DIAMOND HARBOUR FIRE CHIEF’S HELMET ON A NEW HEAD

As reported in the November Herald, Don Cameron (left) has retired from the Diamond Harbour Volunteer Fire Brigade, and at a formal ceremony last month recently he officially handed the Fire Chief’s helmet on to Bob Palmer (right). Bob has been a Diamond Harbour fighter for almost thirty years and our Deputy Chief Fire Officer for the last thirteen so he is quite familiar with the responsibilities of his new role even though these are naturally more extensive that that of Deputy, where member training is a major focus.

Four years as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Canterbury Provincial Fire Brigades’ Association — of which he is an Honorary Life Member — stands him in good stead for administration tasks such as budgeting while his thirty-four years career as an NZ Police Officer ensure his ability to handle the numerous liaison duties he will encounter in his new position.

Another important attribute is Bob’s extensive emergency medical knowledge. A serious incident in 1996 left Bob with the realisation the basic first aid skills of himself and fellow firemen was inadequate on such occasions. He subsequently joined St Johns and is now a training officer and so had a key role in the initial appointment of the Diamond Harbour Brigade as one of just eight Canterbury First Response units for medical emergencies, which today account for about 50% of the team’s call-outs each year.

Consequently, Bob currently aims to have at least half of our volunteer brigade members fully trained in first response skills to ensure there are always appropriate people available to attend every emergency.

While Bob admits that there are a few changes he would like to be able to implement during his time in charge of the brigade, these will have to wait for a while as he acclimatises to his new position and right now, focuses on the major recruitment drive underway for new and younger members to fill the boots of recent retirees.

So if you are a girl or a guy who is prepared to commit to making a very important, much appreciated and rewarding contribution to your community, read on page 2 as our new Fire Chief explains that…

Elaine

(Photos by Steve Howard)
BIDDING GOODBYE—GWENN WILSON, OUR FIRST DISTRICT NURSE

In the latter half of the 1980s, before our Medical Centre came into existence, Gwenn Wilson’s house in Whero Ave, was regularly referred to by several staff at Christchurch Hospital as the Diamond Harbour Accident and Emergency Department. It all began some thirty years earlier when Gwenn travelled to Christchurch from her native Australia to visit a friend, who immediately bought her to Diamond Harbour. So impressed was Gwenn with the fresh natural beauty of the area and the hospitality of residents and new-found friends Joan and Peter Davidson that she decided to stay in New Zealand, eventually completing nursing training in Christchurch, and continuing her nursing career.

She moved with her husband, two sons and daughter in 1980 to live in Diamond Harbour. There, she soon realised that the band of volunteer first-aiders who were on hand to provide basic medical care for the district were, despite their efficiency and willingness, too often facing medical situations for which they were ill-equipped. After initial negotiations to have a district nurse appointed to the area failed, Gwenn worked as a volunteer medical aide here while collecting data of the nature of the medical problems encountered.

Eventually in mid-1986, this information together with the support of John Riminton and other first-aiders, illustrated beyond doubt the need for a local district nurse and, not surprisingly, Gwenn was appointed. Around this time her marriage broke up and she moved to her present home in Whero Ave where she somehow raised her three children as well as being on call 24/7 for the community.

I could never have done it without the help and support of my wonderful friends and neighbours, she reflects. The helpfulness of everyone here is one of the many things I love about Diamond Harbour.

In her work Gwenn coped with a huge variety of medical situations from care of the elderly to vaccinating children, and of course all the accidents and mishaps that occur. Especially among children, says Gwenn with a chuckle. A delightful young girl called Sarah Clinch is one I recall who regularly needed rescuing in some way.

Another of Gwenn’s special memories is the occasion she had the opportunity to be photographed holding the coveted Ranfurly Shield. A staunch Canterbury rugby supporter since arriving in NZ, Gwenn was amazed to find one of her local patients had temporary custody of the trophy during Canterbury’s reign as holders.

Before too long a second District Nurse, Carol Welsh, was appointed to help with the workload, and she was later replaced by Nicky Palmer. In 1991 our Medical Centre sprung up, thanks to an enthusiastic and hardworking group of locals, and from then on, there have been doctors on hand as well.

For Gwenn meantime, the offer of a 9-5 job at a city medical centre promised her more time with her children, Craig, Nigel and Kaitlin, so she resigned from her district nursing position. Later she was also involved in tutoring trainee nurses.

Today, Gwenn, now a very active and outgoing octogenarian and very proud grandmother, has decided to move to Auckland to be with her daughter Kate and her husband Chris, so with the sale of her home — the former Diamond Harbour Accident and Emergency Department — imminent, she is saying goodbye to Diamond Harbour. But of course I will always remember the place, the wonderful people and the great life I have had here.

And we all thank you, Gwenn, for being part of our history, and wish you great happiness with your family.

Elaine

YOUR LOCAL FIRE BRIGADE NEEDS YOU!

DH Fire Brigade is seeking interested persons to fill upcoming vacancies. We are looking for motivated, fit and healthy males and females to join our team. As well as fighting fires, dealing with motor vehicle crashes and the wide variety of other civil emergencies we deal with, our Brigade has the additional responsibility to respond to medical emergencies. We incorporate St John trained personnel who are skilled to a high level in dealing with medical emergencies.

Recruits must be prepared to undertake on-going professional training in all these areas. From time to time this may include some weekend courses to supplement the on-station training at the fire station every Tuesday night from 7.30 to 9.30 where we cover a wide variety of scenarios and skills are taught and maintained.

Recruits will need to be prepared to respond to call-outs on a 24/7 basis. On average this will likely be about twice a week.

In return for this commitment and dedication to the local community, recruits will receive new and enhanced skills and be part of a professional, competent and effective team. A range of qualifications both within the New Zealand Fire Service and St John will be gained and recruits will find enormous satisfaction and pride from being able to provide significant help to their local community when called upon. All members are professionally equipped with the latest protective gear and the right tools for the job.

Our local fire brigade has a strong focus on support for each other and a strong and active social committee. It’s not all about hard graft and physically demanding training, we make time to relax as well.

We have first class equipment and resources which are maintained by our members and we have a great relationship with our local Civil Defence team and strong supportive links to the local Medical Centre, its doctors and nurses. When necessary we may respond together and support each other where appropriate. This collaborative approach ensures the best outcomes for the local community.

