Charteris Bay Sailors Take on the World

Our local yacht club has long had the reputation of fostering sailing for youngsters, and this year their efforts have reaped great rewards with Charteris Bay sailors taking the top two spots in the National 420 Class Championships in March. The 420 - the name refers to its metric length – was originally designed as a stepping-stone to the 470, but it has outstripped its big cousin in popularity and now boasts the world’s largest two-person dinghy class fleet, with separate boys and girls divisions at all levels. Before teaming up in this class, Jayvee Buchanan (17), Matthew Morrison (16), Sam Lee (16) and Sam Thomas (17), who all began at an early age in the club’s Learn to Sail program, have already had considerable success in the Optimist, P and Starling classes and their achievements this year render them eligible to compete in World Championships.

Jayvee (skipper, L) and Matthew (R), have, in addition to their national title, scored the lowest aggregate points in the two national qualifying regattas which means inclusion in the NZ team for the 2012 World Youth Championships to be held 12-21 July in Dun Laoghaire, Ireland. Although both have travelled overseas before, this will be Matthew’s first international sailing experience, Jayvee having previously competed in the Optimist Class World Championships. Early next month they leave with the winning girls 420 crew (from Auckland), manager and coach and seven other youth sailors from various classes en route to first a pre-Worlds regatta in Nieuwpoort, Belgium, about 30km along the coast from Dunkirk and then on to Dublin Bay. Being respectively on the North Sea and the North Atlantic both venues are likely to provide chilly and challenging sailing conditions. However Jayvee and Matthew, like many NZ yachtsmen, are used to heavy weather so, despite their comparatively light weight, the pair is not daunted by this prospect and is determined to do more than just make up the numbers.

In contrast, Sam Lee (skipper, L) and Sam Thomas (R) are anticipating the notoriously fickle light breezes will prevail on Lake Neusiedler See near Vienna, Austria for the Open 420 Class World Champs, starting 27 July.

All four boys are dedicated to the task at hand and are on the water every weekend in all weather, often totally alone, but sometimes with the support of others, key among whom has been Wayne Keen of the Canterbury Yachting Association who has organised coaching and earlier the supply of boats. The boys also acknowledge the contributions of their parents, of Charteris Bay Club and the many people who have assisted in fund-raising, sponsorship and in other ways. Taking on the world is never going to be easy. We wish them well and look forward to hearing about their experiences.

Elaine
**The School Report—More on Music**

All good things take time
Gifts, gifts, gifts. Most of us adore gifts and Diamond Harbour School is no different! Almost two years ago the Sponsor a Key Piano Fundraiser was launched at the school’s Musical Evening on July 31 2010. Jill Rice started this fundraising initiative with the intention of gaining sufficient sponsorship from the local community to gift the school a new piano. Not only did the Musical Evening in 2010 showcase the many talents within our community, it also provided the fundraising impetus with over a $1000 pledged for key sponsorship.

The reason to fundraise for a piano was the result of demand from students and the need to provide a piano that would meet the needs of not only our beginners but also our advanced students.

The fundraising was interrupted and put on hold after the September and February earthquakes and after the June earthquake the consensus was to get going with it again.

In November last year the ROSL kindly donated the takings from a private concert held in Purau. This additional funding meant we could look at a far superior piano to replace the old one.

Finally, this month we sold the last key and with an additional generous donation we have now purchased a Kawai KS3F, black and shiny, durable with a wonderful tone. The piano will be arriving later this month and we would like to thank Wytze Hoekstra from the Piano Shop at the Sails in Ferrymead for his support in providing the new piano for our School.

Currently we have about ten percent of our students learning piano at school and the new piano will help to compliment our violin, recorder, xylophone, guitar and drum students, assemblies and musical events. Diamond Harbour School is incredibly lucky to have such a wealth of instruments and tutors allowing the children the opportunities to learn a range of instruments within our school. We look forward to continue to share the talents of our students with the community.

