NEWS TRAVELS—FAST— IN DIAMOND HARBOUR

So what else do you expect in a small friendly community like ours, you may be thinking, but one bit of news recently must have broken all previous records by a country mile. One could say it even travelled faster than time.

It happened when John and Anna Mahy popped in to Chalfont Café a few weeks ago to chat to a friend who works there. The very next customer through the door stopped in his tracks and said, So it’s true then – you are the new owners of Chalfont!

Anna and John were completely mystified. A couple of days later they called the owner, Is it for sale?

And almost before you could say hocus pocus, the rumours-turned-prediction became reality, with the Mahys taking over from Darren Maher on June 15.

If your next question is Why were they so keen?, you probably don’t know John and Anna nor their website www.preserved.co.nz.

Since emigrating from Guernsey with their three children ten years ago and settling in Purau, this couple have made their passion their occupation. They are cooking tutors, running half- and full-day workshops at a number of venues including, for the last four years, Orton Bradley Park. They have a following up and down the country and have appeared in food magazines and on the TV show Top Country with the Topp Twins (TVNZ). Their speciality is teaching heritage food skills such as Charcuterie and salumi (the arts of salting brining, fermenting and smoking meats) as well as pasta and cheese making—using milk from Laura’s Dairy. (see p6)

Their Pig in a Day workshop is but one of their popular courses which will soon be conducted from Chalfont.

John and Anna believe in local, sustainable food and also run Preserved Eat, a farmers’ market stall selling their hand-crafted sausages and bacon which will soon be available at Chalfont.

Of course, it will take a little time for the new plans to become the norm. As the Herald goes to print, Anna and John are away in Blenheim teaching a Cook School course which was planned well before Chalfont became part of their lives.

So while it is still business as usual at Chalfont, the enthusiastic new owners will soon be getting stuck in to bring a new flavour with a new name, Preserved Café, and some more subtle changes – look for some interesting and very tasty additions in the display cabinet.

Changes are also planned in the shop section, with more speciality products such as in-house made produce and other delicious deli items.

Anna says their main focus will be on making Preserved a family friendly place for the community where folk can relax, meet with others, share food and make memories, unwind with a local wine or craft beer or simply soak in the atmosphere. They also plan special one-off events for the local community and say the best way to keep up to date with these is via the Preserved Café Facebook page.

The ice-cream parlour may well also spring a surprise or two eventually, but local folk will be please to note that the post office boxes, postal services including international posting will continue to be available with improved access.

Oh, and as for your final question; Are John and Anna related to our famous Mahy family? Not that we know of, says Anna. We have spoken to Margaret and given that it is likely that some of her ancestors came from the Channel Islands where the name Mahy is as common as Smith in most other places, it is likely that there may be a common thread there somewhere in the mists of time. Elaine
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The children all listened very carefully to the parents, took their turns and shared all the equipment. During this activity we also used a range of Māori phrases and talked about what we could feel, taste and smell.

Once the dough was ready the children rolled out their own base and we provided a range of healthy toppings using fine motor skills and hand/eye co-ordination to chop (using special safety knives obtained through Toy Library’s fundraiser) and placed their own choices on their bases.

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Reuben and Dāthī smashing coloured ice with hammers

Kidsfirst preschool for a few hours a couple of times a week and she has settled in very well. This is partly due to the great teachers they have there but also I think it is because she is a playcentre child. She is used to a learning environment, other adults and is comfortable with children of different ages. So if you are thinking of enrolling your child when they are older at preschool maybe for now it would be great to get involved at our playcentre where you stay with them if they are under 2 ½ years old; they can feel comfortable in a similar environment, make friends and learn through play.

We also provide free courses so parents can understand what learning is happening and how to extend it at home.

Session times are Mondays and Wednesdays 9am-12noon, now accepting your 20 ECE hours. Phone 329 4515 or email diamondharbourpc@gmail.com or just pop into session to see what we are doing.

Aroha nui

Annya (Co-ordinator)
Yesterday someone in our class got dog poo all over their trousers when they were playing on the field. It was disgusting. Someone had let their dog loose and it had used our school field as a toilet.

This is not good.

Mr Norgate, our Principal, says he could ban dogs from coming to school or call the pound if dogs are not on the lead but we think that dog owners should be asked to be more responsible. Even if your dog is small and cute it should still be on a lead at school.

This is What We’d Like -

Boh: When my mum brings our dog Charlie to meet us, mum ties him to a tree by the school entrance so he can’t get up to any mischief.

Nyssa: My dog usually stays in the car when mum picks me up. We walk the dog later on.

Jenna: When dad brings my dog to school he stays on a lead (my dog, not my dad!)

‘CAUSE WE FEEL THE SAME AS THESE KIDS

We don’t want dogs banned from our school. You would not let your kids poo on the field, so please don’t let your dog do it either! Even if you come here on the weekend please keep your dog on a lead and pick up any mess.

Boh, Nyssa and Jenna
Class Kotare, Diamond Harbour School
STODDART COTTAGE RE-OPENS... FOR NOW

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LAURA’S DAIRY AT ORTON BRADLEY PARK

It’s been 2 years since I took on a lease at Orton Bradley Park milking 5 cows to sell raw milk to the community. Since then you may have seen my herd slowly expand to 38 cattle ranging from month old bull calves to 9 year old cows. At the moment I milk 10 cows.

It has been both thrilling and very hard to hold such a project on my own. To do the bulk of the work and to be able to make all the decisions is deeply rewarding, but also deeply tiring. It’s only been able to happen because of the incredible amount of support I’ve had from a whole community of people – at least 40 family, friends and strangers and most importantly Orton Bradley Park. I don’t know if that’s how all businesses begin and succeed, but it feels fitting that this farm is born from such generosity of knowledge, time and energy.

And the response from my customers has been great… Watching Laura in the paddock is a pleasure, her care is not only evident in the affection these beautiful beasts show towards her but also in the wonderful milk. The rich cream makes the perfect butter and it’s the only milk for me when it comes to cheese making. Anna Mahy from Preserved Cook School

The milk is certainly fantastic for porridge, milk puddings and absolutely in coffee, everyone can tell the difference. Using it in cooking is far more satisfying, it brings back to life the old recipes when milk, eggs and butter was nourishing and delicious. Paul Rice, ex chef and owner of Deccan Landscape.

It’s important to me that the farm has community connection, that the people who buy the milk have the opportunity to know and understand how it’s produced. I’ve had a heap of casual visits from families and friends in the local area and I’m hoping to expand this.

