Knowing Our COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

Neighbourhood Support Network:
Over the last year, publicity around the compilation of the Diamond Harbour Neighbourhood Support (DHNS) database has caused some confusion about the role of the Neighbourhood Support Network and its relationship to the various community and residents' associations.

The purpose of DHNS is to maintain a network of communication among all residents and property owners along the south side of Lyttelton Harbour so that we may keep each other informed on matters generally pertaining to the immediate security of people and property at individual, group and area levels. DHNS is autonomous but operates under the auspices of Neighbourhood Support New Zealand and Neighbourhood Support Canterbury. DHNS is not directly associated with any residents’ association, nor is it involved with matters such as lobbying for improvements to district services.

Membership of DHNS is free. The minimal expenses – mainly for printing – are generally met from various Christchurch community grants organisations.

For more information on DHNS, see the monthly Neighbourhood Support Herald column or contact area co-ordinator, Elaine Bryson (329 4512; dhnsqh@gmail.com).

Residents’ and Community Associations:
Of the six communities along the south side of Lyttelton Harbour, five have established community associations, each of which is an independent and autonomous body promoting the welfare and interests of the residents and ratepayers of its specific area. Membership is not automatic – each association has an annual sub/membership fee to defray expenses. Interested parties from outside each area are generally also welcome to join – see below.

Diamond Harbour Community Association Inc (DHCA) has been in existence since February 1931, although prior to 1984 it was known as the Diamond Harbour Burgess' Association. It was registered as an Incorporated Society in 1956 and officially encompasses the area defined as Diamond Harbour by the former Banks Peninsula Council and for national census purposes — which is from Charteris Bay through to Purau (inclusive).

Although the communities of Charteris Bay, Church Bay and Purau today each have their own fully independent residents’ association, the DHCA has always been, and continues to be, proactive in establishing and maintaining initiatives of benefit to the whole community on the south side of Lyttelton Harbour. These include the Herald, the Neighbourhood Support network, the community website www.diamondharbour.info.co.nz, the phone book/service directory, the community hall and most recently SPRIG.

Thus it is appropriate that membership of DHCA (currently $5 per annum) is open not only to adult residents and ratepayers within its area but also to anyone interested in having a say in the maintenance or development of wider community initiatives, notwithstanding that such people may also be members of their own residents’ association.

The Lyttelton - Mt Herbert Community Board’s chairperson (currently Paula Smith) is an ex-officio member of the DHCA committee, enhancing the object of maintaining a strong liaison with the Christchurch City Council.

A summary of the monthly meeting minutes and public forum are published in the Herald and on the DH website.

The current chairman of the DHCA is Adrian Te Patu (329 4620; adrian@tepatu.com), secretary is Joy McLeod (329 4119; colin.joy@slingshot.co.nz).

Charteris Bay Residents Association (CBRA) meets two to three times a year which ensures that not only is social contact maintained but also that residents have a forum to raise issues of interest or importance to the local community.

The CBRA is the coordinated voice of Bay residents in making submissions to organisations such as the CCC and has some influence when dealing with various authorities.

At present the major project is to see the implementation of the Charteris Bay Water and Waste Water Scheme, scheduled for completion in June 2014.

The CBRA regularly communicates with other local residents’ associations, to exchange minutes and discuss common issues. The annual sub is $10 per family and membership is open to all interested parties.

The current chairman of the CBRA is John Gibson, secretary is Bill Studholme (329 4895; bstudholme@xtra.co.nz).

Church Bay Neighbourhood Association Inc (CBNA) covers the general area of Church Bay and Church Bay headland. CBNA meets as required. The annual fee is $5.

The current chairman of CBNA is John Rimington (329 4329; jaysrim@clear.net.nz), secretary is Lynne England (3294274).

Purau Residents’ Association (PRA) encompasses the area of Purau Beach to Camp Bay and Purau-Port Levy Road to the summit. Membership is free and the emphasis throughout is on fostering community spirit. The quarterly meetings are often in the form of social gatherings and visitors are welcome. The current chairman is Sheldon Ramer (329 4380; sheldonramer@gmail.com), the secretary is Jill Rice (329 4754; pauljill@xtra.co.nz).

Port Levy Residents’ Association (PLRA) states in its constitution that The Association shall serve the land and people of the harbour of Port Levy and its catchment. Its objects are to ascertain, make known and act upon local needs and feelings concerning the area and to liaise with local bodies and other persons and bodies for that object, to raise funds and to work for the maintenance and preservation of the old Port Levy school building, now the Community Centre, and to promote neighbourliness.

The annual subscription is $25. The current chairperson is Victoria Howden (329 4679), secretary/treasurer Sara Coop (329 4697; ticoop@xtra.co.nz).

Teddington at present does not have a formal residents’ association.
New Voluntary Subscription Envelope

This year the Herald is combining with various local residents’ associations and charitable trusts to trial a new method of collecting annual voluntary subscription/membership fees by one payment in the Herald’s usual annual subscription envelope.

You can use the envelope enclosed with this month’s Herald to pay subscription/membership fees to any, and as many, of the following as you wish:

- Diamond Harbour Herald
- Diamond Harbour Community Association
- Port Levy Residents Association
- Diamond Harbour Health Support Group
- Friends of Stoddart’s Cottage
- Friends of Orton Bradley Park

More information about each of these organisations is on this or the previous page.

Please tick the boxes on the envelope to indicate which of the above you wish to support and enter the amounts and total, along with your name, address and phone number.

Cheques should be payable to Diamond Harbour Herald, which will disburse payments to the other organisations. Envelopes should be placed in the Herald box at either the DH Post Centre or Church Bay Services.

