Celebrations at Playcentre

Playcentre’s Grand Celebratory Fair is on this month and everyone is invited!

Diamond Harbour Playcentre has been providing for pre-schoolers in our community for about 60 years. For its first five years, it was held at St Andrews Church on the southwestern corner of Whero Avenue and Marine Drive, until a move to the new community hall provided the children with a much safer outdoor environment away from the main road. In 1970 Diamond Harbour School was relocated to larger premises at its present site in Hunters Road and its former building in the domain has been home to the Playcentre ever since.

The national Playcentre Association, of which Diamond Harbour is a member, is a New Zealand phenomenon which places great importance on the role of parents in early childhood education. Playcentres are run by families for families, which sets them apart from Kindergartens and Pre-schools.

Certainly Diamond Harbour Playcentre’s continued existence and the numerous improvements made to its environment are a tribute to the never-ending chain of supportive parents and the numerous improvements made to its environment.

Party, of course, are very important occasions. This one (left) was at Christmas in 1980.

Food in general is right up there too - the afternoon snack served on a saucer, hundreds and thousands in sandwiches, and swapping things with other kids to get more of what you really like and less of what you don’t.

For Richard Burnett (c1964), Playcentre was in the community hall and aerial top-dressing was the rage. The boys would collect endless handfuls of soil from under the huge gum tree and run around the field with arms outstretched, making appropriate aeroplane noises to spread their fertiliser.

Chris Gardener (c1969) enjoyed playing in the big empty swimming pool, and thrilled to dressing up as a fireman - the helmet was particularly special.

And firemen were still very much in vogue for Tracey Fisher (right) about a decade later.

In the early 70’s David Pearson spent hours in the little library with his favourite book Where the Wild Things Are, while for Tim Coop the old wooden boat with the big windscreen and the great sandpit were the main attractions.

Andrew May (c1977) just loved the trikes, but those Jacometti boys always arrived early and got them first. (Their mum Aprila, does confess to having a bit of a phobia about being late for anything.)

At left, on a roll(er)- from left: Marco Jacometti, Tobias Wheeler, Wanda Kingma, Jamie Kilpatrick, Tim Jacometti, and friend, 1977.

Nat Rohan (c1982) felt really important when he was assigned to look after a new boy, Sam. But he was also very nervous of what would happen with the always present Sam Helps. Nat’s young sister Sarah was keen on tricycle races, while their brother Mike really got into climbing trees.

The Leech boys (above) were at Playcentre in 1983. John kept a brotherly eye on little Dan.

Ben Coles (c1988) liked the big digger in the sandpit, but it was a green plastic cowboy hat that wowed his older brother Jamie. Present day pupils Will Leech and Max Davis (left) hope lots of people will come to the fair because they think it would be great to have some new climbing equipment, but in the meantime they’re pretty happy to just hang around. Elaine
Young Photographers Shoot It

The annual Orton Bradley Spring Fair hosted an exhibition of photographs taken by a group of 7-8 year old students from the Diamond Harbour Primary School. It was the culmination of a photography project, aptly called Shoot It. The Diamond Harbour Camera Club contacted the school several months ago, initiated meetings and wrote a short program which fitted into the requirements of the school.

Classroom teacher Nathan Halliday felt that Shoot It had been a uniquely worthwhile curriculum extension project, building on what had been taught in class regarding the workings of the eye. Benita Dale McMillen, chairperson of the Camera Club, said, This might be the start of an ongoing link with the school. It is fantastic the children are so enthusiastic about learning and taking part in such competitions. These young people are a real credit to their parents and the school.

A total of 22 entries were received covering three categories and were judged by professional photographers, Linda and Peter Harper.

Graeme Keeley, who was one of the main initiators of the project, said the project had been a great success and that the judges had been impressed with the standard of photography. He also thanked Photo and Video International of Merivale Mall who donated over $200 worth of prizes so that each entrant received acknowledgement for their efforts, together with a certificate. Other generous sponsors were Linda and Peter Harper for their expertise and gift of books and Peter and Lynette Hughan of Harbour Real Estate who presented the overall winner with a cheque.

All the children’s entries were on display at the Orton Bradley Fair where they hung alongside photographs from members of the Diamond Harbour Camera Club. The presentation of awards took place in the afternoon, accompanied by much celebration and excitement.

Eleanor Rice, left, was Overall Winner, and her photo below gained 1st prize in the Landscape Category.

James Goodchild was 2nd in the Landscape Category and Dorothy Schmidlin-Wilson 3rd.

Eleanor Rice was 2nd and Dorothy Schmidlin-Wilson 3rd.

In the Abstract/Unusual Category: Charmaine Cameron’s photo above was 1st, Dorothy Schmidlin-Wilson was 2nd and Solomon Duff 3rd.

Prizes were also won by Liam Cuthbert, Trinity Warwick-Barr and Alize Mouhica.

All 9 winning photographs may be viewed in full colour in the Photo Gallery of the Diamond Harbour website: www.diamondhabour.info.

To view them click on the Photo Gallery button on the left.

Dorothy Shrimpton
Our Envirogroup, the Green Diamonds, did some consultation with the school pupils and parents to see what their views are on what might happen at the Godley House site. The first part of the process was to brainstorm ideas at the envirogroup meeting.

Some of the ideas we came up with were:
- an art gallery for local artists
- bike track
- adventure playground; outdoor chess set
- horse riding/treks
- wharf to new Godley
- carriage drawn by horses for rides
- gardens.

Then, we came up with some questions to ask each class. Some of the answers were quite original! The questions we asked - and some of the answers we got - were:

**What activities do you want to see in Diamond Harbour?**
- A bus, a lolly shop, a community day, a refugee centre, a nature club.

**What would you like to see Godley House replaced with?**
- A skateboard park, a pool table, a memorial for earthquake victims.

**What other sports facilities (equipment) would you like to see in Diamond Harbour?**
- Laser Strike, grass skiing, swimming pool, climbing wall.

**Do you think Diamond Harbour district is a good place to live in?**
- Yes, because on the school bus you get mints, because of the beautiful noises, and because it’s quite rural and has big spaces and big beaches.

**Do you feel safe living in Diamond Harbour?**
- Yes, because there are beautiful views and the people are friendly and protect us.
- No, because the pathways are overgrown and there are no bike lanes.

**What improvements do you want to the ferry service?**
- Car ferry, house boat, have a go steering the ferry, connect with the bus every time, bigger ferry for peak times.

**What types of businesses do you want here?**
- Entertainment (ie TimeZone), environment centre.

**Would you like more shops? If yes what types of shops would you like?**
- No more shops but improve on the ones we have.
- Yes, a market and bookshop.

