Classic Sundays

Steve Taylor and Tim Dunningham are largely responsible for recently establishing Classic Sundays as a regular event in the Diamond Harbour area. Anyone who knows Steve or Tim will not be surprised to learn that actually it is the cars, not the Sundays, which are the classics.

And what exactly is a Classic Car? It is difficult to say exactly as the term means different things to different people. For some, it is as simple as the smell of aging wood and leather in these vehicles, for others it is the memories it evokes even for non-car enthusiasts. Wherever you take your classic, says Tim, there will be someone who remembers Granddad or Uncle Dick having one like that.

Unlike vintage and veteran vehicles, classics are not specifically determined by age. Collectability is the key criteria – a limited production, unique original features, rarity and even popularity can make a model special, desirable, awe-inspiring… any car that retains its appeal after it is no longer produced is a classic. Affordability is another factor which draws people to classics. Generally they qualify for cheaper registration, and special classic cover insurance is also available. Unlike a new car, a classic will usually appreciate in value, so it can be an investment as well.

There are at least 30 classic cars on our side of the harbour, but to date seven is the largest number of locals attending a Classic Sunday. Their justly proud owners assemble at Church Bay Store on the first Sunday of each month for a mini rally to Governors Bay where they meet up at with like-minded enthusiasts of the Christchurch Classic Car Club who drive over the hill for morning tea.

Participation is essentially impromptu. If the weather, the opportunity and the inclination all coincide, anyone interested can turn up at CBS - preferably with a car, but also without - by 9.30am to join in. At the very least, present will be Tim’s sleek Mk1 1958 Jaguar 3.4 and the stunning 1967 Corvette Stingray with Steve at the wheel. Dennis Collins is likely to be there too with his 1977 MGB or on a fine day his very rare Austin 7 Tourer. You could also see a Jensen Healey, Karmann Ghia, VW Beetle, Triumph, Hillman Hunter, or Morris Minor – alongside your Classic. Contact Tim 329 4902 for more information.

Elaine

Les Hogbin’s Triumph TR6

Ben Ginders’ Beetle

Dennis Collins’ Austin 7 (right) and MGB (left)

Steve Taylor’s Corvette

Tim’s M1 Jaguar

Morris Minor

Steve & Jules’ Jensen Healey

Hillman Hunter

Ford Fairlane

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Korimako visits Ladies Probus

On Monday the 13th of August, Korimako from Diamond Harbour School was very kindly invited to play some music for Diamond Harbour Ladies Probus.

We drove down to the rugby clubrooms in a large rainstorm, getting soaked, and unpacked the instruments. We played the xylophone, violin, ukulele, and piano.

We played two wonderful xylophone tunes, Tango and Rondo. Rondo is a very elaborate piece of music because there are lots of parts, and Tango is also quite hard. Louis, Carys, and Liam Paul played some songs on the piano (Louis was playing pieces for his grade 3 piano exam).

Ben played three songs on the violin, and most of the class played two songs on the ukulele, You Are My Sunshine, and Ukulele Boogie.

There were two parts to Ukulele Boogie. There was the picking, and the chords, but you had to really be in time doing the picking. We asked the ladies to sing You Are My Sunshine with us, and they joined in enthusiastically.

We all greatly enjoyed it, and hope the ladies did too. We would like to perform as a class again.

We would also like to invite everyone to a concert on Saturday September 22 at 2pm in Te Kete Aronui, at Diamond Harbour School. It will be a concert put on by the students from the school. Please bring a gold coin entry fee.

Ben Davis

Sprig Update

Monthly Meetings

The second Monday of every month is the date for regular SPRIG meetings at 7:30pm in the Committee Room of the Community Hall.

Our last meeting was cancelled due to atrocious weather. The next meeting will be on Monday September 10 at 7:30pm.

Check out our website www.sprig.org.nz for the meeting agenda.

Project Updates

We are under way with planning for our music and sculpture events for this coming summer and it is going to be great!

We are also busy applying for funding/grants and looking for sponsors to support these two exciting projects. We have four fantastic sculptors confirmed and will keep you posted as things progress.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring these free community events please contact Tracey Ower on 329 4611 or tyola@xtra.co.nz to discuss and hear about the benefits on offer in terms of advertising in all our promotional material, website, etc.

Community Engagement Day

Check out our website for a summary of the feedback from that day!

Tracey Ower

The DH Singers Raise the Roof

What an uplifting (yes, we nearly lifted the roof off), stimulating, friendly weekend was had in the Hall at the weekend.

The very talented Julian Raphael, conductor of the Wellington Community Choir, spent the weekend with 50 singers eager to learn new music. Many singers from Christchurch joined with the Diamond Harbour Singers and enjoyed our excellent hospitality.

The energy generated could have run the lights in the Hall. It was a remarkable experience. Julian is an enthusiastic teacher and makes learning so pleasurable.

The emphasis this time was on African music. Delicious food, lots of laughs and an excellent concert on Sunday afternoon were enjoyed by all participants. A big thank you to all those who came to listen to us.

As a result of the workshop, more people have joined, or re-joined, our choir which means the next time you hear us, we will be have an even better and bigger sound!

Karen
Do You Recognise This Little Lad?

Probably not, as there will be only very few of our readers who are old enough to even remember him as the proud young soldier who commanded a tank in Italy in WWII.

But the photo below offers a clue. You may even be one of the children pictured. The driver at that time was of course Lachie Griffen, who by his own admission, has grown up and grown old in Governors Bay.

He is quick to acknowledge the support and care given by his daughter Janet and grand-daughter Nicole, as he jokes about not being as spry as he once was, but there is no mistaking that he is still very much young at heart despite the fact that he will celebrate his 90th birthday with a large gathering of friends at Living Springs on September 22.