I’m currently working on an exciting education project that will fit into the national education curriculum and potentially attract local and city schools to the park and farm.

I’m absolutely committed to providing fresh, local, sustainable and nutritious food for our community. So in the near future I’m hoping to bring in some chickens to run behind the cows for meat and eggs, grow some veggies and develop a small fruit orchard, building on the fruit and nuts already planted.

I’ve had a joyful, exciting and hard couple of years. The cows have been very good to me, the calves are constantly delightful and I’m excited about turning some more attention to enhancing the soil, connecting with community and diversifying the farm.

To ensure the milk is of the best quality I test it weekly, so if you’re keen to try some pop into the park when you see this sign at the gate and follow the signs to the fridge (it’ll also be up on the Orton Bradley facebook page) or just come to the dairy shed at milking time (7-9am).

Laura

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS A GREAT SUCCESS DESPITE HEAVY FOG

If you were expecting to see the spectacular fireworks display from your home in Diamond Harbour you would have been disappointed, as not a single rocket penetrated the heavy fog to glow in our skies.

But the fog did not seem to detract from the enjoyment of those on the spot in Lyttelton for the town’s annual mid-winter festival.
What a horrible sequence of storms and floods New Zealand endured recently – the Wellington region, Dunedin, Hokitika, Whanganui – all in just one month. The damage to property was terrible, hundreds of families have had to be evacuated and are suffering hardship as a result, and one man lost his life in floodwaters at Petone.

Scientists at NIWA (the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research) say that as global temperatures rise (and New Zealand’s climate is nearly 1 degree warmer than it was last century) they are already starting to see evidence that the most severe storms are becoming more energetic and bringing more rainfall - and possibly becoming more frequent as well.

For those of us who live on the coastline such storms – and the sea-level rise that comes with global warming - are something we need to factor into where we live and how we live in future. They are also something that local authorities and central government need to be paying more attention to, and planning for.

So far, they seem a bit slow on the job. Perhaps a push from the communities they are supposed to serve would help them see what needs to be done, and get on with it.

It is in this spirit of *let’s help ourselves to help others* that the Kakariki Collective has organised a series of three workshops on being prepared for living in a warming world. Each workshop will address a different level of decision-making and action. We’ll start with the personal/household level and what we can do there, then move on to the local/community level and finally the national/international level.

Our changing climate is affecting us at each of those levels, and there is something that everyone can do to be better prepared, and help others be better prepared, at each level.

In the workshops we will tell our stories of change and explore what can be done individually and collectively to make our homes and harbour communities as secure and resilient as they can be – and also part of the solution, not part of the problem.

For more information/to register your interest in attending please email or call the workshop facilitator, Christine Dann – christine@horomaka.org or 329 4588.
**WEATHER WATCH**

**Blow, Blow, Thou Winter’s Wind**

Towards the end of the month the wind did indeed blow, and very wintry it’s been, too. Rather a contrast from the weather of the first half of the month, which was not unpleasant for the time of year.

True, the nights have been getting cooler, and early on there was a sharp, but short, drop in temperatures. Thereafter we moved into what was a fairly typical early winter, perhaps a bit drier and milder than usual. It was too much to hope that it would last. A sequence of cold fronts moved up the country, and while we on our part of the Peninsula were not badly affected, the same could not be said for other parts of Canterbury – and certainly not for areas further south. As the days passed temperatures dropped, and the rain we had been so short of in the early part of the month came in quantities which made up for the previous shortage.

The beginning of the month was marked by a 24-hour spell of heavy rain, bringing 70-80mm. I can’t be precise about the amount as a macrocarpa hedge and thriving olive tree have been steadily shadowing my gauge. A friend reported a higher reading from his gauge, so I got a new and fixed it in a less sheltered place. It is worth noting that both our readings may have been correct. Diamond Harbour is located on the flanks of Mt Herbert and is built across several ridges and gullies and rainfall can vary from one place to another, due to location of the measuring points and the direction of the wind. It’s not unusual to find that friends who don’t live very far away have had no rain when it’s rained at my place, and vice versa.

So how much rain have we had? Quite a lot! I’ve recorded 119mm since the beginning of the month, which is a bit above average. Unusually, the value for the year to date is almost exactly that recorded at the airport – 215mm. The airport recorded 222.4mm. Some of that, of course, fell as snow. Diamond Harbour missed out on most of it.

**Tutae Kehua – a Fungal Winter Wonder**

At this time of year a remarkable fungus endemic to New Zealand can be seen in gardens and in the bush. The Maori names for the basket fungus (Ileodictyon cibarium) are many, and three of them feature the word tutae, mean dung or droppings. My favourite one is tutae kehua – ghost dung. (The others are tutae whetu – star dung, and tutae whātūri – lightning dung.) In its immature form the fungus looks like a round, pale brown, somewhat flattened puffball. (This is apparently edible, but not delicious.)

When the fungus is ‘ripe’ the white lattice-work globe springs suddenly out of the brown ball. The inside of the basket work is brown and slimy - and smelly if one gets too close. This is to attract the insects that spread the spores of the fungus. I always enjoy seeing this unusual plant makes its reappearance every year, and marvel at nature’s architecture.

Christine Dann

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**RECIPE**

**Winter Vegetable Curry – a comfortable bowl of goodness**

We love curries. And the warm spices seem even better during cold winter times.

While waiting at the dentist recently I came across a real inviting kumara curry dish in an old magazine. I tried out the next day and it was an instant hit. I altered it a little to work with what was available at home and invite you to experiment with what you have on hand and enjoy this.

**Ingredients** (serves 4 – ready in 30 mins)

- 800g kumara, peeled and cut into chunks
- 3 red chillies, sliced lengthwise
- Carrots, celery peeled and finely sliced
- 400 g tomatoes (or a can if no fresh ones)
- 2 tbsp good oil
- 1 tbsp garam masala
- 2 onions sliced
- Curry to your taste
- 500ml natural yoghurt
- 75g desiccated coconut
- 100g fresh spinach leaves
- Coriander and lime wedges to garnish

**Method**

Half-cook kumara in water (or microwave 5 mins)

Fry chillies in a little oil and add onions, fry until soft and starting to brown.

Stir in garam masala and tomatoes and fry 5 mins.

Add the vegetables and mix and stir to coat. Pour in yoghurt with 200ml water and the coconut.

Bring to boil and simmer for 20 mins, stirring occasionally until vegetables are tender.

When everything is cooked through stir in spinach and garnish with coriander and lime wedges.

Bon appétit.

