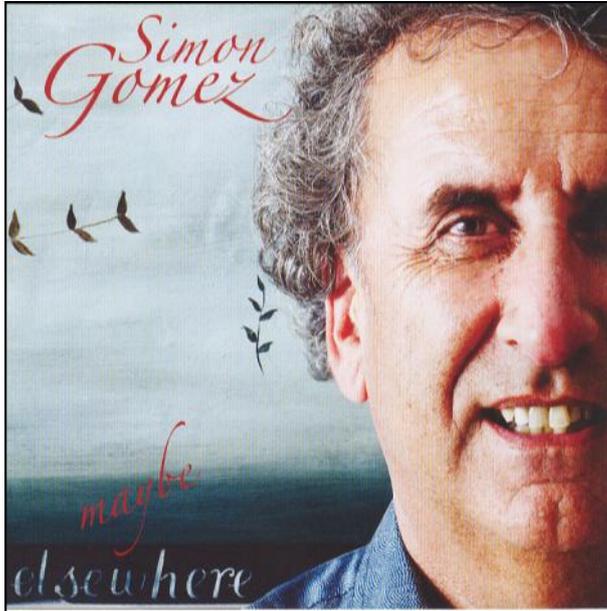




Singles Ball Website
 Time to update the deals! If you have any special deals/rates etc for your accommodation/business email me back and I'll put them up on the site, quite a few people enquiring already!
 Contact Vicki Coats at stewartisland@xtra.co.nz

Quiz Night Money We still require people to give donations to, we've just changed the rules slightly this year! Instead of just giving money which can sometimes sit in bank accounts doing nothing, this year we are making gifts of actual things groups need. For example, wine glasses to the Pavilion (very worthwhile!), a laminator and binding machine to the museum and a laptop to the school. Also, a group representative from your team needs to attend the quiz to receive the donation! So, if your group requires something, get along to the quiz and ask for it! I have a little stash of money right now with no home to go to...—Vicki



The Singles' Ball has been immortalized in music! Simon Gomez's new CD *Maybe Elsewhere* features three Islandy tracks: *Old Men of the Sea*, *Rakiura*, and *The Island Singles Ball*. It is on sale at the South Sea Hotel and Stewart Island Flights.
 Cost is \$20 —\$7 of which will go to charities.

Tyler Dawson got a whirlybird's eye view of the Bluff Oyster festival!
Photo from his mum Simone.



Friends and neighbours of Bruce Finnerty were sad to hear that he passed away in Christchurch in the beginning of June. Bruce once owned a property on Dundee Street.

Notice of Annual General Meeting and Barbeque

Date: 3rd July 2010

Time: 1700 hrs

Location: Fire station



Agenda

- Welcome
- Apologies:
- Previous Minutes AGM accepted as a true & accurate record
- Matters arising from the Minutes
- Incoming/Outgoing Correspondence
- Chairpersons Report
- Financial Report / Asset Register
- Training Report
- General Business

Election of Officer Holders 2010-2011 Committee.

- Chairperson:
- Deputy Chairperson:
- Secretary:
- Treasurer:
- Training x 2:
- Marine representatives x 2:
- Meeting closed:
- Nominations:** For the above positions to Kirsten HICKS by 28th June 2010
- Note:** Bar will be available for purchase of refreshments. Bring a plate, Meat and fish supplied

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If you

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ban Globetrotter off-Island Adventures.

During a work experience in India, Luke ran a boat that laid seismic cable and transponders for an oil company north of Bombay (aka Mumbai). Following are some of his observations.

After a random late-night phone call in September, 6 weeks later I was off to India. Upon arriving I sign out of the country and out to the ship. I go over with people from all over the world. Here we pass the mother ship, *SEA-POLI* a 140ft ex Japanese research



vessel, 60-80 POB. This is where we eat, sleep, shower, and email home. There were hundreds and hundreds of pigs along the railways tracks. Whenever trains went through the train toilets emptied out on the tracks. I'd think about that when they served pork on the boat, it made me wonder but it was pretty good, I used to pig out on it.



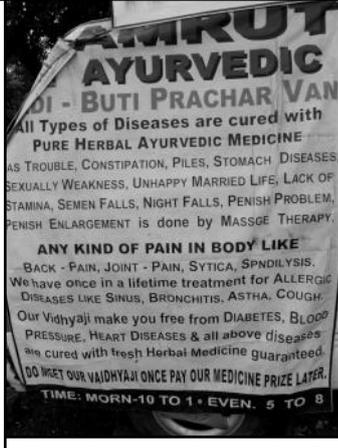
Here's a pretty primitive pump rigged up with a four-litre plastic container filled with petrol. I'd never seen that before.