My challenge to those in the community who feel that they have the commitment, energy and attributes for this vital role is to take the next step and give me call to discuss this further. I can answer any questions you may have. Our recruitment process always starts with a relaxed chat at the station where all these commitments and rewards can be outlined. Interested people can call or text me on 027 240 1515.

Bob Palmer, Chief Fire Officer Diamond Harbour
PARADISE REGAINED?

A couple of months ago we wrote of Margaret Stoddart’s finding a paradise. Of course we all know that she is not the only one to have felt that way about our community - for many of us it was love at first sight, but for some, the realisation takes a bit longer...

Marco Jacometti (right) was born in Charteris Bay in 1974 and duly attended Diamond Harbour School. He struggled to fit in at school, so it is fair to say that by the time he had finished his primary education there, he was feeling there must be better places in the world than the Diamond Harbour area.

His very supportive parents, Henk and Aprilla, temporarily moved into Christchurch to facilitate his attending the secondary division of Middleton Grange School. A degree in Agricultural Science at Lincoln University followed, fostering his love and respect for the environment.

Subsequently in his role as an agroecology scientist, he was keen to investigate and promote natural alternatives to the potentially harmful chemicals and sprays, but in the real world he found most farmers were cautious about adopting techniques he suggested. On the whole, farmers were interested in hearing about new ideas and techniques, but were reluctant to jump in boots and all, Marco reflects. They have a lot of money invested in their crops, and don’t have particularly high margins... so it’s a risk. Also these farmers don’t trust science in the same way they used to. There is so much research being funded by industry, which only wants to see results that support sales and this breaks trust between science and the public they serve. Most of the farmers who I talked to are interested in sustainability and the planet but just don’t want to take the risk themselves.

In 2007, Marco won the MacDiarmid Young Scientist of the Year award and thereafter was invited to join the Oxygen Group, a group of scientists who advised the then Ministry of Research, Science and Technology on current science direction. It was at this time I realised the extent to which science is influenced by political agendas and not all those agendas sat well with me. I began to seriously question my chosen career path... I was also bored. We got the last push we needed to make a change with the Christchurch earthquakes.

With the family severely stressed, no house, and our commercial properties in town demolished or severely damaged...well, there was nothing holding us here anymore.

The family consequently moved to Geraldine where Marco worked on building sites and then as a fencing contractor. After 2 years of slow negotiation with earthquake authorities and insurance companies, Marco, and his wife Josine, employed the services of a property manager. That man saved our bacon. He was intelligent, tenacious and knew the ropes. My wife and I lovingly called him The Irish Bulldog. He can be quite persuasive in keeping the contractors on target!

After moving to the Nelson area, settling with the insurance and selling the building, Marco and Josine bought a caravan and took a six month trip around New Zealand, with their children, This trip doubled as a holiday - We needed one! - and a search for a special place in NZ to settle.

Takaka was eventually chosen, so they decided to end their wandering with a visit to Marco’s parents in Charteris Bay. This was to prove life-changing. In the space of a few days they felt completely overwhelmed by the community spirit they encountered along the south shore of Lyttelton Harbour.

Suddenly they had found their paradise! From a rented house in Diamond Harbour, Josine found a job at Lyttelton’s Harbour Co-op while Marco established Diamond Harbour Property Care and set about doing anything needed around the homes and gardens of locals.
FAREWELLING ANOTHER GODLEY . . .

Di and Melanie (right) were clearly a bit aghast at the thought of the end of another chapter in the story of Godley House, but the gathering of locals to mark the final hours of Godley Café was nothing like the community’s sombre farewell to the original Godley House in the aftermath of the earthquakes a few years ago (below).

At this latest, well-attended gathering we were not witnessing the demise of the café, but rather recognizing the successful business and community goodwill that Michelle Anderton has established and maintained over the last three years, so it was in fact a very convivial occasion. Every man — and his large dog — were there, and all obviously enjoying themselves.

Nevertheless it was surely a poignant time for Michelle (below) as she poured those last few drinks and contemplated the severing of her links with the grand old Godley House.

In December 2009 Michelle and her husband took over as managers of Godley House and made it their family’s home. Thus they were all sleeping upstairs the following September when the earthquake struck, causing sections of the building to literally fall down around them.

Thankfully, although traumatised, the family escaped without physical injury, but lost many of their possessions and of course, their income — and the 2011 earthquake destroyed any hope of saving the old homestead.

But Michelle does not give up easily! For nearly two years, she negotiated with Christchurch City Council and organised the delivery of pre-built units to create a new business. In December 2012 Michelle and Jill Martin opened Godley Café. After Jill later withdrew from the partnership, Michelle took sole charge until selling the business recently.

Thus the gathering on October 31 marked the closure of Godley Café but the business continues under a new proprietor and a new name (see p5).

Elaine
The appearance of this sign in the village early in November signalled the change of ownership and the new name of what was Godley Café.

It also sparked considerable discussion among locals as to the relevance of the naming. Apart from an obvious partial connection with the name of our area, the term rough diamond is a common expression originally referring to an uncut diamond and often used describe a person or object whose true worth or beauty is not immediately recognisable. It is also the name of a TV series, a couple of films and a band. But the link that a number of people have made is to a company of that name which brands itself as the home of great Asian dining experiences and is responsible for a number of Asian restaurant franchises operating under other names in New Zealand.

**So what’s the story on our Rough Diamond?**

Emma Schimanek lived in Diamond Harbour during her teenage years and for a time her mother Alison ran a popular gardening shop on the exact site of the present day café. Between then and now, Emma has vigorously pursued her dream of being involved in the food industry. She has worked in and managed restaurants not only in NZ but also in several other countries she has spent time in during ten years overseas.

I really enjoyed living in Diamond Harbour, she explained, and the opportunity to have my own café here—particularly on this site — was almost too good to be true.

And the name? Easy! chuckled Emma. My mother always referred to me as her rough diamond. It was just so appropriate! I had never even been aware of the Rough Diamond being the parent company of the Asian restaurant chain and I have no connection with them at all. The Rough Diamond is the legally registered name of my company.

Emma has plans for the continual growth her café, but at the moment, not too much has changed with the emphasis being on learning what works for her customers.

The café is currently open Tuesday to Sunday and everyone is invited to drop in and sample the goodies available. The black board menu is still there and all sweet baking is done in house by the very talented Amy Leech, and savoury cook is Tuariki Te Patu, while Emma heads the front of house staff. She is thrilled with the team and the way it is all coming together for her and the Cafe.