Gifts are great, thoughtful gifts are better. This thoughtful gift has been the result of endeavours from a group of parents led by Jill Rice. We appreciate Jill’s efforts in guiding this fundraising initiative. A big thank you to all of our sponsors for their patience and kind donations. To have our children learn to play the piano on such a wonderful tool is a true gift.


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Less dramatic but none the less gross, there was a fresh pile of poo on the field during a recent game. As Murphy would have it, several people did step in it and subsequently it was tracked through the club rooms leaving quite a mess for our already over-worked volunteers to deal with.

While we’re on the subject of dogs and poo and sports grounds, technically dogs aren’t meant to be down on the field but that’s a bit silly really and we want you and the pooch there. A Pooch Poo Free ground is a happy ground.

Adrian Te Patu, DH Rugby Club Captain

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Unfinished Business on the Point

When Michelle Anderton and husband Richard Hawes took over the management of Godley House in October 2009, the couple had definite goals in mind for the business. Subsequent earthquakes may have destroyed Godley House, but they have not affected Michelle’s resolve to bring to fruition her ideas to benefit the community she loves.

While Richard returned to his building trade, Michelle has been quietly working on her dream. The opportunity to team up with another local entrepreneur, Jill Martin, has been a real plus. The like-minded pair seized with enthusiasm the invitation to join Christchurch City Council’s small business mentoring plan and the guidance they have received there has been a key part of their success in negotiating the often complex path towards their vision to establish a licensed café that will provide excellent customer service and high quality food in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. CCC has also been supportive in granting an initial four-year consent for a relocatable building on the former Lilystone site (see photo below). Now, with just a couple more hurdles to overcome, Jill and Michelle are tentatively aiming for the grand opening of Godley Café in early July. The building, already constructed, will be trucked in and lowered into position facing out over the harbour.

So the street frontage will be the back of the building? I hear you asking with some dismay. But no need for concern - an innovative plan to enlist the help of some of our younger community members has that covered in an interesting and attractive way.

It’s still just another relocatable, though, you are muttering. Relocatable? Yes. Just another? No! This building has been custom designed to Michelle’s and Jill’s requirements. Insulation and double glazing will keep customers warm and cozy on the coldest day, with the massive deck providing an alfresco alternative in better weather.

From both indoors and outdoors the view is wide blue and green with the harbour vista in front and to the right, the newly cleared and tidied former front lawn of Godley House. The décor sets the scene for a pleasant relaxing break. The coffee will be superb and there will be a good selection of wines for all tastes, tap and bottled beer as well.

The sparkling kitchen is well equipped to provide great food – homemade, seasonal, fresh and delicious. And it’s yes to the other question you wanted to ask – of course there are super clean toilets right there as well.

Elaine

So you’ve seen the signs and now you know what Godley Café is all about. Just watch this space.

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Ploughman True to His Word

Last year we reported on the success of local ploughing enthusiast, Russell Ward, in qualifying for the first time for the New Zealand Vintage Ploughing Championships. He told the Herald then that he had no intention of being an also-ran there, and vowed to improve both his own skills and the presentation of his equipment in the ensuing months.

He ploughed into his training with his usual determination and quest for perfection but there were to be a couple of furrows that didn’t turn quite as he planned – twice this year 81 years-old Russell has been admitted to hospital where a major operation looked like the end of his dream.

No way! declared Russell as he began working to regain his fitness. The Easter Endeavour was on again!

The offer from a friend in Hamilton to lend him a tractor meant he needed to take only his plough on the long trip to Cambridge. With ever-supportive wife Shirley sharing the driving, Russell arrived in good shape and set about fine-tuning the tractor in his friend’s workshop.

A really good run on the first day of competition boosted his confidence, but the second day’s conditions were less than ideal and Russell was disappointed with his efforts. Clearly though, not everyone held that view, as his combined scores took him to a very creditable third place.