These batteries are linked between the transponders on the cables. When we put them over all day I'd be yelling out PHONE, BOX, PHONE, BOX.



This is my American boss. We got so pissed one night and he was joed out and I couldn't wake him to sign back in, you had to sign it to get back on the boat. So I signed his name with his hand while he was unconscious. The security guards watched me and it was OK with them.



I saw this sign on this van when I was walking around the town and talked with the guy. He could cure anything he said. I didn't buy anything from him.

The area we worked was 25km along the shore, there were several villages along that shoreline which relied on that area and they were expected not to fish in that area. There were boatloads of locals who were employed by the US company that had the power to remove

fishing nets from a vessel and destroy them, which can't be good for them.

Every morning there were safety briefings. It was ridiculous there were 50 topics pulled out of a hat, you might get the same one two mornings. They were very safety conscious. There were never any accidents. You got rewards for dobbing people in, the boys made money out of me because I wore jandals on board instead of heavy steelcaps in blistering heat. There was big prize money each month for noticing a potential danger or hazard.

The days when all the freight arrived I would try to avoid for my crew's sake. They'd get stuck unloading for hours. Not that I'm lazy but it would take ages. There's no hiab involved, and you can't pass each other in the corridors because they're so narrow. There were boxes and boxes of fizzy drink and bottled water, they'd send the same amount each time. We'd get told off for drinking too much fizzy one week, and the next time for drinking too much water.

One bottle of duty-free whisky to the chief cook and you were



We were meant to pull up and tell the fishermen to bugger off but we'd trade a box of fizzy for prawns, paddle crabs and big fish. We'd pull up alongside the mother ship and pass the fish through the chief cook's porthole. The Filipino boys liked their paddle crabs cooked in Sprite or Mountain Dew.



Instructions for the crew.



Anande was meant to be my translator and this is what he did the whole time. Everyone has their flags there, if you fly your own flag it's meant to be lower than the Indian flag.

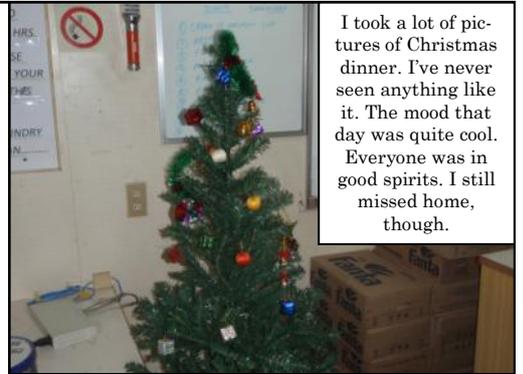
The boat I worked was a 65ft twin jet unit 1500HP ex Aussie cray boat named *Te Wera*. With a crew of five we were to lay seismic cable 6am to 6pm every day. We had precise points where I had to drop the transponder in a 7m X 7m square on the sea-floor. Quite a small area when we were in 50-70m with several knots of tide. We were working an area previously surveyed with lots of oil platforms and rigs. Production was slowing so the Indian government are hoping to find a pocket of oil out of reach from the existing rigs.

The crew are Filipino or Indian. Every captain is a Kiwi, with a dozen Americans, several Georgians, and a few Indos. Three of the Indonesians have their own adult entertainment clubs back home but here they are cable technicians. Food is like an international smorgasbord, catering for everyone's needs and likes every six hours.



4km worth of cable, transponders and boxes on deck of boat.

pretty much sorted. His cabin was like a corner dairy, you could get anything. He'd trade in fresh porn — one downloaded video would sell between 200-500 rupees (\$8-16NZ); on land, the crew could purchase a real woman for the same price. Some of them had been at sea for eleven months straight. When we went ashore we had the option of staying at the hotel or the staff house. I chose a hotel, but I wondered why everyone was staying at the staff house. Turned out there was a new maid on — the last one had given them all a dose of something. So when we were driving past the place all the guys were breaking their necks looking up and there was the new maid on the balcony waving.



I took a lot of pictures of Christmas dinner. I've never seen anything like it. The mood that day was quite cool. Everyone was in good spirits. I still missed home, though.



There were lots of little fishing boats like this, they'd go 20k offshore and stay out overnight with an LED light flashing.



The crew were given spending money when they went ashore and some wouldn't even spend it on a bus — they'd hitchhike home to save it.

I think I'll do it again, next time maybe Papua New Guinea.

This was my crew: Marloon, Islam, Nestor, and Sanjay. This was my first time being the biggest bloke.



These boats would go 8 knots. If I had night shift, my job was to chase these vessels. In the day you could see where they set their net and avoid laying cable there, but if you lay cable across it when they lift their net and see cable they'll cut that cable. If we lift the cable and see their net we'd do the same thing, it was tit for tat.