You are, of course, welcome to support any of these organisations directly or at a later time if you wish.

Colin McLeod

Diamond Harbour Health Support Group (HSG)

The HSG was originally established to support District Nursing in the area from Teddington to Port Levy. However it was soon realized that support was also needed to retain the services of a GP in the area. The biggest hurdle was the provision of a suitable facility for the GP to work from. The community worked very hard to raise the money and build the present Health Centre.

The centre belongs to the community and is leased to the medical practitioners. There are advantages in the centre being owned by the Health Group on behalf of the community. These include a low interest mortgage with the City Council, and minimal rates as we are a non-profit organization. However, the biggest advantage is that we will always have a place for a medical practice, district nursing and other health professionals.

The annual $5 membership per household ensures that the organization can stay in existence and retain ownership of this valuable facility and the benefits that it provides to the local community. Donations greater than $5 are tax deductible. Thank you for your support.

Mahony May (Chairperson)

Herald Subscriptions Requested

While the Herald is delivered free to all households between Teddington and Pt Levy, we ask readers to pay a voluntary annual subscription to augment advertising revenue and to cover our printing costs. For people outside the area who wish to receive the Herald, a nominal postage fee is added to the annual subscription.

The Herald Team

Orton Bradley Park

The Park was a gift to the nation from Orton Bradley. It is a charitable trust managed by a board which oversees its development and operation.

While open to the public it is not fully funded by the council or any other public organisation, hence the need for an entry fee!

By becoming a friend of the Park you and your family are entitled to:

- Unlimited free entry to the Park for a year - this includes family travelling in the one car
- The satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to protect this valuable community asset for future generations.
- Our six monthly newsletter of information on What’s on at the Park

The form to fill to become a friend of the Park can be downloaded at:

For more information check out our website: www.ortonbradley.co.nz.

Stoddart Cottage 2012 and Beyond

With the sad departure of Godley House, Stoddart Cottage assumes an even more important part of our area’s history.

The cottage has suffered quake damage, and is closed at the moment but the Council is committed to carrying out the necessary repairs. We do not presently know the timetable for these repairs, but the Council is aware of our desire to have the cottage up and running as soon as possible.

As a consequence of the cottage’s temporary closure our source of income, which has been largely derived from events held there, has been drastically reduced, and now more than ever we need the support of our Friends of the Cottage to cover the running expenses (upkeep of the cottage garden is a major concern - it would be highly desirable to employ a part-time gardener).

With this in mind we would like you to consider becoming a Friend of the Cottage at a cost of $25 and help ensure that the cottage enters its second 150 years in style.

Bryan Fowler, Secretary Stoddart Cottage Trust

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COMMUNITY QUIZ – Give It a Go

Q1. How can you help people get to know each other? 
Answer: Host a Community Quiz (5 points)

Q2. How can you ensure a fun-filled, entertaining and enlightening evening for your guests? 
Answer: Host a Community Quiz (5 points)

Q3. What’s a sure-fire, easy and fun way to raise money for your favourite club, group or charity? 
Answer: Host a Community Quiz (5 points)

Q4. How do you go about hosting a Community Quiz? 
Answer: Ask Heather (5 points)

Q5. When can you host a Community Quiz? 
Answer: Ask Heather (5 points)

Q6. What’s the format for a Community Quiz? 
Answer: Ask Heather (5 points)

Q7. How do you find the questions needed for a Community Quiz? 
Answer: Ask Heather (5 points)

Q8. Who do you need to help run a Community Quiz? 
Answer: Ask Heather (5 points)

Q9. Who’s Heather? 
Answer: Heather Wilson (You are only half right, but you get 1 point for knowing what it says in the Service Directory – even though that — and the phone number — are wrong!)

Answer: Heather Watson (Correct, -3 points)

Answer: The Snowdrop Cottage Lady (Better still -5 points)

Answer: Heather Watson, The Snowdrop Cottage Lady (Perfect -10 points)

Q10. How do you contact Heather?
Answer: One of...
- At Snowdrop Cottage of course! (1 point)
- i) At Snowdrop Cottage by the playground in lower Waipapa Ave.
- ii) Phone 329 4464
- iii) Email: heather@snowdropcottage.co.nz (5 points for each correct piece of information – Total 15)

Rate Your Score: 0-65 = YOU can host a Community Quiz!

P.S. Don’t forget to change Heather’s details on P6 of the new grey Service Directory — and note also that a quiz can happen any time you want, not just on Fridays. 
Elaine

Fish and Chips
From March onwards open Fridays only 4.30-8pm beside Rugby Clubrooms
Godley House

There’s a space where Godley House was
A void in the air around
No more coffees on the lawn, or singing
Nothing, just a space, only memories, not a sound

There’s a space where Godley House was
A flattened pile of rubble landfill bound
It’s hard to recognize the place — an empty section
Our memories do not tally with what’s left upon the ground

There’s an empty cube above the plan or footprint
A ghost-house still exists there I’ll be bound
But the place where Godley House stood in its garden
Is empty, lost — not yet found

Now only spirits of the past do walk there
Along with Engineers and men in orange coats
Who respectful yet but firm remove our history
To create wharves for container ships and pleasure boats

When at last the site is cleared, we’ll gain the vision
We’ll see new options spring from out her sad demise
A heart, a centre for this seaside village
Sustainable and vibrant will it rise

For now, we pay homage to the old house
To a lady from another century, old and brave
She stood guard for many years upon her viewpoint
But the Earthquakes won — from their wrath impossible to save

Jan Cole

Getting to the Point

Stoddart Point - Community Vision (Draft 16/02/12)

Purpose

This paper summarises the community’s vision for the Godley House site in context of the whole of Stoddart Point. The overall purpose of this paper is to provide the community an articulated vision for their further input and comments, building from the consultation already undertaken. It is also intended to provide inspiration and a launching platform for the next step.

