It was all action in the second week of the recent school holidays at the Charteris Bay Yacht Club’s Spring Sailing Camp.
Approximately thirty youngsters, from eight years of age and upwards, gathered for three days of intensive training in the popular optimist class yachts.
Having recently acquired six new dinghies, largely due to the generosity of the Canterbury Community Trust, the Club now owns 12 plastimists. The plastimists are sturdy colourful plastic versions of the internationally recognised optimist class, ideal for the rigours of learning to sail. Once sailors have mastered the basics they move onto sailing wooden or fibreglass optimists.

Coaches for the camp were club members, many of whom have formerly participated in learn to sail programmes at Charteris Bay and have gone on to become leading exponents in the optimist class and beyond.

Charlotte Corston is in her final year at school and is employed by the club to coach the more experienced optimist sailors. Isaac Fowler, Matthew Morrison and Kim Buchanan were also involved in coaching groups during the camp.

The sailors were divided into ability classes ranging from complete beginners to those looking to participate in the next National Championships to be held at Easter 2013 in Timaru.

First time sailor, Aston Glennie, 8, sent us this photo (right) of himself sailing a plastimist and told us, I went on the October sailing camp at the Charteris Bay Yacht Club. It was lots and lots of fun. I was very nervous at first, but once I started rigging the optimist up I felt heaps better and then when we actually started sailing it was awesome. The more wind there was the faster we went. I can’t wait until I can go out again soon.

Nine-years-old Lucy Currie says, I had to wear my wetsuit which was really tight and my polyprops. I put on my yellow life jacket and rigged my yellow optimist. Matt and Kim (my coaches) taught me about the boom, mast and main sheet and luff. They showed me how to tie a figure of eight and a bowline, and told me, Don’t capsize! It was fun playing sponge tag. We sailed to Quail Island for lunch and played Candlesticks, Last One Standing and All Aboard. It was really windy on the way back and it was hard to keep the boat on the right track! But it was fun. On the last day we sailed to Hay’s Bay. I did capsize and it was very cold but I kept going. I absolutely loved the sailing camp. Thank you to my coaches and my Learn to Sail Group 2.

The Spring Sailing Camp is one of two annual camps at Charteris Bay Yacht Club, with the Summer event held in January.

There are also after school programmes that run fortnightly on Mondays and Tuesdays in Terms 4 and 1. Parents who have watched their children take to the water as beginner sailors are unanimously astounded at the increased confidence and self-reliance of the youngsters who participate in the programme. It is therefore not surprising that the courses are very popular with parents and children, and so early registration with the Club for learn to sail programmes is recommended.

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The Spring Fair was a fantastic day with approximately 2000 people visiting the Park and enjoying the various offerings. It was great to see so many local residents catching up after a long cold winter, and making the most of the sunshine and the Park’s surroundings. Many local organisations, including the Toy Library and the local parish made the most of the opportunity for some important fund raising, ensuring that the Fair is more than just a Park event. It would be great to see more local organisations involved next year. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time and effort to make it such a successful day, there are too many to name here but again thank you very much.

Ian Luxford, Orton Bradley Park Manager
Camera Club at the Fair

Twelve Camera Club members submitted a total of 54 pictures for this year’s annual exhibition at the Orton Bradley Park Spring Fair. After two years in the Old School, the exhibition moved back to the Board Room in the Orton Bradley Cottage beside which the Summer Silver Band were performing.

Some members brought lamps to illuminate displayed photos in the darker corners of the room, but luckily it was sunny all day and not all the lights were needed. A club member was present at all times to answer questions from visitors and encourage them to sign up as new members. A total of 395 visitors admired our work – some a little more critically than others. One asked specifically to see Graeme Keeley’s Ghost Bird (printed in the October Herald) but unfortunately it arrived late, due to navigational difficulties. Two visitors showed an interest in buying photos and three potential new members left their contact details.

Thanks to all those who helped with organising, preparing their pictures, setting-up, providing supplies, taking down and being present during the day and making it a success.

Rouke Bakker

Diamond Harbour Singers at the Fair

...and it was very fair indeed: a fine spring day, soft and warm in our local piece of paradise. There seemed to be many more fairgoers than the previous year, all engaged in that slow perambulation they do at country fairs, punctuated for the locals by cheery greetings and catch ups.

Those there at the right time would have come across the Diamond Harbour Singers. We offered a wide range of music to people relaxing in front of the cottage.

Led by our much appreciated and loved Rachel Bayliss, the choir sang items from around the world, ranging from popular American standards, African folk songs, music from the Pacific and Shetlands Islands, to a contemporary protest song. The Diamond Harbour Singers’ repertoire is eclectic - a small community choir with a taste for the world of music.

We are always keen to welcome new members and there are places for all voices: sopranos, altos, tenors and basses. There are few requirements: just pleasure in singing and a community spirit. It is not necessary to read music or to have had previous experience singing in a choir, or to audition. We practice on Wednesday evenings from 7.45-9.30pm in the Stage Room at the Community Hall. Not sure? Then just pay us a visit to check us out. You’ll be made welcome.

Joan Melvyn
One of the best-kept secrets in Diamond Harbour, known mainly to the few who walk the middle part of the Cliff Track (beneath the Fire Station and Church) is an enchanted little valley known as Te Ara Reserve.

When I first discovered it, I thought it must be private property, landscaped and whimsically adorned with a gazebo, wishing well, benches, gnomes and many other curios – even a mini-golf course. But no, this lovely spot is, in fact, a public place owned by the CCC and open to all, which Dennis Collins has lovingly transformed into a magical valley, hidden below Marine Drive.