Franziska

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**THE ECO GARDENER’S PATCH**

There was sleet on that very cold Monday, and when the cloud lifted we could see snow around the head of the harbour, and of course on Mounts Herbert and Evans. Since then we’ve had sunshine, but the temperatures are remaining low, and there is plenty of snow still on the flanks of Mount Herbert down to quite low levels. Even Mount Evans has more than a dusting of snow.

Since the middle of the month temperatures have been gradually lowering, and for most of the month night-time temperatures reached double figures on only three occasions. For a week or two they hovered around 4°C, but for the last fortnight they have dropped to levels just above zero. We should, of course, consider ourselves lucky, since south of the Peninsula and inland conditions have been considerably less agreeable. Of course, it’s just what the skiers have been hoping for!

And it is, after all, winter!

Jane Soons
Ciaran Fox is one of the people behind the Is Canterbury All Right? campaign (a joint initiative of the Canterbury District Health Board and Mental Health Foundation). He’s also on the Lyttelton Harbour Timebank’s Advisory Group. When you have a look at the All right? website the connections between the aims of the campaign and the aims of the timebank are clear. Winter can be a time when we sink into something of a funk, so here’s what the All Right campaign suggests you do to keep your mental health in tip top shape. In italics I’ve added in ways in which the Timebank can assist.

**Connect** with the people around you. With whānau, friends, colleagues and neighbours. At home, work, school, or in your local marae, church or community and through timebank. Think of these connections/relationships as the cornerstones of your life and invest time in developing them. Building these connections will support and enrich you every day.

The timebank is all about making connections and getting to know your community at a deeper level.

**Be active.** Exercising can make you feel good! Step outside. Go for a walk or run. Cycle. Play a game. Garden. Have a boogie or do some kapahaka. The most important thing is to find a physical activity you enjoy that suits your mobility and fitness. Do it with friends or whānau and you’ll be ticking two boxes... connect and be active!

Want to find some people to exercise with? Post a request on timebank. Want to join a group of people who garden together? Join the “wine and weeding” timebank group.

**Take notice.** Be curious. Catch sight of the beautiful. Remark on the unusual. Notice the changing seasons. Savour the moment, whether you are walking to work, eating lunch or talking to friends. Reflecting on your experiences will help you appreciate what matters to you.

The theme of the Timebank this year is Kaitiakitanga (environmental guardianship) and we are encouraging timebankers to do their bit to nurture the wonderful environment we live in, which gives us all a chance to rediscover the wonder of it.

**Keep learning.** Try something new. Rediscover an old interest. Sign up for that course. Take on a different responsibility at work. Fix a bike. Learn Te Reo or how to play an instrument or cook your favourite food. Set a challenge you enjoy achieving.

Learning new things will make you more confident as well as being fun. Upcoming classes/workshops on Timebank include: Introduction to maritime rules/boat safety, Introduction to Soil Science, Restoring old furniture and Creative Writing. Other workshops to be confirmed will focus on propagating native plants, attracting native birds to your garden, and life drawing and Te Reo in Diamond Harbour.

**Give.** Do something nice for a friend, or a stranger. Thank someone. Smile. Volunteer your time. Join a community group. Look out, as well as in. Seeing yourself, and your happiness, as linked to the wider community can be incredibly rewarding and creates connections with the people around you. Aroha ki te tangata.

The Timebank is about giving and receiving, doing things for people you may not have yet met but who may become good friends. The Diamond Harbour School benefits from having timebankers come and help with its cooking and gardening programme, and the Playcentre is soon going to be organizing a working bee and would love timebankers to help out.

For more on the All Right campaign? Check out www.allright.org.nz. They’ve just launched a new app to give you a daily dose of all rightness. Want to join the Timebank? I’m changing my drop in times at the Godley Café to 11am till 1pm on Fridays so pop on in and sign up or go to www.lyttelton.net.nz/timebank to sign up online.

Sarah

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involved in moving to 10. It is not malware (as one worried client feared) just Microsoft warning up the hype for Windows 10 which will be available on July 29 (US time - probably the following day in NZ). If you click on the little flag you will be offered the chance to reserve your free upgrade – which is pointless promotion as you will have no problem getting your free upgrade when the time comes... the key question is whether to upgrade to 10... or not.

Windows 7 and Windows 8.1 users will have 12 months from July 29 to upgrade for free, so rather than being stampeded by Microsoft into upgrading, it might be wise to wait a while and see what the general consensus is from the brave (foolish?) early adopters who relish being at the bleeding edge of technology... and keep an eye on this column in the coming months.

Although test/preview versions of 10 have been available for almost a year now (I have the latest running on the laptop beside me as 1 type) there are still several significant unknowns:
Firstly, will it be solid and stable – or buggy and flaky like the first releases of many earlier versions of Windows (remember Vista)?
Secondly, will the upgrade process be simple and straightforward, enabling non-technical people to DIY - or will it result in data loss and possibly leave you with an unusable system? (I recommend doing a full backup before attempting to upgrade to 10... just in case).
Thirdly, does Windows 10 offer any advantage over your present version? From what I have seen of the test/preview version, the answer is likely to be No for those on 7 but possibly Yes for those on 8 (unless you have had it configured to behave like 7 to avoid the Start screen).
Fourthly, will 10 return to a simple, clear, intuitive, familiar user interface – or will it be complex and confusing like 8? The latest test/preview versions of 10 looks closer to 7 (with a traditional Start Menu) than 8, however it is not quite as easy to use as 7 (and earlier versions of Windows). Much of this is down to Microsoft's determination to have a single version of Windows running on everything from 4 inch phones and touch screen tablets to laptops and 24 inch plus desktops with a conventional mouse and keyboard.

Unlike 8, which looks essentially the same on this disparate range of devices, 10 attempts to tailor itself to the device. However desktop users (on PCs and laptops) will need to accustom themselves to the mixture of traditional Windows programs and what Microsoft calls Modern Windows apps (designed with touch screen tablets and phones in mind). There is something of a learning curve involved in moving to 10.
VET-SPOT

Wild and Stray Cats - What should we do about them?

We rehome a lot of wild kittens from around the Peninsula, which are brought in to us from all sorts of locations. Although they often take a long time to become tame, it is extremely rewarding to see them start to warm to humans, and to hear them purr for the first time.

We vaccinate, deworm, deflea and desex these kittens. Our own cats at home have all either been adopted from rescue organisations, or are ex-wild kittens. They make really good pets because they appreciate being looked after and not having to fend for themselves.

