listen to a band, get fish and chips, have Christmas carol services or a reunion, just as we used to.

Mary Stapylton-Smith

Godley House Site and Diamond Harbour Recovery Planning and Ideas Meeting

When: September 24 from 2-4 pm
Where: Diamond Harbour Community Hall

After the wake for Godley House, a community meeting is planned to discuss ideas (both interim and long term) for the future of the Godley House site and other aspects of Diamond Harbour’s earthquake recovery.

The purpose of the meeting will be to enable people to contribute ideas, hear the ideas of others, and to agree on a process to plan for recovery.

At the last meeting of the Diamond Harbour Community Association a provisional date and time was set at 2-4pm on Saturday 24 September. Closer to the time, email notices, posters and other publicity will be available. Please check for any change of date and time on the Diamond Harbour website: www.diamondharbour.info

There will also be an email address for people who cannot attend the meeting to contribute their ideas.

This Planning and Ideas meeting is a joint initiative of the Diamond Harbour Community Association and the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board.

Please direct any enquiries to:
Paula Smith 329 4445 or famvanbeynen@snap.net.nz
Paula Smith
Chairperson Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board
Adrian Te Patu
Chairperson Diamond Harbour Community Association
Warm greetings from Victorian Oamaru.
I have finally made it here folks, and am settling into my new home which is an early 1900s villa overlooking the ocean and town.
I do miss you all, and the peace and quiet of Purau. But life is good here – I have six chooks, my doves and cat. Thank you to Aileen and Rick for helping to move my chicken house.
I’ve made it to Hollywood! My first task was being called to be an extra on the movie set of Mr Pip, which involved working from 3-6pm Sunday night, changing into nine different costumes from 1900s to 1960s. It was a lot of fun. I am sure when the film comes out you will see all of two seconds of me as it was a flashback scene.
My Tearooms and General Store are located on the ground floor of the AMP building, which was built in the 1870s. The building is directly across the road from the Oamaru Visitor Information Centre, and at the gateway to the Victorian Precinct. The entire exterior of the building has been painted in heritage colours, as has the ground floor, along with a new replica veranda, complete with old gaslight fittings.
The original 1880s shop front has now been reinstated as the entrance to the Tearooms and General Store, and a large, new, upgraded kitchen, powder room, and toilets have been completed.
The floors look fantastic, sanded back to the original kauri and rimu, and heritage windows have been upgraded.
I now have the job of fitting the Tearooms and Store, ready for the September 17 opening. You are all warmly invited to attend. Oamaru’s Victorian Wardrobe is opening especially to help visitors hire an outfit to look the part for the opening and evening dance.
Hope you can all make it. If not, don’t forget to drop in for that free cup of tea when you are next down this way! My contact phone number is 027 648 6023.

Annie
**Love the Natives**

**Exotic Babies**

I have a glasshouse full of exotic babies right now. Some are still in embryo, and others are at the seed leaf stage. They have beautiful personal names... Bolooso Napoletano, Crosby’s Egyptian Flat, Violet Sicilian, Orange Bouquet, Black Beauty, Cos Verdi, Merveille de Quatre Saisons, Sweet Granite, Charentais, Ishikura, Friggittello, Jingle Belles, Marconi Red, Orange Sun, Galeux d’Eysines, Musque de Provence, Queensland Blue, Brandywine Pink, San Marzano, Scotland Yellow, Sugar Baby, Sweet Siberian, Cocozelle di Napoli...

Their family names are Basil, Beetroot, Cauliflower, Eggplant, Lettuce, Melon, Spring Onion, Pepper, Pumpkin, Tomato, Watermelon and Zucchini. Their names are delicious, and so are the plants. Most of them are heirloom varieties which were bred for flavour and hardiness, not high commercial yields, although I do grow a few new hybrids as well, to see how they do - and taste.

Most of my seed comes from Kings Seeds, which has the best range of veggie seeds, but I also get seed from smaller organic seed companies.