When Godley House was demolished, Dennis began a further transformation to create the Godley House Memorial Walkway from its bricks and other demolition materials, including signs and memorabilia.

Wondering where this secret valley is hidden? It runs from the Cliff Track up to Marine Drive between the eastern end of Ranui Cres and the western end of Te Ara Cres. It can be reached by a path from Marine Drive and by steps from Te Ara Cres (see map on left). By the day of the grand opening there should be a sign on Marine Drive. (See page 14.)

Any individuals or groups wishing to be involved: Please contact Dennis on 329 3069 or 027 223 7487.
Lyttelton Classic Boat Parade and Regatta coming to Purau

This is a formal notice of the event to be held at Purau on Saturday November 10, starting at 1pm. 
Boat Owners and Spectators are all welcome

Parade at 1pm
This will take the form of a sail past of Purau jetty. Each craft entered will receive a designated number by email to determine its position in the parade.
All boats are to assemble to the south of the jetty (the line of yellow buoys) prior to the 1pm start time and arrange themselves in designated numerical order. The number can be printed out or replicated by hand on A4 paper and displayed on the Port side to be clearly seen from the jetty during the sail past.
Boats are to motor or sail past the jetty at 40 metre intervals in a northerly direction (out of the bay), to allow the commentator to read out each boat’s history (to be supplied with the entry form).
After completing the sail past boats are to assemble in designated areas to start further activities – displacement yachts near the mouth of Purau Bay; dinghies and small sailboats at Wreck Bay (NE corner of Purau Bay); and motor boats in the middle of Purau Bay (outside the line of moored boats).

Regatta at 2pm
2.00pm - Start for 30ft and over sailing craft.
2.10pm - Start for 20-30ft sailing craft.
2.20pm - Start for motor boat log race.
The above events will start at Purau and finish at Diamond Harbour.
2.30pm - Start of small craft events - all in Purau.
Sailing instructions, courses etc will be issued on the day, and will be subject to weather conditions.

BBQ at 5pm
This will be a BYO event at a venue all participants and family will find accessible. BBQs will be provided at the venue which is in the neighbourhood and will be announced on the day.

Run on behalf of all classic boat lovers in Canterbury and further afield, with help from Mike Rossouw of Jack Tar Sailing Co and Doug George of Purau Mooring Association, with assistance from the Christchurch City Council, this event is free of charge, but donations will be gratefully accepted. It is called participation by donation. See our website for updated information: www.cantyc classicboats.co.nz. We hope you will join us.

Peter Braithwaite, Hugh Hobden, Paul Pritchett.
Canterbury Classic Boats
Locals Invited to Help Host Urban Mountain Biking Event

On Saturday March 16 next year, Lyttelton will host a novel event for mountain bike enthusiasts. The Lyttelton Urban Downhill is expected to attract both local and international competitors, and will be a great opportunity for locals to get involved and see some of the best in action.

Of course mountain biking usually takes place in a more natural environment, and Andrea Murray of the Huxter Mountain Bike Trust, which is organising the event, emphasises that there is no intention to promote urban riding in general, even though there is no doubt that the spectacle will heighten awareness of the sport. The main aim of the non-profit Trust is to draw attention to the Lyttelton community, its great spirit and its need to regenerate business activity.

Lyttelton is a focal point for the Huxter Trust in its efforts to re-establish a biking pathway from Summer and, hopefully, eventually extending around to Governors Bay.

Any profits from the Urban Downhill will go towards this project. The Trust has extended an invitation to Diamond Harbour folk to become involved by volunteering to host one or more of the overseas competitors in their homes during the event.

Local school children and other groups are also invited to participate by organising a stall on London Street for the day.

For further information call Andrea on 03 443 1860, email: andrea.murray@paradise.net.nz or the Trust at www.huxter.org.nz or 0800 489 783.
The Lyttelton Harbour Festival of Walking returns this year with an incredibly broad and unique range of walks right around the harbour. Running over the two weekends, November 3-4 and 10-11, there are more than 30 individual walks that offer new insights and trips to unusual and intriguing places.

Purau Past and Present
Starting at Diamond Harbour you can discover Purau Past and Present with Pauline Croft on Saturday November 3 at 9am. Beginning with a visit to the Purau Farmers Market, participants will be guided down the old stock route to Purau with tales of old and new and a cuppa along the way.

Coastal Cliffs Ecology Walk to Hays Bay
There is also a chance to learn about naturalised and indigenous coastal plants as you walk to Hays Bay on the Coastal Cliffs Ecology Walk with Paula Smith on Sunday November 11 at 10am.

Orton Bradley Park
At Orton Bradley you can Meet Remarkable Trees with arborist Tim Harris as he takes you to some of the park’s numerous notable trees on Sunday November 4 at 11am. You can also discover a number of walks at Orton Bradley Park from 20 mins to 5 hours or more in length. The park has extensive self-guided walking tracks. (Park entry: $5 adults, $1 children, maximum $10 per car.)

Bergli Farm
Bergli Farm at Teddington offers long and short trails for all fitness levels as well as sheep, alpacas, cows and calves. With an added scavenger hunt this would be an ideal outing for families and bookings can be made on any of the four festival days.

Quail Island Overnight Camp
Quail Island opens up for an exciting one-off chance to camp there overnight. The Quail Island Family Camp with Mark Brabyn includes a guided tour of the island and a ride back with the Coastguard. Cost: $25 per adult, children free.

Living Springs
At Living Springs on Bamfords Road there are daily walks at 9.30am and 1pm taking in the stunning views with shorter or longer self-guided routes to choose from.

Governors Bay Pushchair Walk
Starting at Governors Bay Jetty you can take the pushchair for a spin with the Family Pushchair walk with Ruth Targus. Stomp to Allendale and return for either a picnic or a café catch up.