Following this consultation it is intended that the results will be used to raise awareness about the opportunity for investment. This may be public and/or private. It is intended to encourage development by council or private funding to achieve the possible outcomes described below.

The paper lists the outcomes of the community consultation and relevant background information on Stoddart Point. This paper is now to be distributed to the wider community, seeking feedback and ideally consensus. It is the initial outcome of the community visioning process that captures the views expressed by those who attended the 2011 community meeting.

Background

Stoddart Point is an important landform in Lyttelton Harbour, a valuable destination for locals and visitors alike. Recent earthquake events have resulted in an opportunity for Stoddart Point to develop its village centre infrastructure and atmosphere, and continue to provide a valuable asset to the local and greater Christchurch communities into the future.

Godley House was an important part of Stoddart Point for over 100 years and its unfortunate destruction in the earthquakes of 2010/11 has provided a unique opportunity for the redevelopment of this site.

The findings from the community consultation last year showed a clear preference for an inclusive plan to be developed for Stoddart Point. Stoddart Point, also referred to as The Point, includes: the former Godley House site, Stoddart Cottage, the sports/hall facilities, and Memorial Gardens. This plan will consider existing commercial businesses, existing buildings, landforms, the connections between them, and any potential redevelopment of the Godley House site in context of this larger landscape.

The Vision

Development that fits sympathetically with the natural and heritage context of Stoddart Point, and is fully integrated with the Diamond Harbour town centre, forming the heart of a vibrant community and continuing to be a visitor destination.

Key Community Aspirations drawn from the findings

- To champion a development which reflects the varied cultural and natural heritage characteristics of the southern bays area
- To encourage stewardship of the redevelopment by the local community
- To encourage economic viability for Stoddart Point and the southern bays communities
- To generate interest and activity supporting Diamond Harbour as a destination once more
- To create strong integrated design within Stoddart Point enhancing the vision of this being the heart of a vibrant town centre
- To encourage provision of facilities for all age groups meeting the aspirations of residents and visitors alike
- To support an arts and culture theme, and a local, casual village centre atmosphere
- To encourage sustainable design and sustainable materials to be used in the redevelopment
- To protect the history of Stoddart Point and the Godley House site.

Where to now?

I suspect that ever since Mark Stoddart planted his vegetables and the Gardiners settled in Purau, local residents have banded together to lobby for things that they felt that their area needed. As the populations grew, they formalised these bands into various Residents’ Associations. That each of these should focus on the immediate problems of their sub-district is entirely proper and long may they do so.

However, times are a-changing.

Even for Charteris Bay, nearest the City, Diamond Harbour is the focal point of the Southern Bays communities. It is the ferry terminal. It includes the Harbour is the focal point of the Southern Bays are in this new phase together with new

Back

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Jan Cole
How will this be achieved - Community Involvement and Process from here

The Community Board convened a public meeting regarding the Stoddart Point/Godley House site and surrounds in late 2011. This is documented at www.diamondharbour.info.

Guided by this document, SPRIG (Stoddart Point Regeneration Ideas Group) formulated this paper with the aim of setting out the community’s vision for the Stoddart Point area, and seeking community feedback.

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We Recommend

• a second community meeting be held to allow discussion, and adoption of the vision.
• the vision adopted by the community be the basis for seeking investors in a partnership with Christchurch City Council.

Prepared for the Southern Bays Community, the Christchurch City Council and potential partners, by: SPRIG — see below

Stoddart Point Regeneration Ideas Group (SPRIG) was formed in 2011 with the purpose of facilitating redevelopment of the Godley/Stoddart Point area following the Christchurch earthquakes, and to foster community wellbeing and post-quake social and economic recovery. SPRIG is a sub-committee of the DH Community Association Inc.

Suggested Timeframe

February 20 – DHCA meeting to review this document and approve – Done

Late February – paper distributed to community for comment

Mid-March – deadline for community comments to info@sprig.org.nz

April – community consultation meeting

May – final paper prepared and presented to CCC

Resources

Refer to the full document at www.diamondharbour.info or www.sprig.org.nz.

A Site Analysis is currently underway examining built form, pedestrian and vehicular traffic patterns, planting, view corridors, way-finding, and character. The site analysis is intended to record existing uses, and patterns. This analysis should be considered in the re-development.

SPRIG Progress Community Vision

This paper outlines the findings from the community meeting held in 2011 by summarising a community vision and key aspirations, with added background information. The full paper can be viewed on our website www.sprig.org.nz or on www.diamondharbour.info. It will also be available to view at the DH Country Store, the library, school, church and medical centre.

Now is the chance for people to make further comments/give new ideas. Please give us feedback and if you would like to discuss your ideas email us at info@sprig.org.nz or write to:

SPRIG C/DHCA, PO Box 8, Diamond Harbour, 8941.

Join SPRIG

Sign up to receive newsletters and help if you are able or wish to. Email info@sprig.org.nz.

Abridged Summary of Community Input

Godley House Site on Diamond Harbour Recovery Plan.
Below is a list of suggested uses for the Godley House site summarised from the community meeting held September 24, 2011. The meeting is documented in Godley House Site and Diamond Harbour Recovery – Community Comments and may be found in its entirety at www.diamondharbour.info.