If you want a variety of top quality veggies the only way to get them is to grow your own from seed. Luckily this is not difficult - all that is required is good seed-raising mix, water, warmth - and TLC, of course. Three months from now I will be eating purple and orange caulis, lots of lettuce, big-leaved basil, and the first zucchinis, while fruit will be forming on the tomatoes, peppers, melons and pumpkins. Yum! (I may also have some plants to spare next month, so look out for my ad in the Herald and get some of these goodies for yourself.)

Christine Dann


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**Fit ‘n’ Well**

**Cooling Down**

Last month I wrote about the importance of warming-up before exercise or heavy chores in order to prepare our body for exercise; this month I will explain how cooling-down is equally important.

A gradual decrease in the intensity of exercise assists the body in recovery by returning the heart rate and breathing back to normal, it helps prevent dizziness and allows the body to flush waste products out of the muscles that accumulate while exercising. Cooling-down means a gradual decrease in the level of activity, so do the opposite of what you did to warm-up i.e. run, then jog and then walk. Aim for a minimum of 5-10 minutes gentle exercise then follow this with a stretching routine. Gentle stretching after chores is very good for muscles that have worked hard. It can be great to have the guidance of a trainer through training and cool-down period of your workout.

The final component of the cooling-down process is good nutrition, as your body requires nourishment for recovery so it is ready for the next training. Make sure you eat no more than 20 minutes after exercise so your body gets the optimal nutrition it needs to recover well (only really needed if training rigorously). Fresh vegetable juice and fruit smoothies are ideal as they are quick, delicious and high in nutritional value.

Mike

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**Wine Speak**

I'm travelling at the moment on the other side of the world, so experiencing heat waves instead of snow and/or dreary cold where you are! This month’s edition is partly reflecting what I can find overseas, but great to see it’s making it all that way for the rest of the world to appreciate...

Before I left, I hunted down the 2010 Hunter’s Riesling for a paltry $15, that rewarded with a floral scent off the glass then crushed lime sherbet in the mouth, a scampering $15, that rewarded with a... Before I left, I hunted down the 2010 Hunter’s Riesling for a paltry $15, that rewarded with a floral scent off the glass then crushed lime sherbet in the mouth, finishing dry and moderately long but in perfect balance. Also an excellent bargain for similar money off supermarket shelves is the 2009 Villa Maria Cellar Selection Merlot Cabernet. It’s basically plum on cedar oak, a hint of mocha, sweet fruit and tannins that smooth out nicely with food.

Over here, but still available at home, is the 2010 Mud House Sauvignon Blanc. Archetypal Marlborough with passion-fruit, capsicum and gooseberry, it’s still fresh and vibrant. Also consistently good is the Wynns Coonawarra Estate Riesling. Both the 2009 and 2010 vintage are dry and crisp; think apple blossom on mineral lime, and... Over here, but still available at home, is the 2010 Mud House Sauvignon Blanc. Archetypal Marlborough with passion-fruit, capsicum and gooseberry, it’s still fresh and vibrant. Also consistently good is the Wynns Coonawarra Estate Riesling. Both the 2009 and 2010 vintage are dry and crisp; think apple blossom on mineral lime, and think apple blossom on mineral lime, and

For reds, it’s hard to go past the 2008 Thorn Clarke Western Shiraz from the Grampians in Victoria, displaying perfectly judged plum/cherry and pepper spice with oak in the back-seat. Find it, grab it, enjoy. Cheers! The Godfather

**Orton Bradley Park Planting**

**A Great Success**

The Community Planting Day at Orton Bradley Park on Sunday August 7 was a great success, with 500 native seedlings, donated to the park by Trees for Canterbury, planted by a hardy group of about 30 locals, and volunteers from Christchurch and as far away as Murchison, who braved a gusty and cold southerly. The planting day was part of Trees for Canterbury’s continuing community revegetation and biodiversity enhancement project. The work started near the historic school house and continued on a bank behind the historic buildings, then around the picnic areas in the park.