**What other things would you like to have happen in Diamond Harbour?**
- A zoo, boxing.

The questions we wrote for the parents were also taken down to the Ideas Meeting at the Community Hall so people could add their own ideas. The questions were:

- What type of public transport would you like to see in Diamond Harbour?
- What type of environmental activities would you like to see in Diamond Harbour?
- In an emergency, what would you like to see in place? Food, power, water?
- How can we make the Village Centre the hub of Diamond Harbour?
- What would you like to see in the spot that Godley House once stood proud?

If you haven’t already, and would like to respond to the above questions, please email us at: enviropoint@diamondharbour.school.nz.

Our next steps for the Godley House Ideas Project are to make a map of the most popular ideas contributed and share them with the community.

Islay, Liam, Suzannah and Hana.
Our Community Noticeboard has it all...

Recently for sale, free, or on offer:
- compost, house sitter, duck eggs, drakes, tennis tutor,
- tractor tyre - sandpit (free), naturopathic consult (free),
- power tools, mulcher, folding cot, primus shower,
- carpet for garden (free), desk (free), letterbox with pole (free), cabinet, items found or left at the hall...

Recently sought after:
- Ride to/from Gov Bay, new mums (to join group), tent,
- dog walker, cleaner/ironer, gardener, stove, vacuum, BBQ, Apple tutor, pharmacist locum scrabble players,
- exterior glass door, house to rent over Xmas...

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Orton Bradley Fair

Sculpture on The Peninsula:
November 4-6

The South Island’s largest outdoor sculpture exhibition returns with a stellar line-up of sculptors, the ever-popular auction of items by leading Peninsula artists, performances by the remarkably talented Loons Circus Theatre Company and a mouth-watering array of food from Crater Rim Caterers.

This year, the Lombardy Charitable Trust are offering a $10,000 prize for Sculpture, which will be judged by art critic and commentator, Dr Warren Feeney. There will also be a People’s Choice Award presented by The Loons Circus Theatre Coy. Over 40 sculptors are represented in the exhibition with nationally acclaimed artists Paul Dibble, Graham Bennett, Phil Price, Llew Summers, Hannah Kidd and Aaron Te Rangiaio joining emerging artists such as Greg Yee, Lisa Patterson, Daniel Patara Summers and Ben Foster. Auckland sculptor, Emily Pauling is the 2011 guest exhibitor. Lyttelton identity, Joe Bennett, leads the auction on the opening night, which this year features decorated saws by local artists.

Bring your friends and family over to picnic and wander around the picturesque grounds of Loudon Farm, enjoying the art and sculpture on display – a sure way to lift the earthquake blues.

For further information, please contact the event organizer, Gill Hay: 328 7402, 021 0227 1157 or gill@sculpturenz.co.nz or visit: www.sculpturenz.co.nz.

Port Container Terminal Seeks Can-do People

Due to rapid growth within the Lyttelton Container Terminal, LPC is actively recruiting PRPs (part-time workers for the permanent relief pool). We need people who:

• Are available to work shifts (we operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week) on a flexible basis
• Are physically fit and motivated
• Are health and safety focused
• Can work at heights, in confined spaces and in all weather conditions
• Have a can do work attitude

If you fit this description, please contact our HR Advisor Sally Williams 328 8198 or 027 407 0045.

Recreational Water Quality

ECAN status (below) indicates whether locations are generally suitable for swimming, based on risk of faecal contamination.

Current Status of local beaches (as at October 30)

Charteris Bay: Good
Church Bay: Good
Diamond Harbour: Good
Purau: Fair
Port Levy: Good

Latest updates on the status of local beaches can be found on the DH website, www.diamondharbour.info. Look for the Recreational Water Status box on the right side of the home page.

Harbour and Beach Status

We promised last month to present the results of harbour water testing by Cawthron marine scientists. The LPC has advised that the report has been delayed as Cawthron were called to assist with the RENA disaster. We hope to present details of their report in the December Herald.

Rubbish from the land reclamation site continues to wash up on Purau Beach (and other harbour beaches). The LPC has crews making regular clean-ups and on their website, claim that these efforts are leaving the beaches in a better state than they were before and contributing to a cleaner harbour for everyone.

Regular visitors to Purau and Diamond Harbour beaches over the past few years will recognise this as a verifiable fiction - which does nothing to improve LPC’s credibility.

Prior to the reclamation project, man-made rubbish on our beaches was minimal and confined to holiday periods. Now, it is ever-present, despite the continuous clean-ups. Kayakers have reported seeing demolition debris floating about in the harbour and also building up on coastline that is only visible from the water. Anyone encountering debris in the harbour should report it to the LPC on 328 8198.

We invite readers to send us pictures of beach debris to add to our web album picasaweb.google.com/DH Herald (which includes pictures taken of rubbish on Purau Beach in October - such as the clean-fill pictured above).

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Amy Adams, National:

It has been my privilege to represent the Diamond Harbour area since 2008. I have been overwhelmed with the strength and resilience of our communities during one of the most challenging years many of us have ever had. The area around Diamond Harbour has suffered more than its share of shakes but you have supported each other in the way Kiwis do and I have every confidence that better times are ahead as we rebuild our wonderful region.

Dealing with the issues of earthquake recovery for the inner harbour will continue to be one of my principle areas of focus if I am fortunate enough to be re-elected as your MP. Those issues involve not just fixing the damage to homes and buildings locally, but working on repairing the economic damage that has affected so many local businesses, particularly those that are tourism based. The loss of Godley House was a blow for Diamond Harbour. The challenge is creating new draw-cards that show off the charm of the area and the talents of its people.

As your local MP, I have been aware how difficult it has been to source early childhood services in the area and I have lobbied hard for a new ECE facility for Diamond Harbour. It is wonderful to confirm that funding has now been approved for a purpose built centre to be built on the school grounds. For residents, particularly children, access to high speed internet means connection to resources from around the world. Under our initiative, high speed broadband is to be rolled out across our region and Diamond Harbour school is set for connection in year 2 of the project.

Banks Peninsula is an area of outstanding natural beauty. While it is no wonder many people want to live there, balancing further development with the protection of the character of the area is a serious challenge that I know the community is focused on. While decisions on development are for the Council to make in each case, I will certainly provide residents with any assistance I can. Similarly, while the Lyttelton port land reclamation only permits use of clean, audited fill from the commercial Red Zone, if there is material being dumped which is not in compliance with the consents or if rubbish is in the Harbour from this work then residents should ensure a complaint is made to ECan.

I would very much like your support to continue to be your voice in Parliament.

Amy Adams

Jo McLean, Labour:

I will work closely with local Government agencies to ensure there is a plan for public transport in the Diamond Harbour area, logically the Diamond Harbour Ferry is an integral part of any such plan.

I will facilitate non-partisan discussions with all community leaders from across the political spectrum and proper community consultation to develop a harbour plan for earthquake recovery, including what new community facilities will look like, how they will be funded and where they will be located. The earthquake recovery process is a huge opportunity of which the many should be engaged in, not the few.