These were the slums. Everything was half finished, the place stinks like sewage and old rubbish. But the produce was pretty good.



This was our tea being caught every night. I can't remember their name, they were a little fish and they split them down the guts and folded them open and they'd dry in the sun. They were different, not as good as our fish. Good I knew they were fresh.



This guy was making pallets, he was hand sawing the little blocks that go between the pallets. It looked painstaking.



Here's a cow eating out of a skip bin. They had right of way on land. They're sacred there.

..... *what's 'up and coming' from the*

STEWART ISLAND LIONS CLUB.

Lions clubs throughout New Zealand will be joining forces from July 10 – 24 to hold a nation wide collection of all old coinage which is no longer legal tender. Foreign coinage will also be acceptable. The Reserve Bank of Wellington are able to redeem this. The project target is to make one million dollars which will then be redistributed to youth organizations and projects around the country, e.g. Spirit of N.Z., Outward Bound, Lions Young Speechmaker, Leadership and Peace Poster competitions.

So – have a look in all those old boxes and drawers that are waiting for a ‘rainy day’ spring clean and see what you can find. Watch the notice board for collection details nearer the time and let’s see what this community can contribute to a great cause.

The annual Stewart Island ‘Catch All’ fishing competition, organized by the Riverton Coastguard and assisted by the S.I.Lions, will take place August 1-3.

The 2010 Stewart Island Singles Ball on August 21 promises to be as successful as ever. Chase away those winter ‘blues’ and purchase your ticket now. Tickets available Ship to Shore, Invercargill I-Site, S.S.Hotel or on-line at www.singlesball.co.nz

Office bearers for the 2010 / 11 year, beginning in July, are President – David Squire, Secretary – Anita Geeson, Treasurer – Jon Spraggon. For BBQ hire contact Peter Wilson (077) – for Pavilion hire contact Anita Geeson (014). Arrangements for collecting the hall key can be made with the secretary when the booking is made. Meetings take place on the first Wednesday of each month – guests are most welcome.

from the PHAROPHILE FILES

Many old lighthouses in Europe operated on olive oil. Built in 1857 in Spain, Cabo Mondego burned over a million litres of olive oil per year.

Slyne Head lighthouse in Ireland is painted black for better visibility in the fog.

The 48m Skerryvore, built on a reef in Scotland in the 1840s, is the highest lighthouse in Great Britain. When the wind gets going the keeps can't hear themselves talk.

The northernmost lighthouse of the Atlantic Coast is Muckle Flugga in the Shetland Islands. a

Interested in lighthouses? Stop by the library and check out our lighthouse books.



Read at Craig's funeral by his mate Nigel:

June Fourth 2010, A Goodbye

Opening and Unfolding
History's book before us,
The story of our lives.
Telling It's tales like a bard long gone.
With one small glimpse, if you wish,
A page falls open:

Our home is our name.
Certain sounds
That vibrate to enlighten and liven
Each being of the All,
reminding us to smile
reminding us that we have lived together
and will continue to do so.
Our Ancestors are always, Forever have before,
and will be.

As each soul hits the earth,
So too, do our hearts beat
Ever treading paths
of wonders, not missed,
but spend full.

And when coming times call
We know
How to hold our ground
We know
Our connections to each other
can be tenuous enough
Without a willingness
To learn the courage
To let go
And to love.
And this must be remembered,
that life is Love, we are Living it.

And when the Sun arises,
Leaving dreams broken

I will stand,
With my feet,
Firmly anchored
To this land

I will outstretch my arms
from the side,
Slowly raising them up
To the Sun

I will breathe in
the Life
Of this land
And I will be glad

Albeit; with a saddened heart,
Filled with missing

—©Nigel Taylor, Dunedin

CRAIG NEIL LITTLEJOHN
1973—2010

From Les Pullen:

For those who didn't know Craig, he was Bar Manager for the South Seas Hotel 2001 - 2003.

He passed away, suddenly, last Sunday in Wanaka, a great shock to his family and many close friends.

Craig spent most of his spare time enjoying what Stewart Island had to offer and had developed many solid friendships while living on the Island. This included many covert operations involving large quantities of beverages undertaken by staff and friends. He was often remembered for his laughter, sense of fun and his large but lovable 'Matai', the pure-bred Alaskan Husky he had while living here.

He moved off the Island in 2003 to Wanaka where he took up the position of Bar Manager at Scruffy Murphy's and ultimately managed the Speights Ale House from it's inception.

He often talked about returning to the Island for holidays, but as happens in the hospitality industry and with a growing family, this was near impossible.

He is fondly remembered as one of the real, genuine good guys and will be sorely missed. He is survived by his wife, Jen and their two children Tomas 2, and Amber 4 months.