The suggestions are listed in order of support from the community present on 24 September 2011:

Bar/beer garden; Restaurant; Takeaways; Café; Accommodation (hotel, or motel attached to conference centre); Small retail (ex. beauty treatment, IT business, etc); Wedding function venue; Conference Centre; Music; Children’s playground; Events Centre; Farmers market; Car parking (more); Redesigned garden area; local get-togethers; Village atmosphere/Square; Art Gallery, workshop space, craft space; Swimming pool; Respect history of site; Star gazing telescope; Commercial kitchen; Link/public walkway connecting Stoddart Cottage to shops; Improve public toilets (include disabled toilets); Petrol; Improved transport to ferry; Showcase sustainability; Brewery; Deli; Craft spaces for teaching/studio space; Cinema; Outdoor theatre; Soap box; Skateboard area; Bike stand; Improved signage.

Your feedback is valuable. Please email SPRIG at info@sprig.org.nz with any comments OR use these questions as a guide:

Which of the uses that have already been identified above do you support most strongly? Are there any suggestions listed above that you strongly oppose?

Thank you for your time.

SPRIG Notices

1. Supported Sounds at the Point
A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the Sunday afternoon live music series we have been running over the summer. We have had some great performances (including Dr Sanchez, Mamajama, Black Velvet, The Eastern and Paul Ubana Jones to name a few) and everyone, including the artists, has commented on the wonderful, relaxed atmosphere.

The weather was not always on our side but that did not deter people from arriving with their picnics, rugs, beanbags and raincoats.

Our local food vendors – Matt, Simone and Dale provided great food every time, and the occasional Coffee Guy or Dose van complemented them with coffees, as did the DH Country Store. Our wonderful men in the Fire Brigade were on call every Sunday in case of first aid emergencies; our local electricians were also on standby in case of electrical dramas – thank you so much.

Also to everyone else who helped on various occasions, putting up the signs each week, setting up and putting away the stage, designing amazing posters and signage – we couldn’t have done it without you.

Without our numerous sponsors and the generosity of those attending on the day, we could not have run these events – thank you. Please check out our website www.sprig.org.nz to see who our sponsors are and also to see what else we have in store!

2. Coming up next from the SPRIG events team...

Dance classes in Diamond Harbour!
Zumba & Argentine Tango with the amazing Marcela from Danza Latina starting March 9.

Where: Community Hall
When: Friday nights 6pm (around $10); 7pm Tango ($12)
Come to the faster class on March 9 (special intro rate of $8) – then sign up for further classes if you get the bug! For further information call Lou 329 3254.

NB Other classes eg Salsa, Merengue are possible – come along if you’re interested.

Stop Press! For those who enjoyed The Eastern band, their new album release shows are in Lyttleton on Friday March 2 and Saturday March 3. See www.sprig.org.nz for more details...

SPRIG
We are not talking gennflex here – this is about archery, the sport which has been Dave Henshaw’s passion for many years.

As a keen competitor in the Recurve Class, which is archery’s Olympic discipline, Dave has claimed a string of national and other titles, but his success at the 2012 New Zealand Masters’ Over 64 years Championship last month has special significance. This gold medal marks a milestone in his come-back after being away from competition for a number of years, most recently whilst caring for his terminally ill wife.

The two-day event in Dunedin involved shooting six groups of six arrows at each of two targets 30 and 50 metres away, a total of 72 arrows. In keeping with the competition rules, all arrows count and score from one to ten points depending in which of the ten concentric circles it strikes on the target – one point for the 80cm diameter outer circle and ten for the innermost one which is 8cm wide, which looks very small at 50 metres.

Of course archery equipment has changed somewhat from that with which Robin Hood took on the sheriff’s men in Sherwood Forest. Not only are today’s bows and arrows made of lightweight super strong carbon fibre materials, but, as can be seen in the photo, there are additional attachments on the bow. An open front sight aids aiming, a long weighted rod helps balance the bow and a clever clicking device indicates the moment it reaches optimum extension and thus the moment of release.

Nevertheless technology cannot replace skill in a sport where losing concentration for a split second or even drawing a breath at the wrong moment can be the difference between winning and losing. To this end, Dave practises daily – often to the fascination of passers-by – by shooting dozens of arrows inside his garage. He also regularly works out on his exer-cycle to achieve good cardio-vascular endurance, not only for his breath control but also because each competitor is required to retrieve his/her own sets of six arrows from the target and in big fields this can total several kilometres of walking in a day.

Dave has been a member of the Christchurch Archery Club for some 38 years and as well as competing, he has shared his expertise by coaching at all levels, his most notable protege being Neroli Fairhall, who won gold at the 1982 Brisbane Commonwealth Games. Coaching Neroli was a very rewarding experience not only because of her success but also because of the challenge of adapting my coaching to a wheelchair bound athlete. Dave goes on to explain that newcomers who aspire to excel in archery do not realise the complexity of the technique nor the hours of dedicated practice required. It’s also a great mind-game, he adds, and only a few people have all the attributes needed to become a champion – so many just drop out.

Now as he approaches his 70th birthday, his attitude is I may never be as good as I used to be, but I am not yet as good as I want to be. And he heads back to the garage for more practice. Take a bow, Dave.

Elaine

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Rugby Training Weekend a Big Hit

At the end of January Diamond Harbour Rugby Club held a pre-season training camp for existing and potential Div II players. The event was born from a brainstorming session between the Club’s new president, Lindy Pickering, new Vice President Denis Breese and Club Captain Adrian Te Patu.