Lyttelton
In Lyttelton, you can visit artists’ studios, explore the Lyttelton Farmers Market, tour back yard chickens and rediscover the township. All walks must be booked in advance and have limited numbers – some are filling up fast! Most walks cost $5 (children free).

To find out more visit www.lyttelton.net.nz or find us on Facebook: Lyttelton Harbour Festival of Walking or call the Information Centre: 328 9093.

Lottie Harris

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Declining Water Quality in Lyttelton Harbour

Banks Peninsula Water Management Committee is currently formulating a plan which has the potential to reverse the trend of declining water quality in Lyttelton Harbour. Harbour water quality has declined as the result of changing land use over the last 100 years mainly because of the quantity of sediment from eroding hillsides which finds its way into the harbour via many streams and creeks.

Fine clay sediment sloshing around on the harbour floor makes life impossible for all but a few of the most adaptable bottom-dwelling species. The action of waves and tides stirs up the sediment making the water cloudy and preventing light from penetrating into the water column. This limits photosynthesis by the microscopic plants which form the basis of the marine food chain and overall ecosystem productivity is reduced.

Our prevailing easterly honking up the harbour pushes the suspended sediment toward the head of the harbour where it is deposited to form ever increasing mudflats. In effect the harbour is filling up with the clay from surrounding hills. The reduced marine biodiversity of Lyttelton Harbour ecosystem means fewer species of shellfish, fish, marine birds and mammals such as penguins and dolphins.

Sediment comes from a number of different sources. On Banks Peninsula our fine loess soils are especially susceptible to erosion, so anywhere the soil is exposed is vulnerable.

Historically, reducing the protective covering of vegetation for pastoral farming has had a major impact, but developments such as quarrying, subdivisions and roadways are also significant contributors. These processes are happening all over Banks Peninsula, but nowhere is the problem so bad as in Lyttelton Harbour.

In Lyttelton Harbour the water quality of the sea is profoundly influenced by the management of surrounding land, and the variable quality of freshwater inputs. Improving the ecological health of Lyttelton Harbour depends on people making changes to how the land and the streams are managed.

The Banks Peninsula Zone Implementation Plan (ZIP) will set out the Water Management Committee’s ideas for how land and water will be managed in the future. The committee is seeking local knowledge, opinions and advice from people living around Lyttelton Harbour to be incorporated into the draft ZIP. The Diamond Harbour consultation meeting is on Thursday November 1, 5.30-7.30pm in the Community Hall. This is your best opportunity to influence the management of land and water locally and to support changes which will result in improved water quality in Lyttelton Harbour.

Please support the inclusion of a Lyttelton Harbour/Whakaraupou chapter in the Banks Peninsula Zone Implementation Plan. Feedback on the draft plan (go to wwww.ecan.govt.nz/canterburywater) may be made up to Nov 16. Paula Smith
Asparagus salad with fresh prawns and herb dressing

This is the third spring I am writing about asparagus.
My seedlings which grew successfully never made it into a permanent rich bed, so again, I have no asparagus to harvest. But I’m not giving up!
This month I am sharing another asparagus recipe from a German salad recipe book.

This starter or supper is extremely simple and quick to prepare. It leaves a pleasant taste and a twist on the tongue – the secret is in the simple dressing. Serve with fresh white baguettes.

Ingredients for 4
8 or more prawns (fresh or precooked)
1 lemon
500g asparagus
a bunch of dill, chives or other beloved green herbs
a little garlic crushed
pinch of curry
salt and pepper
pinch of sugar
good light oil (eg grape seed or cold pressed sunflower oil).

Method
Cut off lower 2-3cm from asparagus and peel the lower bottom, if asparagus is not fresh.
Boil 2 litres of water, add the dill (if you have no dill, add asparagus cut offs and add 1 tbsp of salt).
Add prawns, boil for 5 mins, take off heat and let stand for 10 mins.
Cut asparagus into 4cm pieces.
Take prawns from water, boil up the soup again and add asparagus, cook for up to 8 mins, until soft enough for your taste.

Dressing
Chop chives, dill (or a little lovage or fresh sprouted basil) very finely.
Juice one lemon, add salt, pepper, curry and a tiny bit of crushed garlic, a pinch of sugar and oil. Mix and whip to a creamy consistency, add herbs.
Pull tails from prawn shell.
Present asparagus on single plates, add prawns and dressing gently on top. Decorate with dill or other herbs.
Wishing you a sunny spring with many fresh suppers!

Franziska

Sick of the wet weather?
Roll on summer, I say.
Here are some quaffing gems in all price brackets to enjoy as the weather hopefully warms up for summer ahead! Approaching end of year I’m thinking bubbles so re-visited an old favourite, the Morton Estate Premium Brut Methode Traditionnelle NV which I picked up for under $15!
As good as I remember with a nice citrusy and bready flavour and fine bead a length to match, what a bargain!
Also great value is the bog-standard label 2011 Stoneleigh Riesling. It delivers year in year out with a nice floral and lime nose and palate, mineral spine and the acid balancing out just a hint of sweetness through the back palate.
For a top shelf example though, at $26, try the 2010 Amisfield Dry Riesling. From Central Otago this has more of that mineral lime going on but with a fruity acid backbone, the balance absolutely perfect and the flavours on finish linger for ages.
For reds I quite like the 2011 Ngawatara Stables Reserve Syrah which I’ve found on special for under $16. White pepper straight off the glass with subtle red and black fruit flavours on a savoury palate, it offers a nice drink now proposition. Top of the tree though, is the 2009 Cape Mentelle Trinders Cabernet Merlot. From the Margaret River region of Western Australia this is a wow wine with cedar and brambly red and black fruit with hints of vanilla coming from the oak. The balance is superb but it takes a good minute for the flavours to dissipate at all after swallowing! Even at $28 it’s great buying for such top quality. It paired perfectly with spring lamb but will likely get better after spending a stint in the cellar.
Cheers!

