For Everything There is a Season...

Fran Macfarlane is one for whom this old adage rings true, accepting that her Diamond Harbour season is at its end. But I’m not leaving because I don’t like it, she assures me. I still love it here! We take our coffees into her lounge and I respond, I can see why. As I admire the splendid panoramic view through the large windows – I can see the yachts in Purau Bay and Lyttelton Harbour to beyond the Heads.

I love the people, explains Fran. This is such a special community. And Fran would know because there can be few people who have been more involved in their communities than she and her husband, Dugald.

Their association with Diamond Harbour took root in 1987 when, looking ahead to retirement from a lifetime in farming, the couple purchased a section of Rose and Tony Morrison’s property and set about designing and then building their perfect house. This was the start of a long and close friendship with the Morrisons, and it was probably on the suggestion of the late Tony (aka The Gaffer) that Dugald was invited to become treasurer of the Diamond Harbour Community Association as soon as he and Fran became permanent residents in 1991. Dugald ably fulfilled this role for a number of years. His handyman skill and innovation were also soon widely recognised. In particular the sets which he devised and constructed for the Merrymakers were renowned. Golf was his passion right up till his death in September 2010.

In typical Macfarlane family spirit, the couple’s two sons and daughter jokingly attach significance to the fact that in the early hours of morning after his funeral, the 7.2 earthquake occurred. Of course Fran, too, has made a major contribution to our community over the last 21 years, being an enthusiastic and active member of, among others, St Andrew’s Church, Probus, the Painting and Diamond Harbour Health groups and even the Herald of which she was Editor between 1993 and 1998, producing 61 issues – more than any of her successors to date.

Her legacy however, must be the magnificence of the tapestry which hangs behind the altar in St Andrew’s Church. Weaving is one of her long-standing loves, so it was not entirely unusual that she suggested the concept when she was asked to join the planning group for the new Church building next to the fire station. She drew up the design, and then for thirteen months she spent around 20 hours a week aided by more than 300 other locals in weaving the masterpiece. Dugald, too, had a hand in the project, designing and constructing an appropriate fitting by which to securely hang the completed work.

Over the last few months a number of events have led Fran to the decision to leave Diamond Harbour to be closer to the city and her family, which includes six grandchildren. The time is right. Everything has fallen into place. My house is sold and, having met the new owners, I know they will love and care for it just as we have. And I have found a new home which is ideal in every respect.

So, by Christmas, Fran’s Aidenfield Season will be underway, although she may not be completely lost to Diamond Harbour, the camaraderie and activities of the Painting Group in particular being hard to resist.

In any case Fran, of course, plans to keep in touch with Diamond Harbour, the camaraderie and activities of the Painting Group in particular being hard to resist.

Six years ago supply of local news was very much imperilled, along came Fran with a bright idea. The rebirth of the Herald.

Now the richest of gifts hangs on the new church wall; Fran’s bright dream – and the district’s begetting. Woven by hundreds of pairs of hands, a biblical parable, a local setting.

It’s hard to rhyme Macfarlane (doubtless better rhymsters can), but it shouldn’t stop us saying, Thank you, Dugald, Thank you, Fran.

For his skills with wood and audits, and hers with paint and loom, they both deserve great plaudits for helping Diamond Harbour boom.

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Mary Staylor-Smith
It was a grand occasion indeed, enjoyed by many local residents and visitors from Lyttelton and further afield on November 11, a fine sunny Sunday afternoon.

Dennis Collins (left) created the walkway from the bricks and other materials, including signs and memorabilia, salvaged from Godley House and his wonderful work was much admired.

Those visiting this enchanted valley for the first time were delighted to discover a hidden gem.

It was a carnival atmosphere. Annie Baxter returned to Diamond Harbour for the occasion to offer her much-loved Victorian Afternoon Teas; the Harbour Coop from Lyttelton and the Purau Valley Farmers Market served delicious treats and there was ice cream and face-painting for the kids.

The valley formed a natural theatre, with performers on one side and the audience opposite. The Diamond Harbour Singers opened the entertainment with a rousing performance.

This was followed by poetry - James Norcliffe, John Riminton and Jan Cole gave readings of their own work, then Bryan Fowler and David Hughes (appropriately ‘laid tired as a couple of Aussie drovers) entertained with spirited recitals of Banjo Paterson’s The Man from Snowy River and other Australian.

One of the poems read by Jan Cole, named Godley House, was written after the quakes.

Jan added the final two stanzas to commemorate the opening of the walkway and to pay tribute to Dennis Collins’ labour of love.

Ron

Godley House
There’s a space where Godley House was
A void in the air around
No more coffees on the lawn, or singing
Nothing — just a space, only memories, not a sound
There’s a space where Godley House was
A flattened pile of rubble and landfill bound
It’s hard to recognize the place — an empty section
Our memories do not tally with what’s left upon the ground
There’s an empty cube above the plan or footprint
A ghost-house still exists there I’ll be bound
But the place where Godley House stood in its garden
Is empty, lost — not yet found

Now — spirits of the past do walk there
Along with Engineers and men in orange coats
Who respectful — yet but firm remove our history
To create wharves for container ships and pleasure boats
When at last the site is cleared, we’ll regain the vision
We’ll see new options spring from out her sad demise
A heart, a centre for this seaside village
Sustainable and vibrant will it rise

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

Yet, here today, in this wondrous valley
A memory-garden has been shaped from out the grass
Its paths and archways, seats and resting spots
Creating space to contemplate what came to pass
Dennis has indeed performed his magic
With much hard work ……and a vision clear
We’d like to thank him for his dedication
Without it — this gathering-place would not be here

Jan Cole
A fine warm day with a moderate easterly breeze, good tide and the picturesque setting of Purau Bay made for a very successful day for the participants in this event on Saturday November 10.

To mark our event, four distinctive flags have been made and were used to good effect directing many spectators to the site.