I commit to developing better community engagement between the commercial operations of Lyttelton Port and the stakeholders and communities of Lyttelton Harbour.

As a trained environment commissioner, I understand the need for adequate consultation and engagement, particularly with regard to the environment where we are all stakeholders.

I have lived in small communities so understand the wonderful community spirit. There are a number of small communities that make up the vast Selwyn Electorate. Each one very different and I look forward to building a strong relationship with each and every one of them.

I stand for the Labour Party because they are a party of inclusiveness. Labour’s focus for Canterbury is to move past party lines and engage with everyone to develop a plan for the future of the province. Labour has a clear policy to stop asset sales. This would mean that Labour would stop the selling of any strategic assets into foreign hands. Lyttelton Port is crucial to the economic well-being of Canterbury and should have strong moral obligations to its stakeholders. In foreign hands the ability to influence decisions that would impact on the community would be lost. You already own shares in these assets, and Labour will not allow your share to be taken away.

The intrinsic value of the harbour should be maintained for recreational use, protecting the cultural values and the Tourism opportunities it provides. Labour has been clear that we support retaining public access to beaches. Ruth Dyson has made public statements in relation to concern about the fast-tracking of the reclamation, and Labour make a commitment that any future reclamation must go through a proper public consent process, all materials are properly and thoroughly checked and material is not able to drift out into the harbour. LPC should be responsible for the clean-up and any damage that may be caused as a result of this happening, it should not rest on the communities to have to undertake this.

Jo McLean
Eugenie Sage, Greens:

Living in Diamond Harbour, I value the strong community networks here and in Lyttelton, hearing bellbirds as part of the dawn chorus, and the easy access to the harbour and hills. If elected on the party vote I look forward to working for an economy where nature matters, a fairer, kinder society and a stable climate for our grandchildren. The Green Party’s three main policy priorities are to:

1. Shift our economy to a more sustainable and resilient footing.
2. Clean up our rivers and lakes and safeguard groundwater.

We would keep state assets in public ownership and use them to drive export growth in renewable energy technology to create high-value jobs. Green MPs persuaded Labour and then National to adopt our Heat Smart home insulation programme. More than 100,000 homes including some in Diamond Harbour are now warm, dry and healthier. We would ramp up this program to insulate another 200,000 homes, creating jobs and reducing power bills.

The Green Party wants stronger RMA policies and rules to protect freshwater. These include nationwide standards for water quality, quantity and intensive agriculture, and a moratorium on dairying in sensitive catchments such as Te Waithora/Lake Ellesmere.

This would help protect the plains aquifers which provide our drinking water. Charging commercial irrigators for their water use, as the Greens propose, would generate around $370 million annually. This would help fund riparian planting and assist councils improve their sewerage treatment – funding cut by National.

Instead of spending $20 billion on new motorways and roads over the next decade, as National proposes, the Green Party would shift funding to invest more in public and active transport. Better bus and ferry services, more cycleways and more pedestrian friendly environment can help reduce traffic congestion in Christchurch. We would also create a network of marine reserves in the EEZ to protect marine life and help replenish fisheries.

The port of Lyttelton is a vital part of Canterbury’s strategic infrastructure. Any further reclamation, however, must go through a full RMA consent process and not be rammed though under the CERA legislation. The Green Party would increase the funding for Enviroschools, which National cut, so that more schools can join Diamond Harbour School in learning about nature and living sustainably.

With a higher Party vote and more Green MPs we would be better placed to negotiate with Labour or National to advance the progressive policies the Green Party is known for, and to continue to be the catalyst for change.

Please contact me with any questions on 329 3177 or eugenie.sage@greens.org.nz.

Eugenie Sage

Meet the Candidates
in Diamond Harbour

Diamond Harbour Hall
7.30pm Thursday November 17

The Diamond Harbour Community Association invites residents to hear the policies of the three candidates standing in our electorate - and to ask them questions.

Amy Adams — National
Eugenie Sage — Greens
Jo McLean — Labour

Eugenie Sage

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Lyttelton Community Speaks Out

The Lyttelton Mt Herbert Community Board held a Public Forum Meeting on Monday October 17 to discuss Lyttelton’s recovery, and in particular, the Lyttelton Draft Master Plan that the Christchurch City Council has been developing. Representatives from the Lyttelton Mt Herbert Community Board were in attendance to listen to the views of Lyttelton residents. A crowd exceeding 100 people attended, but unfortunately many residents were turned away because of a lack of capacity within the Trinity Hall. Those who attended unanimously supported the motion to reject the Draft Master Plan, and further, to prevent it from being presented to the Christchurch City Council on Thursday 27th October.

Residents strongly vocalised that the Draft Master Plan had failed to capture the spirit of public opinion on items clearly identified in the Community Board Recovery Plan, developed prior to the instigation of the Council sponsored Lyttelton Draft Master Plan. Several residents expressed concern that if the Lyttelton Draft Master Plan is supported in its current form, that we would be locked into outcomes that would be detrimental to Lyttelton’s future development. In particular residents were concerned that there is a lack of overall vision for the township and specifically no longer term vision for taking heavy vehicles off Norwich Quay or linking the township to the inner harbour.

There was also a significant degree of concern about the consultation process, and how the community has not been given a proper participatory role in the process. Residents made it very clear that the only activity they wanted to happen immediately was to resolve regulatory issues in the existing District Plan so that operating and re-opening local businesses could be made easier.

*Lynette Baird and Wendy Everingham*

Claudia Reid Responds

Banks Peninsula Councillor, Claudia Reid, said she was surprised that the public meeting had rejected a plan that they had not even seen. She expects that by time the October Herald is distributed, the plan will have been approved by Council, and published on their website, www.ccc.govt.nz, with printed copies made available in libraries. At that point the local community may make submissions.

Paul Smith Responds

Chairperson of the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board, Paul Smith, noted that while no formal motion or vote taken at the meeting (which she chaired), it was clear that many people had concerns about the plan, for a range of different reasons. Some were concerned about aspects of the content of the plan and others were concerned about the planning process being used.

Board members advised the meeting that the draft plan was due to be considered by the Mayor and city councillors and was likely to be released for public consultation within weeks. Concepts in the plan had already been modified in response to community feedback, and the draft plan is likely to further evolve in response to the next round of public submissions.

Diamond Harbour Area residents interested in making a submission on the Draft Lyttelton Master Plan should look out for a notice with more details in their letterboxes in early November.

Further details about the meeting and subsequent deliberations in Lyttelton can be found on the DH website: www.diamondharbour.info. Click on Lyttelton Harbour Community Review - October 24 near the bottom of the home page.
Getting the pieces picked up or delivered?

