

STEWART ISLAND NEWS

CELEBRATING RAKIURA

November-December 2011

\$2.50

*Tim Packer will be dearly missed by his island friends.
The community offers its sympathies to his family.*

A golden full-circle moment this month: George Crack, former owner of the South Sea Hotel, had cycled the length of the country in 1971 to raise money for the Stewart Island swimming pool. He returned mid-November, accompanying the Oamaru Ordinary Cycle Club, bringing his original Raleigh racer and track suit. Bruce Ford invited him to visit the pool that afternoon, and rallied a bunch of residents to come too for an opportunity to meet and thank George. A lovely, unscripted confluence of events ensued. A small crowd of parents and children arrived, it was one of those afternoons that became suddenly blazing hot, George was running late, and the kids inevitably ended up jumping into the pool. So when Mr. Crack finally walked in, he was met by a pool filled with shrieking happy children. He didn't have to be told what a success it's been. Everyone thanked him for his efforts 40 years ago.

The Ordinary Cycle Club is comprised of penny farthing cycles ridden by enthusiasts in Victorian costume. It was amusing to see them come off the ferry and tootle around the Bay. See page 12.

Ulva Island: the good news is it seems so far that rats have been successfully eradicated. The bad news is some traces of poison have been detected in cod livers, so please abstain from fishing around Ulva. See pages 9-10.

Whether you use the Library or not, do drop by the next opening hour to see the magnificent new wall hanging. This fabric triptych, featuring native birds and a Horseshoe Bay panorama, was created by thread mavens Pat King and Margaret Rooney. See page 5.

Don't miss the Players' Variety Show and the Community Christmas Party on Saturday 17th December! Details page 2.

Helen Cave is working on the new phone list, please contact her or the shop by the end of the month with any changes you'd like made. The new list will be

available from the shop by mid December, all proceeds go the Community Centre.



George Crack poses with the bicycle he rode the length of the country in 1971 to raise money for our pool.



The pool is now open to the public.

Keys available for the school between 1- 5pm school-days. \$60 for the season. Please return unwanted keys from last season or pay up! We have just received grants from Community Trust of Southland and The Southland District Council to install 6 more solar panels to take our pool heating system to 120% capacity (recommended for Southland conditions). The Board of Trustees are also investigating installing a solar powered tepid shower in the pool complex and are looking for funding for this project. Please see Kath if you have any ideas.—K. Johnson

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OOPS! They did it again!

*Stewart Island Players are
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All money raised to go to a Stewart Island good cause;
the audience gets to pick where!

Shhh! Special guest visit from Santa at half-time!

Bar available with great prices! Stay on for the party...

STEWART ISLAND COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Saturday 17th December 5pm

At the Community Centre after the Variety Show

EVERYONE WELCOME

No entry charge

Pot Luck Dinner

Please bring a plate!

Bar available with great prices; all proceeds to a
Stewart Island good cause.

Come join in the festive spirit with your neighbours!
Any queries or suggestions please ring Vicki on 498

Another Book about Stewart Island !

A Social History of Horticulture on Stewart Island

by Raylene Waddell

What is so fascinating about the gardens and gardeners of Stewart Island ? Well, here's a hint.

"But there is also before us the leaf of a diary kept in July of 1874, on which is recorded that on the 3rd of that month there were in bloom in a garden at The Neck. the Maori quarter of Stewart Island, the following flowers: < The arum, or Egyptian lily, a flower of some delicacy of constitution ; chrysanthemums, pansies;; polyanthuses, stock, thyme, candytuft, columbine, perywinkle, daisies, and mignonnette. There could not be much rigor where the Egyptian lily was flourishing at midwinter in the open air..."

We are a group of plant and garden enthusiasts. We are researching the history of plant use and horticulture on Stewart Island . Who are we?