A range of beers and wood-fired pizzas are part of the plan along with delicious freshly-made sandwiches and cake. Customer input is sought on everything from the size of the coffee cups to the background music, food, beverages and so on, so be sure to call in and voice your preferences.

Emma (centre) with staff members, Katie (left) and Tuariki (right)

Friday nights 5-7pm are Happy Hours with specials on Three Boys Beer and Wednesday evenings are designated Bikers’ Time giving the many local and visiting motor bike enthusiasts – and anyone else as well – the opportunity to discuss their passion and swap biking adventures.

Changes to the building are also afoot, with an extension and exterior cladding and new flooring helping to create a friendly and homely environment for us all to enjoy.
PLAYCENTRE NEWS

Last week our tamariki enjoyed a visit to the Little River Playcentre. The centre made us feel very welcome, and our children had such fun exploring the spaces and trying new things.

The sand pit is always a favourite and Finn and Toby (right) were suitably impressed with what Little River had to offer - a happy hour or so was spent digging, driving trucks and grading the sand. Payton and Eddison enjoyed using the double trike to role play going on a holiday and filling up on petrol. The children all spent time in the playground which had a fantastic jungle gym, great climbing zones and areas for jumping.

The centre is building a balance beam walking zone on tyres in their shaded area which was interesting. Our centre is currently upgrading our fort and we came away with ideas for extending this play area.

Inside, our younger tamariki Toby and Baxter (left) spent time in the music area. Baxter was very caring and gave Toby a couple of different bells to try ringing. Finn also spent time in the pretend play kitchen area.

During the session the Little River parents read stories during kai time, and there was face painting in the shade of the deck. Our visit to Little River has given us some fabulous new ideas and inspiration for our centre. We are planning to visit Purau over the next fortnight before gearing up for Christmas in the last few weeks of term.

Our sessions are currently running on a Monday from 9am to 12 noon; our numbers remain low this term so we would love any new families with children aged 0-6yrs to come and have a look. If you enrol, we suggest a donation of $35 a term and children under 12 months are free. If you would like any further information please email us—details opposite. diamondharbourpc@gmail.com.

DIAMOND HARBOUR BE DAMNED, LPC MAY MOVE FERRY BERTH TO DAMPIER BAY!

Diamond Harbour residents will be distressed and outraged to learn that the recently released Lyttelton Port Recovery Plan gives the LPC carte blanche to move the Diamond Harbour ferry berth to Dampier Bay whenever it chooses.

It is well known that LPC is eager to move it from its current location, which is within easy walking distance of the shops, restaurants and Saturday Farmers Market to Dampier Bay – making the walk to town longer and less pleasant for Diamond Harbour residents and other ferry users. In the photo opposite, the white and black arrows respectively mark the current location and the likely location in Dampier Bay.

Despite the many community submissions opposing the ferry move, CERA Minister Gerry Brownlee has changed the crucial activity status to controlled activity – meaning that there are now no legal means of preventing LPC from once again ignoring the overwhelming wishes of the community in pursuing its narrow business interests.

To quote the Facebook page of Paula Smith, Chairperson of the Lyttelton Mt Herbert Community Board:

So we have been screwed over, well and truly. I don’t know what to do. It seems we are powerless and the whole submission process was a farce. All I can suggest is that people write a letter to the editor of The Press. It seemed to worked for Victoria Square.

Ron

Diamond Harbour Playcentre is a Government-funded Early Childhood Education Provider run as a parent co-operative.

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Introduction To Digital Photography

Want to take better photos?

In January the DH Camera Club will show you how to improve your photography. Over two days we’ll cover some of the basics of photography – no matter what kind of camera you use and how experienced (or inexperienced!) you are.

We’ll explain some of your camera’s functions so you can have more confidence to pick up your camera and start taking better photos.

Whether you’re using a digital SLR, point and shoot or cellphone camera, you’ll get some useful tips to help you on your photographic journey!

Our course is designed for absolute beginners but even if you’re not a total novice you may discover some useful tips!

The course will be at Orton Bradley Park on Sat 16 & Sun 17 January 2016.

Cost: Free!

Limited spaces available, so register your interest email diamondharbourcameraclub@gmail.com.  

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The less technically savvy and older computer users may find difficulty coming to grips with the significant changes from W7. Then there are those who are concerned with W10’s wholesale invasion of privacy that allows Microsoft to harvest all manner of personal information.

In my October column I described the settings to make to protect your privacy. However, since then Microsoft have admitted that even those austere settings cannot prevent some personal information being collected.

Advice to the undecided

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If you have W8 and hate it, that is probably a good enough reason to upgrade to W10; but if you have W7 and it does everything you need and you prefer the true, tried and familiar to learning new ways to do the same thing, then you might be better off staying with W7.

The only overriding reason to upgrade from W7 is if you expect to be using your present computer beyond January 2020 when W7 support ends. Upgrading to W10 will get you support until 2025.

Pushy Microsoft

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Five times more computers were running W7 than W10!

Microsoft appears rattled and is descending to skulduggery in their efforts to force people to upgrade to W10. From early 2016 W10 will become a recommended update — meaning it will be immediately downloaded (all 6Gb of it) to any PC running W7 or W8 that is set to automatically install important and recommended updates (which is most — this is the default setting).

How to avoid upgrading to Windows 10

Go to the Control Panel, select Windows Update, click on Change Settings at top left. Find Important Updates and set the drop-down box below it to Check for updates but let me choose whether to download and install them.

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Click on the line XX important/recommended updates are available. Look for something like Windows 10 Upgrade and untick the box beside it before running the other Windows updates.

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How to avoid upgrading to Windows 10

W10 has been out in the wild for 4 months now and has received mostly favourable reviews – but it is not everyone’s cup of tea... and perhaps not yours.

Most people I know who have upgraded to W10 are quite happy with it... but there are also some who wish they had stayed with W7 – or have in fact reverted back to it.

The upgrade process (from W7 and W8) is usually straightforward and reliable, but is some cases it results in an unstable, buggy install of W10.

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VET-SPOT

The Driving Lesson

In a couple of past articles I’ve reminisced about the time I spent in Maﬁkeng during my national service, just after graduating from vet school. I’ve also previously mentioned Manthethe, my vet nurse, navigator and Setswana translator in the clinic and on the roads of Bophuthatswana. She had never passed her driver’s license, and I was not the first National Service Vet to attempt to teach her to drive. Most of the roads in Bop were pretty quiet, not unlike driving on the Kaitorete Spit, so it was a relatively low stress place to teach learner drivers. Having taught my son to drive and with my daughter about to get her learner’s license I can now speak with a bit more experience!