If you’re pleased to hear that Colin Craig of A1 Carriers is picking up the pieces in more ways than one after the recent retirement of Tony Spatcher. Even better, because A1 Carriers was the city depot for Tony’s Diamond Harbour Freight, Glenda in their office is familiar with the needs of Diamond Harbour folk, so, with Colin’s coming our way every Tuesday and Thursday, you can be confident of efficient service to transport your boxes, items of furniture, the new fridge or whatever, to and from the city or around for Banks Peninsula.

And of course if your package is just too big for Colin to handle, he’ll gladly refer you on to Rex at Banks Peninsula Transport. Great team, great service!

Contact Glenda on Ph. 3669 386 or see below.

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Not Just the Weather!

Thanks to one day’s downpour, the past month to date has been wetter than is often the case for October. I measured a total (to the date of going to press) of 103mm, and having watched the near horizontal rain in the storm on the 13th, I’d be willing to bet my gauge didn’t catch it all. A little rain on the 26th didn’t add much to the total. In the last 10 years October rainfall has varied between 36mm and 95mm, but the higher values are the combined amounts from frequent falls, rather than a single storm.

At just over 100 hours, sunshine (measured at the airport) has been about two-thirds of normal. Temperatures, however, have been normal or higher. In particular, ground surface and subsurface temperatures have been above average. Evaporation rates have been low, and the garden is showing the effects of this combined with mild temperatures. After a slow start, courtesy of cooler weather in late winter/early spring, vegetation of all types is starting to look green and vigorous. Just as well, in view of the City Council’s watering restrictions. These were obviously designed by someone who had little real knowledge of gardening. As correspondents to The Press have pointed out, standing with a hose or watering can is one of the less efficient ways of watering a garden. Systems that deliver measured quantities of water precisely where it is needed at controlled times are far better.

A welcome development on the earthquake front at the end of the month was the decision by CERA to put the Peninsula in the Green Zone. It is likely to be some time before most people will get their damage fixed, and many will not be too unhappy with that prospect. Aftershocks still continue, and are likely to do so for a long time, and the recent 5.5 shake was a reminder of that. The shakes are wider spaced, and generally relatively mild, but with each, cracks in plaster seem to get just a little bit bigger! Meanwhile, the future of the central city is debated. It is disturbing that a map produced by the City Council indicated the intention to restore the grid pattern of roads in the central city, in spite of the fact that the area so covered is subject to liquefaction and spreading of river banks. While the debate goes on, businesses have drifted to firmer ground in Riccarton, Addington, and Papannui. Many of these may never wish to return to what was the central city. Our councillors should give heed to this.

Jane Soons

Looking Back

Once a Jolly Swagman used to occasionally pass through Diamond Harbour. It was in the 1930’s that I remember Whistling Johnny walking along the road from either my Great-Uncle Gideon Henderson’s house or Orton Bradley’s property, both in Charteris Bay, to my Grandmother’s Diamond Harbour home. He was a fairly short man who always wore a trilby-style hat. Grandmother Mary Sinclair would never invite him into the house, but he would entertain her with tunes on his mouth organ and she would provide him with a cup of tea on the veranda. After his cuppa he would continue on down to Harold Gardiner’s Kaik Station in Purau where he would hope to get some work chopping wood or similar in exchange for a meal and permission to spend the night in an outbuilding.

Barry Bowater

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Wine speak

Even as an Australian of Italian heritage I too am delighted with the Web Ellis Cup coming back home to New Zealand! If you’re still celebrating like me, then here are a few wines to enjoy with an emphasis on whites as warmer days ensue.

The 2010 Stoneleigh Riesling at $12 on special is awesome value for fans of a dry style white. Lime sherbet, green apple with a whiff of apricot there’s a good balance between the residual sugar and citrus palate with good length to boot. Also dry is the 2011 Vavasour Pinot Gris. Luscious spicy pear offset by a mineral citrus spine, it’s perfect with pork for around $20. Looking for a sweeter style for similar money, then try the 2010 Framingham Pinot Gris. Layers of apple, pear and spice with brearly yeast sweetness, it’s great quaffing on the deck chilled. Even richer is the 2010 Blackenbrook Pinot Gris from Nelson. Pear, spice and stonefruit feature with the sweetness building from the mid-palate onwards, a delicious Alsace style.

For an oaked white grab the 2009 Wild Rock Pania Chardonnay. At $17 on special you get quite an elegant wine with sweet nectarine fruit and nutty lees on a subtle lemon mineral core. However, if you want the best, then try the 2009 Ata Rangi Craighall Chardonnay. It’s a splurge at over $40 but it’s top-shelf stuff with layers of stonefruit, citrus, hazelnut, meal and toast all delivered with subtle power and an amazingly long finish. Now here’s a trio of reds starting with the 2009 d’Arenberg The Stump Jump Grenache Shiraz Mourvedre. Bright red fruit, pepper on a savoury herb palate, moreish from the start and offering great value at under $15. With $18 to spend and looking for ripe black fruit on vanilla chocolate then it’s hard to past the Water Wheel Memsie Homestead Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon Malbec blend. But the pick at under $20 is the 2009 Yalumba The Scribbler Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz. Not as heavy as the 2008, it offers red berry and plum with oak in support, the finish supple and long. Enjoy and watch out for the Festive Season Dozen next month!

Hungarian Gulash

My Hungarian friend, Agnes, from Port Levy has shared some interesting recipe news with me. One of my favourite dishes is Hungarian Gulash. Most of us think of a nice thick stew with spices and red peppers... well, I learnt that Gulash means shepherd in Hungarian. Gulash is what shepards cooked up over the open fire, in a big billy. And it is a soup, not a stew. The stew is named differently, and will be printed it in a later Herald issue. So here is Agnes’ version of a good Gulash.

Ingredients

1 large onion 1-2 green peppers
1/2 kg tomatoes or 100 ml tomato purée
500g meat (originally beef but could be chicken, pork, etc)
3-4 medium carrots 1-2 parsnips or parsley roots
1 litre water or good stock 3 tsp paprika (chilli optional)
1 medium potato 2 tsp ground cumin
1 medium parsnip 2-3 tsp marjoram, or 2 sprigs fresh from garden
Method

Slice or dice onion and fry in oil. Add spices and herbs then the meat (diced) and fry a bit. Add tomatoes, green pepper and other vegetables. Add Stock. (If meat needs longer cooking add vegetables when meat is almost cooked) Boil until meat and vegetables are cooked. To serve the soup, sprinkle a bit of chopped fresh parsley or chives onto each bowl of soup. For those who like hot food, some fresh or dried chilli peppers would be nice too. You can add a glob of sour cream - into each bowl, rather than mixing it into the whole pot of soup.

Thanks Agnes, for sharing and Jóétvágyat (bon appetite in Hungarian).