Sue Bennett, *owner of the blue cottage in Rankin S, Ph.D. in Plant Science, member of the Guardians of the Lakes.*

Juliet Nicholas, *co-owner of Treehouse Crib, Golden Bay Rd , professional garden photographer.*
Rosemarie Smith, *appreciative visitor to Stewart Island , researcher and author, weekly gardening columnist, Southland Times.*

Raylene Waddell, *Glendaruel, Stewart Island , no gardening credentials whatsoever but a suspect plantaholic!*

We are seeking the support of all of you who may have family photos, diaries, memorabilia or anecdotes that you would care to entrust to us in our endeavour to produce a comprehensive social history of horticulture on Stewart Island . You may know of sources that would be of help to us.

A record of all material contributed will be stored permanently at the Rakiura Museum and be available for future research.

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Community Centre News

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We have circuit class going, as per the time table. Circuit class involves weights and cardio - come and join us for a workout.

Keen to get fit for summer - we have some great cardio machines, the spin bike, cross trainer, treadmill and rowing machine, all these are great to get started on 20 - 30mins 3 x a week of cardio is what we start with then build on that - need any help just ask me. Ph 2191166 or text 0272316305.

*Cheers
Sue*

New Time table to put on the fridge

Time	Day	Activity	Cost
9.30am	Monday	Music for under 5's	donation
10.00am	Tuesday	Tai chi	\$2
4.30pm		Swiss Ball	
6.30pm		Circuit	\$2 non members
4.30pm	Thursday	Swiss Ball	
5.30pm		Tai Chi	\$2
6.30pm		Circuit	\$2 non members
9am	Saturday	Circuit	\$2 non members
10am		Office open	
4pm		Swiss Ball	

An Amazing Elwing Adventure

by Poppy LeQuesne

'ROAR!' says the engine as we leave Faith, Hope and Charity and start our Amazing Elwing adventure!

And what a amazing adventure it was. I learned alot about Stewart Island from Arthur that even a Stewart Islander like

myself didn't know, like how you can eat the nuts from tree ferns and the importance of tenderizing paua.

I loved the majestic dark, blue ocean and its inhabitants and the marvelous deep green landscape. I loved the rush and the excitement of jumping in the refreshing, cool ocean

each morning and cooking food on a open fire with people that have become my family.



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STEWART ISLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Generous Gift:

As all recent visitors to the Library will have noticed, we have had a new addition – well, three in fact. Pat King, with assistance from Margaret Rooney, has created a series of three appliquéd wall hangings depicting NZ Birds and local scenes. While many wonderful fabrics were selected to best reflect the true colours of these birds, the wood pigeon fabric was handpainted to get the look absolutely right. Beautiful work, Ladies.

Christmas Hours:

Yes, that time of the year is fast approaching.

If you fancy a book or three to read as you loll around dealing with the excesses of the season, please note our holiday hours:

Friday 23 December 12.30 – 1.30

Saturday 24 December 10.00 – 12.00

Saturday 31 December 10.00 – 12.00

Wednesday 4 January 2.30 – 3.30

So if you are an avid reader, remember to stock up. Books can be returned if we are closed through the slot in the wall closest to the school. If you are in the middle of a good long read, books can be re-issued for a further three weeks. We'd much rather renew books than have overdue books.

New to our shelves:

We are very lucky in that books keep rolling in, both from local donations and from Council purchasing.

Recent new additions include:

Robert Harris – “The Fear Index”

Claire Irvin - “Cougars”

Karin Slaughter – “Fallen”

J Marillier – “Seer of Sevenwaters”

N Mornu - “Quilt it with wool”

A Scarrow – “After Light”

We also continually receive loan collections from the Winton Library, to liven up both our fiction and non-fiction areas.

Widespread Thanks:

To our willing volunteers, who keep us running on Saturdays.

Stewart Island Flights, who keep the books coming and going.

To Winton Library, who deal with all our requests and loans.

To generous Residents, who donate to our shelves.

To all our Borrowers, who love a good read as much as we do.

and...if it's not too soon...Merry Christmas! *Kirsten*





Rain put the kibosh on our Guy Faulkes celebrations. But halfway around the world, our namesake city had a spectacular (and accidental) fireworks display. This was sent to us from Malcolm Chattwood of the *other* Oban:

Hi down there in Stewart Island

I'm not sure whether you'll have spotted news of recent events in the Oban of the north but I wouldn't be surprised as it didn't take long to go global – and it's not bad news either. Have a look at

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-15611160>

Best wishes Malcolm & Sue Chattwood

1 The Stances

Kilmichael Glassary

Lochgilphead

Argyll

Pink Ribbon Day Friday 14th October

by Chris Visser

This years Pink Ribbon Collection for the Breast Cancer foundation raised \$667.00.