As we headed west into the Kalahari, the roads became drier and dustier, and the chances of sighting game increased. Kudu could be a problem, especially at night when they became dazzled by the headlights, and could easily launch themselves straight at your windscreen. Twice we’d spotted deadly Black Mamba snakes crossing the road, easily as long as the width of the road itself. If you were bitten by one of them you had only about half an hour to get anti-venom, otherwise it was game over.

However on this particular day neither kudus nor snakes were the danger, rather the turnoff to the farm we were visiting was fast approaching. I suggested to Manthethe that she may want to slow down a little, instead she just accelerated harder, and turned up the driveway at a hair raising speed. By now I was shouting, Brake, brake! and attempting to pull up the hand brake, but Manthethe had her eyes firmly closed, and kept her foot doggedly pressed down on the gas. We ploughed through a fence, bounced across a field full of termite mounds, and finally came to a stop after hitting (and snapping off at ground level) a sturdy fence post.

Ever the believer in getting back in the saddle after falling off your horse, I encouraged Manthethe to drive back to town after our call, where we had to fill in a report to explain the impressive dent in the front bumper of the ute. Sadly she never got her driver’s license before I left, although I hope that she has by now.

I dedicate this story to the memory of my Nissan Terrano, that died of old age a few weeks ago. We’d bought it from a dealer in Christchurch near the old AMI stadium, and were due to collect it on the day of the February 2011 earthquake. Immediately after the quake the business owner had the foresight to farm out all his cars to friends around town, otherwise it would have been trapped inside the cordon for months. I’m now driving a Toyota RAV, smaller so more of a challenge to cram all my gear into, but a lot more economical. Sorry for the very early Christmas greeting last month, I got mixed up as to which month the Herald doesn’t come out in. So once again happy Christmas, and thanks to all our clients and patients for your support this year.

Paul
RECIPE
Christmas Log

**Meringue**

**Ingredients**
- 150gm caster sugar
- 3 large egg whites

**Ganache Ingredients**
- 75gm unsalted butter
- 350ml fresh cream
- 125gm very good quality dark chocolate
- 3 tbsp brandy or whisky
- 3 large egg yolks

**Other Needs**
- Baking paper
- Tinfoil
- Forcing bag (if available)

**Meringue**

Draw 3 rectangles 10x22cm on a piece of baking paper (vary to fit your oven tray).

Turn oven on to 130°C.

Make meringue with 3 large egg whites and 150gm caster sugar.

Whip the egg whites until firm then incorporate the sugar, a tablespoon at a time, until you finish with a stiff glossy mixture.

If you have a forcing bag it is easier to pipe the meringue evenly between your 3 rectangles and smooth the top with a spatula.

Leave to bake for 1½ hours or until very dry and almost brittle. Leave on paper until cold (can be made ahead of time and kept in a plastic container).

**Ganache**

In a bain marie or bowl over hot water place 75gm unsalted butter and 125gm small chocolate pieces. (I used Cadbury Energy in little squares).

Beat the 3 egg yolks left from the meringue with 3 tablespoons of brandy or whisky and incorporate to the cooled chocolate mixture.

**Assembly**

When all is cold assemble your log. Place the chocolate in a large bowl (cake mixer if you have one) and pour 350ml cream in a steady flow and beat to amalgamate until it can be lifted with a spatula – careful not to beat too long or the cream will curdle.

Place the first layer on a piece of cardboard wrapped neatly in tinfoil. Spread evenly with ¼ of the ganache, place the second layer, rough side under, push down a little and spread the same amount of ganache. Place the third layer this time press down as much as you dare with the smooth side up. The rest of the ganache must cover top and sides.

Make grooves with a fork to look like bark and place safely overnight in the freezer.

This is ready to eat but can be wrapped in tinfoil and will keep at least a month.

Decorate with chocolate leaves or bought ornaments. I like it served frozen but I have gifted one which was taken in a chilly bin to a picnic where it was a great success.

It is not calorie free... but then Christmas comes but once a year... thank goodness!

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**Kakariki Collective**

**Clothes and Christmas Presents**

What do you consider most when buying clothes?
- Quality?
- Price?
- Natural materials?
- Locally made?

Cheap clothes are everywhere... cheap for us but the cost is often great in the lives of the makers.

Often working conditions are poor and pay so low that to make a living there is no time for family life.

The cost to the environment is also high. Growing and processing cotton uses unbelievable amounts of water.

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At Christmas we can make, reuse and buy clothes that will last.

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The Cinderella fruit of Christmas

At this time of year, with sweet strawberries, raspberries and cherries becoming freely available, it seems no one bothers much any more with a dull green bristly berry growing on a very thorny bush – the gooseberry. But as I start to think about netting my berry fruits, I know that the blackbirds certainly won’t be neglecting the gooseberries - and with good reason.

Although gooseberries have to be very ripe to be sweet eating straight from the bush for humans, it is their tartness which makes them such a good fruit when cooked. Gooseberry fool has to be one of the best traditional desserts ever – and it is so easy to make. Gooseberries also go well in other desserts that suit raspberries and strawberries, such as trifle.

Unlike raspberries and strawberries, gooseberries can be bottled for a taste of summer with winter meals, and go very well with apple in crumbles. Gooseberries used to be more popular because they are tough characters that thrive in cold climates, and because the fruit can be preserved. With the decline in home gardening and cooking, they have been neglected in favour of their sweeter, brighter relations, but I would suggest that it’s time to give gooseberries another chance, and see how good they are.

Christine

The Eco Gardener’s Patch

The Tree of Hope was initiated a couple of years ago by Lytteltonian Teresa Cameron. Having experienced hard times herself Teresa saw the need post-earthquakes to spread some Christmas cheer and came up with the idea of having Christmas trees that people in the community could leave gifts under, to be given to people who were nominated.

While the Tree of Hope has always been for people in the whole of the Lyttelton Harbour area this year Diamond Harbour gets its own Tree of Hope.

The Diamond Harbour Tree of Hope will be outside Stoddart Cottage until the December 12 and gifts and nominations can be left under the tree until then. The nominations box and gifts will be safely put away each night. Gifts can also be left at Snowdrop Cottage.

If you wish to nominate someone (an individual, couple, or family) who could do with some Christmas cheer, for whatever reason, either pop the name and address of the person/people in the box under the tree or contact me on 329 3344 (evenings) or at sarahpritchett72@gmail.com.