For senior players the emphasis was on team-building. The squad of 22 lived-in at the club rooms for the weekend. On Saturday morning after a high-powered physical training session led by Dave Heath of the local gym, Studio Red, the participants were further enriched by a full-on two hour session with newly appointed All Blacks forward coach Mike Cron - truly inspiring.

The group then moved to Orton Bradley Park to tackle the high ropes course. This was a new experience for most of them and proved challenging for those who prefer the mud at the bottom of a ruck to a thin wire at the top of a tall tree.

In the evening players, ex-players, invited guests and life members enjoyed a formal dinner catered by the new committee and their partners. Adrian informally interviewed past players and others about the Club history to give current members an insight to the years gone by.

On Sunday the seniors were joined by the juniors for a session of core skills and anaerobic games conducted by Nathan Mauger, former All Black and Canterbury Crusader.

The weekend, voted a great success by all involved, concluded with a barbeque lunch before everyone relaxed and enjoyed the Sprig Concert.

Another Junior Registration will be held on Tuesday 13 March with the Crusaders at the club rooms between 5-7pm.

One further registration will be held on St Patrick’s Day, 17 March, from 12 noon. If you have friends or family who would like to take part in this session, they are more than welcome. Please encourage anyone you know or anyone in the Harbour area who would be interested in playing Rugby this winter to attend a registration.

Lindy and the committee are fully committed to helping build on the Senior’s last year’s success, reaching a final in the Ellesmere Competition. Who knows what could happen this year - watch this space!

Two junior teams will be sporting new jerseys this year and there’s a space for someone’s logo to adorn their new strip so if you’re a potential sponsor, please get in touch – ph 329 4338.

This is your local club and we greatly appreciate your support.

DHRC Committee

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If you haven’t been to Snowdrop Cottage yet, you are missing a special experience. For the young, the young at heart and the not so young, this place, just above the playground in lower Waipapa Ave, is magic.

It begins the moment you enter the gate – a country garden with birds – probably even a kereru – in the leafy trees, guinea pigs nuzzling in their cage, fish in an impressive aquarium at the door, and a cheeky love bird nearby.

Inside Heather Watson and her stalwart husband/co-proprietor, Ken, have an amazing array of stock; mainly, but not exclusively, for children. Unique practical and educational gifts abound – toys, books, blankets, lamps and more. There is also a range of children’s dress-ups and a selection of items from local crafts people and artists.

In addition, versatile Heather has a sewing service. Clothing alterations, small tent and fishing net repairs are all within the capabilities of this talented lady, who can even arrange your special occasion party.

Next time you are at the village at Diamond Harbour be sure to stroll down past the Medical Centre to explore, chat, browse and relax in fascinating Snowdrop Cottage. You will be very welcome.

Elaine
Weather Watch

Did the Grinch Steal Summer?

It seems that someone did! February can usually be guaranteed to be the warmest and sunniest month of the year. This year, however, we have seen little of the glorious days we expect, when a trip down to the beach to cool off and enjoy the water is almost a must. Instead, there have been whole days, not just evenings, when some artificial heat has been required. This has not only been due to lower than usual temperatures, but also to a lack of sunshine. Sunshine hours recorded at the airport have been about 25% lower than normal.

The blame has to be placed on pressure situations which have ensured that cool easterly air flows have been directed across Canterbury. They gave us more or less continuous cloud cover. This might not have been quite so bad if the cloud had delivered a decent rain, but here in the harbour the most we got was a light drizzle. The city apparently had some rain, but the hills shielded us. This can be an advantage, but not when there are watering restrictions! It is very difficult to make hand-held hosing on alternate days provide the equivalent of a good, steady overnight rain!

I measured 12mm during the first three weeks of the month, spread in falls of 2 and 4mm. This wouldn’t have been so bad if January had been wet, but the total for that month was only 34mm. In itself that should have been appropriate for summer, but while December had a reasonable total, this all fell in the first half of the month. The last two weeks were dry, so that January’s rainfall did little to improve soil moisture levels. Altogether, we have had a significant soil moisture deficit. Rainfall measured at the airport to date, 14.6mm, is half the normal for February – and the city has had a little more rain than we have.

In spite of the constant cloud cover, evaporation levels have been more or less normal – that is, higher than the amount of moisture we’ve received. Many garden plants are showing the effects of this, and are less vigorous than we expect, with less foliage and poor fruit.

The cloud cover and easterly airflow have kept temperatures down. There have been warm sunny days, but they have been brief intervals, and the average measured temperature is below normal.

Over the past 11 years the average February temperature has been 16.4°C. This year to date it has been 15.7°C. Daily temperatures have not been very low – unlike the situation in an even colder summer, 2004, when overnight minima dropped below 10°C on several occasions. On the other hand, they have not been particularly high, generally staying below 20°C. Even in 2004 there were days when maximum temperatures were higher than this.

All we can do now is to hope for a long, warm late summer-autumn, with the additional hope that there will be enough rain (but not too much!) to moisten the ground enough so that we can sow seeds and plant vegetables for the coming winter!

Jane Soons
RECIPE

Ratatouille

This summer some people are finding difficulties in growing particular vegetables, but one which always seems to grow in abundance is the zucchini or courgette. So here is my favourite use them all up recipe. It is a Ratatouille, which I also bottle and preserve (by sterilising) then serve in the middle of winter, as a special treat, accompanied with a white rice. But for now, we eat Ratatouille as a main course, served with salad and crusty bread or roasted potatoes.

Ratatouille is usually a savoury vegetable stew cooked on the stove, however roasting in the oven intensifies the flavours.