Franziska
**Living Well**

**Stress**

Stress is something we all suffer from time to time. What some of us don’t know is just how damaging stress can be. Studies have shown chronic stress to be associated with any number of problems, including anxiety, sleep problems, heart disease, cancer, ulcers, and even a quickening of the ageing process. Then of course there is the strain it can put on relationships with those around you, and the strain that it puts on yourself on a day to day basis.

If you are suffering from stress, it’s good to know what you can do to reduce the stress and put balance back in your life, making yourself happier and healthier, not just now, but for the long term.

One thing that’s important is to talk about your problems or stresses, as this allows them to be released. Alternatively, if there’s no one to talk to, write it all down. Even if it doesn’t solve the problem, just getting it out there can often be enough to reduce it greatly or even make it go away.

If your job is stressful on an on-going basis, and you find yourself bringing it home with you mentally and emotionally, it’s a good idea to develop a system whereby you don’t bring it inside with you. For example, you could write down your work issues and post them in the letterbox on the way in, literally leaving them outside the house with evening. If you have a partner and children waiting inside for you, your partner could pop a letter into the mailbox for you to pick up when you arrive home too, telling you something good that has happened during the day, putting you in a positive frame of mind to walk through the door. Then, the next morning, you can pick your letter up again to take to work, or if you wish, toss it in the rubbish, finding that many of those issues have diminished overnight anyway.

It’s also worth considering what you do in your life that you enjoy, and figuring out ways to do more of it. Additionally, you can consider ways to put other relaxing or enjoyable activities into your life, which may not already be part of your existing routine. When we have balance in our lives, we are happier and therefore far more resourceful for when stressful events come up.

It’s also important to think about the fact that often we don’t have control over the events around us; however, we do have control over the way we view those events, and how we choose to respond to them. We can get upset at our partner forgetting to replace the toilet roll or we can let it remind us how lucky we are to have such a wonderful partner in the first place. We can get overloaded by the amount of work we have to do in the office, or we can be thankful we have a good job, and decide that given that every day is a busy one, there’s no use worrying about it.

It’s well worth taking actions to reduce the stress in your life, either by yourself, or with the assistance of a professional. It will increase your happiness on a daily basis, improve your relationships with those around you, and improve your health now and for the future.

Robyn Woodham

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**Fit ‘n’ Well**

November is a great time to get outside and enjoy the longer and warmer days. One way to do this is on a bike. Bike riding is a fantastic form of exercise. It provides not only an excellent cardiovascular workout so it strengthens your heart and lungs but it is also non-weight bearing which makes it more gentle on your joints. As well as this, like all exercise, it’s great for your mental health – providing stress relief and a better sense of well-being.

You don’t need a lot of gear, just a bike in good working order and a helmet. Go get out there and get back on a bike!

I have volunteered to co-ordinate cycling groups in Diamond Harbour, both road and mountain bike. The aim is to have a ride each week from Diamond Harbour based on demand for each bike type. All levels will be catered for so come along and give it a go. See the Community Notices section on page 18 for contact details. It’s free and a great way to enjoy our beautiful Banks Peninsula with friends.

Mike

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These days, anti-virus software is essential if your computer runs Windows (as most do).

Many new computers come pre-installed with free anti-virus software such as Norton or McAfee — but there's a catch: after a short time you need to pay an annual subscription to receive updates — these are absolutely essential to keep your computer protected from new malware which is constantly being developed.

There are a number of free anti-virus packages available, such as AVG, Avira and Avast, which will do the job just as well as the paid ones. But a note of caution: every year you need to download a new version — and when you do, they try to trick the unwary into downloading a trial of the full (non-free) version. It appears to be free, but after a few months you will need to pay the annual subscription to receive those critical updates.

If you have AVG 2011, it has probably started nagging you to upgrade to the 2012 version. The safest way to do this is to open your web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, etc) and type www.free.avg.com in the address bar. Carefully navigate your way to download AVG Anti-Virus Free 2012 — diligently avoiding the trial versions with all the bells, whistles and ticks (which you do not really need).

For those using Avira 2011, it may be popping up a box at the bottom right of your screen prompting you to upgrade to the 2012 version. If you click on the update link at the bottom, it will open your web browser on the Avira update page. Be very careful to click on the button to download the Free version — rather than the tempting Premium Trial version.

If you wish to avoid the annual adventure of navigating your way through the minefield to find the new free version, then you may wish to consider switching to MSE (Microsoft Security Essentials).

It is just as good as the other free anti-virus packages and there is no paid version that you will be tempted, cajoled or later confused into downloading! Plus, it does not bombard you with all those annoying pop-up messages telling you how great the full (non-free) premium version is — and are you sure you wouldn't like to download it and take it for a little spin?

You must have a genuine copy of Windows on your computer to be able to download MSE. You can get it here: www.microsoft.com/security_essentials.

Note: If you switch to MSE (or to any other anti-virus software), after downloading it, you will need to uninstall your existing anti-virus software before installing the new product.

Paul
Love the Natives

Tomato (planting) time
Have you planted your tomato plants yet? Labour Weekend is the traditional time for putting frost-sensitive veggies into the open ground, but although I had my home-grown plants ready to go in on Labour Day, I delayed planting until after the big southerly blow we had on October 25. Cold winds aren’t as bad as frost for tomatoes, but they sure don’t get them off to a good start.

An Orange Cherry tomato plant bursting to be planted out

Tomatoes are no longer considered exotic plants in New Zealand, so it is interesting to look at their remarkable back history, which starts with the wild ancestors on the west coast of South America, moves on to breeding up to the modern form in Mexico, and from there to the rest of the world from the sixteenth century onwards.

With tomatoes now available all year round in supermarkets, why bother growing your own? There are lots of reasons, but the three that make most sense to me are that the supermarket ones are flavourless (a result of being bred for colour and size, not flavour, and then picked too soon), they are covered in pesticides (especially the imported ones), and they are boring to look at, being all a uniform size and red.

Over the years I have grown green, yellow, pink, orange, purple and striped tomatoes, as well as red ones. I have grown tomatoes shaped like pears, cherries, ribbed pumpkins, and cylinders. Every year I try to grow one or two new varieties, to see if they do better for me than previous choices. I am easily seduced by names like Black from Tula, Brandywine Pink, Cherokee Purple, Riesentraube, San Marzano and Tigerella. This year I am trialling Scotland Yellow and Orange Cherry. I have by no means exhausted the huge variety of this wonderful plant, and every year I have to sit on my hands rather than order too many packets of seed, because I can’t grow them all.

For a vegetable which looks exotic and is exotic, I commend to you the heritage tomato.