If your gift is suitable for a specific person (ie 4 year old boy/girl or family) please write this on the outside of it.

Stoddart Cottage for drop ins

Drop ins for Diamond Harbour timebank members are for now being held at the lovely Stoddart Cottage on Thursdays from 10am until 12pm. Come and have a chat and enjoy a cup of tea and some home baking. The last drop in for the year will be on Thursday December 24. First drop in for 2016 to be advised.

Have a happy holiday season from the Lyttelton Harbour Timebank.

Sarah

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WEATHER WATCH

A long time since it rained!

For once, I thought I could write about our weather without getting caught out by a significant change in the interval between sending copy for inclusion in the Herald and it appearing in the next issue. However, on reflection it didn’t seem like a really good idea.

Looking at the Met Service weather charts, some rain was forecast for Friday of the week before going to press, attributable to a quickly moving front. Well, did it rain? If it did, it probably wasn’t enough or lasted long enough to provide the amount of ground moisture that our gardens would really appreciate!

There have been a number of days when RNZ has happily forecast rain for the eastern part of the South Island, but as is so often the case, the front has been shunted away from North Canterbury by Banks Peninsula. Akaroa, and Hugh Wilson up at Hinewai Reserve, may have had some rain, but Lyttelton Harbour, sheltered by Mount Herbert, all too often misses out.

Even so, for a time this spring our hills greened up, but to my mind they’re starting to brown off again. Up to the time of going to press, I measured all of 20mm of rain for the month. It just isn’t enough to keep the veggie garden in good order without regular watering, and it certainly doesn’t help the grass on the hills.

We had one day – just one day! - when there was a decent rain, all of 17mm, but one day in the middle of a long dry spell really isn’t enough to do much good. The ground was so dry that the rain vanished, and as some gardeners found out, although the surface looked nicely wet, the moisture only penetrated a couple of centimetres.

Given the number of times the morning weather forecast has predicted cloud eventually clearing, while we have had at least an hour of sun already, it’s likely we’ve had more than the official record. The easterly has started blowing up the harbour quite early most days, but has not been bringing much cloud in with it.

Lately, we’ve had a rather abrupt change to wild winds and high temperatures. Forecast values for the last week of the month were all in the mid to high twenties, and I’m quite prepared to believe that by the time you read this issue of the Herald that’s what they would have been.

I’ve noticed one thing that suggests that, where woody vegetation is concerned, the dry conditions are welcome. A small clump of native trees in my garden was looking so sad that I had rather expected them to turn up their toes for the last time. Instead, they suddenly produced new growth along their trunks and in the crowns. Other shrubs and my long established lemon tree, which looked as if it were dying, started producing new shoots. This I don’t understand – any explanations, anyone? Jane

ECO-BURIAL UPDATE

As is my custom I contact Eric Banks CCC periodically regarding the Council’s current position in providing a natural burial site for Christchurch/Banks Peninsula and also the situation at Diamond Harbour Memorial Garden regarding a green burial site. Information is only supplied if asked for! In response to my queries I received the following email from Eric on August 4, 2015:

We have had some positive feedback on the extension to Belfast Cemetery but not for Eco-burials unfortunately. We will be proposing eco-burials for a possible new site at Templeton but this will be 2 or 3 years away. We can approach Ngai Tahu again about eco-burial sites at other locations, such as Le Bons Bay, but there is some resistance there at present.

The top area plan at Diamond Harbour is progressing slowly and we are looking at setting a consultation period for that soon. Once approved, this plan will provide for many new plots (including green burials) at the cemetery and address the flooding issues on the lower tiers, freeing them up as well. The work is planned for next financial year (July 2016 - June 2017). The top layer at Diamond Harbour is currently available for all 3 types of burials at the eastern end.

There is now no mention of a green burial site at the west end of the top layer of the cemetery Diamond Harbour which was included in the Council Press release in April. When checking with Eric, it appears that Ngai Tahu’s reservations about a natural burial site with the establishment of a regenerating forest cover now extends also to a green burial site without any vegetative covering. The following is Eric’s response to my recent query late November:

Going by previous discussions with Ngai Tahu and our current work programme it will be next year before we have any discussions with them on eco-burials.

Should you want more information, Eric Banks can be contacted directly at Eric.Banks@ccc.govt.nz or 941 8285.

Ann Thornton
Upping Your Enjoyment

This time of year is really busy for most, and it’s really easy to end up rushing around from task to task trying desperately to get everything done but feeling like you’re not quite keeping up. Sometimes our tasks are pretty well defined and we don’t have much choice about what we do, but we do have a choice around how much enjoyment we get out of these tasks.

Take cleaning for example, I recently had the task of cleaning out the bottom of the wardrobe in my bedroom, something that hadn’t been done for years, as evidenced by the pile of random stuff that had accumulated there. I really wanted to clean it out, and had opened the wardrobe with the intention of cleaning it out several times. Each time, I had decided I had no idea where to start, and ended up walking away with the wardrobe untouched.

Then I was asked a question, a simple question designed to help me increase my enjoyment while doing just about any task. What are three ways you can up your enjoyment while cleaning out the wardrobe?

I was stumped at first. I’m supposed to enjoy cleaning out the wardrobe? Then I played the game and came up with three answers as requested. First, to turn some music on. Second, to ask my partner to pull it all out for me and dump it on the bed so I could bypass the overwhelm and be put in a position where I had to deal with it. And third, to do it on a warm day so that the whole house was a nice temperature and I could move around the house freely while doing it.

An interesting thing happened after that. I felt a whole lot motivated about the idea of cleaning out the wardrobe, and the next day it happened. The funny thing was that my partner was out so I had to reach in there and start pulling things out myself, and that the CDs were in the car with him so I couldn’t turn any music on. It was a nice day though, so one out of three isn’t bad.

The important thing though was that in doing this exercise, my motivation had increased, so despite the fact that I only had one out of three, it didn’t matter. I felt good about the idea of doing it and so that’s exactly what I did.

I’ve been asking others to do this since then too and enjoy the benefits of thinking of things in a positive way and enjoying even the most mundane of tasks a whole lot more. What are three ways you can up your enjoyment with cleaning the toilet? What are three ways you can up your enjoyment with exercise?

Music has come up as an answer several times. Small but enjoyable rewards have been at the end of some tasks, and doing things at a particular time of day has also come up more than once. What’s surprised me though, is the wide range of answers that I’ve been given and how different people can come up with completely different answers.