Delighted as he was, the icing on the cake for Russell was his being awarded the Wiganwood Trophy (pictured) for the best presented rig.

Another thrill greeted the couple on their arrival back in Church Bay, where pinned to the gate was the sign below, made by a young supporter and signed by all the neighbours.

It’s a great neighbourhood we live in, enthused a justly proud and happy Russell.

Elaine
**Anzac Spirit Lives on**

A summer stroll around Stoddart Point can be both interesting and pleasant. Among those who have enjoyed this last March were a couple of visitors who were saddened to see our Anzac Memorial plaque lay fallen and grubby among the grasses. After all, the Anzac Legend is important to a lot of Kiwis – it somehow defines who we are. But they were equally delighted to see the photo below, taken on 25th April, in last month’s Herald.

By coincidence we now know who was responsible for the efficient and timely repair job. This group spent about four hours, cleaning, drilling and re-securing the plaque in time for its big day.

And it is no coincidence that they are members of Diamond Harbour Volunteer Fire Brigade. It was a job that needed to be done, so we did it, said one of them, noting that part way through the repair they dropped tools and rushed off to respond to a major medical emergency in the district then returned later to finish the task. It’s all in a day’s work.

If you think about it, what these volunteers do for us pretty much emulates the Anzac Spirit. Thanks, guys.

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**Living Well**

**Bucket List**

A couple of weeks ago I attended a concert which came about as a result of a brain tumour. At the age of 24 and after months of migraines, Victoria Neil began having problems with her vision. A trip to the doctor and an MRI later, she was diagnosed with a brain tumour the size of an orange. An operation successfully reduced the size of the tumour, but it was found to be a particularly aggressive type, with a strong likelihood of her not living any longer than 18 months.

Knowing time was short, Victoria decided there was not a minute to be wasted, left her job and set about achieving her bucket list. One of those wishes was to sing in a concert – which was achieved in the concert last month. The concert itself served a second purpose too – raising funds for oncology research, and to allow Victoria to achieve other things on her list – including taking art classes, attending a friend’s wedding in the UK, seeing ancient ruins in Greece and visiting friends around the world.

This all got me thinking. Victoria is staying positive, enjoying time with family and friends, and achieving the things she wants to achieve. Isn’t that what we should all be doing all the time? It seems to me that the tendency to work hard now, enjoy life later is a dangerous one. Later can be too late. Now is all we really have, and we should be making the most of it. And so I ask, are you enjoying your life? Are you spending quality times with loved ones? What is it you want to achieve in life? And how are you going to make it happen? Whether your goal is learning to cook a great curry, or climbing to the top of Mt Everest, it’s really worth going out there and making it happen.

Robyn

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**Indian Spices for a change**

A few weeks ago, I bought myself a special birthday present - a Masala Dabba, which is an Indian spice box, made of stainless steel. It contains one large round box, with seven small round containers within and with a small teaspoon measure within. The Indian cook fills these compartments with his/her seven favorite spices. The most common spices for a Masala Dabba are red chili powder, turmeric, garam masala, cumin powder, cumin seeds, black mustard seeds, coriander seeds and coriander powder. Cooking Indian will be a breeze as you will be able to find all the spices you need in one place.

I love making curries and different Indian dishes from scratch. I cooked up a Pork Vindaloo, by adapting two online recipes together, using spices from my own box. Easy, delicious, and better than takeaways. The only time-consuming job is grinding the lovely scented spices in a mortar.

**Pork Vindaloo**

**Ingredients:**
- 1 tsp cumin seeds
- 5 whole black peppercorns
- 1cm piece cinnamon
- 1cm fresh ginger, peeled and chopped
- 2 small tomatoes
- 3 tbsp white wine vinegar
- 500g of pork (fillet, shoulder, belly)
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- ¾ tsp mustard seeds
- 6 tbsp oil
- 1 tsp coriander seeds
- 2 cloves
- 3 fresh red chillies
- 1 tsp cumin seeds
- 1 tsp coriander seeds
- 2 cloves
- 3 fresh red chillies
- pinch salt
- 1cm fresh ginger, peeled and chopped

**Method:**
Using a spice grinder (or mortar and pestle), grind the cumin seeds, coriander seeds, peppercorns, cloves and cinnamon to a fine powder.