![Planting Day](image)

This key event is part of an ongoing partnership between the community, Trees for Canterbury and the Orton Bradley Park Board.

For further information: [www.treesforcanterbury.org.nz](http://www.treesforcanterbury.org.nz)

Robin Stove at Trees For Canterbury:

982 1028 or info@treesforcanterbury.org.nz

Ian Luxford at Orton Bradley Park 329 4730, 027 242 9300 or ortonbradley@xtra.co.nz.

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**Recipe**

**Chocolate Almond Decency**

What I have really appreciated having in the larder, of late, is **almond nuts**. If you also happen to have a 70% cocoa chocolate bar, then you are all set! John Barry encouraged me to put this sweet treat in this month, instead of a healthy pasta dish. I know why – all men love this deep dark chocolate and almond dessert. It is the ultimate ending to any meal.

**Ingredients**

Melted butter, for greasing
80g extra dark chocolate
50g grated chocolate
80g almonds, ground
5 eggs 80g castor sugar
20g bread crumbs, fresh if possible

**Chocolate Sauce**

125g dark chocolate, chopped
120ml cream 90g sour cream - ice cold
Vanilla sugar

**Instructions**

Preheat oven to 200°C. Brush 4-6 individual ramekins, soufflé dishes or heatproof teacups with melted butter. Refrigerate for 10 minutes, then brush with butter again. Sprinkle each prepared dish with finely grated dark chocolate and refrigerate until needed. Break or chop extra dark chocolate and put in a heatproof bowl. Sit bowl over a pan of simmering water and stir with a metal spoon until chocolate is melted and mixture is smooth. Stand for 5 minutes to cool chocolate slightly. Add ground almond to chocolate and stir to combine. Separate eggs. Whisk the soft butter with half of the sugar. Add one egg yolk after the other. Put egg whites in a large clean mixing bowl and whisk with electric beaters until soft peaks form. Gradually add rest of sugar, beating well after each addition, until mixture is thick and glossy. Mix the chocolate, butter-egg mixture, almonds and bread crumbs carefully, and gently fold egg whites until just combined.

Spoon mixture evenly into each prepared dish or cup. Sit dishes on an oven tray, (tray base filled with water) and bake for 25-30 minutes.

**Chocolate Sauce:** Place chocolate and cream in a medium, heavy-based pan and stir over a low heat until melted and smooth. Take a knife to help loosen the puddings from the sides of the ramekins (or leave them in).

**Serving:** Cover half of each pudding with hot chocolate sauce. For reds, it’s hard to go past the 2008 Thorn Clarke Western Shiraz from the Grampians in Victoria, displaying perfectly judged plum/cherry and pepper spice with oak in the back-seat. Find it, grab it, enjoy. Cheers! The Godfather

**Franziska**
Snow A Blast from the Past

In August 1867, Lady Barker was isolated at Broomielaw at the base of the Malvern Hills by a snow fall. The snow stayed on the ground for about five days, but was then washed away. Sounds familiar, doesn’t it? However, unlike Lady Barker, Diamond Harbour residents were able to travel along the main road within about 24 hours of the fall ceasing, although some of us decided that only emergencies would entice us out along our driveways and side roads, and we waited another 24 hours or more. Also most if not all of us had adequate reserves in cupboards and freezers, and could at the very least chat to friends and neighbours courtesy of the phone and internet while poor Lady Barker, whose husband had left for business in Christchurch, desperately needed supplies.

My point is that severe snow storms are not uncommon in Canterbury. Several attempts have been made in the media to compare the cold spell of August 2011 with previous unusual cold weather in Canterbury. The snow of 1954 is remembered by some because it arrived when a Graduation Ball was being held in the Winter Gardens, and the women found that ball gowns offered little comfort when they came out into a snow-covered city! Between that event and the storm that isolated Lady Barker there must have been other similar occasions at varying intervals, but they are infrequent, and not something we take into our calculations. When they happen, however, they cause a considerable amount of disruption.