A HUGE thanks to Vicki who organised the Pink Theme Sunday Night Quiz and for being generally impressive in Pink, Ship to Shore for putting up pink displays and fundraising, and Letitia and wee Ryan McRitchie- King. Ryan allowed himself to be pinked up and wheeled around the Bay as a focal point for the street collection. One nice visitor, cornered as he came off the ferry - was so sympathetic to the plight of the poor boy he donated \$20.00, and then wandered off muttering something about calling social welfare.

Thanks Stewart Island for your donations.

Chris

(for further information about breast cancer and the work of the New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation - see www.nzbcf.org.nz)



Southern icons considered 'Quintessentially Kiwi'

The Department of Conservation (DOC) recently released the top results of its 'Quintessentially Kiwi' survey during Conservation Week 2011, after receiving over 1100 responses – and two iconic southern locations came out trumps.

The questionnaire asked which special places and native species are "quintessentially kiwi" because they help define who we are as New Zealanders.

The most frequent responses for special places included southern favourites **Stewart Island** and **Fiordland**, while Cape Reinga, Rotorua and Aoraki/Mt Cook also featured in the top five.

Stewart Island / Rakiura
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SIRCET Southland Regional Winner of Community Award

By Alina Thiebes

The **TrustPower Community Awards** are run in 24 regions around New Zealand to recognise and reward the outstanding contribution voluntary groups and organisations make in our communities.

The Stewart Island/ Rakiura Community & Environment Trust's (SIRCET) significant achievements over the past 12 months were recognised at this year's presentations, held in Invercargill on 7th

November, with the trust taking out the 2011 Regional Winner award and \$500 prize in the Heritage and Environment category. SIRCET volunteers were commended for "working extremely hard to protect the huge variety of native flora and fauna that call Stewart Island home".

SIRCET trustees were unable to attend this year's award ceremony however TrustPower Community Awards presenter Jessica Somerville accepted the award on behalf of the trust: "This group understands that in order for this project to achieve long term success they need to have the community onboard which they keep up to date through the monthly Stewart Island publication and their own quarterly newsletter and getting the community involved in community workshops, social volunteering days, BBQs, education programs and their website.



The 2011 regional Community Award winners

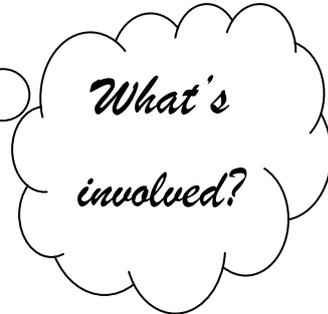
"The group also maintain a community nursery which to date has supplied over 22,000 natives for replanting projects. This Trust is working incredibly hard to preserve New Zealand's unique biodiversity on Stewart Island, has set ambitious goals and is clearly achieving them. We wish them all the best in the future".

Congratulations to the SIRCET team, local land owners and all our volunteers, supporters and sponsors. 2011 has seen some major challenges and achievements, and Southland has proudly recognized all your hard work and dedication through this award!



Volunteers sought to help out with Penguin and Titi monitoring

What better way to spend a summer's evening than a stroll out to Acker's Point to count penguins? The Stewart Island/ Rakiura Community & Environment Trust (SIRCET) is now seeking volunteers to assist with



Little Blue Penguin counts and Titi/ Muttonbird burrowscoping.

Little Blue Penguin slow walk counts

10 nights of monitoring will be spread over the month of December. From around 11pm, 30-40 minutes should be spent slowly walking the Ackers Point track, counting the number of penguins you see. You can either join a team or (once having received some basic training) head out for a count on your own. And you can join in on as many nights as you like.