From Les's Eulogy for Craig:

I was asked to give a little insight into Craig's life on Stewart Island.

I first met Craig in the bar of the South Seas Hotel. My first thoughts were "holy crap, a long haired lout"... That first impression never changed for me, except for the morning before his wedding, where someone was heard to comment "Well Craigus, Ol' Tomas has beaten you on the hair front and he's not even 1."

He was a fantastic boss, colleague and a friend to all that knew him. He had a way with just about anyone and I never heard a bad word said against him, except to say "oh sh--, it's Craig... here we go again".

Luckily, he was always a straight laced, calm, wall flower who never caused a fuss...

Admittedly, there was this time involving a certain hotel freight



truck : 4am, intricate donuts at the Lee Bay entrance and an attempt at the rally record on the 4wd only back road, with innocent hotel workers on board I might add.

Jumping off the Halfmoon Bay wharf at 2am, to explore a certain argument about the temperature of the sea seemed to be the norm. That first night of many crazy nights was the night he was dubbed "the fish tickler". In tune with nature.

Then there was the Church Hill Cafe incident, where nature (that is the table plants, cactuses, flowers) was introduced to a new round of fear factor, of which he was eventually famous for.

Craig loved Stewart Island, the people and their easy going way of life, and was in turn loved and respected by the Islanders, of which there are many here today. It took someone of a special nature to turn his attentions elsewhere and gently persuade him there was a better place to reside than the Island.

I remember the day he asked Jen to marry him; well it was the day after, he said he would have told me earlier, but his words were... "she was fair wiggling out!" This didn't surprise me, as when I first met Jen, Craig mentioned some crazy half-assed scheme.. and her first words were... "I will if you will"

I thought, god help us.. there are two of them....

I will never forget talking to him on the phone while him and Jen were playing in a pool comp.. he was stoked, as Jen was 7 months pregnant and this was his chance to finally beat her at pool...

There are many other stories, of which I've only touched on... but that was Craig.

To Jen, Tomas and Amber, I'm sure I'd be safe in saying if there is anything we Stewart Islanders can do, you have but to ask. To Jen's family and to the entire Littlejohn family I say he will be sorely missed.

And finally, I'm sorry Jen, but there is a cigar involved in this goodbye...

Bank account details for education trust set up for Craig's children

Tomas Littlejohn 38 9010 0579571 00
Amber Littlejohn 38 9010 0579600 00







PHOTOS: LES PULLEN



There's no doubting *Stewart Island's got talent*. BRAVO to the cast of "Another Night of It"! If you want to relive some great moments from the latest community theatrical production, go to www.youtube.com and type in *halfmoonbayschool*



LOTS HAS BEEN HAPPENING AT HMB SCHOOL

CROSS COUNTRY The Southern Zone Cross country at Donovan Park in Invercargill was an awesome day with so many students achieving really well and every one giving it their BEST! Huge congratulations to Billy Check who won the 7 year olds boys race, to Storm LeQuesne who was placed third in the 8 year old boys race and to Logan Leask-Davis and Poppy LeQuesne who qualified for the Southland Cross Country. Out of the 20 students who went, 10 were placed in the top 10 in their race. These are fantastic statistics when you think there were 40 -50 competitors in most races! Thanks to the parents/ grandparents who gave up their day to come and help. After the

Cross Country we headed to the Invercargill Gym Club where Nicola MacLeod had set out some very challenging and fun gymnastics circuits for the students to complete. Once they'd run their race, spent an hour and a half doing gym and then an hour in the pool it was a wonder anyone managed to stay awake on the ferry trip home! **UPDATE:** Logan and Poppy traveled to Dipton last Friday and competed with Southland's fastest primary school aged runners on a very muddy, hilly and challenging course. They were placed 45th and 46th respectively - Great work guys!

WONKEY DONKEY Wow it was soooo cool to have Craig Smith at school a few weekends ago. Did you know that back in 2006 Halfmoon Bay School was the first school Craig ever played the

Wonky Donkey song too? Congratulations to Jamie Check, Jack Dobbins and Sophie Conner who were the winners of the 'Make a

Wonkey Donkey' competition. Well done too, to everyone for a fantastic turn out!

ART TUTOR A BIG thanks to Megan Huffle-dine for the wonderful session she ran with the students a few weeks ago. The stars we created with Megan's

help out of wire are fabulous and will make everyone's Christmas trees look that much more festive come December! Thanks too to Philippa Fraser-Wilson for coming along and helping out.

ANOTHER NIGHT OF IT HMB School have uploaded our three items to You Tube so if you couldn't make the concert just go on to You Tube, type in halfmoonbay-school with no spaces and they will come up.