Was the recent fall different from its predecessors? Difficult to be sure, but the impression I get is that it affected a wide area for longer, and with greater depths of snow in the city itself. The snow seems also to have been drier than was the case in earlier falls, perhaps because the air mass bringing it had a highway direct from the Antarctic to New Zealand. The cold was one of the more memorable features of the storm. After an unusually mild early winter, the drop in temperature was sharp and unexpected. The first two weeks of August continued the mild conditions, although night-time temperatures were in single figures. On August 15, temperatures took a dive, dropping below 10°C during the day, and to zero or negative values overnight. The good point was that the snow formed an insulating layer, and the ground beneath remained unfrozen. That should have saved any premature plantings of seedlings from damage, but some plants took a little time to recover from being squashed by the sheer weight of snow! By the end of the week temperatures were starting to rise again, the sun came out, and it began to feel like spring again.

Let’s hope that winter is really over as we move into September, and what should be spring!

Jane Soons

LPC Update

The Cawthron Institute have commenced the water quality investigation. They collected samples on August 24 and there will be a period of weeks for analysis to be completed and reporting etc. We will keep the Herald informed.

Our beach monitoring reports that a small amount of material has been collected from beaches (as expected) and we are continuing to check and clean this on a regular basis until it peters out completely – which should not be too long.

The replacement system for the containment boom ends (attachment areas) is complete – the photo shows the new system with mesh allowing water to flow through rather than load the area causing breakages. We previously had a conveyor mat hanging from cables and it did not work well in big sea conditions. We have also replaced most of the 200mm high yellow floats with a larger size 300mm (shown in the photo). There is still one section in the middle of the boom to be replaced with the larger floats – which should happen by the end of August.

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Cheese Making Course

This basic course will be run by Kimberli, a total enthusiast when it comes to cheeses.

She knows her subject and is the owner of the Urban Cheese Company in Christchurch.

Kimberli will teach us how to make a Camembert and a Ciabatta bread. We will have 4-Shours fun to discover how easy it is to make our own cheese.

* Hands on Camembert making, including all ingredients
* Hands on Ciabatta making, including all ingredients
* Cheese tasting
* Two recipes to take home
* Glossary sheet on cheese terms
* Plenty of time to ask lots of questions
* Where to buy cheese making equipment/cultures, etc
* A fun few hours of learning how to make cheese!

You can use plenty of things from around your home for cheese-making, so you don’t have to over-invest.

Cheese-making is highly addictive so don’t be surprised if you end up as mad on making cheese as Kimberli and I!

When: Sunday Oct 2, 11am at the Te Kete School kitchen
Cost: $75 ($15 donated to the Garden-to-Table project)
Contact: Franziska 329 4892 or franziska@hug.co.nz
Let me know asap, the group is limited to 8-10 people.

(If we have too many people interested we will try to run a second Sunday course) Find out more on Kimberli’s website: www.urbancheese.co.nz/info/you-can-do-it-at-home

Our Library

Does your child belong to the Library? The Library is a treasure trove of stories and ideas. We cater for all ages - from board books for babies, CDs (stories and music) to books and magazines for teenagers. All items are free to borrow.

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If you want us to get an item from another library you can reserve it, and have it sent to us for you to pick up free of charge for children, $2 for adults.

All you need is your library card. Check out our Library Website www.christchurchcitylibraries.com for book-lists, recommended reads, homework help and other fun stuff.

Orton Bradley Spring Fair

Labour Day Sunday
October 23
10am-4pm

A wonderful day out for the whole family with stalls set amongst the park’s historical buildings.

A range of food vendors, coffee, plants, art and crafts, pony rides, etc and an outdoor café hosted by Wigram Brewery and Braided River Wines.