Sadly, adult feral cats are a different story, since they never (or only very rarely) become tame. Vets are in an awkward situation dealing with these cats, because even if the cat is obviously wild, we have to hold them for at least a week, and advertise them, all the time having to feed and clean an animal that wants to kill you, then euthanise and dispose of the body, with no chance of reimbursement for time or expenses (or injuries!) incurred.

The city councils do not take responsibility for feral cats, and instead pass on that responsibility to the SPCA, and even the SPCA doesn’t keep a register of lost and found cats. Bearing in mind that cats breed faster than any other mammal I can think of, a pair of cats and their offspring, if allowed to breed unchecked, can produce between 40,000 and 90,000 offspring in just 4 years! I’d be interested in hearing Herald readers ideas for managing the problem of wild cats.

Gareth Morgan is not my go-to person for cat ideas, but one thing he says that I do agree with is that pet cats should be registered and microchipped. I recently spoke to the pest control officer for the Christchurch City Council (cats do not fall under animal control!) and was told they have no intention of doing this. Because I fairly often find myself on the front line of cat rescue, I’ve put together some of my thoughts on the matter.

Pets on the Net www.petsonthenet.co.nz is a very useful site to register lost or found animals, including cats. As they say, desex, and adopt shelter animals - be part of the solution, not the problem.

Ensure your cat is microchipped and desexed. We can scan animals for free to check if microchips are working, and to check if they are registered on the NZ Companion Animal Register. There was a batch of Backhome microchips implanted in late 2009-early 2010 that have failed, my own dog has one of these, so it’s definitely worth checking microchips now and again. Laddie’s chip was still working when we first received notification that there may be a problem, but has subsequently stopped being readable.

I’d really like to see compulsory registration of cats, as is the case with dogs. This would ensure sterilisation and identification of owned cats, and provide funds for councils to deal with wild cats.

If you know of, or are feeding a wild cat, I’m happy to desex and return it to you for free. This is the controversial trap, neuter and release policy that the SPCA also practices. Personally I think it does help control wild cat numbers.

We currently have a lovely chunky 6 month old male tabby & white kitten, Dude, who is looking for a forever home. He was one of a litter of three wild kittens from Duvauchelle. We’ve been taming him at home for the last two months, and think he’ll make someone a very affectionate pet.

Please email me your thoughts on wild cats to service@littlerivervet.co.nz. This is an issue that has generated a fair bit of media debate recently. Hopefully I can publish any responses in a future Herald article. Paul
Age is an Attitude

In 1979, a researcher from Harvard, by the name of Ellen Langer, did a really interesting study. She asked volunteers in their late 70s and early 80s to spend a week in a retreat centre, asking them to spend that week acting as if it was 1959, a full 20 years earlier. The centre was completely decked out in décor from the late fifties, the TV had programmes on it from that time, and the radio, magazines, books and music there were also from that time. The volunteers were asked to dress in fifties clothing, and to discuss things that were current at that time, like the first US satellite launch, as if it was happening now, and there was nothing there to spoil the illusion of living in a completely different era. Prior to the volunteers going in to the centre, they were measured on a number of parameters, which were measured again at the conclusion of their stay. The results were really interesting. On average, the volunteers were taller when they left, had better manual dexterity and greater finger length due to a diminished arthritis in their fingers. They also had better memory, higher scores on intelligence tests and even showed improvements in their eyesight. In effect, the volunteers came out significantly younger than when they went in...

This study, along with others, show that age is not just an irreversible biological process that we have no control over. In contrast, age is something which is significantly affected by our mental and emotional states. In one study, blood pressure was measured in women before and after they had their hair cut and coloured. Results showed that blood pressure dropped for the women who thought they looked younger after their styling. Numerous studies also show that people who are positive have better immunity and recover more quickly than those who are negative, and indeed, one of the most significant findings of these studies is that people who are positive actually live longer.

What do you believe about getting older? What do you believe when it comes to your health? Do you believe that your memory will get worse and your body will deteriorate? Or do you believe that your mind can stay sharp and your body can remain fit and healthy?

Our beliefs matter. Our beliefs have effects on our body we can’t see, but which are very real all the same. Our beliefs also affect our actions, leading us to stay at home and sit in front of the TV, or get out and about, socialising with others, learning new languages for fun, and keeping our bodies and minds active.

Naturally, our mental and emotional states are not the only things affecting our health and how old we look and feel. The research is clear though. The way we feel and what we believe matters greatly and causes changes in our mental and physical wellbeing. How can you keep your body and mind performing well?

Robyn Woodham
BA (Hons) Psychology, NLP Master Practitioner
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Character Crosswords www.charactercrosswords.co.nz
You Can Come Too — Local Events and Community Activities

**DH Health Support Group AGM**

of the Diamond Harbour and Districts Health Support Group will be held on Saturday July 4 at 10am in the Stage Room (Community Hall).
The meeting will start with coffee and hopefully some special muffins!
All welcome.
The Support Group committee wishes to thank the many members of the community who contributed their annual $5 towards supporting our Medical Centre facilities here in Diamond Harbour. It is greatly appreciated.

John Barry

**Woolfun Day**

Saturdays, July 11, August 8
at 397 Marine Drive Charteris Bay (town side of Charteris Bay Yacht Club).

Bring your wool or tapestry project and come and sit by the fireside.
Please contact me on 027 224 2421 with any questions.

Philippa

**It’s time for the famous DH RUGBY CLUB Quiz–night!**

- Support the Club that provides a positive outlet for youthful energy, and enables players to learn about the joys of a team sport.
- The Diamond Harbour Rugby Club also maintains and develops a great Clubrooms facility that is available for the whole community to use.
- The DH Senior team and the Juniors keep our community flag flying all round the Ellesmere district.
- We need your on-going support.

Where  DH Community Hall
When  July 24 at 7pm for a 7:30pm start, so be early
Cost  $25 per table, max of five people per team
Theme  Optional, but we encourage you to dress up to match either your team name, or a theme of your choosing. There will be generous prizes for the best outfits! Remember the winning witches last year?

A great supper and table nibbles will be provided, but feel free to bring your own refreshments... and of course oodles of cash to be into win the Raffles.

To book  Contact Amy on 329 4244 or a.leech@me.com

Book now to avoid disappointment!

**Road Cycling Group**

Meets weekly in Diamond Harbour. To join a ride contact Mike on 329 4647 or mikecatton@mac.com.

**Diamond Harbour Camera Club**

Tuesday July 21
at 7.30pm in the Stage Room.