Ingredients
1 large onion, cut into 12 wedges
12 garlic cloves, peeled
500g eggplant, cut in chunks (if available)
500g zucchini, cut into ½ inch rounds
500g tomatoes, cut into 4 wedges or bunches
of cherry tomatoes whole
1 sweet red pepper cut in strips
1 sweet yellow pepper cut in strips
1 tbsp chopped fresh thyme or ½ tsp dried thyme
¼ cup shredded fresh basil or ¼ cup chopped parsley
½ tsp salt                          ½ tsp pepper
1 tbsp olive oil                 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar

Oven method
Spread onion, garlic, eggplant, zucchini, tomatoes and sweet peppers in large lightly oiled roasting pan. Dribble with olive oil. Sprinkle with thyme, salt and pepper. Stirring occasionally, roast vegetables in pre-heated 200°C oven for 45 minutes, or until tender and browned. Toss with basil, olive oil and vinegar. Taste and adjust seasoning as required.

Stove-top method
Use a large pot and heat olive oil. Add garlic and onions; then peppers and tomatoes. Steam for around 10 min, continuously stirring. Add zucchini and eggplants. Season with salt and pepper and steam without a lid for another 10 min, occasionally stirring. Add chopped herbs and simmer for 30 min (or longer for a thicker sweeter dish).

Buon appetito.

Franziska

WINE SPEAK

I write this column a year on from arguably Christchurch’s darkest day and here’s hoping you’ve made some progress recovering from the earthquakes. On a happier note I hear Vino Fino have finally opened their doors again, so visit them or your supermarket to track down some of these mostly Air New Zealand Wine Award winning gems as you reflect on the year gone by.

For $14, the 2011 The Ned Sauvignon Blanc is an absolute bargain. It has a refreshing grapefruit/citrus core ensuring good line and length but it’s the passionfruit and sweet capsicum fruit that sing the loudest. A little sweeter is the trophy winning 2011 Spy Valley Pinot Gris for $18. Crowd-pleaser style with spicy citrus and pear but then a rich texture of apricot and mango cream follows. Better still, and often on special for $17 is the gold medal winning 2010 Vidal Reserve Series Chardonnay. Stonefruit and vanilla flood the nose and tastebuds but the mineral palate holds it in check ensuring good balance, elegance and a lovely long toasty meal finish.

My best value red at the moment is the pure elite gold winning 2010 Mud House Pinot Noir for $20 on special. Sweet currant, cherry and spice flavours sit on fine tannins and savoury oak, it really slips down almost too fast! Finally the trophy winning 2010 Bilancia Syrah for $25 is a real drink-now option. A flick of viognier accounts for the floral note on the nose, but then the ripe blue and black fruits build elegantly in the palate with white pepper featuring, the ride out is smooth and persistent on silky tannins. Enjoy!

The Godfather

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Surf the Net Safely and Ad-Free

Many of us have a love-hate relationship with the internet. There is no need to list all the wonders of the web – just imagine life without it! But its very success, particularly as an cyber shopping mall, has made it irresistible turf for those who wish to part us from our money – by fair mean or foul.

Rather than wandering where we will, we are too often tricked, cajoled and led by the nose (or the mouse, maybe) for the financial benefit of others. But if you know how, it is a simple matter to turn off adverts and protect yourself from various other means used to side-track and rip-off the unwary.

The way to take back control is with browser add-ons (also referred to as extensions). Add-ons are available for all popular browsers, including Firefox, Chrome and later versions of Internet Explorer and Safari. I recommend using Firefox or Chrome (both run on Windows, Mac and Linux) because they have the largest selection of free add-ons which are easy to find, install, and manage.

To find add-ons in Firefox: Click Tools on the menu bar (or if it is hidden, click the orange Firefox button) and select Add-ons.

To find add-ons in Chrome: Click the spanner icon, then Tools, select Extensions and click on browse the gallery.

On the page displayed (in both Firefox and Chrome), simply type the name of the add-on you want in the search box and follow the instructions to install it.

If you are using one of the several versions of Internet Explorer (IE) or Safari, the easiest method may be to Google for the add-on you want and then download and install it.

Essential Add-ons

**AdBlock Plus** (Firefox and Chrome only)

This is a must-have add-on, which blocks almost all adverts. For IE try **SimpleAdBlock**, for Safari try **AdBlock for Safari**.

**NoScript** (Firefox) **NotScripts** (Chrome)

These add-ons prevent scripts from running automatically. Scripts are like small programs, and while most are benign, they can be the means of installing viruses and other malware on your computer. They also automatically. Scripts are like small programs, and while most are benign, they can be the means of installing viruses and other malware on your computer. They also auto-play videos without your consent – which, apart from the annoyance, chew up bandwidth, which can result in additional charges from your ISP.

Both add-ons allow you to turn on scripts selectively – either one-off or always – for specific sites (such as your bank where scripts must be enabled to login). Many sites detect if scripts are blocked and will ask you to enable them. Otherwise, you may notice when you click on a link or a button that nothing happens. Simply click on the NoScript/NotScripts icon at the top of the page and enable scripts for that site (if you trust it!)

I cannot recommend any script-blocking add-ons for IE or Safari. It should be possible to block scripts using browser settings, however this requires some expertise (you could try Googling for block scripts for IE).

**WOT (Web of Trust)**

This add-on is available in all 4 browsers. It does not block adverts or scripts, but it rates sites by 4 criteria: trustworthiness, vendor reliability, privacy and child safety. It provides visual cues (green, yellow and red) for most websites. These are displayed against each site listed on the Google search result page and at the top of every page you visit. You can even contribute to the ratings yourself. This invaluable add-on can save you from straying into unsafe waters.