Typically, he says, Ninety is not really old these days, and we’re guessing his eye is firmly set on receiving a message from the Queen in a few years.

While the name Lachie Griffen will bring to mind different things for different people - mischievous youngster, brave soldier, devoted husband and father, founder of Governors Bay Transport, Highland band piper, vintage car enthusiast, author, benefactor of Cholmondley and Living Springs, ONZM, and more, this last photo sums up the man:

Tam-o-Shanter, dog and the enduring respect and admiration of his entire community.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday from us all, Lachie.

Photos: Growing Up and Growing Old in Governors Bay—L Griffen

Meet the Mayor... in DH

STOP PRESS! Instead of us going to the Council... the Council are coming to Diamond Harbour.

On Sunday September 9 you can Meet the Mayor in a community meeting in the Community Hall from 4–5pm.

If you have contributed to the redevelopment planning of Diamond Harbour or have an interest in our future growth, come along and have your say and a cup of tea with the Mayor and other CCC officials.

Letter

I would like to say a huge Thank You to Don and the DH fire brigade for coming to my aid. They sand-bagged my house and diverted flooding recently due to heavy rains. As I have a disability it was wonderful to see them arrive and sort out the problem.

Ms Bobbie Lee
Canyons and Condors, Hoodoos and Hailstones

...View from the Pillion

24 hours before it had been 44 degrees as we rode towards the multi-coloured towering cliffs of Zion national park in Utah, and suddenly thunderheads were right over us and I had a lap full of hailstones and no time to get wet weather gear on! Bryce Canyon, 36,000 acres of canyons, pinnacles and hoodoos (rocky pillars often bigger at the top) dropped off on either side of us from a ridge along the Colorado Plateau. By the time we walked from scenic lookout to scenic lookout the sun had come out and we were dry again for the rest of the trip despite thunder clouds building most late afternoons – and this was desert driving!

My husband Steve has always ridden motorbikes – and I have been a very reluctant pillion passenger on anything very fast and sporty. Many people know I’m happier on the back of a horse and Humphrey (the horse) doesn’t do fast or sporty, which suits me fine. However Steve has always wanted to do a road trip on a bike in the USA, and was prepared to lower his standards and rent a big touring bike with a leather armchair on the back for me – which found us picking up a massive Honda Goldwing in Las Vegas in early July. It was red, which matched my lipstick and most of the clothes in my suitcase – I do like a bit of colour. I love red and orange and all shades in between actually – which was what we saw over the 7 days on the road – in a huge variety of countryside and extraordinary buttes and mesas and hoodoos in the desert states around the north and south of the Grand Canyon, not to mention the Canyon itself which is so huge as to be hard to comprehend.

We drove through Zion National Park, Cedar Breaks National Park, Red Rock Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Capitol Reef National Park, Monument Valley, along the Grand Canyon south rim, and finally via Route 66 back to Las Vegas. Being on a motorbike you feel so much more immersed in what’s around you – the sights, the smells, and the temperature – and you have the bonus of a lot of friendly bikers who all wave and share their travel stories. We were unusual in wearing full protective gear – albeit hot weather gear – and helmets, as none of the states we rode through required helmets and most bikers rode in singlets shorts and bandanas which looked a bit scary to us. It was very hot most of the time so we carried a lot of water and kept bandanas round our necks soaked in water all the time which made a big difference. Luggage was minimal with 2 sets of undies socks and riding shirts so I could wash one set out when we checked into each motel, and with the bike as a laundry rack it was all dry by the time we’d had a meal in the local diner, choosing the next day’s route.

We had a number of different daily routes and eating spots suggested by the company we hired the bike through, and a GPS on Steve’s handlebars to help with this.

Our system for navigation was a little unorthodox as Steve needs reading glasses and the GPS screen was too close for him to see. I also need glasses for close stuff – but seated behind him on the pillion was just far enough away to be able to read the screen over his shoulder – so thanks to our wireless helmet intercom I was indeed a back seat driver but with the fallout that if it all went wrong - I could at least blame the GPS! We did miss the turnoff to the tourist information in Monument Valley but the classic vistas we have all seen in numerous cowboy films didn’t really need any tourist blur. So many of the features in these deserts seem to suddenly appear and you turn a slight corner and they are gone again and something else is towering out of the ground round the next corner. We said Wow, Awesome and Fabulous over and over again – we enjoy this sort of intellectual conversation on a motorbike!

We ate a lot of good burgers and drank a lot of bad coffee and I became addicted to huge fluffy pancakes piled with bacon and drenched in maple syrup. I now know why the seats for the (mainly) female pillion passengers on these big touring bikes are so huge! You have to make an effort to get off the bike, change your clothes and shoes and do some exercise going for a hike in the parks, rather than just stopping at the next eating place and buying another fridge magnet. We did do a half day walk down into the Grand Canyon, which stirred up my desire of heights a bit and we both decided we were very pleased we hadn’t been able to book on one of the mule trips that go all the way down – they say they’ve never lost a passenger over the edge – but the edge was very very close when a train of mules passed us.

Some magic moments that weren’t caught on camera or video but will stay with us. Sitting eating a buffalo burger in the Bright Angel Lodge 20 feet away from the rim of the Grand Canyon – the condors soaring up and over the rim right in front of us in an aerial display equal to anything I’ve seen at an air-show. Meeting the scarily pierced and leather-clad desert doctor who offers mobile motorbike repair services in several of the states we passed through. (I thought about mentioning I was a doctor too but it didn’t seem the right moment some how.) Dining in the just about a life-size replica of a Venetian square full of restaurants and balconied buildings with a full size canal complete with gondolas and gondoliers crooning O Sole Mio passing round the square and through all the shops – and this was on the second floor of a 20 storey hotel!