A gratifying 30 boats registered for this event organized by the Canterbury Classic Boat Group. Support was good from the larger vintage keel boats in the harbour and the Parade of Craft began with a bang as Mike Rossouw in his motor sailor Oyster fired the starting canon. As each boat passed the jetty, an excellent commentary was given on its history by Paul Pritchett.

Smaller craft launched from the beach had to beat out of the shallows to reach the marshalling area. They included three Frostbite dinghies, a Shellback dinghy and an 8' clinker rowing boat.

Hard luck story of the day was Mel Selwood from Ashburton who, after rigging his immaculate Frostbite, discovered he had left his sail at home! This was made up to some extent when he received the DARRA trophy for best restored vintage boat. A trophy not to be forgotten, it is a large dead eye from the barque Darra, an early emigrant ship to NZ that sadly ended up as a coal hulk and was scuttled at Rotten Row behind Quail Island. Baden Norris from the Lyttelton Museum presented the trophy to Mel.

The larger boats headed out into the harbour for a race that finished in Diamond Harbour and the dinghies raced around a smaller course in Purau Bay. This was dominated by the Frostbites that relished the short chop, planing easily off the wind. There was a little course confusion but Dan Leach sailing Paul Pritchett’s Patricia Two had the best of it over Harold and Noelene Gratten’s Stiffy from Picton, with Hugh Hobden in Taranui bringing up the rear.

Special thanks must go to Malcolm Pearson and Pat Pritchett who ran Te Wharau, the Charteris Bay Yacht Club vintage committee boat, Barry Bowater for shore support, and Ian Kington for setting up the PA system. Proceedings concluded with a BBQ at Stoddart’s Point Reserve. It was great day!

Peter
Diamond Harbour Men’s Shed is up and running

The Men’s Shed has joined the New Zealand organisation, Menz Shed Aotearoa, which has links with national Men’s Shed organisations in Australia, Ireland, England and Canada. There are now 25 in Canterbury whereby men of any age, but particularly retired ones can get together in The Shed for fellowship and to share and learn new skills from their peers while doing community projects as well as their own. This is an adult education initiative, but the mental and general health benefits have been found to outweigh the education benefits as it is found that many retired men in particular have no hobby and in many cases are at risk of stagnating.

The aims of the Diamond Harbour Shed include mentoring youth in our community by providing practical hands on experience of using tools and furthering interest in practical skills ie woodwork, metalwork, welding, mechanics etc. Youth can also benefit socially from the collective wisdom of the older blokes in the Shed.

**Diamond Harbour Sea Scouts**

We need your help!

To ensure the continuation of our 50 year old Sea Scout group we have some positions that require filling. This is an excellent opportunity to get your kids involved in some great old school fun, learn outdoor skills and do your part to help our organisation progress into the future.

Scouts is New Zealand’s oldest adventure based youth organisation with the largest membership for a group of its type. Without the manpower on the ground we are running the risk of not being able to operate and it would be a sad day if we had to close.

**Available positions**

*Scout warranted leaders* (2) working with Rohan Kenny and Jeff Martin for 2 to 3 Wednesdays a month from 6.30-8pm. Full training provided (2 day courses plus first aid course). Fees paid for your children.

*Cub warranted leaders* (2) working with Lisa Hurry 2 to 3 Wednesdays a month from 5.15-6.30pm. Full training provided (2 day courses plus first aid course). Fees paid for your children.

*Treasurer/Secretary* required for 1/2hr month collecting fees, accounting, invoices etc (using an easy online accounting system), plus banking, taking promotional emails etc.

*Parent help coordinator* to do the parent roster and help organise parents.

Please contact Rohan Kenny on 320 3070, 021846719 or Frank Watson on 027 529 4292.

**Our end of year AGM** is on Thursday December 13 at 6.30pm - all welcome. It is important that anyone interested in the above positions or with a child is starting cubs or scouts next year attend the AGM.


Do you recognise this?

**Keeping the Diamond Harbour Community Informed**

Early next year we plan to celebrate – albeit a little belatedly – 60 years of the Diamond Harbour Herald with a look back at its past and the people who have made it happen.

So if you remember the Link, or if you or someone you know had any involvement with the production of the Herald or the Link, from editors to the school children who made the deliveries, we’d love to hear your recollections, big or small, significant or minor.

Perhaps you are a contributor or a reader who recalls a special story or event. Or you may have past copies of our local rags stored away in your attic or shed. We’d love to share anything you know of our past newspapers.

You can contact us at [dhherald@gmail.com](mailto:dhherald@gmail.com) or phone Elaine on 329 4512 or Ron on 323 3032.

We want to hear from you!

Diamond Harbour Herald - Established 1953
Orton Bradley Park Update

Playground
I wish to apologise for the delays in getting the playground up and running again. We have had a number of delays, including sourcing fill, but the biggest has been that staff and volunteers have been busy on other projects (see below).

Campground
After many years talk the park is finally opening a public campground this summer. It will be open from December 26 through till February 6 (to avoid clashing with school camps).
This has involved the installation of a reed-bed sewage treatment system, re-plumbing, lining and painting the kitchen block. We have also installed permanent BBQs, and upgraded the water treatment system. To celebrate this milestone the Park Board is inviting Friends of the Park to a free night’s camping to test it out on Saturday December 15.

Stone Cottage
As you may have seen, the cottage was badly damaged in the earthquakes. This building will be rebuilt! We have just received the geo-tech report which is all good, and we now have an engineer working on the structural drawings. The Canterbury Earthquake Heritage Building Fund Trust has allocated funding towards the rebuild which, with the insurance payout and money raised by the Manson family and friends, should see this building back to its former glory in the next few years.

Next Year’s Projects
Developing mountain biking tracks, and working on historic interpretation.

Have a great Christmas, and hope to see you in the Park.