In a food processor, blend the ginger, garlic, chillies, tomatoes and white wine vinegar to a paste.

Mix the ground spice mixture with the paste until well combined. Add small splashes of boiling water to the pan as necessary if the juices in the pan dry out. Add as little water as possible as the resulting sauce should be quite thick.

Heat four tablespoons of the oil in a non-stick pan. When the mustard seeds will start to pop, so heat to low, cover the pan with a lid and cook for 35-40 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the pork is tender. Add small splashes of boiling water to the pan as necessary if the juices in the pan dry out. Add as little water as possible as the resulting sauce should be quite thick.

Heat the remaining 2 teaspoons of oil in a separate pan over a medium heat. When the oil is hot, add the onion and fry for 3-4 minutes, or until golden-brown.

Add the marinated pork pieces and fry for 6-7 minutes, turning once, until golden-brown on all sides. Reduce the heat to low, cover the pan with a lid and cook for 35-40 minutes, stirring occasionally, or until the pork is tender.

Add small splashes of boiling water to the pan as necessary if the juices in the pan dry out. Add as little water as possible as the resulting sauce should be quite thick.

Serve with Basmati rice. Spoon the vindaloo alongside and pour the fried cashew nuts and mustard seeds over the vindaloo, or alternatively spoon the vindaloo into the centre of four wheat tortillas, sprinkle with chopped lettuce and soured cream and roll up into parcels.

If you are a vegetarian, or you like vegetables like us, add vegetables additional to meat or use only vegetables.

I served the meal with sour cream and a beetroot salad sprinkled with sesame seeds, and my family was more than happy.

Who knows the Indian word for bon appetite?  

Franziska

**Wine speak**

It’s really getting chilly now, so I’m moving into quality rather than quantity as far as quaffing goes. There’s some regular names featured this month and a nip of spirit to finish in front of the fire.

I always discover this one late in the year but the 2011 Palliser Estate Sauvignon Blanc is drinking beautifully at the moment for under $20 on special. Subtle power with passionfruit and capsicum in the back seat it’s more peach and nectarine to the fore but remains refreshing with the acid in perfect balance. For something sweeter and a bargain at under $19 on special is the 2009 Church Road McDonald Series Pinot Gris. I think this is a re-badge of the Cuvee series and this one is luscious with mango, pear and spice which beckon a cheese platter or match with East Asian cuisine. Top drawer again is the 2010 Te Mata Elston Chardonnay. Retails for $35 but I’ve got it for under $27 and again it’s a complex weighty wine with nutty grapefruit offset by peach and a mealy texture in the mouth. However you should cellar it and finish off your 07’s and start into the 08’s from now!

Reds this month are from the same stable, the same 2009 vintage and again part of the recently released Church Road McDonald Series range (under $19). The Cabernet Sauvignon is intense with blackberry, cedar and cassis but oh so plush in the mouth and finish, screaming, enjoy me with lamb! The Merlot is the best straight version of this grape I’ve had for some time its inky violet with plum flavours on a smooth savoury ride out that would superbly match a nice chunk of red meat or game.

…and to finish, if you’re like me and partial to a nightcap before bed, then enjoy my favourite whisky, Talisker single malt 10YO of course under $80 Duty Free and worth every cent in my book. Cheers!  

The Godfather

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If you have been reading recent Computer Helpdesk columns, you may be wondering if genuinely free computer software still exists!

It certainly does and the next couple of columns will be devoted to reviewing some of the finest.

Free software falls roughly into two categories. There is that offered free by companies whose payback is in tempting you to upgrade to their fully-featured paid version or downloading some other non-free software; installing a browser search bar (which biases results in favour of sites who pay); or subjecting you to advertisements. But, with care, you can download and install this software while avoiding the payback penalties.