LEADERSHIP CAMP At the beginning of the month our six oldest students Logan, Poppy, Jahdan, Meg, Sophie and Marley headed away to Dunedin. On Monday we attended the fantastic National Young Leaders Day. We were lucky enough to hear some really motivational and famous speakers including Mark Inglis, Matt Gibb, James Blake, Rob Harley and Allison Shanks. At the Early Settlers Museum we dressed as a 19th century Scottish family and reenacted their immigration by ship to Dunedin. Before we headed back to our accommodation we had a visit to the Chinese Gardens. Next morning the students started the day with a run up Baldwin Street the worlds steepest - Ms J videoed from the bottom of the hill! At Moana Pool we had two half hour sessions - water polo and (springboard) diving. Keep your eyes and ears open as we are making a news programme about our trip, which we will post to You Tube by the end of term The student's behavior was a credit to the school and to their



families. It was also nice to see how appreciative they all were to be given the opportunity to attend this special camp. A HUGE thanks to Jane Everest for lending us her car!!

KIDZONE Kidzone is on again in the holidays. Check out the poster at School for more details.

—Kath Johnson





DOC Spot

Weed watch

Just a reminder from the DOC Spot in last month's SIN that the weeds team is undertaking its winter work on eradicating barberry around the town and over the next few months will be working on Horseshoe Point, around the sewage ponds and in the bush between Kaipipi Road, Back Road and Hicks Road. Because of this, the sewage ponds area will be closed for sighting in rifles from Monday to Friday each week through until the end of July. Contact Dale Jenkins (HMB police) if you have any concerns regarding this. If you are going into any of these areas please ensure you have the appropriate landowner's permission and be aware that there may also be other people in the bush.

Kiwi encounters

While on the subject of reminders, we've had many calls from residents reporting that they have had kiwi poking around their properties, or have spotted them on the road when driving home after dark. All these people have been extremely excited by these sightings. It's not so exciting for them, or us, however when the call is made to report a dead kiwi. So please take care when you're driving at night - that dark shape on the road may not be a possum - and if you are a dog owner then please ensure that your pet is not allowed to roam. A kiwi in the backyard is just a dream for most New Zealanders, but for those who choose to make Stewart Island their home it is one of the many things that makes living here so special.

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Rakiura visit

The amended Draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Conservation Management Strategy and Draft Rakiura National Park Management Plan were presented to the New Zealand Conservation Authority (NZCA) on 14 April 2010 by Andy Roberts (Southern Islands Area Manager) and Dr Vivienne Shaw (Southland Conservation Board Chairperson). Earlier this month the NZCA subcommittee spent a few days on Stewart Island/Rakiura gaining a better understanding of the issues within the planning documents and speaking to some of the local submitters on the planning documents. The planning documents will now undergo further consideration by the NZCA before being sent to the Minister of Conservation for comment.

Whales on the move

And finally, we are again calling on the public to report any sightings of southern right whales. A number of sightings have been made around the coast of New Zealand recently signalling the start of this year's whale migration season and the Department's southern right whale research programme. "The research is important as it helps us to track the recovery of the southern right whale population and to better understand the relationship between the whales seen around the mainland and those from the New Zealand subantarctic region," says Laura Boren, DOC's Marine Mammal Coordinator. There are two main ways to identify right whales. The first is that they do not have a dorsal fin and the second is by the large white spots - callosities - that are found on their heads and are unique to individuals. From data analysed so far by scientists at the University of Auckland, there have been three matches between the mainland and subantarctic whales. The continuation of this research will enable the Department to take measures to ensure the whales have the right level of protection. Any southern right whale sightings should be reported immediately to the local DOC office (phone 2190002) or on the DOC hotline, 0800 DOCHOT (0800 36 24 68).



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—Sharon Pasco



Dear Editor: The shark dive tourist operator calling for regulatory control of his own industry to protect tourists and the sharks they come to gawk at needs to include the rest of us who work and play in Foveaux Strait in his considerations. He and others are drawing Great White Sharks to humans in the water using an attractant burley trail. Shark dive tourist operators are setting up the visual, bioelectrical and olfactory cues that will associate people in the water with a food source to sharks. If this isn't the case, then steel cages would not be required to protect their clients. When the Southland Conservation Board discuss the issue they need first to think about the recreational divers going to Stewart Island to gather oysters, the kids having a paddle in the surf at Oreti, River-ton and Colac Bay, and the muttonbirders looking to snorkel up a feed of kina or paua. The Department of Conservation lawyers poring over the Wildlife Act on this one should think about their frontline staff having a swim after work on Codfish Island and the forty or so White Pointers resident in the area about to get behaviour modification lessons from shark cage tourist operators.