Las Vegas was a fun place to begin and end our holiday, being such a totally artificial contrast to all the natural beauty and fairly simple lifestyle we had enjoyed on the road. And of course cruising along the old Route 66 on the way back to Vegas.

We enjoyed it so much Steve has been caught looking at the prices of Goldwings in New Zealand - and I’ve been looking at the prices of pancake makers!  Dr Charlie Clifton
OSCAR... After School Childcare

Do You Need Childcare?

The Diamond Harbour OSCAR After School Care Program can help you...
We are based in Te Kete Aronui, at Diamond Harbour School 3–6pm, Monday to Thursday.

This program is for primary school aged children. The cost is $10 for the first hour, $15 for two hours, and $16.50 for three hours – with a 10% discount for two or more children.

Book your child/children in for a regular slot or just phone and let us know any time you need us. Casual one-off bookings are fine too. You don’t need to have a child attending the school.

This is fully supervised after school care that offers afternoon tea, fun activities, games, sports, art and crafts, and homework supervision. We are CYF-approved and parents can apply for childcare subsidies.

You are welcome to come down any time after 3pm to see what we do. Your first session will be free of charge.

For further information please call Christine Turner on 329 3033 or 021 161 2555.

As it was Jill’s last day at OSCAR after School Care on Thursday August 9 we had a special afternoon tea. She has been a guiding force and has managed this wonderful service for the last four years.

We will miss her friendly cheerful face, but rest assured that we will soon be seeing her at the Godley Cafe.

Get yourself ready for the... Inaugral

Harbourside Car Scavenger Hunt ©

A local fundraiser for the Diamond Harbour After School Care Programme.

Saturday 8 September at 2pm

Dust off the Holden, grab some buddies and get yourself kitted out for an afternoon of excellent adventure. This event is destined to become a classic, being a road-trip scavenger hunt with a difference. Significant scope for individual team creativity and style; and local harbourside knowledge will be an asset!

Pick up your registration pack from 2pm at the Diamond Harbour School. You will have until 4pm to return with as many completed and collected items on the Scavenger Hunt list as possible.

To enter a team you just need to register your vehicle with the rally organisers
(Max per team = 5)

Each vehicle will need a full tank of gas, a digital camera, seatbelts for all team members, and access to some cash (not to be used to bribe the judges).

Lots of Prizes: including — but not limited to

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The season started positively with the pre-season training which saw the team performing well in a pre-season 10-a-side tournament, then a win and a draw in our two pre-season games.

Declining player numbers over the season due to injuries, work commitments and travel made things difficult but with a core of very committed players the seniors ground out the season and achieved the goal of playing Div II rugby all season. In the first round we had numerous close games, including an agonising one point loss at home to Kirwee (2011 and eventual 2012 Div II winners). At the end of the first round we avoided relegation to Div III by picking up bonus points from numerous close losses. The second round was no easier and we eventually ended in 8th place on the table.

Overall we played 2 pre-season and 14 competition games for 3 wins, a draw and 12 losses; scored 227 points with 29 tries and let in 438 points. Our leading points scorer was Tarek with 50 and our leading try scorer was Craig with 5. Each year we play for four inter-club trophies against teams from Sumner, Ohoka, Kirwee and Lincoln, but this year we did not play Ohoka. Karl started the season with the Shark trophy and defended it with a last minute try, but were well beaten in the other two games.

We had a very small squad this year and often struggled for players and in a number of games had to revert to the coaches playing. Hags, Campbell, Tweetie and Router played all 14 season games, while Eli, Rochie, Karl and Falcon missed only one game. Foxie, Flash and Matt each missed two games, which is a great effort.

**Awards for the season**

*Best Supporter – Nick Lord.* Lordy had knee surgery early in 2012, but despite being unable to play this season Lordy still attended most trainings and games, looked after the training gear and gave encouragement. Thanks for your support and dedication to the team, it was fantastic and we all look forward to seeing you on the field next season.

*Most Improved Player – Peter Fox.* This was Foxie's second season with the seniors after having some time out from the game. Foxie really stepped up this season, his fitness, work-rate on the field and dedication off the field quickly established him as a key member of our front row. While we might not have the biggest front row in the world Foxie showed what fitness can do.

*Most Consistent Player – Shaun Roche.* Roche attended all trainings and games this year. He leads by example and when other players don't deliver he will always step up. Roche was a key part of the team needed go forward it was always Rochie who put his hand up to do the next hit up or make the next big tackle. Rochie is Diamond Harbour's version of Brad Thorn, big, strong, trains the house down, totally reliable, does not take a backward step and always performs to a high level. This is Rochie's 10th season with the seniors and he puts his body on the line each week and is consistently one of the better players on the paddock. He is an inspiration to the team and the club.

*Most Valuable Player – Matt Stanley.* Matt turned up fit and keen this season and obviously put in a lot of effort over the summer. He blitzed the pre-season beep test and did not look back. He quickly became a rock in our midfield and was an automatic choice every week. Matt had few opportunities to show his attacking skills this year but defensively he was huge, consistently tapping the tackle count and single handily shutting down opposition back-lines. He would regularly make a tackle jump to his feet to make a second tackle. It just shows what fitness can do.