Ian
IT’S ALL HAPPENING AT DIAMOND HARBOUR PLAYCENTRE

There’s a lot been happening at Playcentre in recent months. The funds raised from last year’s Community Fair are being put to good use building a multi-storey Playship/waka for our centre children (and their parents) to enjoy. We’re looking forward to seeing how the children will use this fantastic resource to explore new possibilities, especially through their physical and dramatic play.

A number of centre parents are getting together with the children to further develop our existing veggie garden and other plantings, with the aim of growing far more food on-site and involving the children in the process every step of the way. We’re now composting our kitchen waste and we look forward to getting a worm bin going and taking a look at workable methods of rainwater storage to minimise our impact on the environment. A couple of optimistic parents are also working on a Living Willow play structure – time will tell if this project (literally) takes root.

Our annual self-review process this year has a bicultural focus. Centre families are becoming more familiar with Te Reo Māori, and we are exploring Māori perspectives (many of them local to the Harbour), especially in relation to the natural world and the forces of nature. This is providing some rich opportunities for parents to learn alongside their children in a very experiential way.

Sadly, a few weeks ago, we said farewell to Michiko Kurimoto, our Monday coordinator and a stalwart of our centre community for over 13 years. We shall miss Michiko’s calm good nature, her amazing talent for facilitating and documenting our children’s learning and her inspiring dedication to supporting local families and building community over so many years. We would also like to thank Peter, Ike and Hannah, Michiko’s family, for so generously sharing her with us for so long.

Diamond Harbour Playcentre had both of its scheduled external appraisals this year, feedback from which was very encouraging. The Education Review Office (ERO) and Ministry re-licensing processes commended the centre for the strength of its relationships, the confident way in which children initiated their own learning, and the high standard of each individual child’s learning and its documentation.

As we look forward to the year ahead, we are planning some fantastic new opportunities for our children to Learn Through Play, that build on these strengths and we warmly welcome the enthusiasm, skills and contribution of Annya Boyd, who has stepped up as our new coordinator on Mondays and Wednesdays. With so many good things in the pipeline, we’ll share another update on what’s happening at Playcentre early in the New Year.

If you are interested in finding out more about Playcentre, feel free to join us for a cuppa! Our sessions run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:15-11:45am. Or alternatively call Kate Leech, our Information Officer on 329 4924.

Lou Warren, Thursday Coordinator

How You Can Help to Keep Our Community Safe

Lyttelton Community Watch Patrol URGENTLY need volunteers. This service is equipped to potentially patrol Diamond Harbour night and day. Although the patrol’s area encompasses a part of southern Christchurch as well as Lyttelton, The cars are available for more hours than they are currently used, so Diamond Harbour volunteers are able to patrol in their own turf.

All that is needed to make it happen is for you and your spouse/partner/friend to volunteer to be in the car (as a pair) for as little two hours a month. Apart from one of each pair being a driver, no special qualifications other than being honest and reliable, are needed. Any adult, young or old, can make a great contribution to our community in a safe secure manner, at a time to suit you.

Here is what one part-time D.H. resident and volunteer tells us about her experiences:

I have been a driver of the crime-watch car in the north east area of Christchurch for about five years. We act as the eyes and ears for the police. There are always two people in the car and we do not get out of the car except for an accident. The car has a radio and a mobile phone which are connected directly to the police station. We log on at the beginning and end of shift. There is a book in which we record which areas, roads or schools etc we are checking. We are always aware of the dudes in hoodies and the car itself acts as a crime deterrent - when they spy us they change their mind about whatever trouble they might be planning.

We are often instructed to be on the lookout for stolen cars. The main thing is to just be observant and if anything suspicious or unusual is seen the police should be called immediately. If necessary they respond immediately to check out what we have noted.

I strongly encourage young and old to get into this – you WILL make a difference.

BDM - partner in crime prevention

You can call one of the following without obligation to find out how the Community Watch patrol works and how you might help:

James Ensor 03 312 6728 or 027 434 6949
Alan Christie 326 5345 or 027 4533 7740
Allan Vincent 328 9546
**Recipe**

**Lemon Upside Down Cake**

*an easy Christmas Dessert*

I like the look and taste of a Tart Tatin, the French upside down Apple tart. At this time of the year, when many have an abundance of Meyer lemons, why not use them for a quick, impressive Christmas dessert, which is sweet and tart at the same time. Tart Tatins look fabulous, with caramelised fruit on top. It is baked, as its name suggests, upside down.

Luscious lemon flavour is infused into this pretty cake with lots of freshly grated lemon zest, along with a buttery brown sugar topping with sliced lemon. Add a few mint sprigs for extra decoration if desired.

**Ingredients**

- 6 lemons spray-free/organic (4 of them small for topping)
- ¾ cup packed light brown sugar
- 1½ cups flour
- 1½ tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 vanilla bean, split (or 1 tbsp vanilla paste, or ½ tsp pure vanilla extract)
- ¾ cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup milk

**Method**

1. Cut 4 lemons into 2-3mm slices, remove seeds. Grate 1 tsp lemon peel from remaining lemons.
2. Melt 4 tsp butter in a 10 inch cast iron skillet pan (or round/square cake pan, or springform pan wrapped in foil to prevent leakage).
3. Brush sides of pan with melted butter. Add brown sugar, stir until moistened by butter and spread into an even layer. Arrange the lemon slices, slightly overlapping, to cover the bottom of the skillet.
4. Heat oven to 180°C. Combine flour, baking powder and salt in a bowl.
5. Cut remaining 6 tbsp butter into a mixing bowl. Scrape seeds from vanilla bean with the knife point onto the butter. Beat butter with an electric mixer, scraping down sides of the bowl, until creamy. Add sugar and grated lemon peel and beat until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs one at a time.
6. Add half the flour mixture and beat until blended. Add milk and beat until combined, then add the remaining flour mixture and beat until blended.
7. Spread the batter over the lemons in the skillet to cover evenly. Bake 30-35 mins, or until cake is golden and the centre tests done. Let stand 5 mins, then invert the skillet onto a platter.
8. Serve slightly warm with sweetened whipped cream. Use a very sharp knife, it helps to get through the rind.