Yours sincerely

S. J. Stanley (“Storm”)

Chairman Pauamac5 (contact c/ Russell Bell, WHK, Private Bag 90106, Invercargill)

Some thoughts on Shark Cage Diving in Foveaux Strait

There are plenty of articles and letters to be found on the Internet supporting either side of the cage diving debate. But any library book about sharks will tell you the scientific fact that sharks use sensors on their snouts to hunt which pick up the electromagnetic field of creatures in the water. Every animal has a distinct field like a thumbprint, humans included. Sharks are intelligent animals, and they can make associations between an easy food source (like chum) and a specific electromagnetic field. So it seems logical to me that cage diving will lead sharks to associate a feed with a human being, like using a bone to teach a dog a trick. This is dangerous.

I know there has been talk of limiting cage-diving to documentary and research purposes only. If there is a group of scientists legitimately conducting research to learn more about these incredible animals and gathering footage to educate others about it, fine. But I worry that the word “documentary” can be used to mean just anyone with a video camera and access to YouTube. The word “research” is vague too. This could open up the industry to commercial

cage diving ventures posing as documentary makers and researchers, like the so-called “researchers” in Japan who are hunting whales.

And I'm dubious of talk of “managing” this industry or setting guidelines. Call me a cynic but guidelines seem to be made for shrewd people to bend to suit their business. And I think once someone builds a boat and fits it out for cage diving and makes some money, they have set a precedent where they can say: *but this is my livelihood! You can't take this away from me!* And you can shuffle papers all you want but at the end of the day, the water will get chummed to attract the sharks, and human beings will be there when the sharks arrive to feed.

White pointers are incredible creatures, and cage-diving is exciting, and I know there is a lot of potential down here for that market and a killing to be made (no pun intended). I am fascinated by white pointers, I completely understand the draw. But as a person who lives on Stewart Island I am troubled at the prospect of this business taking hold here. My family and friends here have always loved water sports, and I'm proud that the island offers amazing underwater experiences to visitors from around the world who can spearfish, kayak, dive and play in our water. As the

wife of a commercial fisherman and diver—Foveaux Strait is not only our front yard, pantry and playground, it's also the office. Local divers often gather paua from around the muttonbird islands (i.e. Edwards and Bench). I'm sure many of them would hesitate to dip a fin in the water if a cage diving boat was operating in the area. And we're talking about a significant and productive area of diving which many abalone divers have relied upon for decades.

Almost as powerful as the shark is the fear of sharks, and the presence of a cage diving business is like a big neon sign over the island saying WHITE POINTERS HERE. Maybe the cage diving guys will make a mint, but at what cost to the rest of the island? At what cost to our peace of mind? At what cost to our safety? Do we want to find out? Is it worth the risk?

I know people say *Not in my back yard* when they don't like the way something is going to look or smell or affect their lives. I share this yard with all Stewart Islanders and its paua divers and visitors and I believe cage diving could create a dangerous environment for people here. So I am opposed to cage diving and I say

Not in Our Front Yard.
—Jess (Editor, S.I.N.)

The protection order issued by Chris Carter under the Wildlife Act includes the following definitions:

Hunt or kill, in relation to any wildlife, includes the hunting, killing, taking, trapping, or capturing of any wildlife by any means; and also includes **pursuing, disturbing or molesting any wildlife**, taking or using a firearm, dog, or like method to hunt or kill wildlife, **whether this results in killing or capturing or not**; and also includes every attempt to hunt or kill wildlife.



Ewan Gell is working on our shelving project, please bear with us while we are “under construction.” If you can’t locate a book in its usual patch, ask us, as lots of books have been temporarily displaced.

Ernie Cave generously bought *Hey-Day to May-Day* for us. We also have a fascinating and meaty book about Fiordland by Merv Halladay.

New fiction from the usual suspects: Jodi Picoult, Harlan Coben, Jenny Pattrick, James Patterson, etc. We have the Andre Agassi autobiography and the new novel by Anita Brookner. For cookery, a beautiful book about all the lovely things you can make with mince. For kids we have two new books of jokes.

Thanks to Susan Whitely, Loraine H., Claire, Ulva, Margaret F., and all the other generous donors of books and videos.

Congratulations

Newlyweds Bridget and Eamonn



All pink food at the Ship to Shore “bakery” for a breast cancer awareness Pink Ribbon Day. The Pink Ribbon breakfast raised \$459! Thanks for all the support.—Vicki

Stewart Island levy bill under way

The Southland District Council (Stewart Island Visitor Levy) Empowering Bill 2010 had its first reading in Parliament last night and now goes to the Local Government and Environment Committee.

Council senior policy analyst Wayne Heerdegen said this legislation will give Council the power to set and collect a levy from visitors to Stewart Island. The levy will be used to help pay for infrastructure, services and amenities that are used by visitors.