In addition to the above, the team had two players, Karl Warren and Brad Hagerty, who played their 100th senior game for the club. Congratulations Karl and Hags on achieving something only a very select few have achieved. During the season the team also welcomed three new additions to the club's future player/supporter ranks with James, Amanda and Ruby all welcomed into the world. Congratulations Hags and Sarah, Mung and Bridget, Flash and Kate and thanks for continuing to play and support the team despite the sleepless nights.

The team has a number of people it would like to thank. Firstly, the club and committee, for the great facilities, their ongoing efforts in running the club and particularly for arranging for the senior side to use CRFU's great training facilities in South Hagley Park.

Thanks to our sponsors: Dave Hughie Builders, Governors Bay Hotel, Robbies of Riccarton, Livings Springs, Chalfont Cafe and Graeme and Gill Marshall for their support throughout the year. We would like to thank our supporters - your side-line encouragement does make a difference. The Ellesmere completion involves considerable travelling and we would like to particularly thank those supporters who have travelled with us to our many away games.

Despite not being able to celebrate too many wins, we hope you have enjoyed the season as much as the team did. Finally we would like to thank our wives, partners and families for encouraging us, giving us the time to play, manage, coach etc, and for putting up with us hobbling round the house on Sunday mornings complaining that our bodies are sore. We now have six months of summer to regain the brownie points we lost over the rugby season.

*Ian, Pete, John, Neil, Bill and Jock*
Computer Helpdesk

Bloatware and Crippleware

This month we take a look at free software which comes pre-installed on your new computer - whether you wanted it or not. Unflatteringly termed bloatware, it unnecessarily fills your hard drive, litters your desktop with icons, and worse still, sets a number of unnecessary processes to run automatically whenever your computer starts – impacting its performance. This is all designed to elicit brand loyalty – to whichever brand you bought – and convince you that you got a bargain, with all those extra free goodies.

Smartphone manufacturers have begun employing the same branding strategy and a lot of software these days (free or not) is also bloatware. You install it to do one thing and it attempts to do a whole lot of other things besides.

An example is Apple’s iTunes (which runs on Windows computers as well as iThingsies). You download it to play music but it becomes an e-commerce and advertising platform. Other examples include Nero Burning ROM and many Anti-virus software packages.

Some bloatware, rather than being installed on your PC, is simply primed to install the first time you click on the desktop shortcut. When this happens, you can cancel out of the install, delete the desktop shortcut, along with the installation files if you can locate them.

You can remove bloatware that is already installed through the Windows Control Panel (select Add or Remove Programs in Windows XP or Programs and Features in Vista and Windows 7). Be aware that not all software from the computer manufacturer is bloatware and that some utilities installed on your computer are useful and possibly necessary. If you are not sure, how do you tell the difference? Just Google it.

As well as their own bloatware, computer manufacturers often install software from other companies – and while they make these free gifts a selling point they are actually paid to install this crippleware, which is essentially a crippled version of the real deal – to which you will need to upgrade for full functionality. The best example of crippleware is Microsoft Office Starter Edition. Unless you are happy to pay hundreds to upgrade to the full Microsoft Office, I suggest removing this crippleware and installing LibreOffice – which true to its name really is free! – It can and write Microsoft Office documents.

Other highly-successful examples of crippleware are the anti-virus packages which come pre-installed on all PCs. They may indeed be the full version, but they will only work for a couple months – after which you need to pay an annual licence fee ($100 plus) to continue receiving the updates – which are essential. I suggest removing it right away and install a free anti-virus package such as Microsoft Security Essentials (MSE).

Ron (the Computer Doc - back practicing in DH)

Living Well

Powerful Questions

Have you ever considered the importance of questions which guide your behaviour?

Consider the following question, which could be used by a teacher: How intelligent is he? Contrast that question with this one: How is he intelligent? Notice the second question is a far better one. It not only opens up the possibility of recognizing all kinds of strengths, but assumes that those strengths will be there, whereas the first question is measuring just one scale, in which the student may end up looking favourable, or may measure up poorly, affecting the teacher’s attitude towards them, and therefore the performance of that student.

Questions such as these may underlie all manner of situations. Somebody who feels uncomfortable in social situations may have an underlying question of Will they like me? The problem with this question is that it has two possible answers, and statistically speaking, there’s a 50% chance of the answer being a negative one. Powerful questions tend to be open questions, rather than Yes/No questions like this one, often beginning with How or In what way. Keeping that in mind, a much better question would be In what way will I enjoy connecting with people tonight?

Take one more example. Imagine you’re in a leadership position, and one of the people you lead seems to make the same mistake again and again. That may lead to a lot of frustration and a question like Why aren’t they getting it? That question is limiting as it puts the responsibility and fault onto them. A much better question could be How can I be a better leader for this person? creating thoughtfulness, patience and a higher likelihood of a favourable outcome.

Robyn Woodham

BA (Hons) Psychology, NLP Master Practitioner

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Microchipping and Lost Pets

It has now been compulsory to microchip all dogs (except working dogs) for several years. There was a lot of controversy when the law was introduced, but in retrospect it has made it a lot easier to identify lost dogs and to reunite them with their owners. This was of particular benefit to Cantabrians in the aftermath of last year’s February earthquake. Around 85% of owners were able to be contacted within an hour of their pet arriving at the pound. By contrast after Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans in 2005 only 2% of lost pets were able to be reunited with their owners.

Christchurch City Council has periodic microchipping clinics free of charge (or rather paid for by the dog registration fees) and the details are entered onto their database. I can also insert chips for $43; this includes registration on the NZ Companion Animal Register, a national online database used by all vets, pounds, SPCA etc. Even if your dog already has a council microchip, but is not yet on the NZCAR register I would advise putting them on. Lifetime registration costs only $17, and your contact details can be updated at any time.