What’s been clear with everyone though, is that despite sometimes being a little stuck on answers at first, it’s been well worth pushing through and coming up with three distinct answers, and that doing so has upped motivation and enjoyment for all.
CHARACTER CROSSWORDS

Across
1 Traditionally, Jesus’ grandmother (4)
3 State of being born (8)
8 Song of praise (4)
9 Meteorological precipitation (8)
11 Fortified (12)
13 Parsons of their parishes (6)
14 Genus of tree (6)
17 Summer soft fruit (12)
20 Passage (8)
21 Jetty (4)
22 Marsupial pests in NZ (8)
23 Requests (4)

Down
1 Glue (8)
2 Pertaining to a number (7)
4 Modifies (6)
5 Owners of small hotels (10)
6 Picture (5)
7 Old name for Christmas (4)
10 Prayers (10)
12 Sweets (8)
15 Brings together (7)
16 In flower (6)
18 Trunk (5)
19 Sound reflection (4)

Character Crosswords www.charactercrosswords.co.nz

November Solution

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Rowena

Sailing - Have a go Boat Show
Weather permitting Friday 11 December 6pm at the Charteris Bay Yacht Club. Sail boats to try: Laser, Omega, Ross 780, Hobie Cat, Flying Fifteen; and Vintage boats "Little Toot", and "Te Wharau". Philippa

Catholic Christmas Services
DH Community Church
24th December Christmas Eve
6pm Carols 6.30pm Mass
All Welcome

The Diamond Harbour Library
It’s that time of the year again!

We have lots of books and magazines for your holiday reading here at the Library. Remember - you can download an e-book or magazine from our extensive catalogue if that is more convenient.

We have the Summertime Reading Club for children aged to 16 years to participate in to win an iPad, book prizes, or pool and movie passes. All you have to do is fill in a reading map and enter the time spent reading from the 18th December to the 18th January. The reading maps can be picked up from the Library and then returned for your details to be entered in the competition.

Library Membership is free. All welcome.
Library Hours:
Tuesday: 2-7pm Thursday: 10am-2pm
Friday: 2-4pm Saturday: 10am-12noon

I hope you have a very Merry Christmas.
Christine Turner Librarian, Diamond Harbour Library. Ph 329 4152.

Harbour Singers
We welcome new members. Practices with Rachel Bayliss
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Ph. Margie Dickinson 329 3331 or Joy McLeod 329 4119.

Line Dancing
Line dancing has finished for the year and will commence again in February if there is enough interest. Joy McLeod

Road Cycling Group
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To join a ride contact Mike on 329 4647 or mikeca@mac.com.

Toastmasters
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Jann
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Stage Room, Everyone welcome

Jacinda Gilligan 329 4424

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**Band Bios**

**The Eastern - 3 January 2016**

The Eastern are a string band that roars like a punk band, swings like a gospel band, drinks like a country band, works like a bar band, hopes like folk singers, and sings love songs like union songs, and writes union songs like love songs, and wants to slow dance and stand on tables, all at the same time.

**Sans Tribe - 10 January 2016**

Formed over a year ago by Daniel Pfeifer on acoustic guitar and vocals, and Nick Stone on electric guitar, vocals and harmonica.

**Phoebe Leyten and Nomad - 17 January 2016**

Soul singer-songwriter and recording artist Phoebe Leyten also goes under the name Lelijveld to showcase her magical mix of funk, blues and soul music.

Christchurch teens, Nomad, have been winning over unsuspecting audiences, show by show. They have played Lazy Sundays, Music in Parks Auckland, Festival of Lights New Plymouth and Queenstown Winterfestival.

**Fiona Pears - 24 January 2016**

Electrifying – extraordinarily animated – featuring rare and natural charisma... These are words used to describe Fiona Pears, the highly talented violinist and composer from Christchurch. Together with her talented band, featuring Ian Tilley on piano, Pete Fleming on double bass and Mike Ferrar on guitar, Fiona will perform music from her own exciting compositions as well as some well known favorites.

**The Brooms - 31 January 2016**

Formed early 2013, the Brooms offer an eclectic repertoire of song covers ranging from country folk to pop and blues. Their acoustic sound is diverse and infectious.

**Lindon Puffin - 7 February 2016**

**Los Farsantes - 14 February 2016**

One of the most popular Latin bands to hail from Christchurch, with their sonic melting pot of classic rock mixed with contagious Latin rhythms and percussion.

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Tuesday 3pm to 7pm Dr Peter Davies
Wednesday 8.15am to 12noon Dr Peter Davies
Thursday 8.30am to 11.30am Dr Bronwyn Graham
Friday 8.15am to 12noon Dr Peter Davies
New Patients Welcome

DH Bridge Club
The Diamond Harbour Bridge Club was set up thirty years ago by enthusiastic local players with encouragement from the Kaikoura Bridge Club. Some of the founding members still play regularly. During the early years seven tables of four players were often present on bridge night and it is our ambition to achieve those numbers once again.
The club is in partnership with the DH Bowling Club for Wednesday night sessions and with the DH Rugby Club for Tuesday afternoons. The Tuesday afternoon games are designed to encourage both new and more experienced players to understand the intricacies of the game and are well supported. There is a relaxed and fun atmosphere with laughter as contracts are made or lost. Wednesday night games are perhaps more serious but there is always an encouraging and friendly mood.
Over the years numbers have fluctuated due to illness and an ageing membership. In 2014 lessons were offered to attract new players. These were a great success with seventeen people attending, many of whom have since joined the club.
A mid-winter dinner, in June, is popular with mulled wine and festive food setting the tone before members commence bridge. Prize-giving night ends the year’s activities... also accompanied by good food and wine.
A highlight of the year is the annual Akaroa challenge which has been held alternately at Akaroa and Diamond Harbour for some twenty years.
The club would be delighted to welcome new members. We hope to run more lessons in 2015 so please contact Club Secretary Kevin Clinch on 329 4149 if you are interested in joining the club... either as an experienced player or a complete beginner.
Carolyn Craw

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Thank You
Gay and the family of the late Gordon Edwards would like to sincerely thank the Diamond Harbour community for the overwhelming kindness and support shown to them during the time of the recent passing of Gordon. All your thoughts were very much appreciated.

The Herald is on holiday in January
However the Diamond Harbour Website will continue to keep the local community informed about all the happenings here over the summer.