The second category, Open Source and GPL software, is often developed in a public, collaborative manner by enthusiasts whose motivation is innovation and excellence rather than profit (see Wikipedia for further info).

This month’s column focuses on Open Source and GPL software and begins with offerings from the Mozilla Project, an organisation which exemplifies the Open Source ethic. Their mission statement is to promote openness, innovation and opportunity on the Internet.

This is aptly reflected in their flagship Firefox web browser, which is deliberately designed to make it easy for bright young boffins to write small free addons (aka extensions or plugins) which allow users to fashion their browser as they please. In previous columns I have recommended some of these addons, such as Adblock Plus, NoScript and WOT, which make surfing the web safer, ad-free and cheaper (no adverts = less web traffic).

Although Internet Explorer and Google Chrome are now playing catch-up, neither can match the thousands of free addons available in Firefox, which is also subject to fewer attacks from viruses and other malware than Internet Explorer, the default Windows browser.

If you use an email client (rather than webmail) to read your email then you may be interested in another Mozilla product, Thunderbird. It is more robust, trouble-free, and easier to use than the default Windows email clients, Outlook Express (on Windows XP) and Windows Live Mail (on Vista and Windows 7). If you do want to give Thunderbird a try, you can easily import your messages and contacts from your old email client.

After surfing the web and emailing, the third most common computer activity for many people is using an office suite – such as Microsoft Office – for creating or viewing (Word) text documents, (Excel) spreadsheets and (Powerpoint) presentations. Why pay hundreds of dollars for Microsoft Office when there is a free Open Source alternative, LibreOffice. If you are one of the millions who were dismayed when Microsoft changed Office’s user interface (look and feel) in Office 2007 (and later versions) from the one you knew your way around, then you may find LibreOffice easier to use.

LibreOffice can read and write files from/for all versions of MS Office. Not only is it free, but like most Open Source software (including Firefox and Thunderbird), it is less resource hungry than Microsoft equivalents, so it runs faster – particularly on older computers.

If you watch videos and DVDs on your PC, you may want to look at VLC Media Player and/or SMPlayer. They can play lots of things that Windows Media Player will not. For creating or manipulating images try Gimp – it is incredibly powerful, and the equal of many expensive commercial packages.

Ron
Tuberculosis in NZ

Historically this is a disease that has had a huge impact on human and animal health, and also a big economic impact on the medical and agricultural sectors. The good news is that in NZ, unlike other parts of the world, we are winning the battle, with the number of infected herds declining annually.

The Animal Health Board, which oversees the TB control scheme in animals, as well as setting tagging and identification policies for cattle and deer, has a 3 pronged strategy to attack TB. Testing and monitoring cattle and deer, vector control and movement control. This largely seems to be working, and it’s sobering reading accounts from the bad old days when TB was rife and hundreds, even thousands of infected animals were killed.

It’s also a good thing that we no longer need TB sanatoriums around the country for human patients, although certainly in the Western Cape of South Africa, where I come from, and no doubt many other places, the disease is still prevalent, especially amongst shack dwellers with substandard shelter and nutrition.

On Banks Peninsula over the past few years we’ve moved from being an annual testing area to a 2 yearly testing area. This is based on no new infected herds found during testing, and no TB found in poisoned possums, a percentage of which are necropsied for TB lesions.

As vectors (wildlife that can carry and spread the disease to farmed livestock) possums are the most common. Pigs, stoats, weasels and even cats are less significant vectors. Even seals have been involved in spreading TB in NZ, so it’s sobering reading accounts from the bad old days when TB was rife and hundreds, even thousands of infected animals were killed.

In Britain badgers are the main TB vector, and are wanting them gone. In fact there are other reasons besides TB control for wanting them gone.