Cats are a different story with no compulsory chipping, and only a small percentage currently have chips. If your cat is vaccinated for FIV I’d strongly advise microchipping them. They will test positive for FIV and many shelters will euthanase them if they end up there for any reason. Of course the ease of recovery if they should go missing is another good reason to microchip them.

So what should you do if your pet goes missing or if you find a stray animal? If it’s microchipped, and especially if it’s on the NZCAR register, the chances are you will be contacted. In all cases contact Christchurch City Council Animal Control and give them your details and the animal’s description. It’s also worth contacting vets in your area, and putting up flyers in neighbourhood shops. If your animal is not microchipped or wearing a collar with your address and/or telephone number I’d also advise you to visit the pound yourself, often the person you speak to on the phone is reading off a list of animals held there, and descriptions can vary hugely! By law you have a week in which to claim a lost animal, after which it can be destroyed or rehomed. A useful website for lost or found pets is www.petsonthenet.co.nz. We also list lost or found pets on our classified page, as well as those looking for new homes at www.littlerivervet.co.nz.

A related concept that has also been in the news a lot recently, and stirred up much controversy, is the now compulsory electronic ear tags for cattle and deer. They use the same technology as other microchips – a passive transponder that can be read by a scanner. The aim is to improve the traceability of livestock, improve biosecurity and help control diseases like tuberculosis.

Paul

Vet-Spot

Recipe

Winter Supper – Swiss Style

Coming home from a brilliant holiday in Switzerland, I am still craving traditional Swiss food. This sweet supper is a dish which was common in my grandmother’s day. Now days people shy away from yeast-based recipes, but this one is easy - give it a go, you won’t be disappointed.

This warm sweet winter meal, which I serve after a hearty soup, is called Dampfnudeln (Steam Noodles in German).

Ingredients: 15g fresh or 1 tbsp dried yeast
250g flour
40g soft butter ½ tsp salt
100ml milk 2 tbsp sugar 1 egg
Sauce: 40g butter 200ml milk 3 tbsp sugar

Method: Put the flour, salt and sugar in a bowl, add butter in flakes. Dissolve yeast in lukewarm milk and add along with the egg, starting from the middle of the flour heap.

Knead the dough till smooth and soft. Cover up and allow to stand in a warm place until doubled in size.

Warm up the ingredients for the sauce and pour half into a 2 inch high baking dish.

Form dough into mandarin-sized balls and place into dish so they are not touching. Rise again before placing in a preheated oven (220°C) to bake for 20-30 minutes.

Take the dish out and gently pull the balls apart with 2 forks. Pour the remainder of the sauce over the dish and return to oven for a further 10 minutes.

Serve warm, with either home-made vanilla sauce or preserved stewed fruits. Plums are a delicious addition (sweet and sour).

En guete appetit.

Franziska
**Green Burials**

Green Burials at Diamond Harbour Memorial Gardens

Following our two meetings, one on the site of the proposed green burial area and the other at my home, planning for the submission to the Christchurch City Council in November is going ahead well.

We have now reached the exciting stage of formulating our ideas in the form of a landscape plan to be drawn up by one of our members. Our other priority is documenting local support for the project.

Our next meeting is on site on Friday August 31. Meet at 3.15pm in the Memorial Gardens carpark. Come and share your ideas for the layout and plantings for a native vegetation style garden environment for green burials.

If you are unable to come on the day please contact me with any ideas you have for this project as soon as possible after this date. We plan to have a draft landscape plan available for public comment by the beginning of October.

We will also shortly have a document available for people who like to support this project to sign.

For further information please contact me on 329 4943 or thornton@snap.net.nz.

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**Weather Watch**

Oh, Lordy! Didn’t it rain!

This quote from a negro spiritual relates, of course, to the 40 days and nights that ended with Noah and his Ark stranded on Mt Ararat. Fortunately, our wet spell wasn’t as long, and the topography of the Peninsula ensured that we were above danger level. Nevertheless, there was certainly an excess of water.

Over three days I measured 192mm - the highest for such a short period in the time I’ve been measuring rainfall. There was a severe storm in November 2002 with a similar total, but it was associated with gales which brought down trees in several places around the district, and disrupted power supplies for several days. This time the gales and the heaviest rain didn’t quite coincide, so that there appear to have been few cases of trees coming down. Of course, it’s quite possible that all the vulnerable trees came down in 2002, and those that were left have better root systems! There were, however, numerous slips.

Altogether, I measured 226mm for the month. As far as my records go, this is the largest total for any one month and more than double the figure recorded at the airport, which is also the case for elsewhere on the Peninsula. Little River in particular seems to have suffered.

Along with the high rainfall was a marked dearth of sunshine. Though not particularly cold, we have had fewer sunny days than is expected for this time of year. The average August temperature to date is 9.4°C, which is significantly different from previous years where there was greater variation in temperature, with some days of 17-18°C, and some nights around freezing. This year, max and min temperatures have been mostly within 5°C of each other. Combined with overcast skies and frequent rain, not the most pleasant of months! Never mind, the weather gurus are promising drier conditions and more warm sunshine in the next few weeks.

Jane Soons
**You can come too — Local Events and Community Activities**

### Our Library

Did you know that the Diamond Harbour Library has music DVDs?

They are $1 for singles and $2 for sets to borrow for a week. Children’s DVDs are free for a week and free to reserve. All you need is your library card. Remember that it doesn’t cost anything to join the library.

If there is a DVD that you would like to borrow that we don’t have we can reserve it from town for you for a charge of $2. There may be a waiting list for the popular new ones.