Merry Christmas!

*Franziska*

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**Wine Speak**

Here it is folks, the Festive Season Double Dozen for 2012. There are two lists this year being mindful that some of you will always be seeking value while others will want to splurge over the holiday period. While there were other stand-out wines during the year, the lists should reflect what’s still available now in supermarkets or specialty wine outlets. Feel free to mix and match but I can assure you there will be something there for everyone. Take care of you and yours over the holiday period and enjoy your festive season.

**Value Dozen**

**Bubbles:** NV Morton Estate Premium Brut Methode Traditionelle.


**Afters:** 2009 Muddy Water Unplugged Riesling.

**Splurge Dozen**

**Bubbles:** NV Quartz Reef Methode Traditionelle.


**Reds:** 2009 Palliser Estate Pinot Noir, 2009 Church Road Reserve Cabernet Merlot, 2009 Cape Mentelle Trinders Cabernet Merlot, Yering Station Shiraz Viognier (any vintage!).

**Afters:** De Bortoli Noble 1 (any vintage!)

Buon natale e felice anno nuovo!  
*The Godfather*
Horses for courses:

**Apples and Lemons**

After last month’s warning that Windows 8 (which is looking like a lemon) will require you to learn how to use a computer all over again, some may be wondering if an Apple would be a better choice for a new desktop or laptop computer. There is no right answer for everyone – it’s horses for courses and depends upon your computer expertise and the kind of things you use a computer for. Windows computers are almost half the price of Apples. They can be customised to your own personal preferences and there is a huge amount of software available for them – most of it free.

**Apples** have one big advantage: They are simple to use. There are few customisation options because Apple knows what is best for you – it is their way or no way! There is also far less software to download – but if you are not computer/technically minded, this may be a plus, rather than a minus. Apples also win in the aesthetics stakes – they look beautiful... even turned off!

**Androids and iThings**

With Christmas fast approaching, there will be lots of adverts for smartphones and tablets as the ideal gift. But before you buy one to give – or hint that it’s just what you want, there are some important issues to consider:

First: forget about a Windows phone or tablet this Xmas. They are new, unproven, and have little market share – so there are very few apps (and there may never be many). That leaves Androids (Samsung, HTC, Motorola and LG) and iPhones (Apple). Androids are cheaper and can be customised the way you want. iPhones are simple to use. They are less customisable – but a finer fashion statement!

Android manufacturers offer a wide range of models, from small, cheap ($100-200) low spec phones up to high-end models near the $1000 mark. Apple only do expensive high-end models.

The above is also true of tablets, where Androids compete against Apple iPads.

There is another category of tablet: e-book readers, like Kindle, Kobi and Nook. Many run special versions of Andoid which enhance the book-reading experience at the expense of many other features (like access to the Google Play Store with its thousands of Android apps).

A word of warning with Androids and tablets: Stick to Samsung, HTC, Motorola and LG. There are a lot of cheap Chinese Andoids phones and tablets on the market. Some are OK, but many are inferior and some do not give access to the Google Play Store. Make sure the phone/tablet is unlocked! Locked ones only work with one provider and will not work in other countries (except on expensive Roaming). Also check that it connects to all 3 NZ mobile providers (Telecom, Vodafone and 2degrees) so you can switch if you want. Finally – Go Prepay! The big discount providers offer on phones/tablets when you sign up to a monthly plan will end up costing you more in the end – and lock you in to the provider.
Poisonous Plants

Firstly I’d like to take this opportunity to wish my readers a very happy Christmas and a blessed New Year, and to say a big thank you to all our clients for your support during the year. I’ve really enjoyed my Tuesday visits to Diamond Harbour, it’s a lovely part of the Peninsula!

This is not a comprehensive study, but rather a look at some of the more common plants implicated in animal toxicity in our area.

Acorns, especially green acorns brought down after a storm are highly toxic to cattle and sheep, but less so to dogs, horses and pigs. In Newlands, Cape Town, where I grew up, oaks were planted on Cecil Rhodes’ farm to help feed his pigs.

Macrocarpa and Cyprus especially wilted hedge clippings or leaves from fallen branches cause abortion and retained placentas in cattle in late pregnancy (last trimester). Even pine needles can theoretically do the same although as far as I’m aware it hasn’t yet been proven in New Zealand. I’d still not recommend any pine pruning if cows within 3 months of calving will have access to the fallen branches. Ngaio causes liver damage and photosensitivity (sunburn) in white areas of Friesian cows. It can also affect sheep, horses and pigs.

Tutu can be fatal to all stock and dogs, even humans can be poisoned by the berries. All parts of the plant are toxic. Only horses aren’t affected.

Yew trees are one of the most dangerous poisonous plants and can cause sudden death in cattle and sheep.

Rye grass staggers affects horses, cattle, sheep and deer especially in summer due to endophytic fungi growing on the seed heads of rye grass or fescue. They’ll normally recover quickly if moved to a non-contaminated pasture. This is not to be confused with grass staggers, which is due to low magnesium levels in fast growing spring pasture.

Nitrate poisoning is common especially when winter feeding kales and other brassicas and affects all species, including dogs and cats. Sheep are less affected than cattle, and pigs are most susceptible. Feed can be easily and quickly tested to determine nitrate levels, and as with all new feeds a gradual introduction and limiting the time spent grazing reduces problems. This principle also applies to plants which are very good for ruminants, but can also cause bloat with potentially fatal consequences – clovers and lucerne.

Rhododendrons, and to a lesser extend Azaleas are very palatable to grazing animals including horses; they should not be allowed access to them.

In our area it’s also worth reminding you that the water of Lakes Forsyth and Ellesmere, and sometimes rivers like the Selwyn have cyanobacterial or blue-green algal blooms that can and do kill all stock species as well as dogs and cats; they also poison humans. We see problems mainly in summer when temperatures rise.