Titi burrowscoping

Burrowscoping for egg lay, egg hatch and pre-fledge will be carried out in December, February and March respectively, for around 4 days each month. This involves assisting the coordinator with identifying the burrows, operating the burrowscope and its camera and helping to record eggs or birds seen. A total burrow count will also be carried out in January.



For more information contact Alina on (03) 219 1487 or alina@sircet.org.nz.

Who likes broad beans?

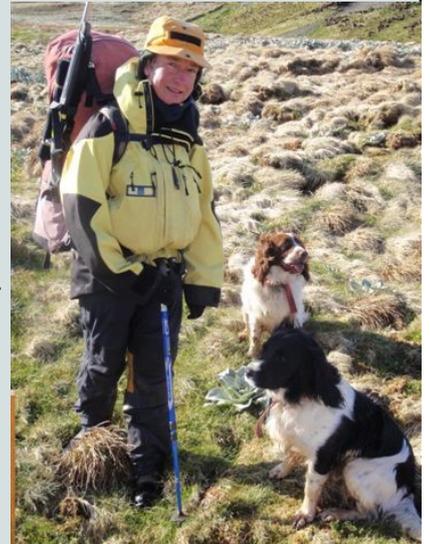
by Kirsten Hicks

Personally, I'd rather eat the dirt they grow in but rumour has it they are particularly delicious when the tougher outer skin has been removed and they are sautéed in butter. More importantly, do you want some of ours? The broad beans at the Community Garden are flourishing. Although still in the flowering stage we are anticipating a good crop. We would like to hear from you if you are interested in having the odd feed of fresh, local (no airmiles involved here), spray free veges.

The potatoes are popping up, brassicas are breaking through and the herb garden is springing into new life - so phone either Kirsten (309) or Anita (014) so when we are harvesting, we can drop something off.

For anyone interested in either learning a bit about gardening, or happy to donate a bit of time - we usually meet about 2pm on Sundays at the gardens (behind the Nurses' Clinic).

Sharon Pasco was fully expecting to meet fellow Stewart Islander Sandy King when she stepped ashore at Buckles Bay, on Macquarie Island on the 3rd of November, as Sandy's mother Pat had given Sharon a stash of NZ chocolate to deliver to Sandy, when she learnt that Sharon would also be calling into the Australian Sub Antarctic island of Macquarie as part of her DOC rep trip aboard the cruise ship Orion. It was therefore no surprise that Sandy was waiting to claim her chocolate when Sharon stepped off the zodiac in the bay where the research team is based. Sandy is currently employed by the Australian government and Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service on a 10 month-contract to help track down the few remaining rabbits on the island following an aerial eradication programme earlier this year. What was surprising was the second meeting, several hours later at aptly named Sandy Bay, where the ship had relocated so passengers could view huge colonies of King and Emperor penguins and also experience close encounters with cute - roly poly - weaner elephant seals. As Sharon made her way up the boardwalk to view the Emperor Penguins along strode Sandy (pictured here) in full hunting mode, accompanied by the two specially trained springer spaniels she uses to track rabbits, Bondi and Ash!



The Patchwork Group held an open day on 16th November to showcase their work.
Photos from Margaret Rooney.



DOC Spot *By Sharon Pasco, Programme Manager Community Relations / Field Centre Supervisor*

Confidence growing that Ulva is now rat free

Although it is too soon to conclusively declare Ulva Island rat free once more, early indications are that the attempt to eradicate rats from the island has been successful. Trapping has been continuing since the second aerial drop of brodifacoum in September and the island has been combed by DOC staff member Miriam Ritchie and her specialist rat-tracking dog 'Occi'. We are happy to report that to date no evidence of rats has been detected on the island. Last month, in the DOC Spot, we also reported that staff had collected fish and shellfish samples from around the island which had been sent to Landcare Research at Lincoln for testing. This marine sampling revealed trace amounts of the rat poison in the liver of some of the blue cod collected. While this doesn't pose a threat to human health, we do advise that people should continue to refrain from fishing around the island until we can report the all clear from ongoing sampling. Full bird monitoring results are due within the next week, but feedback so far is looking good. There seems to have been less by-kill of birds than anticipated. In fact, most bird species haven't had any detectable decline.