Updated website coming early 2016
After 6 years serving the Diamond Harbour community we are updating our website with a fresh modern look that will work beautifully on mobile phones and tablets as well as computers.
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Are You a New Resident? Welcome Bags

The community associations of Church Bay and Diamond Harbour provide—free of charge—Welcome Bags which contain among other goodies, a wide range of helpful local information for new comers. Thanks to Entente Cordiale and Sweet As who are providing baking for the Church Bay welcome bags.

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HELP NEEDED Assistance in making and/or compiling Community Welcome Bags Please ph Heather Watson 329 4464 or 027 32 32 644

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Neighbourhood Support Database Revision

The updating process officially started on October 8, and the initial flurry of individual and group updates/confirmations of details was great, but things have slowed down a bit now with almost 60% of our 101 groups still unconfirmed. We are hoping to complete this process this year, so if you have not yet been approached to confirm your details, please drop us an email or phone — you can leave a message anytime. (Details above).

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CIVIL DEFENCE UPDATE

Another year has almost passed and, as we are now entering the 6th year after the first major earthquake, it is timely to reflect upon what we have learnt about our response to disasters both as individuals and as a community.

We are constantly reminded to Be Prepared (refer to Get Ready Get Thru website) and we know our local sector post and the Fire Brigade will be activated in response to the community’s needs. Hopefully we have all realised that the Neighbourhood Support system is a crucial communication pathway and have ensured that our details, as well as those of our neighbours, have been registered.

Finally, we hope that the information provided in the monthly issues of the Diamond Harbour Herald and on the Diamond Harbour website www.diamondharbour.info have given us all the opportunity to better look after ourselves and others should an emergency arise.

From your team at Diamond Harbour Civil Defence, Have a wonderful Christmas break. Keep safe.

From your team at Diamond Harbour Civil Defence,

p.s. We are always keen to welcome new members: contact Wendy on 329 4483.

DIAMOND HARBOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Brigade Briefing

At our training session this week we examined a case study from a near fatal fire on the North Island. The New Zealand Fire Service sees value in sharing the results of investigations at key fires with all firefigters.

In this particular incident a building was severely damaged and two firefighters were almost killed due to a lack of water. Water is the primary resource for extinguishing fires and when we live in an urban area it is easy to take it for granted. The streets have water pipes beneath them with hydrants at regular intervals.

If your property is not in a “reticulated area”, that is, you have to store your own water, then you would be well advised to consider how a lack of water. Water is the primary resource for extinguishing fires and when we live in an urban area it is easy to take it for granted. The streets have water pipes beneath them with hydrants at regular intervals.

In our case study, the property owner had a full 30,000 litre storage tank next to his burning building. That water could have saved the day, but it could not be accessed by the fire crews.

In our area we actively encourage rural property owners to consider fitting couplings to their storage tanks that we can connect to.

If you would like to know more, just get in contact with the Brigade.

Fire Fighter David Rice

DH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Meeting held November 9.

SPRIG

A $1,000 donation has been made by the Rotary Club and $500 by the Methodist Church (Summer of fun). Emma from Rough Diamond and BlackCat will also sponsor this event.

Hall Report

The DHCA will apply for funding grants from CERT - $6,000 for blinds for the Community Hall; Mainland Foundation - $2,000 for an oven, a dishwasher and a microwave oven for the Community Hall; Pub Charity - $4,500 for music equipment for the Community Hall.

CCC will provide compost, but not plants, for the grounds around the Hall.

Submissions

Richard presented the DHCA submission for the Stage 2 subdivision hearings to Council. The next hearing will be Stage 3 next year.

Website

There has been an update from Felicia. The test system is up and running showing the home page and secondary pages, so we can see what it will look like.

Master Planning

Prior to meeting with CCC planners a sub-committee will meet to refine what we want from the work we have done to date. The DHCA group will consist of Richard, Pete, Joy, Karen and Dave Hammond. Nancy Vance, Tracey Ower and other interested people will be invited to join this group.

The Godley House site does not have reserve status. We need some assurance from CCC that they won’t sell this land, which is zoned as commercial.

Reserve Management

Camping on Stoddart Point is not a big issue. One or two tents are fine, but we will keep an eye on it. Thanks to Dave Hammond for his work in getting the Eastern cliff track open.

An A3 map of the area will be printed in order to mark out tracks and areas for weeding etc. The plants in Morgan’s Gully are looking really good.

General Business

Thomas attended the 3 water strategy workshops. This was to highlight the priorities in these areas, which consist of fresh drinking water, storm water and effluent water.

Maintenance work on the Purau jetty will replace piles and pile caps.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

The next meeting will be at Karen’s place, 91 Waipapa Ave on Monday December 14 at 7.30pm.
CLASSIFIEDS

Horse Equipment for sale
A variety of 2nd hand equipment for both horse and stable including bridles, bridle racks, saddle stands, saddle cloths, a synthetic saddle, tack, rugs and books. To view or full list phone Louise 329 3364.

Plano, stool & sheet music - Free
Upright, dark wood case made by John Brinsmead and Sons, London. In good working order. Must be collected. Ph Louise 329 3364.

Cherries
Spray free cherries grown in Purau. Available from late December subject to weather. Gate sales at 50 Purau Port Levy Rd or ph 329 3364 for availability. Watch for signs in village.

Bee Swarms
I am keen to pick up any an unwanted bee swarm from your property. Please call Gunther on 329 3005 or 027 342 0953.

Windows Netbooks/Laptops + MacBooks
10” Netbooks running Windows 7, $125. 14”, 15” & 17” Laptops running Windows 10, $200 to $350. All include anti-malware (Avast & Malwarebytes), Office (LibreOffice 5), VLC Media Player, Google Chrome, etc. 13” Apple MacBooks $150 to $250. Ph Ron 329 3032.

Fine Clean Sand for sale
Available from the Diamond Harbour Tennis Club on the SE corner outside the courts. $10 per trailer load. Please phone 329 4095 for further information.

Batik tools for sale
Indonesian batik tools and wax heating stove, $25. Phone 329 3241.

Furniture for sale
Modern armchair with wooden frame $25. CD rack, metal with plastic base, as new $10. Phone 329 3241.

Russel Hobbs Uno for sale
Uno coffee maker, pod brewing system, as new $30. Phone 329 3241.

Goldfish
Small Comets to give away. Please phone 329 4062.

Baby gear for sale
Change table with mat, bouncer, baby bath, sheepskin rug, bassinet linen and blankets. Ph 329 4474.