“At the moment, the cost of things like toilets, walking tracks and other amenities is paid for by the 400 residents and ratepayers on Stewart Island,” Mr Heerdegen said.

In the short and long term the trend is for increasing visitors to Stewart Island, in particular through cruise ship visits. One cruise ship plan-

ning to visit has capacity for 1400 people.

All of this activity requires the adequate provision infrastructure, facilities and amenities to ensure that visitors have an authentic experience that does not strain the resources of Stewart Island, he said.

“A reliable, fair and efficient way of ensuring the cost of visitors is not unfairly borne by residents and ratepayers alone is through a small levy (\$5) payable by visitors to Stewart Island. Visitor levies or similar charges are common in Europe and the United States.”

Stewart Island residents and ratepayers will continue to fund their share of infrastructure and services.

It is intended that the levy will be administered by a subcommittee of Council, consisting of tourism/transport operators, community board members and district councillors, and the com-

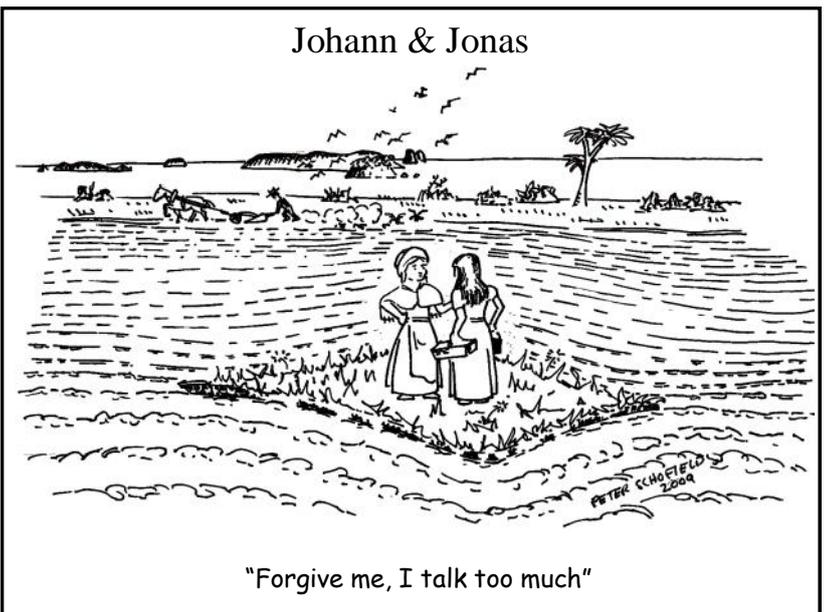
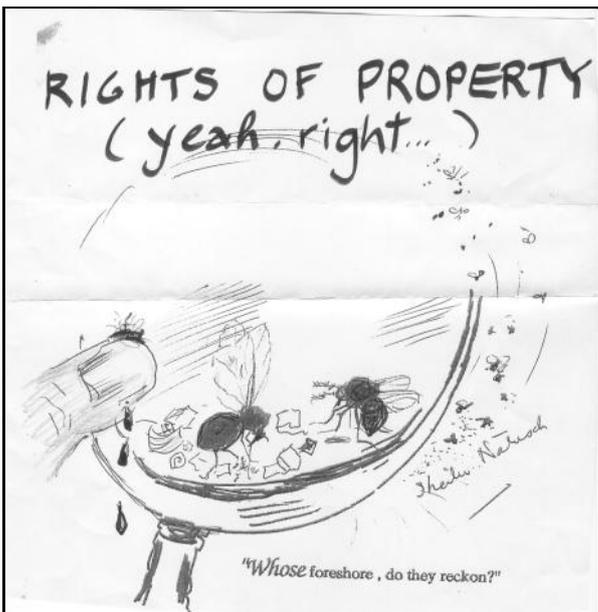
mittee will ensure the industry and community can monitor the levy and set priorities for how the revenue will be spent.

In collecting the levy, Council intends to work with operators to ensure costs and minimised and where appropriate reimbursed.

Stewart Islanders, Southland District residents and ratepayers and all of New Zealand will be entitled to review and comment on the proposed legislation when the legislation is considered by the select committee.

“Council and the Stewart Island Community Board want to thank Invercargill MP Eric Roy for the successful introduction and first reading of the bill,” Mr Heerdegen said.

For further information please contact: Wayne Heerdegen Senior Policy Analyst Southland District Council Ph (0800) 732 732



Gala day or Mardi Gras

Who is keen ??????