Other items in brief:

Three temporary staff have been appointed to the Visitor Asset team to assist with hut and track maintenance over the coming months..

The Visitor Asset team has been working on clearing water tables and trimming/spraying of local walks to ensure they are looking their best over the summer.

The shelter from Sawdust Bay on the Rakiura Track has been relocated to a new campsite above North Arm hut.

Volunteers have assisted with the annual spring clean of huts around the island's tramping tracks.

The tracks and gardens at Moturau Moana are looking sharp for summer thanks to Elaine Hamilton and her team of volunteers, assisted by James Ware.

Winter's wet and wild weather has delayed progress on the Rakiura Track upgrade and as a result the target date for completion has been pushed out until April 2012. We are still hopeful that the track realignment will be completed around the worst section (North Arm hut to Sawdust Bay) prior to Christmas.

Cathy Macfie has been contracted to develop a series of new interpretation panels for Mason Bay. The main focus will be on the historic aspects of the area, however ecological values will also be covered.

The Department is currently developing a marketing plan for the Rakiura Track that will see it more aligned with Southland's other Great Walks: the Milford, Routeburn and Kepler tracks. Foremost is the need for good, high quality images. If anyone has anything that might be suitable we would love to hear from you. We are keen to promote the Rakiura Track as a gateway to Stewart Island and hope that it will encourage people to spend more time on the island.

Take the stress out of Christmas shopping – the Rakiura National Park Visitor Centre stocks a great range of items that would make ideal gifts. To encourage residents to 'shop local' the VC team is offering a discount on all purchases right up until Christmas Eve.

Rodent dog find no sign of rats on Ulva Island



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

A dog trained to detect rats has spent four days scouring Ulva Island and has found no sign of rats two months after the bait drop to eradicate them.

Occi and his handler Mirium travelled down from Northland last week. They are part of a small team of specially trained DOC dogs that specialise in detecting rats in pest free areas around the country.

DOC, Area Manager - Southern Islands, Andy Roberts said, "It's very pleasing that Occi didn't find any sign of rats. Combined with the two months of trapping it gives us much more confidence that Ulva is once again rat free".

Since the bait drop, 94 rat traps have been set around Ulva Island as part of the network to intercept any new rats that may invade. These traps have been checked fortnightly since two weeks after the first bait application. No rats have been caught.

"While this all builds confidence that Ulva Island is again rat free, it will be another four months of checks before DOC will have enough confidence to say one way or the other." Said Mr Roberts.

Additional information regarding this operation can be found on the DOC website: <http://www.doc.govt.nz/conservation/threats-and-impacts/animal-pests/restoration-projects/ulva-island-rat-eradication/>

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Applications for IRD number now processed via Stewart Island Office

by Kari Beaven

Applying to get an IRD number for yourself or your child used to be a real pain in the wallet. The wheels of change began to turn a few months ago, during a visit from Jan Schroder and Rebecca Smith, two IRD community relations staff, who met with a group of island mums to discuss Working for Families and any other tax or IRD-related questions we raised.

Some of the more experienced mums in the group pointed out that the simple process of having two forms of identification approved at the traditional, Invercargill-based sites could wind up costing a small fortune, a mini-meltdown or both. Here's why:

Working for Families assistance could be pre-approved for a new baby in the family, so long as the new baby's IRD number was allocated and sent to Working for Families within 8 weeks of the child's birth.

A birth certificate for the child needs to be provided as one of the forms of I.D. in order to file for an IRD number; however this often does not arrive until a fortnight or so after their birth.

Most new families don't wait for this long before bringing their family back to the island, so another trip must be made to town in the first few weeks in order to file the application.

The meltdown part comes at the end of a long day, walking (sometimes) several children around Invercargill, post excitement buzz long drained out to a glazed-eyed shuffle; with afternoon naps and a nutritious lunch lost in a haze of flights, shuttles and shops – a meltdown at this point can be a welcome sign that the kids are not in fact zombie replacements for your little darlings, but the living, breathing, tantrum-throwing originals.

The group asked that Jan and Rebecca advocate on our behalf for a process which allows us to have our forms of I.D. approved and forwarded from a Stewart Island office.