Ron

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**The Eco Gardener’s Patch**

**The Black Boy Peach – it’s a Kiwi thing**

In a week or two the peaches on my self-sown blackboy peach trees will be ready to eat raw – and to start turning into pies, tarts, chutney, sauce, icecream...

My big and bonny trees grew from stones that survived the composting process. It was clear from their leaves when they were small that they would turn into peach trees, and I let them grow on where they had planted themselves to see whether they would be a tasty variety (most peaches do not come true from seed). Both of them turned out to be blackboy peaches. Within three years of self-sowing they had already started to flower and fruit, and now they are both at least 4 metres tall and have heavy crops. Unlike my white and yellow-fleshed peach trees from the garden centre they don’t get leaf curl or other serious diseases, and all in all I can’t think of a more trouble-free and productive fruit tree.

It is also, as I discovered when trying to find out more about this wonder tree, rather a mystery. The name Black Boy Peach (hereafter BBP) seems to be a totally New Zealand thing, and New Zealand also seems to be the current world capital of the tree/fruit itself. I found various claims online that the BBP is really the Peche de Vigne (vineyard peach) of France, but the French language Wikipedia entry on peaches says that such peaches are not exclusively dark-red, like the BBP, but rather have been so named because they ripen at the same time as grapes and are planted (or self-sow) around vineyards where they act as an indicator for pest and diseases that might harm the vines, especially mildew.

Almost everything else about the BBP online is also contradictory (it will/will not grow true from seed; it is/is not good to eat fresh; it is/is not better cooked; it is/is not disease free). All I can say about my own experience of growing and eating the BBP in Port Levy conditions is that it does appear to come true from seed, that it doesn’t get the diseases my other peach trees do, that it is delicious fresh if you pick it when perfectly ripe, and that you can cook it in lots of tasty ways.

(See my Eco Gardener blog for Roasted Black Boy Peach Chutney and Vegan Black Boy Peach Cake recipes.)

Christine Dann
Vet-Spot

Two Serious Cat Diseases

I would like to remind cat owners about two serious diseases that can be vaccinated against, but which are not included in our standard cat vaccinations. These are FIV (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus) and FeLV (Feline Leukaemia virus). It is worth reading through this and considering whether your cat needs to be protected, or if the risk of contracting them is low enough to justify doing nothing.

Briefly, they are both retroviruses (slow acting) that can lie dormant for years before any symptoms are seen, as is the case with HIV/AIDS in people. They mainly act by suppressing the immune system, so symptoms are very similar in both diseases, increased susceptibility to infections and abscesses, gingivitis and smelly breath, weakness and weight loss. FIV is primarily spread by saliva injected below the skin (from bites), and FeLV by aerial transmission, sharing food and water bowls, grooming, or coughing and sneezing. FeLV can also be transmitted from mother to kitten, but it is rare with FIV.

The prevalence of FIV in the NZ cat population is around 10% and FeLV around 1 to 2%, although these figures can be considerably higher in feral colonies. Un-neutered male cats, roamers and those that often fight are most at risk for FIV, and cats with a lot of contact with wild cats, breeding cats and those in households with more than 3 cats are most at risk of FeLV.

Both diseases can be vaccinated against, although FIV vaccination probably only gives around 80% protection (still a lot better than 0%), and FeLV vaccination is most often associated with vaccine induced sarcomas - again these are extremely rare!

If a cat should contract either disease they are almost always eventually fatal, and although we can identify risk factors, we cannot guarantee that any cat will never become infected. Cats over 6 months of age are worth testing first. Vaccines aren’t curative, and once vaccinated these are extremely rare!

Living Well

Reflections From One Year On...

It has now been over a year since that crazy day when people’s lives, and our city, got turned upside down.

However, as with most things in life, there is a flip side of the coin, and despite the tragedy, the disruption, and the continual shaking of our beloved city, out of all this madness, some good has also emerged, and it is this good that I would like to focus on today.

As I see it, the first real positive to come out of the earthquake was the way the people of Christchurch banded together. Community spirit came alive in a way it hasn’t been for years. Everyone did what they could – people volunteered with the Civil Defence, baked cakes and meals for those in need, and armies of students, farmers and anyone with a shovel cleaned up liquefaction.

In today’s society, it’s the norm for people to no longer know their neighbours, and in the days following February 22, all the barriers we usually keep between ourselves and others simply disappeared, bringing us closer, and making us one.

The second thing to come about was a re-evaluation of what’s important to us. So many of us spend our lives focussing on moving up the career ladder, acquiring the latest gadget, and surrounding ourselves with nice things. An event like that of last year though, forces a re-evaluation and makes us look at what really matters – things like family, friends, laughter, conversations and fun.

The earthquake has also left us with an incredible resilience. We live in a time and place in history where life is relatively easy. Many people worry that current generations have it too easy, that they don’t know the value of hard work, and they fall down at any hurdle. The people of Christchurch though, are now far more equipped when it comes to looking after themselves, at overcoming hardship, and at taking a difficult situation, and making the best of it.

Lastly, the earthquake last year has presented Christchurch with the opportunity to completely reinvent itself, to extend our parklands, to redesign the way we live.

Napier is always viewed as a really interesting place to go, unique in New Zealand, and that is a direct result of an earthquake there many decades ago. Christchurch now has that chance. And while I am sad to say goodbye to the Christchurch that was, I still love this city, love living here, and am excited about what is to come.