Most plant poisonings occur when there is little regular grazing, for example during a drought. The best way to avoid them is to ensure there is plenty of good grazing available! Animals are then less likely to eat something they shouldn’t.

Paul
Weather Watch
No Nor’wester November!

For much of this month the Harbour seems to have had its own special weather - often cloudy, too often cool, although until the last week or so, not as windy as usual. There have been very few of the nor’westers that are typical of this time of year. There have been days when the characteristic arch could be seen beyond the Port Hills, but the warm wind just never reached us. In spite of the frequent forecasts on the radio for 18-23°C temperatures, we have on all too many days been lucky if they exceeded 15°C. On November 26, my thermometer read 13°C, while the official reading was 13.8°C, accompanied by the cheerful note, feels like 14°!

Since it's the wind speed that determines how the temperature will feel, this was perhaps optimistic. On some days the explanation for the cool conditions lay in a continuous cloud cover, and frequently this was combined with the easterly wind coming up the harbour. There have been some days when the weather was much as we expect - and hope for - in spring, with day-long sunshine, but there have not been too many of these.

Often they could only be enjoyed in places sheltered from the easterly. Once or twice the cloud cover cleared in the late afternoon, giving a few hours of brilliant sunshine. Unfortunately a late clearance of cloud often means the following night is also clear, with consequently relatively low temperatures as the heat accumulated during the day is radiated back into space!

Altogether the month has been notably cool. Comparing the values of temperatures, this year with an average of 12°C, November has been about a degree cooler than Novembers of the past ten or so years. Not surprising, then, if not all the plants in the vegetable garden are flourishing as they should!

Cold gales in the early part of the month haven’t helped. The wind came from a slightly different direction than is normal, and one or two of my rose bushes partially lost their flowering shoots, and are only just recovering.

Rainfall has been somewhat less than our gardens would like. There were two spells when there was very adequate rain, but they were brief. On both of these occasions I measured 18mm, mostly falling steadily overnight - ideal conditions for the garden. Unfortunately the effects didn’t last very long. Even though temperatures have been low, the winds have ensured that the soil moisture was rapidly back to the point where it needed replenishing with the garden hose. The monthly total up to the 28th was 41mm.

Life After Death
Update on the submission to the CCC for an eco-burial site in Diamond Harbour Memorial Garden Cemetery.

Thank you to all of those who have already signed the petition circulating in the village in support of the submission to the Christchurch City Council for a green burial garden site in our local Memorial Garden cemetery. Special thanks to Wendy and Vicky for continuing to have the petition available for signing in the Post Office and to all those who have been taking the petition to interested friends, neighbours and groups.

Intrinsic to the idea of natural burial is the creation of a suitable environment for regenerating life: No embalming, a biodegradable coffin or shroud, shallow burial and a covering of rich top soil provide ideal site conditions for suitable planting which in its turn sustains other life forms - the ultimate form of recycling!

At a recent meeting with Council staff, challenges relating to the Diamond Harbour site were discussed - including drainage, soil depth, leaching and respecting concerns of tangata whenua. None of these issues is insuperable and willingness on the Council’s part to investigate them has encouraged us to go ahead with our submission.

The petition continues to be available for signing. We will be writing our submission once the Draft Cemeteries Master Plan and Handbook is released in early December. Given this is the last copy of the Herald until February, further information will appear in the Community Diary section of the Bay Harbour News.

In the meanwhile, if you have any queries or comments please feel free to contact me, Ann Thornton, on 329 4943 or thornton@snap.net.nz.
**The Eco Gardener’s Patch**

**The Garden at Godley House Still Blooms**

In mid-November I took a stroll in the garden that used to surround Godley House, looking at what has happened to the plants in the garden. I picked a bouquet of almost everything that was in flower, surrounding the flowers with tufts of feathery fennel and lush green lemon balm.

Picking the lemon balm, which grows beside the back steps of the former house, nearly led to a nasty accident when I did not notice the partly-overgrown post hole at the end of the steps, and my right leg went down the hole. Fortunately, the hole was no longer than my leg, and quite straight, so I got away with no more than a fright. I have blocked up the hole as best I could with an old brick found lying nearby, but there may be other such holes outside the fencing around the site, so please take more care than I did if you are visiting the garden.

Apart from this incident my stroll was very pleasant. It is sad to see the house gone, but good to see that so many of the garden plants are not only thriving, but spreading. The roses rambling over the hedges at the back of the garden look like they will last a long time yet, and so do the little yellow, white and purple violas that have self-sown into the rough lawn near the house site. Granny’s bonnets (also known as columbines or aquilegias) are great self-seeders as well, and are flourishing, and so are the bush daisies.

It does not take too much imagination to see that one day a new garden that builds on the legacy of the old one could be made here, and be an asset to the community and its visitors.  

Christine Dann, The Eco Gardener  
[http://ecogardenernz.blogspot.co.nz](http://ecogardenernz.blogspot.co.nz)

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**Living Well**

**The Power of Visualisation**

The lead up to Christmas is a busy time of year. There’s a lot to get done and it’s useful to have ways to utilise your mind in a way that supports you well at this time.

A lot has been said in recent years about visualisation. In this article I want to share a couple of ways in which visualisation can be used to assist you in getting things done and in getting what you want at this busy time.

We are constantly giving our minds instructions. With every thought we take our minds in certain directions. Visualising gives us another way we can give our minds instructions, and because we can really build them by including what we will see, hear and feel, these instructions can be a lot clearer than thoughts, therefore helping us achieve what we want to achieve.

The first way we can really use visualisations to help us is in goal setting. We often think about what we want, but we don’t often imagine exactly what that will be like. Building a clear picture of what you will see, hear, and feel when you have that goal builds a rich multisensory experience which really lets your mind know where you want to go. It also brings that experience alive, and increases motivation towards that goal.