Scott Fowler, master photographer and tutor will be talking on aspects of his photography relating to landscape and surrealism. Examples of Scott’s work can be viewed at www.scoiwi.com

Everyone welcome. Visitors: $3 donation.

Matt

**Toastmasters**

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meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7pm in St Andrews Church Hall
This month: July 8 & 22

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For more info contact Jann Meehan on 329 4936, 021 263 1040 or jann@jannmeehan.co.nz. Jann

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Marine Drive

**Come & See**

10:30am Sunday 26th July

Church that is fun, meaningful and worth while

Each fourth Sunday – Everyone welcome
The days are getting longer, but the nights are colder. What is better than sitting by the fire and reading a good book? Perhaps you would prefer a talking book, a magazine, or a DVD?

We have lots of interesting, informative and fun DVD titles in the library, including many new releases. If there is a DVD you would like to watch that isn’t on our shelves you can reserve it and get it sent out to Diamond Harbour from town. Adult DVDs are $1 a week; children’s are free.

Library Membership is free. All welcome

Library Hours:
Tuesday: 2-7pm
Thursday: 10am-2pm
Friday: 2-4pm
Saturday: 10am-12noon

Christine Turner
Librarian, Diamond Harbour Library
Ph 329 4152

Harbour Singers
We welcome new members.
Practices with Rachel Bayliss
Wednesdays at 7.30 in the Stage Room.
World music taught in a supportive and friendly atmosphere.
Ph. Margie Dickinson 329 3331 or Joy McLeod 329 4119.

Line Dancing
We are a group of local girls who meet on
Wednesdays 1.30-3pm in the Community Hall
for low impact dancing.
We would like a few more to join us, so put on those comfy shoes and get on down there and have some fun!
Bev 329 4868

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

Diamond Harbour Toy Library
Every Saturday 10-11am at the Community Hall
New Members Most Welcome!
Come down and see our amazing range of good quality toys – why buy when you can hire!
Brand new toys added regularly.
Baby, Toddler, Preschool & School age toys.
Huge range of indoor/outdoor toys – slides, bikes/trikes, cars, puzzles, prams, water tables, playsets, construction, games, dress ups, sports, baby toys, musical instruments and more!
Drop in any Saturday morning for more information or to pick up an enrolment pack.
Email: dhtoylibrary@gmail.com

Yoga
Early Bird    Tues & Thurs 6 – 7am
General      Wednesday 5.30 – 6.45pm
Gentle        Friday 9 – 10.30am
Stage Room    Everyone welcome
Jacinda Gilligan 329 4424

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Greetings to you - Haere Mai. We warmly welcome you to our sanctuary in Diamond Harbour, where we have recently relocated to from Christchurch.
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• Men’s empowerment groups

IHAIA: Ihaia comes from Banks Peninsula Christchurch, and is trained in Tikanga (cultural/spiritual) counselling, Facilitator/trainer, groups and men’s support group. I am passionate about people’s well being and spiritual growth.

DELLAINA: Teacher and trainer of various courses in Metaphysics, meditation, Channel for spirit, Visionary therapist, well being counsellor, past life therapist and Contributing author in the best selling “Adventures in Manifesting series.”

ph 329 3035 email: info@almora.co.nz web: www.almora.co.nz

Beyond the Book Exhibition
8-26 July, 12-4pm Thu and Fri. 10am–4pm weekends
Tin Palace Arts Space 13A Oxford Street, Lyttelton
Where do you go when you go Beyond the Book?
What are the shadows left by words, those magical preceptors of reality?
What do we get from a story we read?
Beyond the Book, the next Tin Palace exhibition explores and reveals imaginative journeys, inspired by the contents of a book, or, in the shape of a ‘traditional’ printed book. Works are revealed as different from each other as the personalities of our 13 partaking artists from the pool of talent in Banks Peninsula and wider Canterbury.
From the beautifully illustrative to the tongue in cheek to the philosophic the viewer will be greeted with a dazzling array of interpretations, a melting book, a book literally performing a hatchet job on another, ‘Mills and Boon’ formed into white picket fences. Lyttelton Primary School also feature in this exhibition lining the hallway with their illustrations inspired by books.
If you thought a book was just an old fashioned ‘read’ take a step into Beyond the Book at Tin Palace, Lyttelton’s preeminent arts space.
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13a Oxford Street, Lyttelton

Colourful Creations in Pastel - Maxine Burney
Mon July 6, 10.15-11.45am or Tues July 14, 1.45 – 3.15pm
Limited to 8 participants
Age: all ages Cost: $20. All materials included.
Bookings: maxineburney@xtra.co.nz; ph: 3603312

Faces in Pastel: Facts, Fun & Fantasy
Monday July 6, 1-3.15pm with Maxine Burney
Limited to 8 participants
Age: 8 – 12 years Cost: $25. All materials included.
Bookings: maxineburney@xtra.co.nz; ph: 3603312

Upcycling Workshops with Sarah Pritchett
Turn old books into a place for your treasures
Tues July 7, 7am – 12pm or Wed July 8, 9am-12pm.
Ages: 7-12, (5 & 6 year olds if accompanied by an adult)
Limited to 8 per class.
Cost: $20 per workshop. All materials included.
Bookings: wastematters@lyttelton.net.nz; ph 02108254606

Zentangle Drawing with Maria Lee
Create beautiful patterns
Tuesday July 7 and Wednesday July 8, 1-3pm
Tin Palace 13a Oxford Street, Lyttelton
Limited to 10 participants Ages: 10-13 years
Cost: $40 includes all materials and both afternoons
Bookings: mariatlee@hotmail.com or phone (03) 3293359

Anime/Manga drawing with Elijah Lopez
Make bring to life your own original character!
Monday July 13, 12:30-3:30pm
Limited to 8 participants Ages: all Cost: $15 pp.
Bring your favourite drawing utensils, some supplied.
Bookings: elijahnikita@yahoo.com; ph: 022 0525 383

Creative Needlework with Maxine Burney
Tuesday July 14, 10am-12:30pm
Tin Palace 13a Oxford Street, Lyttelton
Limited to 6 participants Ages: 6-10 years
Cost: $30 covers all materials
Bookings: maxineburney@xtra.co.nz; Ph: (03) 3603312

From Page to Stage -local author Melissa Miles
Wednesday July 15
workshop 1-3pm, performance 3-3:30pm
Parents are encouraged to attend the 3pm performance.
Ages: 8 to 12 years Cost: $20 per student
Bookings: 021 649 050 or email mmmiles@ihug.co.nz

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

OBITUARY: Laura Haslam

Laura Jane Haslam, partner of Adrian Daly, passed away on the 28 March, aged 48, after a courageous battle with melanoma cancer.