The Godfather

Do You Need Childcare?
The Diamond Harbour After School Care Programme can help you!
This programme is for primary school aged children and based at Diamond Harbour School. 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 even need to have a child attending the school.
From 3-6pm Monday to Thursday, this is a fully supervised program that offers afternoon tea, fun activities, games, sports, art and crafts and homework supervision.
Come down any time after 3pm to see what we do.

Please call Christine Turner 329 3033 or 021 161 2555
Weather Watch

To what we hope will be one of those summers of long days and warm weather! This was best demonstrated at Labour Weekend, when in spite of a somewhat unpromising forecast, the day of the Orton Bradley Fair not only dawned fine and warm, but continued so until after dark. What must have been one of the best turnouts for years was reported, while keeping our gardens tidy and clean.
The Eco Gardener’s Patch

My Flower Point Presentation

The wonderfully community-minded citizens who have formed the Avon-Otakaro Network (AvON) (see www.avonotakarono network.co.nz) invited me to give a food-from-the-garden talk at their inaugural Spring River Festival last month. In keeping with the season of flowers, and also because all our food starts with a flower, I decided to give a Flower Point Presentation.

I made three identical tussie mussie bouquets of flowers and leaves from food plants – two to be passed around the audience while I was talking, and one for me to pull apart and speak about each flower and how we use it, or the vegetable or fruit that grows from it, in the kitchen.

My bouquet included flowers that can be eaten directly – nasturtium flowers to scatter over the top of a green salad, and calendula petals to toss within it. There were also flowers that grow on leafy greens – rocket and pak choi – which we don’t usually eat, but which are fine to eat raw or cooked.

The leaves rather than the flowers of sage and thyme are what we grow the plants for, but I have over-planted these herbs in my veggie garden because they are so attractive to bees. For the same reason I included some sprays of forget-me-not in the tussie mussies. I let forget-me-nots self-sow freely in the tussie mussies. I let forget-me-nots self-sow in my veggie garden because they are so attractive to bees. For the same reason I included some sprays of forget-me-nots in the tussie mussies. I let forget-me-nots self-sow freely in my veggie garden, because although humans don’t eat them they also bring the bees to the veggie garden, and without bees to pollinate our food plants, we would go very hungry indeed.

Other food plant flowers included in the tussie mussies were peas, pineapple sage, chives and two tree flowers – apple and walnut. Apples have an easily recognisable flower, but walnuts have catkins. These are still tightly closed on our trees at Port Levy, and my audience had a hard time guessing what food came from them.

An eco garden doesn’t make a strict division between flower garden and vegetable garden, but recognises the useful role that annual flowers which are usually confined to flower beds can play in a vegetable garden, attracting bees and other beneficial insects and generally increasing biodiversity. It also makes sense to let some vegetables and herbs flower freely and self-sow next year’s crop. Coriander, dill and rocket are my top three for this neat trick. The self-sown plants are always stronger than the first sowing from a packet, because they have adapted to your garden’s soil and climate. If they grow in inconvenient places they can always be transplanted when very young. Last – but not at all least, to my way of thinking – flowers in the veggie garden make it a more colourful, beautiful and enjoyable place to work in, and that has to be good for the gardener.

Christine Dann
The Eco Gardener – http://ecogardenernz.blogspot.com

CIVIL DEFENCE GARAGE SALE

Saturday December 1 at 9am
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To ensure we are able to respond to our community’s needs when ‘the power is out’
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Sending and Receiving Love

Love is a word used a lot in the English language, yet for each of us, it means something slightly different, and so we send and receive it in different ways.

When we first start a relationship, our feelings are really strong and we’re keen to communicate how we feel to our partners, so we send out our love on multiple channels – we send flowers, give gifts, wear our nicest clothes, do nice things for them, make sure we smell good, brush our teeth more often, and say all the right things. However, after time when we’ve settled into the relationship, we continue to send out messages of love, but we tend to do it only on our preferred channel. NLP tells us that there are three main channels on which people send and receive love – visual (sight), auditory (hearing) and kinaesthetic (touch). To discover your preferred channels, consider a time when you knew you were really loved or valued. Thinking about that time, what was it that told you you were loved? Was it the look on someone’s face, the words they used or the way they said something, or them giving you a hug or touching your arm? It may be that seeing someone doing something for you, and hearing them say something in a certain way is what tells you you’re loved – that means you send and receive love in visual and auditory ways. Or perhaps you don’t need to see anything or hear anything – you know you’re loved when you are touched in a certain way, i.e. kinaesthetic is what’s really important to you.

Knowing your way of sending and receiving love is important, but even more important is this. Who needs to know this about you? And who do you need to know this about? So many relationships consist of people who love each other but send their love on different channels and constantly miss each other, resulting in two people who wonder if they are loved and valued. Having this knowledge about your partner is crucial. It means you can adjust your own communication as well as interpret theirs, and helps you keep your relationship strong.

Robyn

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The Big Windows 8 Gamble

If last month’s column, about old computers slowing down, reflected your own experience, you may be mulling the idea of buying a new one. Due to technical advances and a favourable exchange rate, new computers (in real, inflation-adjusted terms) are cheaper than ever.

By the time this issue of the Herald hits the streets, Microsoft will have released Windows 8 with much fanfare and hoopla, and before long your letterbox will be full of glossy ads from the big electrical retailers, tempting you to buy a next-generation touch-screen computer running Windows 8 – and then there will be the TV adverts to convince you that you need one.