In Britain badgers are the main TB vector, and are protected, creating a huge dilemma. Movement control requires compulsory tagging of cattle and deer, and forms filled in with TB status of herd, and date last tested whenever stock are moved. For infected herds, or stock moving from TB movement control areas, with a higher percentage of infected herds, a pre-movement test needs to be carried out, and only clear animals can be moved unless going directly to slaughter.

I came away with lots of inspiration to start applying this whole landscape approach to sustainable growing in my own drier, cooler patch in Port Levy.

I was also inspired by the whole society approach taken to improving the nation’s diet through growing food at home and together by the Community Food Network. I met Katherine Smith who put up the Network’s website (www.growtogether.org.nz) at the end of 2011, and now maintains it. She is providing an incredibly valuable resource for those wanting to get involved in growing their own food, whether at home or with a community group. As far as I know there is no other NZ website where you can get a virtual introduction to the kitchen gardening groups and friendly experts in your area, plus organic growing advice. However, the community level gardening scene is changing all the time as more groups get started, so I’ll be doing what I can to help Katherine keep the site up-to-date, and if you want to help too you are welcome to contact her via the site.

Paul

Christine Dann
You can come too — Local Events and Community Activities

Our Library
On Saturday mornings during May (New Zealand Music Month) we had local performers in the library. Thanks to Liam Schmidlin-Wilson (keyboard), Lou Warren (harp), Lianne Eveleens (flute) and Dorothy Schmidlin-Wilson (violin).

As winter is officially here you might want to find some warming soup recipes from one of our cookbooks, a Lonely Planet Guide to a warm tropical holiday destination, or a knitting pattern for that warm scarf or jersey you would like to knit - pop in and see our knitting book display (and Christine’s stunning knitted blanket)!

Would you like a jigsaw puzzle to do to while away those cold winter days when you’re stuck indoors? We have plenty here for you to choose from.

A special Matariki Pre-School Storytime will be held at the library on Tuesday June 19 at 2pm, presented by Tania and Aurelia.

Christine Turner (Rochford)

Diamond Harbour & Districts Historical Assn
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Rick Menzies’s talk: Six generations at Menzies Bay.
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Jan Studholme

Tango Classes
The Tango group now meets at 6pm at the Hall on Fridays for a free, informal practice and learning together class. We’ll be working on steps sent to us by Marcela through YouTube!

And then she’s planning to come over and teach us every 4-5 weeks or so to clear up the mess we’ve made of them!

For more information contact Lou on 329 3254. Lou

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Then get a team together for the next quiz Friday July 27 — Ph 329 4483 to book a table.
Church Notices

Catholic Mass
First Sunday of the month at 6:30pm

Anglican - Methodist - Presbyterian
Regular Services
Sunday 10:30am Communion
Wednesday 9am –9:30 (see below)

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

Sunday School
Primary School age children welcome.
Sunday 10:30 am till 11:30 am.

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 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 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.
June 12 & 26; July 10 & 24; Aug 7 & 21.

City Shopping Van
The fortnightly shopping van to South City will be running on: June 13 & 27; July 11 & 25; Aug 8 & 22.
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.

Induction of Rev Russell Pickersgill-Brown
Bishop Victoria Matthews intends to induct Rev Russell Pickersgill-Brown as vicar of Mount Herbert Parish at St Andrews Community Church at 7:30pm on Sunday 24 June. All are welcome and the evening will conclude with a light refreshment.

Women’s Community Breakfast
Join us for breakfast on Saturday June 16 at 8:15am at St Andrews Church Hall. Koha/donation appreciated.
Theme: Rainbow Colours. Guest speaker Kylie Phaup-Stephens.—Kiwi Birds Can Fly. Kylie cycled for 22 months, on her own from London to New Zealand travelling through some of the most dangerous countries in the world. She has an amazing story to tell. For catering please phone the Church Office 329 4790, Ruth Willis 329 4243 or Brenda Walker 329 4477.

