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No Immediate Plans for National Park

The first step in any proposal to establish a national park for Stewart Island will be the support of the island's community.

A passing comment by Prime Minister Jenny Shipley that she could not understand why Stewart Island was not a national park started a round of rumour and speculation about what was being planned. Mrs Shipley made the comment at the National Party's Southern Division Conference in May, following a visit to the island. it was a compliment to the beauty and natural values of the island, not a statement of Government policy.

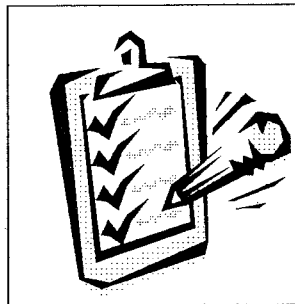
DoC's Southern Area Manager, Greg Lind, said there were no Government instructions to establish a national park. "There is nothing in our business plan or budget related to a national park investigation," he said.

Mr Lind said the first thing which would have to be done if a National Park was considered, would be to ask the island community how they felt about a national park for the island. "If a national park is eventually established, it would not have any effect on private land or the marine area below mean low water springs. Domestic pets are not allowed in national parks, and the Department also has a policy of eradicating introduced pests, such as rats, possums, wild cats and deer where possible from the national parks. Those rules already apply to land on Stewart Island administered by the Department. They are part of the Conservation Management Strategy which was recently approved by the Conservation Authority after full public

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NEW ZEALAND PARKS

DID YOU KNOW THAT NEW ZEALAND HAS 13 NATIONAL PARKS? THE FIRST NATIONAL PARK WAS CREATED IN 1887. IT FOLLOWED CLOSELY ON THE ESTABLISHMENT



All Stewart Islanders would be consulted about a National Park.

OF THE WORLD'S FIRST NATIONAL PARK, YELLOWSTONE, IN THE USA, WHICH CAME INTO BEING IN 1872. TONGARIRO WAS A GIFT TO THE NATION FROM TUWHARETOA CHIEF, TE HEUEU TUKINO IV. THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL PARKS WERE LARGELY CREATED IN REMOTE, MOUNTAINOUS AREAS, BUT RECENTLY FORESTED PARKS SUCH AS PAPAHOA AND WANGANUI HAVE BEEN ADDED. NEW ZEALAND PARKS COVER 9% OF N.Z.'S LAND AREA.

Stewart Island Tourism Strategy Group

- M. Hopkins

Suzanne Clemence, the Enterprise Development Officer from the Southland District Council addressed the Stewart Island Tourism Strategy Group at its May meeting regarding promotion opportunities identified in the recently published Tourism Strategy document. The opportunities for Tourism development were categorised into two groupings - existing business expansion and new enterprise or development.

The need for more medium priced, self-contained accommodation within reasonable distance of the township, as well as luxury lodge development offering conference facilities were highlighted as development opportunities on Stewart Island. During her visit, Ms Clemence met with individuals investigating accommodation proposals and advised on feasibility studies and funding.

Ms Clemence explained to the Strategy group that opportunities not taken up by locals within the next six months should be advertised through TRADENZ Investment and the Chamber of Commerce Internet pages to alert others about accommodation opportunities on Stewart Island.

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National Park

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consultation, so there would be no change in that respect," he said. "there would also be no change in our ability to control deer numbers, so the present reliance on recreational hunting would also remain."

Mr Lind said land administered by the Department on the island was divided into a number of different categories with varying legal management requirements. A national park status would make land management more cost effective, but islanders themselves would notice little, if any, difference. It could possibly enhance tourism opportunities.

The Southland Conservation Board has endorsed the Prime Minister's suggestion and has written to the New Zealand Conservation Authority, which advises the Minister of Conservation, asking for an investigation into the proposal. Mr Lind said DoC was awaiting advice from the Minister of Conservation, Nick Smith, on how he wanted to deal with the Prime Minister's suggestion. "If such a development is investigated, it will not be something that happens in a hurry and the community, particularly Stewart Islanders, will be fully informed and involved at every stage," Mr Lind added.