Having missed the mobile computing bus and lost market share to Apple and Google’s Android, Microsoft has taken the bold step of creating a new version of Windows that runs on all platforms: The desktop PC, laptop, tablet, and smartphone. But can this one size fits all approach result in the best solution for each of these platforms? The touch screen interface at the heart of Windows 8 may be ideal for tablets and smartphones, but what about desktop PCs and laptops, which also have a keyboard and mouse? An extra pair of hands would be mighty useful!

Microsoft is taking a huge gamble on Windows 8 – but should you? Having spent the past couple of months playing around with a pre-release version and reading various reviews, I would advise caution.

Unlike the usual incremental change of each new version, Windows 8 is a completely different animal from previous Windows versions (XP/Vista/7) and will force you to relearn how to use a computer. Some will like it, with its crisp clean graphics and cool live tiles – but others will hate it, and find themselves totally flummoxed.

If you are an early adopter, love technical challenges, learning new things and want the latest gizmo, then Windows 8 may be a good choice – particularly for a mobile device such as a tablet.

But if all you need is a desktop PC or laptop that lets you carry on doing exactly the same things you do now, without a minimum of fuss and change, and do not want to have to learn to use a computer all over again then Windows 8 may cause you grief.

If in doubt, do a bit of research: Google for Windows 8 reviews. There are plenty, including YouTube videos which give a good idea of what it looks like. Or wait until someone you know, whose computer usage is similar to your own, gets Windows 8 and ask their opinion.

Apart from the steep learning curve, another reason to be cautious is that in the past, whenever Microsoft has brought out a significantly different version of Windows it has been plagued with serious bugs, many of which were not fixed until the next version.

So, what to do if your present computer is too slow?

1. Upgrade the memory and/or disable unnecessary start up programs. This could buy you a year or two.
2. Look on TradeMe (or similar) for a pre-owned Windows 8 computer. (There will likely be a lot on offer as people upgrade to the new Windows 8 computers.)
3. Grab yourself a new Windows 7 computer while you can (there may be some bargains if retailers are clearing old stock to make way for the new Windows 8 models).
4. Get the Pro version of Windows 8 – it can be downgraded to Windows 7 (for free).
5. Download utilities (such as Pokki) which make Windows 8 look and work more like Windows 7 (there is bound to be a huge demand for this kind of software).
6. Find a company that builds PCs and get them to build one to your requirements and install Windows 7 on it.

If you are still set on buying a Windows 8 computer, then be aware that it comes in two very different flavours (depending upon the processor inside):

1. Windows RT will be installed on devices with ARM processors. These will mostly be tablet computers. They cannot run existing Windows software and it may take some time before compatible software becomes available.
2. Windows 8 Standard and Windows 8 Pro will be installed on desktop PCs and laptops (and some high end tablets) which use Intel and AMD processors. They will be able to run the millions of existing Windows programs – if you can find them without a Start button!

Ron
At a recent ceremony in Christchurch, Rotary International combined with Sunrise Rotary Club to generously donate fourteen defibrillators to the NZ Fire Service Christchurch Metro Area. Chief Fire Officer, Don Cameron of Diamond Harbour, accepted the defibrillators on behalf of the NZ Fire Service from His Excellency Lt General, the Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae. In reply, Don thanked the Service Clubs, noting that this latest operational equipment is particularly important to the Fire Service, now that its role has changed from Fire to Fire and Rescue. In regard to saving lives, the widely recognised term, The Golden Hour, still applies and the defibrillators will greatly assist Brigades in early intervention and patient support in this role.

**First Aid Courses in Lyttelton**

Free First Aid Courses to be run in Lyttelton by St John
8am-5pm on: Sunday 4 November
Saturday 10 November & Sunday 11 November
Saturday 24 November & Sunday 25 November
We need a minimum of 10 students for any course to proceed and a maximum of 15 for each day.
Please bring lunch — tea/coffee and bickies are provided.
These are adult courses for those over 17.
The courses are not for businesses and are for community residents in the Lyttelton Harbour basin area only.
Please email your 1st & 2nd preferred dates as soon as possible to Jules Lee: jslprojects@xtra.co.nz

**DH Mooring Users Assoc**

Recently a number of us have become concerned about security of our property in the dinghy shelter and on the moorings. In order to improve the safety of our assets we have begun to form a DH Mooring Users Association. As a first step we would like to provide mooring users with each other’s contact details so that if any one sees anything untoward they can inform the concerned owner. We will not reveal any details without your permission. If you are willing to join with your fellow mooring users for mutual protection please let us have the following details:
- Your name
- Boat’s name
- Boat’s sail number
- Type of boat
- Mooring number
- Dinghy in the shelter yes/no
- Email address or postal address
- Contact phone numbers, work, home, mobile

These details will only be circulated to other mooring users who have provided the same details. Contact Ron Dards 03 322 1108 or Richard Jones 03 337 5337.

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**Seasons of Sunrise**

**June 20, 2012,** the winter solstice: the sun rose at 8am at 26.1° and emerged from behind Godley Head 25 minutes later. There were 8 hours 57 minutes between sunrise and sunset.

**August 6, 2012:** Sunrise was at 7.31am in the middle of the harbour — 29.9°. Sunset was 9 hours 35 minutes later.

**September 15, 2012:** The sun rose at 43.5° behind Adderley Head—at 6.31am on an overcast morning and 15 minutes cast a brilliant glow behind the clouds as it cleared the top of the hill. It set 11 hours 4 minutes later.

John Lammiman’s house faces the opposite direction to mine, and he captured the full moon on Sugarloaf at the end of September.