The second way we can use visualisation to help us is in getting things done, and in remembering to do things. Again, this is about giving your mind clear instructions, which means things will happen much more efficiently in the day. I do this regularly when I have several stops to make in town or on my way home. For example, I might mentally rehearse getting into the car after leaving the office and turning right towards Countdown instead of left towards home, being in Countdown and picking up some bananas, broccoli, and milk, then driving towards the hills and turning right into the Shell station to get some petrol. That way, after I leave the office, my mind knows what’s next because it’s rehearsed it. I can do things quickly and efficiently and I never end up at the top of the hill and have to turn around with the sudden realisation that I don’t have enough petrol to make it home and back into town again.

These techniques are simple. They but can help you get things done more quickly, remember what needs to be done, and achieve your goals.

At Christmas these techniques can ensure you get it all done in a way that’s efficient and stress-free.  

Robyn

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**Fish and Chips**

Fridays 4.30-8pm beside Rugby Clubrooms
You can come too — Local Events and Community Activities

Diamond Harbour & Districts Historical Assn
Next Meeting:
**Tuesday January 29, 2013 at 6 pm**
A BBQ at Orton Bradley Park followed by a talk by Steve Hooker about the Bradley sisters and the part their governess played in the education of the NZ’s deaf. Please bring food to BBQ, a salad to share, plates, cutlery, glasses and beverages. All welcome.  

**Jan Studholme**

Would You Like to Join Our Book Group?

We meet at 7.30pm on the 4th Tuesday each month to discuss a book lent to us by the Book Discussion Scheme (BDS). They supply discussion notes with each book and we randomly wander onto other topics (earthquakes... natural burials... when will Godley Café be opening)?

Our group is really relaxed (it’s OK not to like the book) and we have good suppers. We have a good man in our group and more men are welcome!

We choose fiction and non fiction titles. My favourites this year have been Cannery Row by John Steinbeck and Breakfast at Tiffany’s by Truman Capote. We also read Ray Avery’s autobiography, Rebel with a Cause and The Help by Kathryn Stocket.

It costs $60 to join. For that you get to meet a bunch of interesting people and books. Come and check us out. For more info contact Simone Lumsden on 329 3053 or hotbutteredscone@gmail.com.  

**Simone**

**Ballet Recital**
Community Hall
Sunday December 16
There will be two performances:
at 10:30am and 12noon

**Free Running Group**
Sundays at 8am.
Ph 329 4647 or mikecatton@mac.com

**Road Cycling Group**
Meets weekly in Diamond Harbour.
To join a ride
Contact Mike 329 4647 or mikecatton@mac.com

**Diamond Yoga**
- Beginners Level Yoga 7-8.30pm Sundays
- Intermediate plus Level Yoga: 7-8.30pm Mondays
Adrian 329 3395 or diamondyoga@slingshot.co.nz

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Community Carols
Sunday December 23
on the domain in front of the Community Hall
(in the Hall if wet)
5.30pm: BYO picnic tea
6.30pm: Carols
All Welcome!

**Woolfun Day at Bergli**
Next Woolfun Day is Saturday December 8. Enjoy a relaxed day working with wool, with like-minded people in a small group, in a beautiful log house with wonderful views. Koha. Morning and afternoon tea provided. Bring your lunch, your woolcraft gear, and if felting, a table if possible.

**Bergli B&B, 265 Charteris Bay Rd, Teddington.**
Ph 329 9118.  

**Our Library**
It’s Christmas time again!
Are you looking for some ideas for Christmas dinner, or perhaps some decorations or Christmas cards to make? The Library can help you. Come in and see our special Christmas display.

All the books are free to borrow if you have a library card. Joining the Library is also free of charge.

There will be a special Christmas Pre-School Storytime Tuesday
on Tuesday December 18 at 2pm – come and join in the fun – all welcome.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Joyful, Happy New Year.  

**Christine Turner**

**Rock Group**
If you are interested in forming a psychedelic experimental rock group in the Diamond Harbour area please ph Neville on 329 4706.

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9 Hole start approximately 1½ hours later.
This enables us all to finish the day together
and share the pleasures of golf and fellowship.

Casual games, both 9 and 18 hole, are played
many Wednesday mornings during the summer.

Twilight golf - 12 Holes
between 3.30 - 5.30pm
Wednesdays until March for all players.

If you are new to the area, or considering golf
as a new or renewed challenge please contact:
Carole Steele 329 4308 or Carolyn Craw 329 4684

SPRIG Business Expo

If there was one thing that came out of the community consultation it was the fact that there is an interest in having more local facilities and services—but do we know what is already available in the bays? There are a surprising number of businesses operating locally, but they fly under the radar of so many of us. We may forget that what we need could be available locally.

So SPRIG thought it worthwhile to showcase the local business community:

On the 24th February from 12–4pm,
we will hold a BUSINESS EXPO
in the Community Hall

Yes, that is the same afternoon that the last concert on the point has been planned. So anyone who is interested can do both: come to the concert and at some stage in the afternoon drift down to the hall and have a look at what services are available locally. You may be surprised!

For participating business owners (and aspiring business persons) we hope to organise a workshop from 4–5pm.

Business owners, please contact Simone Boele on 329 4369 if you are interested in participating.

Simonette
Church Notices

Catholic Masses
Christmas Service in Diamond Harbour
Christmas Eve Mass: Dec 24 at 5:30pm

Regular Services
Diamond Harbour: First Sunday of the month at 5:30pm
Lyttelton (21 Exeter Street): Third Sunday of the month at 5:30pm.
Other Sundays: A SCAP service (Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest) in Diamond Harbour at 9am.