The ladies confirmed this month that in fact, this is exactly what they have done. Kirsten Hicks, at the Southland District Council office, can now approve your two forms of I.D. and then forward the necessary paperwork to IRD. Once the child's IRD number is received, the paperwork for Working for Families can be filed online or by post.

Employers, spread the word.

The change affects anyone needing to apply for their IRD number, including overseas visitors who wish to work on the island.

There are a few ex-pat Yanks hanging around Stewart Island who might be interested in this site

www.marthasbackyard.co.nz

This Wellington based store is full of goodies: Twinkies, Kraft Mac n Cheese, Toollhouse chocolate chips, Oreos, A1 sauce, the list goes on and on.

The holidays are upon us and they have Libby's canned pumpkin!
If you miss American junk food, candy, and canned pumpkin, this is your store.



“We are sailing, we are sailing”

Well, not us precisely, but the Shorthanded Sailing Association of New Zealand is! Ten yachts – maybe more – will be leaving Monaghanui in February in a race to sail right around New Zealand. And guess what? They have recognised that Stewart Island is part of New Zealand, so they are sailing right round us too. Halfmoon Bay will be the half-way mark, and any time from 3rd March onwards, we can expect these yachts, each manned (or wo-manned?) by two people to be sailing in, each looking for line honours – and a chance to stop and get their breath back. The fleet sails off on the second half of their Intrepid Journey on the 13th March.

Between the arrival of these weary souls and their departure – suitably refreshed, of course

– Stewart Island will be hosting not only the crew, but also the support crews, friends, relatives

In fact, we will be our own Party Central for a few days, complete with Fan Zone. We'll keep you up-to-date with plans, but there's going to be some fun and we are all invited to participate – for a price. There's no such thing as a free lunch, of course, so nearer the time, we'll be looking for a veritable army of volunteers, hosts, guides, and anybody who can do anything to forward our well-earned reputation for hospitality. There WILL be lots of fun – barbeques for example, and who knows? – maybe sweepstakes? competitions? We don't have a programme finalised yet, but it will be a real gala atmosphere. Keep an eye on future issues of SIN and on the Notice Board, and we'll be letting you know the latest news.

Gwen & Garry Neave, Ph: 2191 385

Stewart Island Community Expo

By Kari Beaven

Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Community Expo. Almost 100 name tags were written out, a handful more people arrived with their own, plus another sprinkling preferred to meander anonymously.

The community centre social room was buzzing with conversation, the sizzle and aroma of sausages from the deck outside, DVDs of the Players' performances and CDs of some of the musical artists Toi Rakiura has helped to bring to the island in recent years. Images of island events and scenery were displayed in a slideshow and plans for the new Rakiura Information and Heritage Centre, set up on display boards in the centre of the room, were a talking point for many people.

Several people new to the island came through and learned about what goes on behind-the-scenes, and several groups managed to connect with other groups or individuals about ideas for working together. Stewart Island Promotions have put their hand up to set up a web page on the stewartisland.co.nz site for local community groups and

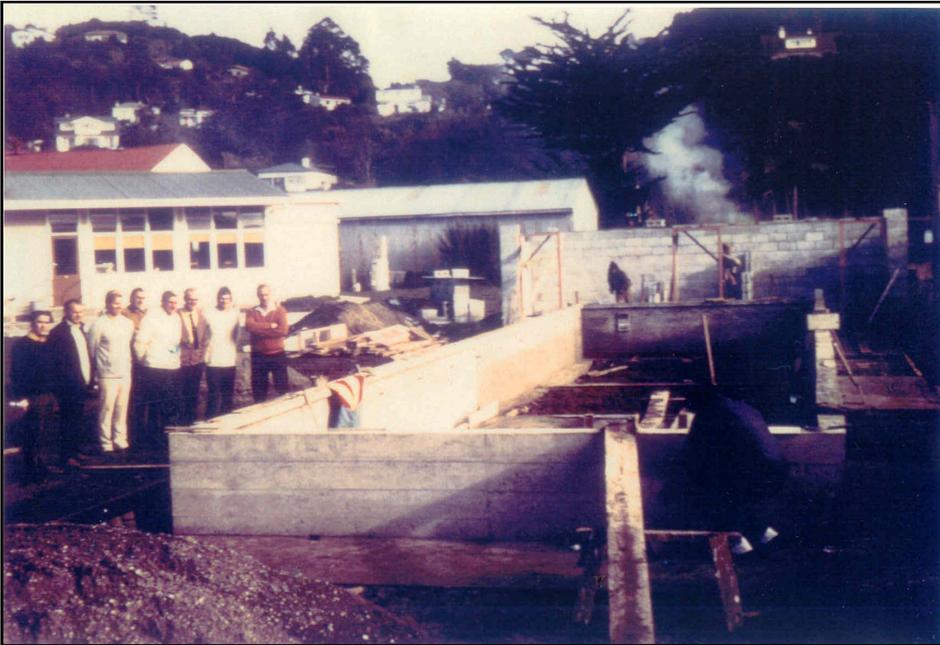
events. If you have not received a form from S.I. Promotions asking for information about your group, please contact them in order that your group be included.