Elaine

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GRAND OPENING
GODLEY HOUSE MEMORIAL WALKWAY
Te Ara Reserve
Sunday November 11 at 1-4pm
Annie’s Victorian Afternoon Teas
Diamond Harbour Singers
Inaugural Poets Corner
Purau Valley Farmers Market
Various Stalls

Diamond Harbour Camera Club
Questions and Answers by club members
for club members (and visitors)
7:30 pm in the Stage Room on Tuesday November 20.
Visitors: $3 donation.  Rouke Bakker

Diamond Harbour Painting Group
EXHIBITION
St Andrews Church Hall, Show Weekend
Friday Nov 16: 10am - 4.30pm
Saturday Nov 17: 10am - 4.30pm
Sunday Nov 18: 1 - 4.30pm

It’s Farmers Market season again!
Markets are held every second Saturday
from 9am to noon at the Village Centre.
Mark these dates on your calendar:
2012: November 3 & 17; December 1, 15 & 29
2013: January 12 & 26; February 9 & 23
March 9 & 23; April 6 & 20; May 4 & 18

An invitation to join us...
The Purau Produce group wishes
to invite other groups and
individuals in the local area to join
them, selling their own produce
and crafts to create a larger market.
Please contact Aileen on 329 4212.

Diamond Harbour & District
Health Support Group AGM
Our AGM will be held at 10am
on Saturday November 10 in the Church Library.
All interested folk welcome.

Free Running Group
Sundays 8am. Ph 329 4647 or mikecatton@mac.com.
Our Library
Did you know that the Diamond Harbour Library has a wonderful new picture book bin?
Big enough to house all the picture books as well as the board books for babies.

Now there is much more room for the rest of the children’s books, videos and music to spread out.
Remember that it doesn’t cost anything to join the library.

So come down and have a browse -
You are always welcome !

This month’s Storytime is on Tuesday November 20 -
come and join in the fun - all welcome.  Christine Turner

Plenty to Share – Project Lyttelton’s weekly food swap launches in Diamond Harbour
Saturday morning November 3
in the village centre beside Chalfont Café.
The idea behind Plenty to Share is to encourage sharing as part of our lifestyles, to promote locally grown food, to create awareness that there are plenty of local resources, which when well re-distributed can create a feeling of abundance and local self-sufficiency. Now residents of Diamond Harbour and the southern bays can look forward to sharing the bounty of their gardens and kitchens on Saturday mornings.

Brian Rick, Co-leader of the Project Lyttelton’s Harbour Resilience Project says,
This is as much about sharing our food surplus as it is about bringing people together to create more resilient communities. Food is so fundamental to our health and happiness, that it’s a perfect way to bring people together. We all have something that we can share, whether it’s a windfall of plums, some extra jars of jam, or a few scones more than we needed.

To mark the November 3 launch, festivities being planned including music, cooking demonstrations, recipe giveaways, kids’ activities and more.

For more information contact Brian on 021 2011 279 or brian@lyttelton.net.nz.

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October SPRIG Update

Godley House Site: Tracey will find out what is required for a proposal to gain short term lease over the Godley House Site and conclude service reinstatement at the site (including new café). We are pursuing town centre zoned Godley House Site lease option – to whom would CCC be willing to lease to? Considering trust structures that would provide some degree of community control and governance, direction, investment opportunity and also following up with CCC over fencing removal plans.

CCC Planning: SPRIG will meet with a planner from the CCC to discuss moving forward with Council support, focus on Stoddart Point Management Plan – submissions likely to be requested in November.

Projects: Live at the Point and Sculpture on the Point events are progressing well (see page 14). All 10 Sundays booked with musicians. Five sculptors confirmed (Neil Dawson, Llew Summers, Hannah Kidd, Mark Whyte and Alison Erikson). Sculptures to be installed mid-December. Fundraising is under way and we have already secured some good sponsors. Awaiting response to grant applications and will hear back by the end of October.

Tourism: Pete Simpson and SPRIG reps met with Caroline Blanchard from Christchurch & Canterbury Tourism to discuss ways of prompting Diamond Harbour as a destination for Christchurch residents and regional/international visitors including: marketing options and costs, events in Diamond Harbour to attract visitors, funding options and plan for when Lyttelton reverts as a primary cruise port in 2014.

Sponsorship Packages: Sponsorship packages have been sent out to last year’s sponsors to seek further funding for this summer’s Live at the Point series. We are offering a range of sponsorship packages and invite local businesses to consider becoming a sponsor. For full details please download the Sponsorship Form from: www.diamondharbour.info/sprig.aspx#sponsorship or contact Tracey Ower on 329 4611 or tyola@xtra.co.nz.
Regular Services
Catholic
Catholic Mass - First Sunday of the month at 5:30pm

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

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.

Keyboard player or Organist needed
We are interested in hearing from any talented keyboard player or organist able to assist us in our Sunday 10:30am service. (Not every week, but possibly once a month or as needed.) Please contact Russell on 329 4876 or email mt.herbertvicar@xtra.co.nz.

Movie Night
We will be screening Amazing Grace at the Church Hall on Sunday November 25 at 7pm. All Welcome. No Charge.

Thank You
Please accept this acknowledgement as a personal thank you to all the supporters of the Mt Herbert Parish stalls at the Orton Bradley Spring Fair. Your support and purchases of books, plants, cakes, and sausage sizzle will ensure the continuation of the local churches community involvement. Thanks again.
Rev Russell Pickersgill-Brown

Home Groups
Two home groups meet on 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 care givers 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.
Nov 13 & 27
Dec 11 - Annual Picnic (time and venue to be advised)

City Shopping Van
The fortnightly shopping van to South City will be running on:
Nov 14 & 28
Dec 12
The van does pick-ups from home around 9am and drops people back home around 1:30pm. A contribution towards fuel of $10 per shopping day is expected. To book an occasional or regular ride ring Nicky Palmer 329 4341 or Wendy Coles 329 4483.