Robyn
DH Historical Association
Next meeting: Tuesday March 13
8pm in the Stage Room
Our speaker The Rev Graham Brady will speak on
Cathedral Restoration in England
All welcome    Jan Studholme

Our Library
Did you know that March is New Zealand Book Month?
Come in and see our display of New Zealand titles at the Diamond Harbour Library.
There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate’s loot on Treasure Island - Walt Disney
Our Library has a lot more to offer than just books. You can hire a DVD, music CD or a talking book to listen to. We also have jigsaw puzzles to swap and magazines to borrow.
Free internet access is available too. Log in to our website at www.christchurchcitylibraries.com to find all sorts of information including family history, business resources, online newspapers and eBooks.
Our next Storytime will be on Tuesday March 20 at 2pm.
Everyone is welcome.  Christine

Free Running Group
Sundays at 8am
Road Cycling Group
Meets weekly in Diamond Harbour — to find out more
Contact Mike 329 4647 or mikecatton@mac.com

Diamond Harbour Camera Club
Next meeting, Tuesday March 20
7.30pm in the Stage Room.
Photography presentation by a local photographer
Everyone welcome. Visitors: $3 donation
Rouke Bakker

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We can arrange for someone from the group to harvest, and/or collect your produce for you.
See you there! Newcomers always welcome!  Rachel

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Organic Plant Seed & Produce Swap
Church Notices

Regular Services
 Anglican - Methodist - Presbyterian: Sunday 10:30am
 Communion: Wednesday 9am
 Catholic Mass first Sunday of the month at 6:30pm

Wednesday @ 9
 Wednesday mornings 9-9:30am
 This new service is relaxed and reflective. A great place to drop into after the kids are at school or on your morning walk.
 We would love to see you and offer a time of friendly fellowship and a mid-week breathing space.

Men's Breakfast
 Saturday March 3, 8am at St Andrews Church Hall.
 Guest speaker: Richard Starling who started the Get Real / Stay Real program designed for at risk young people at Aranui High School.
 Cooked breakfast provided. Koha towards costs welcomed. To book contact John Somerville 329 4713 or the church office 329 4790.

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

Home Groups
 Two home groups meet on 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 pre-schoolers are welcome. $3 for one child or $4 per family. Inquiries 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. March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (30 Animals Theme). Term 2 commences Friday April 27.

Baby and Toddler Group
 A baby group for infants 0-36 months and their caregivers is held at the Diamond Harbour Church Hall on Tuesdays fortnightly 10 to 12 noon. Please ring Wendy Coles 329 4483 - Babies or Kate Leech 329 4924 - Toddlers.
 March 6 & 20; April 3 & 17; May 1, 15 & 29; June 12 & 26.

City Shopping Van
 The fortnightly shopping van to South City runs on Weds: March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18, May 2, 16 & 30, June 13 & 27.
 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.

Mount Herbert Parish Magazine
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(a) Place the green waste in a place that is easily accessible to a large and cumbersome towed chipper. It will save the customer money and the operator time if the waste does not have to be moved far. The shredder cannot be manoeuvred up steep slopes and must be operated on level ground.
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(c) Note that any chips not left at the place of work will have to be taken away at a later date for a separate price.
(d) If the waste has been lying for some time, or has become a tangled, semi-solid mass, loosen it up to increase the rate that it can be fed into the machine.
(e) Much of the operator’s time is wasted trying to find the green waste. If your place is not easy to find, ring me and tell me — or you may be missed. Tie a bag to the pile the green waste. If your place is not easy to find, ring me and tell me — or you may be missed. Tie a bag to the pile.

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Karen

Civil Defence Update

Are You Storing Your Emergency Water?

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Michelle

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Cheap PC for sale
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Cordless Stereo Headphone for sale
Sony MDR-IF140K system, hardly used. $50 ono (new retail for $23.70/sheet). Also some sheets in others sizes. Latest version 2700x1200x10mm standard taper edge. 21 graphite metal woods, no 7 and no 9. Pure C graphite metal woods, no 7 and no 9. $18/sheet or $15 for 10+ sheets.

Whiteware for sale
2 washing machines, 1 dryer, 2 refrigerators, 1 freezer. Good condition. Cheap prices. Selling for a friend who has emigrated. Ph 329 4119.

Settee for sale
Converts to a double bed, excl condition. $20. Ph 329 3117.

Gib Board for sale
Latest version 2700x1200x10mm standard taper edge. 21 sheets. $18/sheet or $15 for 10+ sheets. (Retail for $23.70/sheet). Also some others in sizes others. Ph Tania 329 3227 or 027 594 6677.

Optimist for sale
Wooden with launching trolley. $350. Ph Frances 329 4666.

Golf Clubs and Bag for sale
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Dining Table for sale
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Small repair to seat moulding required. kayak $40. Paddle (new) $70. Ph Frances 329 4666.

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Experienced hairdresser and Reiki practitioner working from home. Mobility problems? I can come to you. Ph 329 4224 or 021 152 3937 indigo-barb@hotmail.com.

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Croquet: Weds, 2pm; Sats, 10am, Croquet Club
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Gov Bay Fete: Sun Mar 11, 10.30am. See website
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String Players: Tues, 7pm. Ph 329 4536.
Tai Chi: Thurs 11am, Suns 5pm, Community Hall
Tennis: Weds, 6.30pm; Suns, 9.30am. Waipapa Courts
Touch Rugby: Fris, preschoolers 4pm, others 5.30pm
Toy Library: Sats 10am, Community Hall
Ukulele Band: Thu Mar 22, 7.30pm. Ph 329 3033
Woolfun Day at Berg: Sat Mar 10. See website

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