Live music all day.
Normal park entry fee applies.

For further information view www.ortonbradley.co.nz

The fair is made possible thanks to the generosity of Bell Lamb & Trotter, Lyttelton Port Company and John Leech Architecture Limited.

The Harbour Arts Collective Coming Events

Contra Dance: September 17, 7-10pm at Trinity Hall, Lyttelton Recreation Centre, Winchester St.
Fee entry, donations welcome with funds raised going to the Harbour Arts Collective.
For details go to www.diamondharbour.info and click the Contra Dance link under More Events Coming Up.

Lyttelton Petanque Club: Keep the first weekend of October free for the inaugural Petanque-Fest!

The Diamond Harbour Ukulele Band

The Diamond Harbour Ukulele Band will be having their fun time strum-along sessions on Thursdays September 15 and 29 at 7.30pm. As Ella Fitzgerald said,

The only thing better than singing is more singing.
And remember to bring your ukulele of course.
If you are interested in joining our band please phone Christine on 329 3033.
You can come too

Diamond Harbour Art Group
Painting Exhibition
A Painting Exhibition will be held at the Diamond Harbour Church Hall on Saturday September 10 (10am-4 pm) and Sunday September 11 (1-4 pm). In November, another exhibition will be held to raise money for Cholmondeley Home. Local artists are invited to exhibit with us. Please contact Alison Roberton 329 4117 or Anne Fountain 329 4202.

Alison Roberton

Diamond Harbour Camera Club
The next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday September 20 in the Stage Room. Our guest speaker, Stojan Ganev will talk about the question: Is your photography art? Guests $3 donation. All welcome.

Rouke Bakker

Diamond Harbour & Districts Historical Assn
The next meeting is at 8pm on Tuesday September 13 in the Stage Room. John Shanks’ talk is entitled: How some young dreamers came up with an amazing heritage project – the story of the Tramway Historic Society. All welcome.

Jan Studholme

Diamond Harbour and Districts Health Support Group AGM
Our AGM will be held in the Committee Room (DH Hall) on Tuesday September 13 at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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Regular Services:
Anglican - Methodist - Presbyterian:
Sunday 8am Communion, 1st and 3rd Sundays only.
Sunday 10:30am Communion.
Catholic Mass every Saturday at 6:30pm.

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

Home Groups:
Two home groups meet alternate Mondays 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.
Rainbow Music is now being led by parents/caregivers 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.

 sept 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (23rd theme: Musical instrument)

Oct  7 (theme: Rainbow)

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. Coming meetings:
Sept 6 & 20
Oct 4 & 18

City Shopping Van:
The fortnightly shopping van to South City mall runs on:

- Sept 7 (theme: Musical instrument)

Oct 5 & 19

The van does pick-ups from home around 9am and drops people back home around 1:30pm. 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.herbertparish@xtra.co.nz.
You can read the current issue of the magazine and back copies at www.diamondharbour.info/church-notices.aspx.

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DH Community Association

Report from the meeting held August 22.
Next meeting 7.30pm on September 19.

Public Forum
Seventeen people attended, and expressed their interest in contributing to post earthquake ideas and planning for Diamond Harbour.

Asset based community planning, Greene the rubble and Gapfiller type activities were discussed, along with repairs to the school pool, Stoddarts Cottage, Godley House and the Stoddart Point Landscape Plan.

It was stressed that children should have a special place in the consultation process.

To enable the whole community to be involved and share ideas, there will be an Ideas Meeting in the Hall on September 24 from 2-4 pm (Date/time are tentative - please check our website: www.diamondharbour.info).

The Community Board will run the meeting along the lines of their successful consultation meetings in Lyttelton.

Please see notice on page 9.

Committee Meeting
A short committee meeting followed the forum with most of the discussion centring on the planning for the function to farewell Godley House. Please see notice on page 8.