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

Mount Herbert Parish Magazine
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
I have been thinking about marriages lately... how good some are, how good some seem and how bad some are and how bad some seem.
Of course I must add at the start that I am not talking to couples in extreme situations... I am talking about a normal, healthy relationship that simply gets old, stale and stagnant.
For those of us who are married, I am sure there would be no disagreement that it is a challenge, a joy, a trial and a roller-coaster ride at times.
I have experienced huge highs and lows in my marriage. Children, finances and relations all add another dimension that can challenge the best of relationships.
I have been married 30 years now and I can say that I can remember at least twice in this time that I have considered ending my marriage. I got to the stage that I just didn't care any more and I was not in a head space to truly consider the other parties in my marriage... my husband, children and extended family and the impact that ending things would have on them.
Somehow, I didn't cross that line and end my marriage and I am so glad that I didn't. The love between my husband and I that was gone at that time did resurface and we did work together to rebuild our lives together and we actually fell in love with each other again... I never expected that to happen!
I am not judging anyone who has ended their relationship but simply asking the question... is it too late? How important is your pride? Your bruised spirit? I know how hard it is to reach out when you feel you are looking at a brick wall.
I know that both parties must be willing to work at a marriage and my prayer, if I am speaking to you, is that both of you will work towards rekindling your marriage and my prayer, if I am speaking to you, is that both of you must be willing to rekindle your first love and rebuild the foundations of your relationship... think hard beyond yourself and your own needs and try to imagine how your family would look if you are apart.
Life is a journey not a destination! Anna Pickersgill-Brown

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Community Notices

With Thanks To The Community

We moved to Church Bay at the end of August, 3 years ago. It was wonderful to live here after spending many weekends at our bach in Whero Ave. Every time we drove over the hill from Christchurch we told ourselves how lucky we were to live here. We still get this feeling.

We were immediately welcomed into the community and we have never regretted the decision to live here. In the last three years we have been involved with the Diamond Harbour Community Association, Cancer Support Group, DH Singers, Tai Chi, Probus, a book discussion group, the start-up of the Men’s Shed and Natural Burials and were beginning to get involved with Civil Defence.

We have been very privileged to have wonderful neighbours and have made many friends in the community. The view from our James Drive house is marvellous and another facet of the area we regret leaving.

We’ll always love Diamond Harbour and Church Bay and hope to return sometimes from Nelson. The future looks very bright here; we have watched the area grow and prosper. We will miss you and welcome friends to visit in our new home in Nelson.

Nan and David Turner

High School Students

Are you interested in a job minding school children? From 4-6pm up to 4 days a week. We want you!

Diamond Harbour After School Care at DH school Monday to Thursday.

Contact Christine: ph 329 3033, txt 021 161 2555 or email afterschoolcaredh@gmail.com.

Library Petition

A petition to extend the opening hours of Diamond Harbour library can be signed at Chalfont Café. At present the library is open 13 hours per week at irregular times of the day. This is inadequate for such a well-patronised facility. The short irregular opening hours make it difficult for people with full-time work. The petition proposes that the library be open at least four hours a day, five days a week (including Saturday). With strong community support, the petition will be presented to the Head Librarian at the council. Please head down to the café and sign if you believe this is an important issue.

Mary Ogilvie

Green Burial Update

On Thursday October 11 a small group met to discuss John Allen’s draft sketch plan for the Green Burial sites in the present DH Memorial Gardens.

The plan may be viewed on the Community Notice board opposite Chalfont Café. Your comments/suggestions are welcomed. Please phone Robin on 329 4788.

Petitions are being circulated as the council needs to know that the plan has the support of the community. (Support does not necessarily indicate a desire to be interred at the proposed site.)

Robin Manger

Civil Defence Update

Full Storm Ahead!

Scene: Leo is packing his golf gear into his car. Agnes stops him.
A. Where are you going, dear?
L. To golf, dear. Going to golf.
A. No, you’re not. Storm coming. Should be here in two hours. There’s lots for you to do instead.
L. But...
A. With winds predicted to be 130 kph, don’t you think it a good idea to get that building material under cover? Flying roofing iron is pretty sharp. Also, you won’t want to retrieve your timber from the harbour.
L. I obey, O Wise One. But how about you collect in the outdoor furniture?
A. Now you’re thinking. When you’re done you better find that dog of ours before the storm arrives. He’ll need to come into the washhouse.
L. And the children.
A. Thanks Einstein. You better check our getaway kit is handy. I’ll close the windows and draw the curtains.
L. Why? What are we going to get up to?
A. Dream on, Sunshine. The curtains will stop any flying glass, should we lose a pane or two.
L. Wow! If it’s that big a storm I’d better unplug our more vulnerable electrical stuff.
A. Atta boy!

As many will know, our local Civil Defence team receives no funding for equipment valuable in an emergency. So we are keen to inform fellow residents of an imminent fund-raising initiative... details on page 11.

Please support us, so we can support you.

John Barry

Neighbourhood Support

The major updating for 2012 has now been completed, and new lists distributed to all properties via email or group leaders. Unfortunately this seems to have led to a flurry of further updates and corrections, which, of course, render many of the new lists inaccurate. As both my funding and my time is limited, I will not be sending out another version at this time. This is not to suggest that I do not want to receive updates and corrections — I definitely do, and they will all be recorded on the database. Please be assured that you can correct, add, delete, change and generally update your personal information at any time by contacting me on 329 4512; or dhshq@gmail.com at any time and as often as necessary. The more current our database is, the more use it will be at critical times.