Daughter of Maureen and the late Eric, Laura was born into a farming life near Sevenoaks, Kent, England. She went to school in nearby Seal, and then to the post-speaking Walthamstow Hall which gave her siblings, Roger and Chris, plenty of ammunition for teasing. Following school she completed degrees in Newcastle University in psychology, computer science and occupational therapy, and thence worked in the field of mental health. After various jobs in the U.K and following the death of her Dad, Laura immigrated to New Zealand in 1998 and enthusiastically embraced all that Aotearoa had to offer.

After meeting on a skiing trip, Laura and Adrian lived for about 12 years in Diamond Harbour and shared many adventures together, kayaking, climbing and tramping in NZ as well as in overseas countries. Laura was passionate in her work as an Occupational Therapist in mental health at Princess Margaret Hospital where she is well recognised for the immense and invaluable contribution she had given to the well-being of older people and for sharing her wealth of knowledge and experience, as expressed here by Jill Wreford. We have been so fortunate to have had Laura on the staff; she was an outstanding Occupational Therapist and lovely person. Her passion for occupational therapy was infectious. Her input has been invaluable, reflected in feedback from family and clients who commented on the great value they received from Laura’s input.

Laura was also an enthusiastic member of the Harbour Singers choir, and the local Book and Ukulele Groups. She is sorely missed by her mum Maureen, and brothers Roger and Chris. We have all been deeply touched by the number of people who came to the celebration of Laura’s life and who sent words of sympathy and of praise for her contribution on Earth in cards, letters, emails and posted messages on Facebook. Our special thanks to the Harbour Singers choir for their beautiful choral tribute, to Book Group members for keeping us nourished with wonderful meals until and even after Laura’s day and to the Diamond Harbour Medical Centre for their compassion, dedication and expert care. Thank you all so much.

Laura, you are held in the highest esteem by your family, friends, colleagues and patients, and of course by your Ady, and you will never be forgotten. Adrian

DH Community Hall

The Diamond Harbour Community Association has formed a committee to manage all aspects of the Community Hall. As part of this we are canvassing all users views as to what improvements residents would like to see made to the Hall if at all possible. An email has been sent to all groups and clubs that use the hall regularly for their feedback.

We realize the Hall requires considerable updating. However, Christchurch City Council is not in a position to fund any further improvements in the foreseeable future. Funds will therefore be limited so please bear this in mind when making suggestions.

We also hope to sort out the storage room in the stage room and the one off the main hall. Could you please let us know what items, if any, that are stored in either of these rooms belong to you. Items not claimed will be donated to a worthy cause or disposed of.

We have introduced a Lost Property Box, which is already full. It is situated in the Hall entrance to the right of the door. Next time you are at the hall please check to see if anything belongs to you. Again, items not claimed will be donated to a worthy cause.

Please email your responses to margiedick56@gmail.com or phone 329 3331 by Monday 13 July.

Mount Herbert Probus

On June 4 the Mount Herbert Probus Club had a morning tea to mark the 25th anniversary of the founding of the club in 1990.

Of our four known foundation members three were able to attend and cut the cake for the occasion. These are Bruce Beckett, Bruce Ryde and Roy Service. Unfortunately a fourth, Bruce Ott had to send his apologies, being unable to attend at the last minute.

Some recollections of the first meeting were shared, the main one being the decision to have separate Ladies’ and Men’s clubs because meetings held in the Charteris Bay Golf Club rooms could not cater for all in the one club. When approached to see if they would join in a joint dinner to celebrate the 25th Anniversary the Ladies had already organised a dinner in November and have graciously invited the Men’s club to join them for the occasion.

President John Somerville 329 4713
Secretary Joe Studholme 329 4554

Mt Herbert Parish Quiz Night Raffle Results

Trailer load of Firewood: Cathie Lendrum (no 104);
Grocery hamper:: Glenda Cheeseborough (no 27);
Iced cake: Ross Sage (no 145).
Thank you all for your support. Anna
Over the Hill

Almost exactly twenty years ago, having fallen in love with Church Bay and Diamond Harbour, I moved into Emerson Crescent. And the community lived up to all my expectations. I cannot imagine a more welcoming or supportive environment in which to live.

I have had the most caring neighbours. Those whom I have not known personally have given me a cheery wave when I was out walking.

When I had broken ankle in plaster for six weeks I had meals on wheels delivered by people I scarcely knew. At that time transport to hospital appointments, and to do my shopping, was provided by an army of drivers.

The library has provided stimulus and entertainment, and a warm welcome. Elaine and Ron have kept the information flowing in the Herald in a thoroughly professional way.

When I have been away my garden has been watered and my cat fed. My dog was tolerated (more than I always did). Tai Chi and Dave’s Studio Red Fitness have endeavoured to keep me physically fit, and the Book Discussion group did the same for my brain. Timebank members helped with garage sales, and years 7 and 8 at the school made colourful posters for the same.

The list goes on! However, as I have grown older I have found that I needed more help, especially with the garden, so I decided it was time to move back to the city while I still have the energy to enjoy what it offers.

So, thank you all, and may you all enjoy Church Bay and Diamond Harbour as much as I have done.

Paddy Smart

Editors’ Note: Our Best Wishes to you, Paddy and thank you for the numerous contributions you have made to our community such as Neighbourhood Support Leader and Transport Organiser.

Elaine & Ron

Cancer Support Group

It’s that time of year again. Daffodil Day is on Friday August 28. We will be out and about collecting for the Cancer Society. Please support such a worthy cause.

Our annual film show will be held on the following day, Saturday August 29 in St Andrews Church Hall. Please put the date in your diary and come along for an entertaining evening. Posters giving details of the film will be around the village in all the usual places at the beginning of August.

Neighbourhood Support

To stay informed about Neighbourhood Security, Welfare and Emergency Information ensure your inclusion on our secure database.

Membership is Free

for all residents and property owners on the southern side of Lyttelton Harbour

To ADD, UPDATE or REMOVE your details, to request an new group list, join the community emailing system or for information or concerns

CONTACT:    Elaine Bryson  (Area co-ordinator)
Email: dhnshq@gmail.com                      Phone: 329 4512
28 Koromiko Cres, Church Bay, RD1 Lyttelton 8971
or
Ron Dubin (Deputy Co-ordinator)  Ph: 329 3032

DH VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Brigade Briefing

Last month the Brigade held an important social event which epitomises the evolution of an organisation like ours. We farewelled three members who have recently retired from the brigade and also welcomed our four newest fire fighters.