Open to all individuals, businesses and community groups

Lets have some fun and get our community spirit into gear

Labour weekend 2010

Rugrats are keen to do a baking stall, sausage sizzle, run a camp cook off, face painting and run some games/races for fundraising

School is going to hire out silly bikes, spin art?? and a kids disco for fundraising

Who wants to be in charge of

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| Chowder competition | coffee stand |
| Fancy dress parade | silly triathalon |
| Wood chopping competition | silent auction |
| Cardboard boat race | raffles |
| Food stalls | Garage sale stall |
| Clothes stall | Toy stall |
| Home made jams pickles etc | Garden stall |
| Chocolate wheel | Dunk stand |

These are just some ideas for you all - good chance to do some fundraising for your group or a good cause, and heaps of fun

Contact Diddle 2191166 if interested in any project

Earwig corner

Helen Cave was reading aloud from old family autograph books from the 1930s and 50s.

Her disgusted daughter-in law: *I don't get this whole autograph book thing, it's just a crusty old book filled with signatures and stupid sayings and pictures from all the random people in your life.*

Helen: *Right. I guess you could say it was our Facebook!*



Community Centre News

Hours 11-12pm & 2-3pm Wednesday, and Sat 9.30-11.30am, but I am available most mornings, just ring or text me.

Check out the event timetable at the community centre it will keep you informed of daily activities

Tai Chi is going really well and I hope everyone is feeling the benefits and enjoying it, we will continue with the beginners classes for approx another 3 weeks. I am then away in July for some more Tai Chi training so we will continue to learn new moves and enjoy Tai Chi. I plan to run another beginners class around the end of August

We now have a boxing bag and gloves yipee it is filled with water at the moment but I am working on getting some sand to make it 150kg - have fun

Netball on Thursdays 7.30pm - it is an awesome workout and loads of fun - see you there

Please come in and check to see if you have left a plate here from an event they are available on a table in the foyer - during centre hours

Also please feel free to ask me about any other sports you are interested in having a go at. Come on it's all good fun.

Cheers

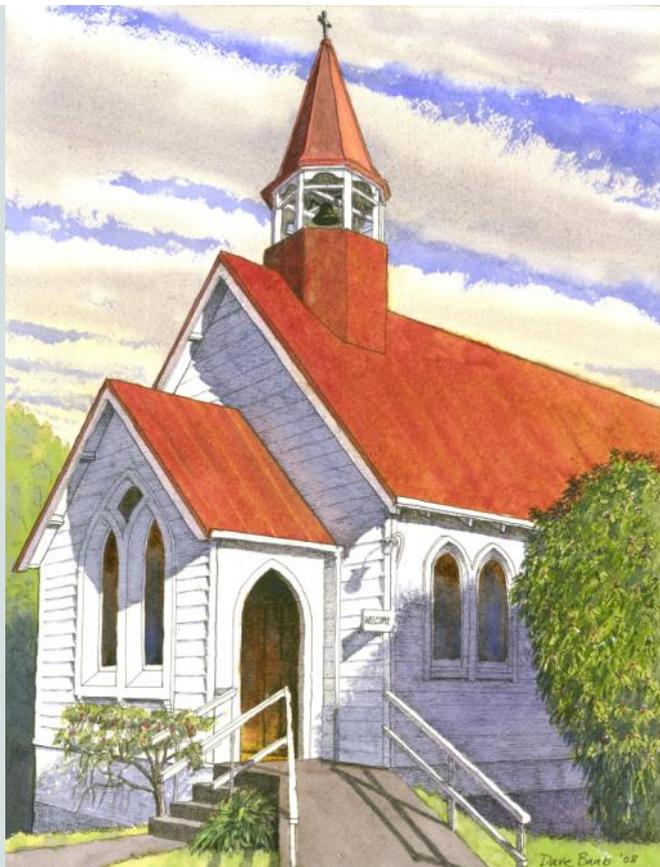
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Community Centre 2191477 or a/hr 2191166 or text 0272316305

OBAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For the next few weeks, members of the congregation will lead in Worship.

Please Note: the time of the service has been changed to 11a.m.



A Warm Welcome To All to join us in our service of prayer, praise, discussion (lots, we hope) and fellowship.

Following the service, you are most welcome to join us bunch as we munch on brunch in the Manse!

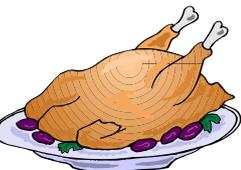
The church is open every day. Please feel welcome to drop in and enjoy this place of prayer and worship and Island history.

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The next Meeting will be held at the home of Raylene Waddell at 2.00 pm Thursday 8th July

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Magazine Swap



Some of us thought Elaine and Alan deserved a decent send off so toilet rolls and streamers were duly purchased and I think they were suitably embarrassed!! Friday arrived with his guitar and we sang 'Now is the Hour' ... Was a sad farewell as they had been here three and a half years.—Margaret Fairhall



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