Our Library system also has hundreds of magazines available to borrow. Check the Library Catalogue to see if your favourite magazine is available. These are also $2 to reserve and free to borrow.

This month’s Pre-School Storytime is on Tuesday September 18 at 2pm. Christine Turner

### Diamond Harbour Camera Club

Dale McMillen will give a presentation of her trip to the US at 7.30pm on Tuesday September 18 in the Stage Room. Everyone welcome. Visitors: $3 donation. Rouke Bakker

### Diamond Harbour Historical Assoc

Next meeting: Tuesday September 11 at 8pm in the Stage Room. Peter Tremewan’s talk is entitled: *French Akaroa: how the South Island nearly became French.* All welcome. Jan Studholme

### Diamond Harbour Ukulele Band

The Diamond Harbour Ukulele Band will be meeting for a strum along on Monday September 10 at 7.30pm. Please call Christine 329 3033 for more information. Beginners welcome. Christine Turner

### Woolfun Day at Bayview Road

Next Woolfun Day is Saturday Sept 8. Enjoy a relaxed day working with wool, with like-minded people in a small group, in a beautiful house with wonderful views. Koha. Morning and afternoon tea provided. Bring your lunch, your woolcraft gear, and if felting, a table if possible. Note: Rowena will be away sailing in the islands for winter, but woolly people agreed they’d like to keep it going, so August and September Woolfun Days are at 73 Bayview Rd, Church Bay with Mary Ogilvie. 329 4040. Mary Ogilvie

### Italian Cooking Classes

Unleash your inner Italian and learn to cook delicious, simple Italian food. Francesca Ronci will impart the traditional knowledge that she learned at the side of her Nonna. Classes will be on Thursdays 7-9pm:

- 13 Sept: Gnocchi with bolognese sauce or zucchini sauce.
- 20 Sept: Lasagne with béchamel and pesto or fish sauce.
- 27 Sept: Raviolacci (Ravioli with pumpkin)
  * 4 Oct: Tiramisu including the savoiardi (biscuits)
  *11 Oct: Panificazione - the art of Italian breadmaking including pizza and calzone.

Choose the classes you are interested in or come along to all five. Please register your interest by Thursday 6th September to sarahp@snap.net.nz or 329 3344 (evenings). Payment is $25 per class (with $5 per class going to the school’s *Garden to Table* project) or $125 for all 5 classes.

Classes will be held at Diamond Harbour school Te Kete Aronui (library).

Those coming from Lyttelton can be collected from the 6.40pm ferry and dropped back for the 9.40pm ferry.

*The classes on 4th and 11th October may be postponed till the 18th and 25th October respectively if too many people are intending on being away for school holidays.

Sarah Pritchett

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Organic Growing Course
To be held at the Lyttelton Community Garden. This NZQA approved Level 3 Organic Horticulture Course commences on September 11 and will continue every Tuesday from 9.30am to 3pm, for 30 weekly sessions during school terms. The course provides the key knowledge and skills required for successful organic growing and explores the latest international and local trends in sustainable farming. A practical science-based approach is used to separate myth from fact, while exploring a wide range of organic techniques and methods. The course will appeal to anyone interested in organic principles from home gardeners to small block holders. For more information contact Hamish on 027 206 7639 or kelland@actrix.co.nz.

Croquet Fun Day
You are welcome to join us for the Diamond Harbour Croquet Club Opening Day at 10am on Saturday September 22...weather permitting! Shared lunch. For further information phone Ruth Willis (Pres) 329 4243. Ruth Willis

Diamond Harbour Toy Library AGM
Wednesday September 12, 8pm at the Toy Library. Come and join us for a glass of wine and see what is happening at your toy library. All welcome. Sarah Nicholl

Road Cycling Group meets weekly in Diamond Harbour
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To join a ride or further information contact Mike on 329 4647 or mikecatton@mac.com

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Church Notices

Regular Services
Catholic
Catholic Mass - First Sunday of the month at the new time of 5:30pm.

Anglican - Methodist - Presbyterian
Sun 10:30am Communion; Wednesday @ 9am (see below).

Catholic Church: First Communion Celebration
Are interested in a First Communion celebration for your child? Please let us know, we will have teaching sessions during September, and will celebrate this special Sacrament on the first Sunday in November, here in our lovely church.

If you are interested please ph Franziska asap on 329 4892.

Wednesday @ 9
Wednesday mornings 9-9:30am This 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. Sun 10:30-11:30am.

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

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 12noon.

Notice for Local Catholics

With so many Christchurch churches closed due to earthquake damage and because of a shortfall in the number of priests, the Bishop has had to rearrange broken parishes into new hubs. Under this arrangement, Woolston, Sumner, Lyttelton and Diamond Harbour are now a single parish served by one priest. This has meant a rationalisation in the number of Masses that he can celebrate. For Diamond Harbour, we have been reduced to one Mass per month. From September 2, Mass will be celebrated at 5:30pm on the first Sunday of each month.

Lyttelton too has only one Mass per month – celebrated on the third Sunday of the month. This is at 5:30 pm – at the Parish House, 21 Exeter Street, Lyttelton. Using the ferry, and fellow parishioners’ cars at the destination, Catholics on both sides of the Harbour can attend each other’s Mass.

As a special concession to Diamond Harbour (because of the distance from the city) the Bishop has allowed suitably trained lay leaders to conduct a Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest (aka SCAP). This will be held at the Community Church each non-Mass Sunday at 9am.

Useful local contacts: John 329 4545 and Anna 329 4324.

Points to Ponder

I once heard from an Asian friend that Asians have 2 stomachs – one for rice and one for other food. Does anyone remember as a child (and sometimes as an adult) that we didn’t have a stomach for food that we didn’t particularly like but always had a stomach for desert! I used to think as a young child that I had two stomachs too – one for ordinary food and one for sweet food!