Christine Dann

More on growing tomatoes at http://ecogardenernz.blogspot.com

SPRING GARDEN WORKSHOP

Garden inspiration and information with
The Eco Gardener - Christine Dann
Te Kaawa Valley Gardens, Port Levy
Saturday November 19, 10am - 2pm
Enjoy a relaxing time in the country and learn more about...
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- organic gardening principles and practice
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PLUS
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Numbers limited – please register by Sunday Nov 13

Fabulous Family Concert

Church Bay residents, Mark and Jo Walton, have invited the Christchurch School of Music Concert Band over to Diamond Harbour for the day on Saturday, November 12. This terrific community group is made up of enthusiastic and talented musicians of all ages. Their conductor, Bruce Roberts, co-principal trumpet with the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra, says conducting this band is the highlight of his week.

The Concert Band will play a delightful selection of music with something for everyone to enjoy from light classics through to more popular arrangements including a toe-tapping selection from the Lion King. Mark Walton, New Zealand’s international clarinettist and teacher, will perform a dazzling version of Carnival of Venice with the band and the CSM Saxophone Ensemble will raise the roof with their performance of Chattanooga Choo Choo.

The concert, at 3.30pm in the St Andrew’s Community Hall, will last just under an hour. Entry will be by gold coin (to cover costs). See details on page 14.

Please come along and support this happy and spirit-raising event. The Waltons are hoping this concert will become an annual event for Diamond Harbour.

Jo Walton
Diamond Harbour Rugby Football Club

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR

AGM

Tuesday 15 November 2011 at 7.30pm

THIS SEASON HAS PRESENTED OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR CLUB WITH CHALLENGES ON AND OFF THE FIELD AS WE DO OUR BEST TO COACH, PLAY, AND SUPPORT THE GAME.

TO PLAY CANTERBURY COUNTRY RUGBY REQUIRES HUNDREDS OF KILOMETRES OF TRAVEL FOR OUR KIDS AND GROWNUPS AND MANY HOURS OF COMMITMENT FROM OUR COACHES, SUPPORTERS AND FAMILIES.

THE CHALLENGES THIS YEAR, HAVE ALSO PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE HAVE EMBRACED AND THESE WILL HELP US DO WHAT WE DO EVEN BETTER.

WE DO HOWEVER NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION.

COME TO OUR AGM TO HEAR HOW THE SEASON’S GONE, HOW WE ARE LOOKING AND HOW WE ARE PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE.

THE MEETING WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE PRESIDENT’S SHOUT

All the Fun of the Fair!
Diamond Harbour Playcentre 40th Anniversary

When: November 27 from 10am-2pm

Where: Diamond Harbour Domain and Playcentre

Come along to help the community celebrate Diamond Harbour Playcentre’s 40th anniversary

Entry is by gold coin donation

There will be something for everyone
⇒ bouncy castle
⇒ fire engine display
⇒ cake stalls
⇒ food and coffee stalls
⇒ car boot stalls
⇒ music and much much more

There is a 70s theme on the day to celebrate the fact that Playcentre moved to its present location at the start of the 70s, so if you fancy dressing up in your platforms and flares – this is the time to do it!

There will be spot prizes for the best dressed! This is a fundraising event for Diamond Harbour Playcentre.

Should you wish to book a car boot site for $10, please contact Sam on 329 3229. We also need volunteers to help out on the day and with organising. If you can help us, please call Karen on 329 3273 or 027 235 9027.

Fabulous Family Concert
St Andrews Church Hall
Saturday November 12 at 3:30pm

Christchurch School of Music Concert Band
Soloist Mark Walton, conducted by Bruce Roberts

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6pm, Monday, November 7
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We look forward to your company and
to sharing this great game with you.

For any more information
Phone Pam Clarke 329 4438 or Maureen Hunter 329 9798

Christmas Quiz Night

It’s time to get together for a fun night at the community quiz.
So gather up a team of 5 friends, bring along something to drink and money for raffles.
A prize will be awarded to the team with the most festive theme.

Fri Nov 25th 7:45pm
at the Community Hall
To book your $15 table Ph Wendy 329 4883

Hosted by Diamond Harbour Community Church

Rudolf Steiner School Fair
The Rudolf Steiner School invites you to our main annual fundraiser:
The school Spring Fair
Saturday 5th November10am to 3 pm
19 Ombersley Terrace, Opawa.
Unique Fair Experience! Fun! Creative! Crafts! Food! Bargains!
Theme: Myths & Legends - Dress up to make the day even more memorable!
Great music for free! Includes well known Christchurch musicians:
Elizabeth Braggins
Danny Wilson (and daughter Olivia)
Robbie “Carps” Carpenter ~ Roger Whyte
Wayne “Rat” Allan ~ Graham Wardrop

Our Library
Did you know that the Library has a DVD Collection?
We have recently moved our DVDs to the other side of the shelves, in case you haven’t been able to find them lately.
This collection is constantly changing so you might just find something good that you haven’t seen before.
We are also planning to have some music CDs available to borrow.

DVDs (issued for 1 week) and CDs (issued for 4 weeks) are $1 for single discs and $2 for sets.
Everyone is welcome to come along any time the library is open. Membership is free.

Storytime at the Library
Come along with your pre-schoolers to the Library at 2pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month and join Christine for stories, rhymes and songs. The next Storytime is at 2pm on Tuesday November 15. All welcome.
Children are made readers on the laps of their parents - Emilie Buchwald.

We’re Moving!
Lyttelton Farmers Market organisers have been searching for a suitable location as earthquake damage has reduced the space available at the present location at Lyttelton Main School.
Market manager, Lynette Baird said, Before we received confirmation from the Port Company, we had reached the point of having to ascertain which vendors would have to be turned away. This was a very disheartening moment in the market’s history considering how committed our vendors are to Lyttelton, and how hard all our volunteers have worked over the years to develop the Lyttelton Farmers Market. Now that we have accepted the Farmers Market must relocate in order to survive, the vendors are excited about moving to the LPC car park. In these difficult post quake times, the move represents recovery and a new start in time for summer trading.
From November 5, the Market will be held in the LPC car park on the corner of Norwich Quay and Dublin St every Saturday from 10am to 1pm. The Market provides access for Harbour residents to fresh food, as well as providing a central meeting place for locals.

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Recent experience has taught us so much about how natural disasters affect our well-being. We are now much better prepared to respond to emergencies. I'll bet you all now have a wind-up torch (or a torch and batteries), transistor radio, plug-in phone, enough stored water for three days, emergency food, and first aid kit handy and ready to use.

We have learned the hard way to check that our hot water cylinder, tall cupboards and bookshelves are securely fastened to the wall and have put Blu-Tack under our remaining precious ornaments. We need to stay prepared, keep our emergency supplies up-to-date by periodically replacing batteries, water and tinned food and also have our emergency equipment in a handy place.