Anglican - Methodist - Presbyterian
Christmas Services at St Andrews, Diamond Harbour
Mon Dec 24: Midnight Carols & Communion 11:30pm
Tue Dec 25: Christmas Day Family Communion 10am
Christmas Service at St Pauls, Port Levy
Mon Dec 24: Candlelit Carols & Xmas Communion 7pm

Regular Services
Sunday 10:30am Communion
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 after your morning walk. We would love to see you and offer a time of friendly fellowship and a mid-week breathing space.

Diamond Harbour Community Carols
DH Domain (in hall if wet) on Sunday December 23 from 5:30 pm. BYO picnic tea then Christmas Carol sing along.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration
At the 10.30am service on Sunday December 9 at St Andrews Community Church we will be celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of two couples who regularly attend. The service will be centred around marriage vows and during the service there will be an opportunity for the two couples and any others wishing to, to recommit to their marriage vows. I am sure there are a number of folk in the Diamond Harbour area who would like to take advantage of this opportunity.
All are welcome to attend and join us in this relatively unique occasion. There will also be a large morning tea for the hungry among us!

Women’s Community Breakfast
Saturday 9 February 2013 at 8:15am at the Church Hall.
Guest Speaker: Prof Phil Bagshaw, Chairman of the Christchurch Charity Hospital Trust. Koha to cover the cost of the breakfast is appreciated. There will also be an opportunity to donate to the work of the Charity Hospital Trust. RSVP: Parish Office 329 4790 or Ruth Willis 329 4243 or sign up in the Church foyer.

Men’s Community Breakfast
Saturday 16 February 2013 at 7.45am for 8am breakfast at the Church Hall. The Story of Living Springs. Koha towards costs please. For catering purposes please advise attendance to Ross Fountain 329 4202; Errol Walker 329 4477; or John Somerville 329 4713.

City Shopping Van
The fortnightly shopping van to South City will be running on Dec 12, Jan 9 & 16.
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.

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

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

Baby and Toddler Group
A baby group for infants 0-36 months and their caregivers is held at the Diamond Harbour Church Hall on Tuesdays fortnightly 10 to 12 noon. Please ring Wendy Coles 329 4483 - Babies or Kate Leech 329 4924 - Toddlers.
Dec 11: Annual Picnic Morning Tea at Orton Bradley Playground. All welcome. If wet/cold, in Church Hall (a notice on Church Door will confirm venue change).

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.
Final Rainbow Music session for 2012 on Dec 14 - Christmas Theme (come dressed up)

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 goings. 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 current and back copies of the magazine at www.diamondharbour.info/church-notices.aspx.

Points to Ponder

I have spoken before about how much I love water. Recently while on holiday, I was in the apartment building’s pool twice a day.
I love the weightlessness of water - funny that! I float around the pool with my ears underwater; the sounds are amazing - it transports me to another world. I can hear myself breathing and if I listen really hard, I can hear my heartbeat. Whilst in this world I am always thinking of how wonderful life is, I breathe, my heart beats. Life giving water envelops me and refreshes me.
Then I stand up and the noises of the world assault me, the loud birds, the louder planes going overhead, the sound of the surf at the beach across the road, people laughing, cars and trucks driving by.
I love the oasis that floating in the pool takes me to but I wouldn’t want to stay there. So too in life - what oasis and noises punctuate your life? And what do you learn from these? The noises in my life are the times that I have grown the most and often the most, the oasis have been wonderful times of refreshment and energizing.
Don’t let the noises of the world spoil your celebration of this Christmas time season… take time to step out of the world and find an oasis of rest and peace. I invite you to join me at the oasis of St Andrews Community Church this Christmas season... if you seek you will find peace and refreshment there.
Life is a journey, not a destination.

Anna Pickersgill-Brown
D.H. Community Association

Meeting Held Monday November 19

Sprig:
As the concerts and sculpture exhibition over the summer bring value to the whole community, the committee agreed that $1,000 would be donated to Sprig to help with running costs. A temporary logo has been designed by Colin on behalf of the Community Association for Sprig use in promotional material for the summer programme. One of the newly framed Sprig posters from last summer’s concerts was given to the mayor and is now displayed in his office.

Lyttelton to Summer Road:
A letter from Christchurch City Council outlining the difficulties associated with being able to open the road from Lyttelton to the summit of Evans Pass was presented. Severe rock fall problems will make this a very long term project.

Zone Implementation Programme (ZIP):
Richard spoke about his submission which had been endorsed by the committee. Minor matters had been questioned such as reticulation in Purau. Richard was thanked for his work. It is suggested other community groups be given copies of our submissions in future.

Community Board Report:
A report is due on November 27 re the Stoddart Point and Coastal Cliffs Management Plan. Progress on the Head to Head walkway may be enhanced by interest from the Rod Donald Trust.

Men’s Shed:
This group is to use Stoddart Cottage’s garage.

Plenty to Share:
This venture was recognised as a useful community venture where people leave food that is excess to their needs and take what they need.

Next meeting: 7:30 pm, December 17. Karen

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Civil Defence Update

Your local civil defenders come to the end of a busy running year with a sense of satisfaction that they are now a team. Well actually, a team of friends. Although more members have put themselves through the basic courses run by CCC, they much prefer the training done locally which is tailored to our own perceived threats, capabilities and resources.

For example, we have explored how effective communication, using small CB radios and cell phones, might be in our hilly terrain; we have practiced procedures that will ensure that services offered at a Welfare centre are simple and effective; we have practiced meeting the accommodation needs in an event that might de-house many of us; we have learnt how to run a Sector Post with proficiency, discipline and good humour; and, above all, we try to equip our Sector Post with all the gear it might need in the worst possible situation – where we are cut off from external assistance for up to 3 days.

Of course, we are aware that though our team may work brilliantly for the first 24 hours, sooner or later we must rest or attend to our own domestic circumstances. Even relieving shifts might not be enough. More team members – if only to replace those who move on – are needed. So, if you feel a need to support your community and are prepared to undertake our training (not without hilarity), please contact Wendy on 329 4483.