Your stomachs may vary in type but it seems to me that most of us can have enough of one type of food but can easily fit in another if it appeals.

I also realized this was the same with my life satisfaction. I didn’t go to my first party until I was 17 years old and had left school. I remember the effect that alcohol had on me – I loved it! I loved parties and the happiness and fun that alcohol gave me.

The trouble was that by the next morning I had this great gaping hole in my stomach that ached the next day and also my head throbbed!

I realized over time that this emptiness in my stomach had nothing to do with food but a lot to do with the futility of drink and the way I behaved when having too much. I remember spending many Saturdays and Sundays feeling very depressed, alone and empty... does anyone else recall these feelings? Does anyone continue to experience them?

I discovered over time that I could go to a party or other social occasion and have a drink or two or none at all and still enjoy myself. I found a sweetness to life that didn’t involve the need for a drug... my prayer is that you do too.

Life is a journey, not a destination!

John Barry

Please ring Wendy Coles 329 4483 - Babies; or Kate Leech 329 4924 - Toddlers. Sep 4 & 18; Oct 2, 16 & 30.

City Shopping Van
The fortnightly shopping van to South City will be running on: Sep 5 & 19; Oct 3, 17 & 31.

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.

Women’s Breakfast
Mt Herbert Parish Community Women’s Breakfast, 8:15am Saturday September 22.

Guest Speaker is Kylie Phaups-Stephens who cycled from London to New Zealand.

Sign up at the St Andrew’s Church. More details coming up on the DH website www.diamondharbour.info.

Children’s Theatre
School Holidays Children’s Theatre Telling Tales, 10:30am Wednesday October 3 at St Andrew’s Church. Small charge to cover costs.

City Mission Basket
The church has a basket for non-perishable food and grocery items for the City Mission.

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

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

Anna Pickersgill-Brown

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Civil Defence Update

Banks Peninsula and Lyttelton Harbour Basin Road Reports

During our recent torrential weather there were areas, on the Peninsula especially, which were cut off due to slips and road closures. It is useful to find out that information before you set off on your journey to work etc.

There is a handy link at www.transportforchch.govt.nz. During the recent flooding clicking on a bubble took you directly to the Banks Peninsula and Lyttelton Harbour Basin road report site. This is a good website to keep an eye on during times of disruption on the roads in Christchurch in general, as it has been established to assist Christchurch travellers find the quickest and easiest route around the city and is updated regularly.

New Zealand ShakeOut Campaign

On Wednesday September 26 there will be a public nationwide earthquake drill at 9.26am. It will be the culmination of the New Zealand Shakeout campaign which has been running nationwide since March this year.

The purpose of the campaign is to encourage people and organisations to plan for a major earthquake before it happens, and rehearse the right actions to keep safe.

The campaign is relevant to the whole country regardless of whether people live in a high or low earthquake risk region. With people travelling for holiday or business it is important that everyone in New Zealand knows what to do during an earthquake, and how to be prepared.

New Zealand ShakeOut is modelled on the highly successful Great California ShakeOut, which began in 2008 and is now an annual event involving over 8 million.

The campaign will gain momentum over time and there are many promotional activities being organised around the country leading up to the nationwide earthquake drill. The aim is to have one million people participating in the drill. To sign up and get more information, go to www.shakeout.govt.nz/register.

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Neighbourhood Support Canterbury advises of two recently launched websites, both supported by NZ Police. www.police.govt.nz has links to www.police.govt.nz/stolen/vehicles, the police website listing stolen vehicles, and www.stoleme.co.nz, is a non-police site which aims to reunite people with their lost or stolen property or pets by creating a forum for people to post photographs and descriptions of their missing property.

Elaine

Thank you to all those who have confirmed/updated database information. Particularly appreciated is the effort of group, block and sector leaders who have checked on others and relayed the details to me.

However it is clear that many people are away escaping the winter, and holiday home owners likewise are not around just now, so future annual updates will be conducted a little later in the year. Nevertheless, as always, changes in your personal or group details can be sent to me at any time.

While having almost 400 email address is a great help to me in terms of workload, this number represents only about one in three of the properties on our database so there are still many hard copies of lists and information needed. I am pleased to report that I have now received funding to enable the printing of these for this year and, along with email copies, they will be distributed from later this month.

A small adjustment to the database means we can easily now see which details have not been updated, and in due course these will be removed as outdated information could potentially be a hazard.

Please continue to make the effort to keep your record on the database up to date – after the disaster could be too late!

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Hall
A Detailed Engineering Evaluation (DEE) is to be carried out on the Hall to determine if its earthquake resistance level is sufficient to remain open. The building is looking rather shabby, but like all Council buildings, will have to wait its turn for earthquake damage repairs to be done.

Sprig
Regular monthly meetings are being held again.
Bob Parker has agreed to come on September 9 to meet the group to discuss issues relating to the reopening of the Godley House space — see page 3.

A meeting is being arranged with Janine Sowerby and Andrea Wild, Sprig’s contacts with the Council. Matters to discuss are fencing, foundations and time-lines.
Summer events and fundraising are being planned – including 5 pieces of sculpture over five weeks from jetty to village and a program of summer music at the Domain.
$7,500 has been granted by the Community Board.
A formal vote of thanks was passed commending Sprig for their hard work.

Directory Update
A notice will go in the next Herald requesting additions, corrections and updates to the phone directory. These will be published in the October Herald. See top right of page.