The new boys had graduated, after completing their seven-day training programme, just hours earlier. With the departure of Dave Hammond, Andrew Dower and Les Hogbin, the Brigade has lost 53 years of experience and commitment to the protection of our community. The newest members, Tom Bryant, Jeremy Palmer, Nathan Graham and Mark Burkwood bring enthusiasm and valuable information on the latest training techniques.

Another matter that was raised in June relates to accessing properties in an emergency. It seems that this year has seen some spectacular growth in vegetation that may compromise our ability to gain vehicular access to several properties in the area. The new fire truck is larger than its predecessor and low hanging branches or overgrown hedges could mean that we can’t get close enough to problems to resolve them quickly.

We frequently attend medical emergencies and it is helpful if the ambulance can get as close as possible to the patient. This too becomes a problem if the hedge-clippers remain dormant for too long.

Expansion and contraction are natural phenomena for organisational membership and for local greenery. We favour more fire-fighters over narrower driveways. Perhaps you could help with both?
Civil Defence Update

John Lammiman's Retirement
At our last Civil Defence meeting we celebrated Mid-winter with mulled wine, nibbles and table tennis – and also bid farewell to John Lammiman who has retired from active involvement in the team.

John joined the Diamond Harbour Civil Defence in 2001 and has been a stalwart member these 14 years. During that time he achieved the NZQA Emergency Preparedness and Communication training qualifications.

In the local Civil Defence team John was in charge of Radio Communications, a position to which he was well suited having been a London Cabby for many years. He regularly made radio transmission checks from Diamond Harbour CD to the Lyttelton Service Centre. By the time Debbie (the radio operator at the Lyttelton Service Centre) left last year, she and John had become great radio pals. John was also conscientious in photographing various adverse situations over the years – whether it be storm damage, roads blocked by snow, or earthquake damage – very useful information for civil defence. He could always be relied on to turn up with his camera at our social and more official presentation evenings.

In the Civil Defence response to the 2010-2011 earthquakes, John was fully committed in his duties as a DH CD team member and spent long hours at the Civil Defence centre over our three week response period. In 2014, John was awarded a Long Service Medal by Mayor Lianne Dalzell.

Recently, John has not been in the best of health and, after celebrating his 80th birthday, decided to hang up his Civil Defence vest and retire from active duty with the Diamond Harbour Civil Defence Team.

At the meeting, David Collins from Christchurch Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM), thanked him for his service to our community and Wendy Coles (our team leader) presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his voluntary services to the Christchurch CDEM. In addition, on behalf of the local team, Wendy thanked John for being such a valued member of our CD team and wished him all the very best in his retirement.

Civil Defence Team

Diamond Harbour Community Association

Meeting June 8
Treasurer's Report
$1,000 has been paid to Orton Bradley Park for the wind turbine project. This is a cutting edge innovation and will off set power consumption for the park and demonstrate technology for educational purposes. This should be up and running by October.

Hall Report
A hall sub committee consisting of Dave, Karen, Margie and Joy has been formed. Dave will manage booking and invoicing and Karen maintenance.

As there has been no increase in the hire of the hall since 2003, it will increase from $10.50 to $12 for the Stage Room; $25 to $75 for quiz nights; $75 to $100 for events; $20 to $25 for the annex used by the Vet. We will also ask for the floor to be covered so the room is easier to clean. Margie has compiled a questionnaire for regular users of the hall to give any ideas on improvements to the hall. There is also a request for people to remove their unused items from the storage room.

Dave and Ron will look at putting hall bookings on the website so that people can see when the hall is available.

Submissions
Pete Simpson and Richard Suggate talked to our written submissions for the Long Term Plan. They also spoke on the Lyttelton Port Recovery Plan submissions with the focus on the proposed ferry terminal and the distance from the town centre, as well as the volume of traffic on Norwich Quay.

The CCC District Plan Stage 2 consultation session was held in the Library this evening. This covered land designation and use, looking at coastal areas. The community does need some retention of commercial and light industrial zoning to allow existing businesses to continue. Pete will write a submission on this.

General Business
Richard and Pete wrote letters to CCC about the proposed fast track land sales around Diamond Harbour. Apparently Christchurch City Council had considered and discounted this proposal and there will be community consultation on land sale in the future. We would like to know the methodology behind how land is chosen so that all the wards are treated equally.

There were over 200 signatures for the School Access Petition. Full consultation with CCC is requested, $550 was approved for gravel for this track. It was moved that the DHCA will pay for materials to improve the school track instigated by Pete Ozich. A note will be sent to CCC Greenspace so they are aware that the track exists and that we are maintaining it.

There is to be a meeting at Jim’s place for people interested in being part of the Reserve Management Committee. Jim will meet with Liz Beaven to find out more about setting this up.

The committee for the website upgrade met and Pete has submitted an application for $6,500 from the Strengthening Communities Fund. This is the base development cost. Thomas is to take over the project management due to Pete’s time commitments.

The Morgan’s Gully agreement between CCC, ECAN and DHCA still hasn’t been signed off. Richard has signed, but CCC need to accept it. This land needs to be protected.

CCC have a new phone app called Snap-Send-Solve. This is on the CCC website. All types of issues can be submitted, including graffiti, blocked drains and broken playground equipment. Reports, including photos with GPS locations, are sent by email to the Council and addressed through our normal Customer Service request for service process.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm
The next meeting will be in the Stage Room on Monday July 13 at 7.30pm.
**Classifieds**

**French Lessons**
I'm Adrien, a 28 years old French boy, currently housesitting in Diamond Harbor until the end of July. I would like to be involved with the community and thought I could help with French and earn some pocket money. If you are interested, please email me: a.quedec@gmail.com.

**Informal Music Ensemble**
Do you want to be part of a very informal music ensemble? The goal would be to have fun while playing music with others. I play cello (have had lessons for more than 1 year) and am looking for people to play with. Please call Karyn on 329 4979 if you are interested.

**Guitar Wanted**
Ten year old boy keen on playing music is looking for a guitar to buy. Please phone 329 4969.

**Quality In-Home Childcare in Charteris Bay**
Experienced Porce Home Educator working in education and childcare for over 20 years. I provide an environment where each child’s interests are nurtured and creativity, innovation and independence are encouraged. Max 4 children per session, limited spaces available Weds and Thurs. ECE funding for ages 3+. For more info, phone Nicole 329 3203.