As an old pilot once said: It's better to have a parachute and not need it than the other way round. Your Civil Defence Team

Isn't it great to realise what efforts are being made to keep us and our community safe? Stories keep filtering through to me too, of little acts of kindness and thoughtfulness by individuals that mean a great deal to the recipients. I hope everyone can to find time this week (Oct 29 to Nov 4) to share a smile or more with neighbours to celebrate national Neighbourhood Support Week.

If you would like to advertise that you live in a Neighbourhood Support community, I have a variety of stickers, with the circular logo above on them, available to go on your window, door or letterbox. Also, if you would like a You are entering a Neighbourhood Support area sign at the end of your street or elsewhere, just let me know the location, and I will contact the appropriate authority.

Thank you for being part of Diamond Harbour Neighbourhood Support.

Elaine 329 4512

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Regular Services
Anglican - Methodist - Presbyterian:
Sunday 8am Communion, 1st and 3rd Sundays only.
Sunday 10:30am Communion.
Wednesday 9am Communion and Healing Service.
Catholic Mass every Saturday at 6:30pm.

Christmas Quiz Night
Friday November 25 7:45pm at the Community Hall.
Hosted by Diamond Harbour Community Church (see page 15).

Sunday School
Primary School age children welcome.
Sundays 10.30 - 11.30 am.

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).

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

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.

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 information.
Nov 15 & 29. End of Year Picnic Dec 13 (see page 18).

City Shopping Van
The fortnightly shopping van to Barrington Mall runs on:
Nov 16 & 30, Dec 14 & 28.
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 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.

DH Community Association

Meeting held October 17
Public Forum (8 visitors present)
Fiona O’Neill presented a summary of the results of an
initial meeting of those interested in the future of the
Diamond Harbour village area.
The group’s main purposes are: Facilitate redevelopment
of the Godley/Stoddart Point area; support old and new
businesses; work with other local groups like Stoddart
Cottage Trust; provide information and find expertise
when necessary.
The group want to be facilitators, not decision makers,
and to understand and respect the needs, feelings and
memories of our community in the broadest sense.
Underlying their views were concerns that energy and
commitment were important to counter the risks of post
quake inertia in our community.
They would like to support business development such as
the proposal for a licensed café/wine bar. It is envisaged
that a project plan will be done over the next three
months, and a two year time frame to get plans
completed and started in the community.
There are up to 70 private businesses in our wider area,
and many, like the bed and breakfasts, have suffered a
significant downturn in revenue.
It is possible that insurance money from the Godley
House demolition could be spirited away from our area,
unless we can propose clear and realistic plans as a
peg in the ground to CCC.
Jan Studholme, representing the Stoddart Cottage Trust, indicated that they wish to be kept informed of
developments around Godley House.
Karen Broomhall, representing the Playcentre, backgrounded the group’s forthcoming 40th anniversary
fair on November 28, to raise funds for a climbing frame.
They would appreciate help in some funding for
flyers, posters and the like.
General Business
Submissions: The waste-water consent has finally been
signed off by CCC and Environment Canterbury. 2021 is
the final date for completion.
LPC reclaimation continues, with one hectare of the
original 10 hectares now complete. However, the original
pre-hearing set for October 20 has been deferred for
another six months. The LPC has mooted an extension of
up to 30 hectares with a smaller project involving the
removal of part of the hillside behind it. The original
consent was pre-quake.
Next meeting: 21 November.
Karen
DH Painting Group Exhibition
Guest artists Sue Currie, Jennifer Neutez and Adrienne Pavelka, together with invited local artists from the group, will hold an Exhibition of Paintings on Saturday November 26 10am-4.30pm and Sunday November 27 1-4.30pm at St Andrews Church Hall. Donations and commissions will be given to Chomolmente Home. For further information phone 329 4117. Alison Roberton

Fundraising Art Exhibition
Lyttelton local artist and collective co-founder, Elfi Spiewack has organised an exhibition to promote and support local and Christchurch artists, and to raise funds for the Harbour Arts Collective. The exhibition includes works of 10 local artists and Lyttelton supporters: Cheryl Lucas, Linda Fringle, Jennifer Braithwaite, Barry Clarke, Maree Henry, Jeremy Leeming, Christina Dower, Ina Johann & Victoria Edwards and Elfi Spiewack, all who will kindly donate some of the proceeds to the Harbour Arts Collective. Opens Friday November 11 at 6pm in the Tin Palace, 13a Oxford Street, with live music from Arts Collective. Opens Friday November 11 at 6pm in the Stage Room. Ordinary meeting/workshop. Travel photography and framing photos. Guests $3 donation. All welcome. Rouke Bakker

Diamond Harbour Camera Club
The next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday November 15 in the Stage Room. Ordinary meeting/workshop. Travel photography and framing photos. Guests $3 donation. All welcome. Jan Studholme

Diamond Harbour & Districts Historical Assn
Next meeting is Sunday November 20 at 10am: A trip down the Kaiapoi River on the Tuhoe followed by a picnic lunch and a visit to Kaiapoa Pa. For full details phone Jan 329 4895. All welcome.

Baby and Toddlers Group End of Year Morning Tea
Tuesday Dec 13, 10am at Orton Bradley Park (by the playground). All present and past baby group members are warmly invited. Bring a drink and also a plate to share. Wendy Coles

Woolfun Days at Bergli
The second Saturday of the month is Woolfun Day, for people to gather at Bergli in Teddington between 10 and 4 to do wool crafts together. Next day is November 12. For details contact Rowena 329 9118, 027 482 9410 or farmstay@bergli.co.nz.

Free Running and Road Cycling Groups
Running: Suns at 8am. Road Cycling: Meets weekly in Diamond Harbour. To join a run or a ride, contact Mike on 329 4647 or mikecatton@mac.com.

New Mums Group
We are a group of DH Mums providing a free meals on wheels service to new parents - a week's worth of home-cooked dinners - delivered to your door, in the initial days after baby is born (over 100 meals provided so far). If you are (or will soon be) a new parent or would like to volunteer to cook a meal please contact us.

Mailing dates for Christmas 2011
Make sure you send your mail by the dates below so your cards and gifts arrive in time for Christmas!

Domestic
- Standard Post: Tue 20 Dec
- ParcelPost: Tue 20 Dec
- ParcelPost Tracked: Tue 20 Dec
- FastPost: Thu 22 Dec
- ParcelPost Fast: Thu 22 Dec
- ParcelPost PO Box Priority: Thu 22 Dec

International
- Zone A: Fri 2 Dec
- Zone B, C, D: Fri 25 Nov
- Zone E: Mon 21 Nov
- Australia: Fri 2 Dec
- South Pacific: Fri 2 Dec
- Rest of East Asia: Fri 2 Dec
- Rest of the world: Fri 25 Nov
- North America: Mon 28 Nov
- UK and Europe: Fri 2 Dec

*NB International Economy is only available for parcels.