We received some great feedback about the day, thank you everyone for your positivity, and we also learned some (relatively minor) lessons for future events. The Community Expo is something we hope might become an annual occasion, in order to welcome new people to the island and invite them

to become involved in local opportunities. If you have any feedback about the day, suggestions for the coming year or other points to make, please drop a line in the post boxes of Debs, Gwen, Di or Kari. Written comments are appreciated, so that we don't forget what you said between now and the next get-together.





ABOVE: Building the pool. From left: Gordon Morris, Bill 'Tonks' Dawson, Alan Dawson, Eric 'Bones' McKay, Albert Dawson, George Crack, Colin Hopkins and Ernie Hopkins.

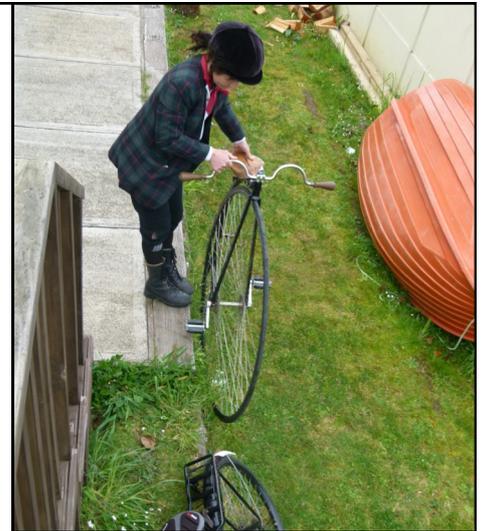
ABOVE RIGHT: George Crack meets Squirt, Diddle, and school principal Kath Johnson.

RIGHT: George shares old photos with Squirt and Bruce Ford.



The Oamaru Ordinary Bicycle Club brought their fleet of penny farthings across the Strait and stayed at Bunkers.

Photos from Liz Cave and Jules Retburg (the ferry shot).



To see more images from this visit, check out the Bunkers Backpacker page on Facebook.



the GALLEY

Broad beans are fava abroad

Kirsten's reference to broad beans a.k.a. fava beans (see page 8) reminded me of another famous quote referencing the infamous pod. Hannibal Lecter, cannabilistic head case from *Silence of the Lambs*: "A census taker once tried to test me. I ate his liver with fava beans and a nice Chianti."

It took years for me to make the connection that the frozen packs of broad beans in the Ship to Shore freezer were equivalent to the vegetable growing rampantly in my mother-in-law's garden. And it took a visit from my chef sister from Philadelphia to make the connection that broad beans are the same thing as fava beans. Fava beans are rated highly amongst foodies, often appearing as a side on hoity toity menus. My sister couldn't believe her luck and went bananas in Helen's garden, culling hundreds of the things.

It's said that celery is one of those "negative-weight" foods where you expend more energy lifting the thing to your mouth and chewing than is in the stalk. Broad beans must fall into this category too. Once you have the pod in hand, peel the little seam at its belly and open up to reveal the innards: several big pea-looking objects. These are the beans but they have a thick waxy covering that is easily removed once they have been parboiled or steamed. The final product is a beautiful bright green bean. Toss them into salad or pasta or if you want a "positive-weight" recipe, mash them with heavy cream, butter and salt. Yum.