**Printer for sale**
HP Officejet 6500 E710N-Z wireless printer/scanner/fax. Has new black ink cartridge. $50. 329 4748.

**Garage Rental**
Single or Double garage to hire long term Diamond Harbour area to store car and or jet ski. Contact Shane 027 352 6599.

**House for rent**
414 Marine Drive, 4 bedrooms, two bathrooms (one on-suite). $495 per week. Available from July 1. Contact David on 027 886 0291.

**Earring found in Hall**
On Friday May 29 a green and cream earring consisting of 2 balls, one smaller than the other was found in the Hall. To claim, please contact Margie on 329 3331.

**Lost Trailer Tailgate**
Lost on Tues June 9 at 8am on the town side of Deer Farm corner from a silver Elite trailer (plate no P896M attached). Could the kind person who removed it from the roadside please ph Jill or Neil Pattinson 021 062 3112 or 329 4339.

**Cleaner/Carer available**
Experienced cleaner and Personal Carer looking for work in and around Diamond Harbour, Purau and Charteris Bay. Ideally in school hours but also available evenings for caring, meals, respite and meal preparation. References available. Also experienced in home business administration. $20/hr. Ph 022 674 9949.

**Flatmate wanted**
Beautiful and warm 2 storey log house with wonderful harbour views on a sunny Teddington farm has one single en-suite room available at $200pw. Power, firewood, water and broadband $30p.w. Garden space and grazing. Long term preferred. Ph 329 9118. See www.bergli.co.nz.

**Flatmate wanted**
For lovely Diamond Harbour paradise. I am vegetarian plus seafood, into yoga and outdoor pursuits. Lovely garden environment with views, walking distance to cafes and ferry, and wireless broadband access. Contact me on 329 3395 or 022 109 6681 or adedaly@ymail.com.

**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.

**Bike Found**
Ladies bike found in hedge in Purau Ave - may have been stolen. Phone 329 4350.

**Orton Bradley Firewood for sale**
Dry, split and ready to burn. 3m3 delivered. Pine $195. Macrocarpa $245. Proceeds to Park maintenance. 329 4730.

**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.

**Boxing Circuit Classes**
Monday 6.30pm and Wed 7pm. Commercial gym open 7 days. 329 9525 or 027 773 0036 or baysidefit@gmail.com.

**Doggie Bootcamps**
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**Catholic Masses**
Every Sunday at 5.30 pm
First Sunday of month: Mass at DH Community Church Second, Fourth, and Fifth Sunday: SCAP* service (which fulfills Sunday Obligation)
Third Sunday of month: Mass at Lyttelton (21 Exeter St) *Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest

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Sundays at 10.30am and Wednesdays at 9am

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**Prayer for the Parish**
Weekdays at 8:15am in the Church Library. This is to specifically pray for God’s presence in all our lives and His Spirit to move in our Parish. All are welcome. If you are unable to join us, please pray wherever you are.

**Monday Night Study Group**
Meets Monday fortnightly in a warm and friendly Charteris Bay home. Please call Bruce Beckett for details on 329 4422.

**Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study Group**
Based on reading Word for Today, is held in the Church Library every second Wednesday at 5.30pm. Please contact Merylin Haxell on 329 3036.

**Gamma Home Group**
Meets Monday weekly in a warm and friendly Diamond Harbour home. For further details, please contact Ross Fountain on 329 4202.

**Baby & Toddlers Group**
F fortnightly on a Tuesday, a coffee and support group for parents and caregivers of babies and infants aged 0-36 months in the Church Hall from 10-12 noon.

**City Shopping Van**
The van runs on alternate Wednesdays. Pick ups are around 9am and returning around 1:30pm. Bookings are essential so please call Nicky on 329 4341 or Wendy on 329 4483 or 021 154 1434 for further information. Upcoming dates are July 15 & 29 and August 12 & 26.

**Community Soup Lunch**
Wednesday July 8 & 22 in the Church Hall at 12:15pm. Warm, nourishing, and social. Optional board games afterwards. See you there.

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

**Mount Herbert Parish Website**
For further parish news and information visit www.mountherbertparish.wordpress.com

**Herald Calendar**

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

**Baby & Toddlers**
Tue Jul 14, 28; Aug 11 & 25. p19

**Badminton**
Weds, 7.30pm, Community Hall.

**Ballet - Harbour Basin Dance**
Sats, 9.15am, Hall

**Beyond the Book**
8-26 Jul, Tin Palace, Lytt. p13

**Bridge Club**
Weds, 6.50pm, Bowling Club. Ph 329 4868

**Camera Club**
Tue Jul 21, 7.30pm, Stage Room. p12

**Come & See**
Sun Jul 26, 10.30am, Church. p12

**Daffodil Day**
Aug 28, Film night Aug 29. p16

**DHCA**
Mon Jul 13, 7.30pm, Stage Room. p17

**Health Support Grp AGM**
Sat Jul 4, Stage Rm. p12

**Harbour Singers**
Weds, 7.45pm, Stage Room. p13

**Indoor Bowls**
Thus, 1.30pm, Community Hall.

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

**Jazz - Harbour Basin Dance**
Tues, 4pm, Hall

**Kids Soccer**
Fris, 3pm, Hall

**Ladies Probus**
Mon Jul 13, 10am, Church Hall

**Line Dancing**
Weds, 1.30pm, Hall. p13

**Mens Probus**
Thurs, 10am, 10am, DH Rugby Club

**Medical Centre Hours**
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**Quiz Night (Rugby Club)**
Fri Jul 24, 7pm, Hall. p13

**School Holiday Prog**
Tin Palace, Lytt. p14

**Sea Scouts**
Tues, 3.30pm

**Shopping Van**
Jul 15 & 29; Aug 12 & 26. p19

**Soup Luncnes**
Wed Jul 8 & 22, 12.15pm, Church. p19

**Stoddart Cottage Trust**
Meeting July 17, p4

**Table Tennis**
Thurs, 7.30pm, Church Hall

**Tai Chi**
Tue 11-12noon, Com Hall

**Tennis Club**
Suns 9.30am, Waipapa Courts

**Timebank Drop-in**
Fris, 11am Godley Café. p8

**Toastmasters**
Wed Jul 8 & 22, 7pm, Church Hall. p12

**Toy Library**
Sats 10am, Community Hall. p13

**Warming World Workshop**
Jul 20, 27; Aug 3. p6 & 13

**Woolfun Day**
Sat Jul 11 & Aug 8, 397 Marine Dr. p12

**Yoga**
Tues-Fri. Stage Room. p13

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