We have a selection of Christmas cards, wrapping and labels, NZPost handibags, brown wrap and boxes. We now have a selection of printed Diamond Harbour T-shirts, sizes sm children - XXXL, which are already very popular for Christmas gifts. Made to order.

If you are unsure the best way to send your Christmas gifts, come down to the DH Postcentre and we can help you decide.

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Free Range Duck Eggs
$6/half dozen, $10/dozen. Great for baking - especially sponge cakes; delicious in all styles of cooking - eg boiled and tossed in salads. Ph/txt Nez 021 107 6473 or 329 3010.

Drakes for sale

Ride to/from Governors Bay wanted
Ride wanted on Tue and/or Fri departing DH 7.30-8.30am and arriving back at 3.30pm or later. Ph Rachel 329 3247 or email rachelpricey@gmail.com.

House to rent at Christmas wanted
Going away over Christmas? We need 3 bedrooms for 3 nights, Dec 23-26 for family overflow — our own bach can’t cope! Ph 03 308 9371, or ph/txt 021 891 447.

Outdoor Fitness
Outdoor Boot Camp Fitness with Mike at 6:30am Mon, Wed and Fri, all year round. Ph 329 4647 or email mikecatton@mac.com.

Private Tennis Tuition
All levels. Be the best you can. Please contact Grant 027 338 2452.

Apple Tutor Required
Someone fully familiar with Apple computers to tutor a new owner in the use of her machine. Ph Anna 329 4522.

Cleaner and Ironer Required
Reliable person to clean townhouse in Church Bay and iron for 2 to 3 hours per week. Phone Jo 329 4535 or 027 717 3810 or email russell1@slingshot.co.nz.

Carpet for Garden
Approx 5x3 metres. Free to a good garden. Ideal for keeping down weeds. Ph/txt 027 343 9322.

Scrabble Players Wanted
Please contact Benita 329 4041 or benitadale@clear.net.nz.

House For Sale

House Sitter Available
Careful, retired woman looking to care for home, garden and easy pets in Church Bay, Charteris Bay or Diamond Harbour area for up to 6 months over the spring/summer season. References available. Ph Judy 03 544 8793 (Nelson) or email judys@paradise.net.nz.

House Sitter Available
Prefer 1 month or longer. Will consider anywhere on Banks Peninsula. References available. Please contact Annette 021 257 2028 or email corkdale@yahoo.co.nz.

Door Wanted
Hinged exterior glass and aluminium door. Preferably with frame. Max height 2m. Ph Benita 329 4041 or email benitadale@clear.net.nz.

Power Tools for Sale
Air compressor; band saw; 2 belt sanders; electric water pump. Offers. Ph 329 4502.

Pharmacist Locum
Required for regular Mondays at the new Bells Pharmacy Lyttelton, 50 London St. Ph John 328 8314 or email bellsparmacy@clear.net.nz.

Yoga Classes
Contact Adrian 329 3395 or email diamondyoga@slingshot.co.nz.

Fold Up Cot for sale
Happy Camper brand PORT-A-COT suitable for baby or toddler. Very good condition. Bought second hand 5 years ago, used twice. $35 ono. Ph Toni or David 329 3001 or 021 115 4064.

Tent wanted
A tent that you can stand in and will sleep at least four (preferably an old army-style canvas tent). Ph Teena 329 3263.

Hairdressing
Experienced hairdresser and Reiki practitioner working from home. If you have mobility problems, I can come to you. Ph 329 4224 or ph/txt 021 152 3937; or email indigo-barb@hotmail.com.

Services offered
Handyman home services are offered on the sunny side of the harbour. Home maintenance, building repairs, painting, fencing and some plumbing as well as section lidying. Affordable rates. Ph Jim 328 8274 or 027 226 4548.

Baches to Let
Hammer and Diamond Harbour holiday homes. Sleep 6-8. All mod cons. $80 per night. Ph Euan Godfrey 0800 212 272, ah 328 7556, fax 328 7569 or email casapropertymanagement@xtra.co.nz.

**Her ald Calendar**

**Art Group**
Weds 9.30am-12noon, Church Hall

**Art Exhibition**
11-13 Nov, Lyttelton. See p18

**Art in the Park**
Nov 26-27, Orton Bradley Park

**Baby/Toddlers Morning Tea**
Tue Dec 13 10am, OBP. p18

**Bowling Club Roll Up**
6pm Mon Nov 7. See p15

**Bridge Club**
Wedns 7pm, DH Bowling Clubrooms

**Camera Club**
Tue Nov 15 7.30pm, Stage Room. See p18

**Christmas Quiz**
Fri Nov 25 7.45, Comm Hall. See p15

**Church Activities**
See p17

**Community Assoc**
Mon Nov 21 7.30pm, Committee Rm

**Croquet Club**
Weds 2pm, Sats 10am. Purau Ave

**Diamond Harbour Singers**
Wed 7.45pm, Stage Room

**Family Concert**
Sat Nov 12 3.30pm, Church Hall. p14

**Film Society**
Thurs 7.45pm, Stage Room

**Historical Assn**
Sun Nov 20 10am, Kairou. See p18

**Insight Meditation**
Tues 6.30pm, 7A Whero Ave

**Ladies Probus**
Mon Nov 14 10am, Church Hall

**Library Story Time**
Tue Nov 15, 2pm. See p15

**Meet the Candidates**
Thu Nov 17 7.30pm, Com Hall. p7

**Mens Probus**
Thu Dec 1 10am, CB Yacht Club

**Organic Plant Swap**
Sun Nov 13 10.30am, 30 Whero. p14

**Painting Exhibition**
Nov 26-27 Church Hall. See p18

**Playcentre Fair**
Sun Nov 27 10am Domain/Playcentre p14

**Purau Farmers Market**
Sat Nov 5, 19; Dec 3, 17, 31. p15

**Quilting Group**
Fri 1pm, Community Hall

**Rudolf Steiner Fair**
Sat Nov 5 10am, Opawa. See p15

**Rugby Club**
Club bar open Fri & Sat from 5pm

**Rugby Club AGM**
Tue Nov 15 7.30pm. See p14

**Running Group**
Sunrs 8am. See p18

**Sculpture on The Peninsula**
Nov 4-6. See DH website

**Shoppers Van**
Wed Nov 16, 30; Dec 14, 28; see p17

**Spring Garden Workshop**
Sat Nov 19. See p13

**String Players**
Tues 7pm. Ph 329 4536

**Tai Chi**
Thurs 10.30, 11.15, 12.50, Community Hall

**Tennis Club**
Weds 6.30pm, Suns 9.30am, Waipapa Ave

**Toy Library**
Sats 10am-11am, Community Hall

**Ukulele band**
Nov 10 & 24, 7.30pm. See p18

**Woolfun Day at Bergli**
Sat Nov 12. See p18

**Writers Group**
Wed Nov 16, Ph 329 4646
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