Winter Soup Lunches
At St Andrew’s Community Church noon—2pm on Wednesdays, June 6 & 20; July 4 & 18; Aug 1 & 15.
Cost: $2 per person. If you would like transport to lunch, please phone the Church office 329 4790 by the Tuesday.

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, which is distributed by the City Mission and St Vincent de Paul.

Mount Herbert Parish Magazine
Please email contributions for the next issue to mt.herbertparish@xtra.co.nz.
You can read the current issue of the magazine and back copies at www.diamondharbour.info/church-notices.aspx

Points to Ponder

Throughout my life there have been times when I have thought, I would like to do that but I am not good enough, does this resonate with anyone?

For instance... I had a friend who invited me to her art classes. I really wanted to go but felt that I wouldn’t be good enough. It took me 4 years to muster the courage to go along. Not only did I rob myself of the time I could have spent learning so much but I now ask myself, what were you thinking? That is what art classes are for... to learn!

I had this preconceived idea that others would laugh at my efforts - I was too concerned about sorting myself out and becoming good enough that I missed out on the skills I would have learnt over that time - not to mention the joy it would have brought me.

Am I alone in this? What about that career change that you really want to do but lack the courage? What about the gym? Won’t go because you aren’t fit enough and don’t want to look a fool?

What about your faith journey? Do you think you need to be cleaned up before you even consider following Jesus? - after all - what would Jesus think? You are not good enough, maybe? Or would He say, come just as you are?

My challenge to you is to do just that, come just as you are. Find a friend who has a relationship with the living God. Pick up a bible, ask God’s guidance to help you understand what He would say to you from it. I came just as I was and I have never regretted it.

I am still a work in progress, after all, life is a journey, not a destination!

Anna Pickersgill-Brown

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Mushroom Compost
The Fire Brigade will be selling compost on Saturday 1st September — more info next Herald.

Lyttelton Community Watch
You may have seen the Watch vehicle driving around... they are looking for more volunteers. Are you available to help keep our communities safe? It’s a good idea to sign up with a friend or partner, but individuals can be paired up. You must have a clean driver’s licence and will need to have a police background check.

For details, email Philipa.Hay@ccc.govt.nz or ph 941 5657.

DH Community Association —
DHCA meeting held on Monday May 21
April meeting minutes were approved with a correction to the final paragraph of Public Submissions to read:
Submissions relating to the Memorial Garden (originally submitted to the former plan) can be resubmitted along with new submissions in Sept. to the Draft Master Cemetery Plan.
A funding application for new seating and tables for the Hall has been submitted. The heat pump will be resecured following earthquake damage.

Treasurer’s Report
David has liaised with Tracey Ower over Sprig finances. Roughly $6,000 has been used as expenses for the summer programme and about $5,500 received. DHCA donated $400 for the Sprig display which was well attended by about 100 people despite torrential rain. Generous donors were acknowledged and along with the many hours of voluntary work by Sprig members.

Sprig Report
At present the Godley House site is fenced off and the Heritage Group want totara stumps in the foundations to be protected. Sprig is working to get these cared for and the fences taken down.

General Business
Martyn Cox, who lives in the area, is working with the establishment of Men’s Sheds. A local group is proceeding with plans for one at DH, possibly involving an out-building at Stoddart Cottage if approval is reached. An application has been made for $2,000 for set up.

The next meeting will be held on June 18 at 7.30pm. joy

The forecast updating procedure is off to a slow start, mainly due to the demise of my ancient computer. However a replacement is on the way so it should be all go for June. Meantime, you can still email me any changes to your personal information.

Elaine

A Message from Neighbourhood Support Canterbury:
Winter is on its way, and it is tempting to check out, snuggle up and go into hibernation. Before you do, however, it is a good idea not to short-change the usual chores that come as you are preparing for winter: with most accidents and injuries occurring when you are tired, stressed or distracted, it is important to stay alert and make your home safe.