Kittens
Found, apparently abandoned. Cat and 3 kittens (about 5-6 weeks old) between Waipapa Ave and Te Papau Cres. To claim or rescue, phone 329 3363.

Children’s lifejackets
2 Tasman lifejackets, small size 12-25 kg, in good condition $25 each. Ph 329 4699.

Furniture for sale
3 piece leather suite in excellent condition $2,700 ono. 6 piece table and chairs $1000. Phone 329 4723.

Update from Video
Save your home video memories from video tape or Hi 8 tape to digital format such as DVD or flash drive. Contact Dale on 329 3078 or 021 0768 729.

Flatmate wanted
Beautiful warm 2 storey log house with wonderful harbour views on sunny Teddington farm has two 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.

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.

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

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

Doggie Bootcamps
We pick up your pet from home in the morning, take them out for the day and drop them back in the afternoon. We spend time walking on the lead individually and as part of a pack and have free time at a safe place such as a dog park, beach or forest. Ph 027 773 0036.

Cottage to rent
House on Waipapa Ave available for long term rental from late Jan 2016. $260 per week. 2 bedrooms furnished; or store owners furniture in the smaller bedroom and use as a one double bedroom unfurnished. Maximum two occupants. Pleasant views and close to ferry and shops. Excellent references and bond required. Ph/txt Jenny 021 038 0070 or email jenny@blennerhassett.gen.nz.

Barber/Hair Cutter
56 London St, Lyttelton. Tue - Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-3pm. No appointment necessary. Monday mobile service available, please contact Tracey 021 023 82 454. Check out my Facebook page: Hair Port Barber.

Tent for sale
2 person Timberline Hiker, complete with pegs, pole, and fly in carry bag. As new condition. $75 ono. Ph 329 4512.

Inflatable Dinghy for sale
2 person, as new + oars and pump. $60 ono. Ph 329 4512.

Artificial Christmas tree for sale
Approx 1.8m high. $25. Phone 329 4512.

Toddlers Toys needed for Xmas holiday
Our 15 month grandson will join us over Xmas. Does anyone have toys - eg rocking horse, wee slide etc we could borrow/hire for 2-3 weeks? Please email pridwilson@orcon.net.nz.
**Catholic Services**

**DH Community Church**
- 5.30pm: Mass 1st Sunday of month
- 8.30am: 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays of month

**SCAP - Sunday Celebration in Absence of Priest**
- 5.30pm Dec. 15, (21, Exeter Street Lyttelton)

**Catholic Christmas Service**
- Dec 24: 6pm: Carols, 6.30pm Mass. All Welcome

**Catholic Services**

**Anglican – Methodist – Presbyterian Services**
- St Andrews Diamond Harbour
- Sundays at 10.30am and Wednesdays at 9am

**Christmas Service**
- Dec 24 at 11:30pm: Midnight Carol Service
- Dec 25 at 9am: Christmas Day Service

**Teddington**
- December 25 at 9am: Christmas Day Service

**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**

**Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study Group**
- Based on reading Word for Today, is held in the Church Library every second Wednesday at 3:30pm. Please contact Merylin Haxell on 329 3036.

**Baby & Toddlers Group**
- Fortnightly on Tues, a coffee & support group for parents and caregivers of babies and children aged 0-36 months in the Church Hall from 10-12 noon. Please contact Wendy on 329 4483 or 021 154 1434 for further information. Upcoming dates are Dec 15; Jan 26. The Dec 15 meeting is the end of year picnic at 10am in Kirk Park (near the tennis courts in Waipapa Ave) bring a plate to share.

**Rainbow Music**
- All children aged 0-5 years welcome. A chance to catch up and make new friends afterwards with a cup of tea. Come and join us at the Church Hall, fortnightly on Tues at 10am. Dates: December 8 - Final session for 2015. February 2 - First session for 2016. Gold coin donation.

**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. A $10 contribution towards fuel costs is invited. Upcoming dates are Dec 16 & 30; Jan 13 & 27. Second-hand items donated to the Church
- Generally these are passed on to the Christchurch City Mission but we are also preparing for an Op shop in the Little River end of the parish. Thank you for donations - especially clean clothing. Please note that electrical items cannot be accepted. Non-perishable food items also gratefully accepted.

**City Mission Basket**
- We have a basket for non-perishable food and grocery items for the City Mission. 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 Website**
- For further parish news and information visit: www.mountherbertparish.wordpress.com

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**HERALD CALENDAR**

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

**Baby & Toddlers**
- Tues Dec 15, (21, Exeter Street Lyttelton)

**Bridge Club**
- Weds, 6.50pm, Bowling Club.

**Camera Club**
- Tue Jan 19, 7.30pm, Stage Room

**Catholic Carols & Mass**
- Dec 24. 6pm: Carols, 6.30pm Mass. All Welcome

**Church Notices**
- For latest event updates go to www.diamondharbour.info

**Diabetes Support Grp**
- Wed Dec 9 & Jan 13, 6.30pm

**Digital Photography Course**
- Jan 16-17, Orton BP. 7

**Harbour Singers**
- Weds, 7.30pm, Stage Room

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

**Croquet Club**
- Sats 10am, Weds 1.30pm.

**DHCA**
- Mon Dec 14, 7.30pm, 91 Waipapa Ave

**Live at the Point (SPRIG)**
- Suns, 1pm, from Jan 3.

**Medical Centre hours**
- p17

**Mindfulness Meditation**
- Tues, 6.30pm, Ph 329 3032

**Playcentre**
- Mon, 9am-12noon. p6

**Running Group**
- Tues Dec 8 & Feb 2. p21

**Sailing - Have a Go**
- Fri Dec 11, 6pm. CB Yacht Club. p15

**Sea Scouts**
- Tues, 3.30pm

**Shopping Van**
- Dec 16 & 30; Jan 13 & 27. p21

**Tai Chi**
- Thu 11-12noon, Com Hall. p16

**Tennis Club**
- Weds 6.30pm, Suns 9.30am, Waipapa Courts

**Timebank Dropins**
- Thus, 10am, Stoddart Cottage. p11

**Toastmasters**
- Weds 4pm, Hall

**Toy Library**
- Sat 10am, Community Hall. p16

**Tree of Hope**
- Dec 12 onwards, Stoddart Cottage. p11

**Woolfun Day**
- Sat Dec 12, 397 Marine Dr. p15

**Yoga**
- Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, Stage Room. p16
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