John Barry

Neighbourhood Support
Diamond Harbour

Merry Christmas everyone, and thanks to all who have supported Neighbourhood Support during the year, particularly the individual members and group leaders who have made the effort to keep the ever-changing database up to date, the sector and block leaders who have kept in touch and who are always on hand to help in an emergency, and all those who work to keep us safe and informed, especially Wendy (Civil Defence), Don (Fire and Rescue), Gary (Police) and Dave and Glenda (Canterbury Neighbourhood Support). A special thanks also to those who have taken on community roles recently, such as the new volunteers for Community Watch. All these people make a great contribution to keeping our community great, but key to success in this is the support of everyone else. Just by keeping in touch—to ask or advise about matters of community well-being, to update personal details or to request an updated group membership list—you can show your willingness to participate in your community.

Finally, as you depart for a Christmas holiday, be sure to check your home is safe and secure and that your neighbours know for how long you will be away, and how to contact you in an emergency. You can find a comprehensive checklist and other information on keeping safe at www.ns Canterbury.org.nz/neighbourhood_support/fact_sheets

Elaine
After School Care

The children at After School Care recently said a sad farewell to Simone and Elizabeth, who will be working in the new Godley Cafe. We had a special afternoon tea for them and the children sang a farewell song accompanied by Alize on the keyboard. They will be missed by us all.

A warm welcome to Sarah, Sam and Cameron, who will be working with us until the end of the year.

We are looking for any keen, capable people to be on our Board. Is there an accountant out there who could do our books? Contact Christine on 329 3033 or 021 161 2555.

We would love any small cartons/boxes, paint, cardboard, sewing needles/material etc for our crafts – also if you have any old board games, outdoor sporting equipment or clothes for dressing up you would like to donate, it would be much appreciated.

Christine

Library Petition Closes Dec 13 – Hurry!

The petition to extend the opening hours of Diamond Harbour library can be signed at Chalfont Café or Church Bay Services.

At present the library is open 13 hours a 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 sign the petition if you believe this is an important issue and thank you to those who have already signed.

Mary Ogilvie

DH Croquet Club Raffle Results

First Raffle:
1st (Christmas Hamper) Anna Pickersgill-Brown
2nd (DH Lodge B&B Voucher) Roger Cornwall

Second Raffle:
1st (China Doll) Graham Harding
The Croquet Club members appreciate your supporting our fund raising raffle. Thank you.

Ruth Willis (President)

LPC Consultation on Lyttelton Harbour Dredging

Harbour residents are invited to attend a consultation meeting at the Governors Bay Fire Station on Tuesday December 11 at 6-8pm regarding LPC resource consent applications for capital and maintenance dredging in Lyttelton Harbour.

For further information please contact LPC Environmental Manager, Kim Kelleher, on 328 7983 or kim.kelleher@lpc.co.nz.

Ladies Probus

We have come to our final meeting for 2012. Yes, it has been a great year, with many encouraging and interesting speakers. We were honoured to have the Diamond Harbour school children entertain us in August. In keeping with the occasion, the Queen’s Jubilee was celebrated in style with a high morning tea attended by our own Queen dressed in royal style and reading Queen Elizabeth’s original coronation speech.

A fun outing with a full bus was combined with Men’s Probus – including our own conductor! (No prizes for guessing who!)

Our last meeting in November was our Birthday meeting with great entertainment from the Japanese choir.

In December, we will combine with Mens’ Probus for lunch to finish the year and celebrate the Christmas season.

2013: There are no meetings in January; both Men and Women begin again in February: Men 1st Thursday and Ladies 2nd Monday (coffee morning 1st Wednesday). Be assured, we welcome new members of our go-ahead clubs sharing in fellowship, friendship and fun.

To view or place Community Notices go to www.diamondharbour.info
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**Dog Sitter wanted**
House and dog sitter for 2 dogs needed for 14 March - 2 April. Ph Diana on 021 708 470.

**Bed, bunks etc for sale**

**Lounge Suite for sale**
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**Yoga Classes**
Contact Adrian 329 3395 or email diamondyoga@slingshot.co.nz.

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**Herald Calendar**

**Art Group**: Weds, 9.30am-12noon, Church Hall
**Ballet Recital**: Sun Dec 16 10.30am & 12noon, Com Hall. p12
**Bowling Club**: Tue, Fri, Sat at 1.15pm
**Bridge Club**: Weds, 7pm, DH Bowling Club, 329 4094
**Christmas Services & Church Activities**: See page 14
**Community Assn Meeting**: Mon Dec 17, Committee Rm
**Community Carol**: Sun Dec 23, 5.30pm, DH Domain. p12
**Croquet Club**: Weds 2pm, Sat 10am
**Diamond Harbour Singers**: Weds, 7.45pm, Stage Room
**Farmers Market**: Sat Dec 15, 29 & Jan 12, 26, 9am. p13
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**SPRIG — Sculpture on the Point**: Sun Dec 16 - Feb 24. p13
**SPRIG Meeting**: Mon Dec 10, Committee Room
**String Players**: Tues, 7pm. Ph 329 4536
**Tai Chi**: Thus 11am-12noon, Sun 5-6pm, Hall. Ph 329 4835
**Tennis Club**: Suns, 9.30am, Waiapapa Ave Courts
**Toy Library**: Sats, 10am-11am, Community Hall
**Woolfun at Bergli**: Sat Dec 8. p12
**Yoga Classes**: Suns & Mons, 7pm. p12

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**2012 Christmas Mailing Dates**

Please post your domestic Christmas mail by these dates to ensure it arrives in time:

- **Standard Post (letters and parcels):** Wed Dec 19
- **Fast Post (letters, parcels and courier):** Fri Dec 21

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 ‘til Christmas!

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

**Christmas and New Year PO Hours**

We will be open at our normal hours and days except for the following when we will be closed:

- **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday Dec 25-27**
- **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday Jan 1-3**

"We thank you for your support this year and wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year."

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