One a different note, everyone is reminded that it is not wise to leave cars overnight at the wharf or nearby. Vandal are continuing to target this area. Please also be on the alert for any other unusual activity in our area.

Thank you for being part of Diamond Harbour Neighbourhood Support.

Elaine
Garage Sale

Fridge for sale

Bed and Mattress for sale
Rimu single bed with new mattress. $100. Karen 329 3006.

House Wanted to Buy
Keen buyer wanting to purchase a 3 bedroom home in DH or surrounding bays. Ph Lorna 021 256 7311.

Acer Laptop for sale
Acer Aspire 3620 with clean WinXP install, MSE Antivirus LibreOffice (MS Office compatible) etc. 14” screen, 34Gb hard drive, 1Gb memory, WiFi. $125. Ph 329 3032.

Orton Bradley Firewood for sale
3m3 pine delivered (Purau to Governors Bay) $195. All proceeds to Park maintenance. Ph 329 4730.

Dolls House for Sale
Also knitting wool. Old 32” Samsung TV to give away. Ph 329 4071.

Washing Machine to give away

Woold Winder wanted
Wanted to buy - anything considered. Ph Simonette Boele on 329 4369.

Free Fill and delivery
Clay/dirt fill, by the small trailer load, delivered free to DH and Southern Bays area. Ph Pete or Marg 329 3295.

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

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

Cleaner/Housekeeper available
Experienced person available for work on a casual or regular basis. Ph Ruby on 329 4870.

2012 CHRISTMAS MAILING DATES

Please post your overseas Christmas mail by the following dates to ensure it arrives in time.

Australia | UK/Europe | Rest of world
Sth Pacific | North America | East Asia
International

Economy | Mon 3 Dec | Mon 26 Nov | Fri 23 Nov

International

Air Mail | Mon 10 Dec | Mon 3 Dec | Fri 30 Nov

Buy 10 international stamps and only pay for 9. As well as our usual stationery supplies of stamps, mailing bags & boxes, we also have a selection of Christmas Cards, wrap, diaries and calendars.

Not long now ‘till Christmas!

Call in and talk to us about your best mailing options. We will be happy to help.

Vicki & Wendy DH Post Centre Phone 329 4800

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

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

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

Flatmate wanted
Female lodger/flatmate wanted to share small, quiet sunny home with another female. Ph 021 161 2555.

Need Good Garden Soil?
Diamond Harbour Bowling Club have some to spare—free! Contact Ian on 329 4110 to arrange access, then turn up with your bucket, trailer or truck.

Herald Calendar
Alpha: Sun Nov 18, 10.30am, Church Hall. p16
Annie’s Victorian Teas Return: Sun Nov 11, 1pm p4 & 14
Art Group: Weds, 9.30am-12noon, Church Hall
Bridge Club: Weds, 7pm, DH Bowling Club, 329 4094
Camera Club: Tues Nov 20, 7.30pm. Stage Room. p14
Church Activities: See page 17
Civil Defence Garage Sale: Sat Dec 1, 9am, village. p11
Classic Boat Regatta: Sat Nov 10, 1pm, Purau. p5
Classic Cars: Sun Nov 4, 9.30am. Church Bay Services
Croquet Club: Weds 2pm, Sats 10am
Diamond Harbour Singers: Weds, 7.45pm, Stage Room
DH Community Assn Mtg: Mon Nov 19, Committee Rm
Ecan Meeting in DH: Thu Nov 1, 5.30pm, Com Hall, p8
Farmers Market: Suns Nov 3 & 17, Dec 1, 15 & 29 p14 & 19
Festival of Walking: Nov 3 & 4; 10 & 11. p7
Film Society: Thurs, 7.45pm, Stage Room
Fiona Pears: Sat Dec 1, 3pm, Community Hall. P15
First Aid Courses: Nov 4; 10 & 11; 24 & 25. Lyttelton. p13
Fitness Boxing: Tues, Church Hall, Thurs Com Hall, 7pm
Godley Walkway Opening: Sun Nov 11, 1pm. p4 &14
Health Sup Grp AGM: Sat Nov 10, 11am Church Lib. p14
Historical Society: Sun Nov 11, 11am. p15
Insight Meditation: Tues, 6.30pm, 7A Whero Ave
Ladies Probus: Mon Nov 5, 10am, Church Hall
Library Story Time: Tue Nov 20, 2pm. p15
Mens Probus: Thu Dec 6 10am, DH Rugby Club
Movie Night: Nov 25, 7pm, Church Hall. p17
Painting Group Exhibition: Nov 16-18, Church Hall. p14
Plenty to Share: Sats, Village Centre. See p15
Quilting Group: Mon Nov 26. Ph Rosie 329 4646
Rugby Club: Bar Open Fri & Sat evenings
Running Group: Sundays 8am. p14
Shoppers Van: Weds Nov 14 & 28; Dec 12. p17
SPRIG—Live at the Point: Suns Dec 14-Feb 24. p14,16
SPRIG—Sculpture at the Point: Suns Dec 14 - Feb 24
SPRIG Meeting: Mon Nov 12, Committee Rm
String Players: Tues, 7pm. Ph 329 4536.
Tai Chi: Thurs 11-12noon, Sun 5-6pm, Comm Hall
Tennis Club: Sun 9.30am; Weds 6.30pm, Waipapa Crts
Toy Library: Sats 10-11am, Community Hall
Woollun at Bergli: Sat Nov 10. p13
Yoga Classes: Suns & Mons, 7pm, Ph Adrian 329 3395

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