Port Company reclamation
The beaches are now clean, the boom has been moved out further and extensions are needed. Water quality will be monitored and posted on the LPC website (and reported in the Herald).

Rabbit guards for trees
These are now in place.

Karen

RESPONSES TO THE

DRAFT CENTRAL CITY PLAN

The plan can be viewed at www.centralcityplan.org.nz, at libraries or requested from the call centre: ph 941 8999.

Responses can be made up to September 16 on the printed form, or in a letter to Freepost 178, Central City Plan Comments, CCC, PO Box 73001, Christchurch 8154.

It is very important to respond - because this is our future city!

Responses may be either in favour of aspects of the plan or with contrary viewpoints.

Some important areas in the plan are:
♦ The Avon as a ribbon of green parkland diagonally across the city with cycling and walking paths.
♦ A smaller more compact central city with cars restricted to less than 30 km/hour and a shuttle bus service within.
♦ A Metro Sports Hub in the SE corner of the central city.
♦ The beginning of light rail with a track from the university to the city.
♦ Modern safe inner city housing with neighbourhood parks and a green environment.
♦ Places for children’s play and for sitting and meeting people in sunny areas.
♦ Buildings restricted to 3-4 storeys in the centre and 7 storeys at the outer edge.

There are many more ideas in the plan along with maps and pictures to inspire.

Check it out - and have your say!

June

Local Jetties Closed
A report by Opus has recommended the immediate closure of the jetties at Church Bay and Pigeon Bay.
The Governors Bay jetty was closed after several piles collapsed in the February earthquake.
Work required before reopening the jetties are: pile replacement (Governors Bay); repair and deck plank re-fixing (Church Bay); and securing the access ladder, reinstating the steel cross bracing, and repairing a defective pile (Pigeon Bay).

All three jetties are currently closed and estimates for the repair work is being sought.

Ian Jackson (Parks Contract Manager, Banks Peninsula)

Cressy Trust – Applications for Funding
The Cressy Trust is a registered charitable trust which funds health and welfare needs of the elderly in Lyttelton Harbour Basin.
The maximum amount available is $1000 per grant. Last year the Trust gave approximately $8000 in grants. Applications for funding should be submitted in August and March each year, although emergency applications will be accepted at any time.

Forms are available from the Lyttelton Medical Centre, Lyttelton Library, or the Information Centre.

Applications close Friday September 16.

John Howie (Cressy Trust chairperson)

Orton Bradley Park Walking Tracks
Walking tracks in the park will be closed the whole of September due to lambing.

Ian Luxford

Donald Street Arts Precinct
The preliminary business plan is in. We have professional support for the project by way of an architect, a lawyer, and an accountant.

We will meet with some of the property team at the City Council to discuss the next steps as we push to get the project accepted into the Master Plan, due out in September. More news as it comes available.

The Harbour Arts Collective

Gap Filler/An Act of Art
We have been approached by artists from Auckland who want to create a work for one of the vacant sites in Lyttelton. Remember this opportunity is open to anyone and everyone, to add your creative input - in whatever form that may be - to our gravelly landscape.

Further information is available by emailing aoa@gapfiller.org.nz. Currently the organisers are trying to get some funding to contribute towards costs in making these events happen. And watch one of those spaces! Auckland art arriving…

The Harbour Arts Collective

Pest Management
Is any one interested in pest management on Banks Peninsula? Any rural ratepayer on Banks Peninsula is eligible to be a member of Ecan’s Banks Peninsula Pest Management Liaison Committee which advises Ecan about the spending of rates money on pest management among other things. Ride available to the meeting.

Anyone interested please phone me on 329 4445 or 027 241 3772.

Paula Smith

OOPS!
Our apologies to Sandy Guy, of Diamond Harbour Bowling Club, whose name we got wrong in last month’s issue.
We also neglected to mention that she is also a member of the Club’s Match Committee.
New Avon Representative
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