It is about minimising risk: we are talking about checking chimneys and smoke alarms, installing outside security lights and clearing gutters and paths of leaves and moss.

And from CCC: Twenty-two sirens are being installed during May and June from Waimairi Beach to Sumner, the system expected to be operational from 1 July 2012. Two additional stages have been identified to install sirens inland along the Christchurch coastline, including Brooklands and Spencerville, and on Banks Peninsula. Funding for these two stages will be considered in 2013 as part of the Council’s Long Term Plan 2013/22. For more information on the tsunami warning system visit www.ccc.govt.nz/tsunami

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**Classifieds**

**Young Male Cat to give away to a good home**
My two year old part oriental grey cat needs a new home. He is a very affectionate, healthy, house trained neutered male. Please phone Christine at 329 3033.

**Flat Urgently Wanted**
Quiet living non-smoking couple urgently require a flat in the Diamond Harbour area - rent about $200-240 per week. We have immaculate references. Please phone NW Thomas, Enrolled Barrister, 329 4706.

**Motorcycle Repairs and Servicing**
Also small welding repairs. Ph Jon on 329 3236 or 021 0278 4453.

**For sale**
Manual lawn mower. OTR in the Diamond Harbour area - rent about $200-240 per week. We have immaculate references. Please phone Christine at 329 3033.

**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 tidying. Affordable rates. Ph Jim 328 8274 or 027 226 4548.**

**Beautiful Cuddly Bunnies to give away to good homes**
2 ginger, 2 mottled brown. Ph 329 4483 or 021 154 1434.

**Beautiful Roosters to give away**
Please phone or txt 027 747 5151.

**Bed Settee for sale**
Very good condition, hardly used $100 ono. Ph 329 4488.

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**Herald Calendar**

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

**Badminton:** Weds, 7.30pm, Com Hall

**Bridge Club:** Weds, 7pm, DH Bowling Club, 329 4094

**Camera Club:** Tue Jun 19, 7.30pm. See p9

**Church Activities:** See p11

**Classic Cars:** 1st Sun of month, 9.30. See p9

**Diamond Harbour Singers:** Weds, 7.45pm, Stage Room

**DH Community Assn:** Mon Jun 18, 7.30pm, Com Room

**Film Society:** Thus, 7.45pm, Stage Room

**Historical Assoc:** Tue Jun 12, 7.30pm. Stage Room. p9

**Indoor Bowls:** Thus, 2-4pm, Community Hall

**Induction of Vicar:** Sun Jun 26, 7.30pm, St Andrews. p11

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

**Ladies Probus:** Mon Jun 11, 10am, Church Hall

**Library Story Time:** Tue June 19, 2pm. See p9

**Lyttelton Festival of Lights:** Jun 7-10, Lyttelton

**Mens Probus:** Thu June 7 & Jul 5, 10am, CB Yacht Club

**Painting Expo:** Jun 30 & July 1, Church Hall. See p9

**Quilting Group:** Fri, 1pm. Ph Rosie 329 4646

**Rugby Club:** Bar Open Fris & Sats from 5pm

**Running Group:** Suns, 8am. Ph 329 4647. See p9

**Shoppers Van:** Suns, 8am. Ph 329 4647. See p9

**Soup Lunches:** Weds Jun 6 & 20; Jul 4 & 18. Ch Hall. p10

**SPRIG Tango:** Fri, 6pm, Community Hall, See p9

**Table Tennis:** Thus 7.30pm, Church Hall

**TaiChI:** Thus 11-12noon, Suns 5-6pm, Com Hall, 329 4835

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

**Two Choirs Concert:** Jun 30, 7.30pm, Com Hall. See p9

**Ukulele Band:** Mon, Jun 11, 7.30pm. See p9

**Womens Breakfast:** Sat Jun 16, 8.15am, Church Hall, p11

**Woolfun at Bergli:** Sat Jun 9, See p9

**Yoga Classes:** Ph Adrian, 329 3395

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