My toddler Moby shuns any green food (unless it's a jet plane pilfered from the shop). In a moment of desperation I added brown food colouring (used primarily for gravy mix) to the aforementioned broad bean puree recipe. It seemed a ridiculous shame to wreck one of the best things about the dish — its hue — but I've discovered that parenting a 22-month old involves many ridiculous and shameful moments. Anyway, the result is that the only vegetable Moby will happily consume are good old broad beans.!

—Jess

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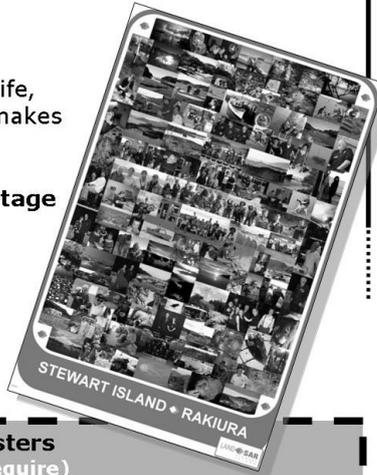
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St Andrew's Anglican Church Children's Flower Show *Since 1942*

Saturday, 12th November

We would like to thank the children and staff at the Halfmoon Bay School / Rugrats as well as the community for the overwhelming support for the Children's Flower Show.

A special thank you to the judges, Anyta Cox and Jill Cox

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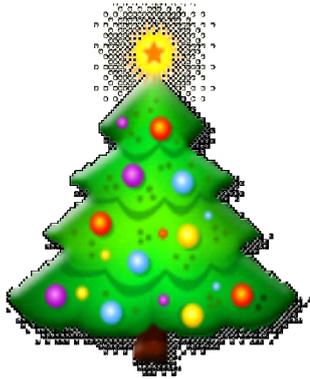
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(SISC) Christmas Luncheon

will be held
at the South Seas Hotel on
Wednesday 14th December at
11.00

Numbers limited.

Wendy 357 or Jenny 219



Thank goodness the All Blacks won, sparing this nation years of therapy.

STEWART ISLAND GARDEN CIRCLE

End of year break up

From 11.00 am on Thursday 1st December at Ringaringa Golf Club.

Bring a plate for shared lunch

Next meeting will be at the home of Lee Wadds
at 2.0pm on Thursday 9th February 2012



Tessa and bubbles. Photo from Liz Cave. Chittenden boys "diving" at the monument puddle. Photo from Mary.

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nity, like shellfish in a bay.—P. Martin Scott

breath hangs fire, your legs forget to work.—
Mark Twain, *Taming the Bicycle*

Nothing compares to the simple pleasure of a
bike ride. —John F. Kennedy

Mankind has invested more than four million
years of evolution in the attempt to avoid phys-
ical exertion. Now a group of backward-thinking
atavists mounted on foot-powered pairs of Hula-
Hoops would have us pumping our legs, gritting
our teeth, and searing our lungs as though we
were being chased across the Pleistocene savan-
nah by saber-toothed tigers. Think of the hopes,
the dreams, the effort, the brilliance, the pure
force of will that, over the eons, has gone into
the creation of the Cadillac Coupe de Ville.
Bicycle riders would have us throw all this on
the ash heap of history.—P.J. O'Rourke

When the spirits are low, when the day appears
dark, when work becomes monotonous, when
hope hardly seems worth having, just mount a
bicycle and go out for a spin down the road,
without thought on anything but the ride you are
taking.—Arthur Conan Doyle

When I see an adult on a bicycle, I do not de-
spair for the future of the human race.—H.G.
Wells

Suddenly the nickel-clad horse takes the bit in
its mouth and goes slanting for the curbstone
defying all prayers and all your powers to
change its mind -- your heart stands still, your

I feel that I am entitled to my share of light-
heartedness and there is nothing wrong with
enjoying one's self simply, like a boy.—Leo
Tolstoy, on his bike.



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