Playground
A new picnic table is to go in the children’s playground.
Men’s Shed
A venue is still being sought. Stoddart Cottage Trust will consider if the garage at the Cottage would be suitable.

Quiz
It was suggested that a rise in the per person entry fee is justified to help the clubs hosting quizzes get a reasonable return. It was agreed that the guidelines be amended to suggest a payment of $5 rather than the present $3.
Next meeting 7.30 pm, 17 September.

DH Community Association

Community Notices

Diamond Harbour Service Directory & Phone Book
The latest edition has been out for almost a year now and we have received a number of new additions and changes which have occurred over the past year. With the next issue of the Herald the Diamond Harbour Community Association will print these changes on a page which can be inserted into the Directory to bring it up to date.
Any further additions or changes can also be included, provided they are received in the next couple of weeks.
So if you have come to the district recently and would like to be included in the local directory please email colin.joy@slingshot.co.nz or phone Colin on 329 4119.

Colin McLeod

Mt Herbert Parish Quiz Night
We wish to thank all those who participated in our recent quiz night: the prize and raffle donors, the ticket sellers, the bakers – for the wonderful supper – and all those who helped on the night and beforehand.
We particularly wish to thank:
• Karyn & Paul Davis of Port Levy for the firewood raffle
• Vanessa Ross – Avon consultant
• Peak Fitness
• Little River Craft Gallery
Well done to Wendy Coles and John Sommerville who ensured another successful quiz night.
The funds raised will assist the ongoing work of the church in the local area.
Russell Pickersgill-Brown, Vicar Mt Herbert Parish

Thank Yous & News from Orton Bradley Park
Thank you to everybody who came to help out with the planting on the 5th of August. We managed to plant 450 natives and 120 young Oak trees. Thanks for your assistance, it was a great team effort.
Notice: All walking tracks are closed in the park till the end of September due to lambing, however the Rhododendrons are beginning to bloom, and are worth a visit.
Ian Luxford, Park Manager

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Classifieds

Little Orphan Lil looking for New Mum to Love
Lilith, captivating 9 year old Border Terrier with attitude, bright as a button, loves people (but not other pets) seeks position of adored and adoring companion. Ph 329 3032.

Key found in DH
Similar to a post office box key, but probably not a local one. Collect from DH Post Office. Ph 329 4800.

Digital Camera lost
Lost Monday August 20, possibly between Purau and Diamond Harbour. May still be in white fabric pouch. Has images of storm damaged road in memory. If found please contact Paula on 329 4445 or 027 241 3772.

Lavender Plants for sale
Lilith, captivating 9 year old Border Terrier with a love for people (but not other pets) seeks a forever home. Ph 329 4876.

House sitters available

House required to purchase
In Diamond Harbour within walking distance of the ferry. Ideally 2-3 three bedrooms, modern and sunny with a small section. Contact Jane Green at jgreen52@gmail.com.

Motorcycle repairs and servicing
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Orton Bradley Firewood for sale
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Opportunity
Small section. Contact Jane Green at jgreen52@gmail.com.

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Herald Calendar

Art Group: Weds, 9.30am-12noon, Church Hall
Badminton: Weds, 7.30pm, Community Hall
Bridge Club: Weds, 7pm, DH Bowling Club, 329 4094
Camera Club: Tue Sep 18, 7.30pm, Stage Room See p11
Classic Cars: 1st Sun of month, meet 9.30 at CBS. See p1
Concert at DH School: Sat Sep 22, 2pm, school. See p2
Croquet Fun Day: Sat Sep 22, 10am, Croquet Club. Ph 11
Diamond Harbour Singers: Weds, 7.45pm, Stage Room
DH Community Assn Mtg: Mon Sep 17, Committee Room
DH Historical Society: Tue Sep 17, 8pm, Stage Room. p11
Film Society: Thurs, 7.45pm, Stage Room
Fire Brigade Compost Fundraiser: Sat Sep 1, Fire Stn. p3
Harbourside Car Scavenger Hunt: Sat Sep 8, 2pm. p5
Indoor Bowls: Thurs 2-4pm, Community Hall
Insight Meditation: Tues, 6.30pm, 7A Whero Ave
Italian Cooking Classes: Thu Sep 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 11. p10
Ladies Probus: Mon Sep 10, 10am, Church Hall
Library Story Time: Tue Sep 18, 2pm
Meet the Mayor: Sun Sep 9, 4pm, Community Hall. p3
Mens Probus: Thu Sep 6 & Oct 4, 10am, DH Rugby Club
Orton Bradley Spring Fair: Sun Oct 21, 10am. p10
Quilting Group: Last Mon of month. Ph Rosie 329 4646
Rugby Club: Bar Open Fri & Sat at 5pm
Scavenger Hunt: Sat, Sept 8, 2pm. See p10
Shoppers Van: Weds, Sep 5 & 19; Oct 3, 17 & 31. p12
SPRIG Public Mtg: Mon Sep 10, 7.30pm, Comm Rm. p2
Table Tennis: Thurs 7.30pm, Church Hall
Tai Chi: Thurs 11-12, Sun 5-6pm, Com Hall. Ph 329 4835
Tennis Club: Suns 9.30am Waipapa Ave Courts
Time Bank Films: 7pm Sep 13 & 27
Toy Library AGM: Wed Sep 12, 8pm. See p11
Toy Library: Sat 10am-11am, Community Hall
Ukulele Band: Mon, Sep 10, 7.30pm. See p10
Women’s Breakfast: Sat Sep 22, 8:15am, Church Hall. p12
Woolfun at Bayview Rd: Sat Sep 8. See p10
Yoga Classes: Suns & Mons, 7pm Stage Room see p7

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