S.I. Tourism Strategy Group cont'd Tourism Strategy Group

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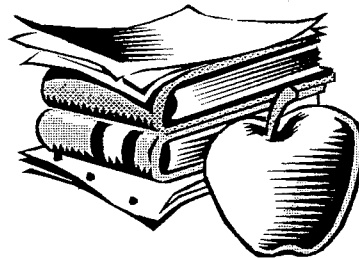
Special interest, feature events and the development of unique cuisine which focuses on the seafood and meats sourced from Stewart Island were discussed.

The Strategy Group agreed that there are definite restaurant opportunities available as well as a need for specialist training and development in these fields, as well as the need for upskilling existing operators.



Library

News



Greetings from your friendly Librarians!

After many years of the Library being sited at the Community Hall, you may have noticed that it has been re-sited in temporary premises - the Play Centre room attached to the School. This is a considerable improvement on past conditions, and we look forward to even greater things when the new Community Hall complex is completed. Many thanks to the willing helpers who assisted with the shift.

The children's section, in particular, has improved with sections for picture books, children and young adults. By the way, has anyone got a wooden playpen we could use to corral the "ankle biters" while Mum chooses a book in peace?

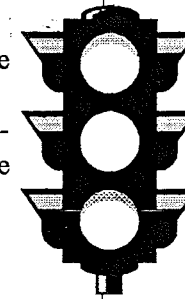
We now have jigsaw puzzles for hire: \$1 for 3 weeks and 50 cents for children. There are also some games available, e.g. Monopoly, Scrabble Draughts, and others.

LIBRARY HOURS

Wed 2 p.m. - 2.15 p.m.
Fri 11 a.m. - 12 m.d.
Sat 11 a.m. - 12 m.d.

Bernie's Backchat

I have recently read the very first copy of the Stewart Island News. In it, Constable Mike Te Au wrote a column covering home security, and he also commented on the condition of some of the motor vehicles on the island.



Well, times have not changed! With more and more people coming to the island, we must have a good look at our home security. Sure, it may be hard to get a fridge off the island, but the contents of your handbag / wallet can be of interest to the dishonest. So, what I am saying is... just think about your security.

Now - as for vehicles: like it or not, we are part of New Zealand, and we must comply with the laws of the land. Sure, we are a little more flexible down here, but the bottom line is that the island vehicle must be up to the same standard as your town car. I have just had a quick

look at some of the instant fines:

- * No warrant of fitness - \$150.00
- * Unregistered vehicle - \$200.00
- * No drivers licence - \$350.00 (any vehicle, car or scooter!)
- * Defective exhaust - \$75.00

I don't know how much money you earn, but I know I can't afford those sorts of fines.

All the best to everyone involved in the production of the Stewart Island newsletter. I hope that it has a long, happy and informative life.

Catch ya later.

Bernie Nolan



CELEBRITY CHEF

TAKE NOTE!

During September a cooking course is to be held on the Island with Scott Richardson, Chef Tutor from Southland Polytechnic, in attendance. Scott is well-knowing the Southland circles and is the organiser of the Celebrity Chef competition held each year in Invercargill. It is hoped this course will interest people employed in the hospitality industry here on the Island, so whether you run a bed and breakfast, cook at the hotel, or just want to impress your friends with newly learnt culinary skills. This opportunity is not to be missed. Phone Margaret Hopkins, Stewart Island Tourism Strategy Committee, 2191-126 for further details.

**Worry
is like a rocking
chair.
It will give you
something to do,
but it won't get
you
anywhere!**

Lucky Coin Congratulations?

M. Hopkins

During the recent demolition of the old Community hall, builder Russell Varcoe found an old and battered half crown which he claimed would be his lucky coin.

Despite scoffing from those around him he carted the coin off home to Invercargill and proclaimed to wife Alison that this was his lucky coin.

Shortly afterwards a phone call came to inform him that he had just won a brand new Nissan Navara twin cab ute!



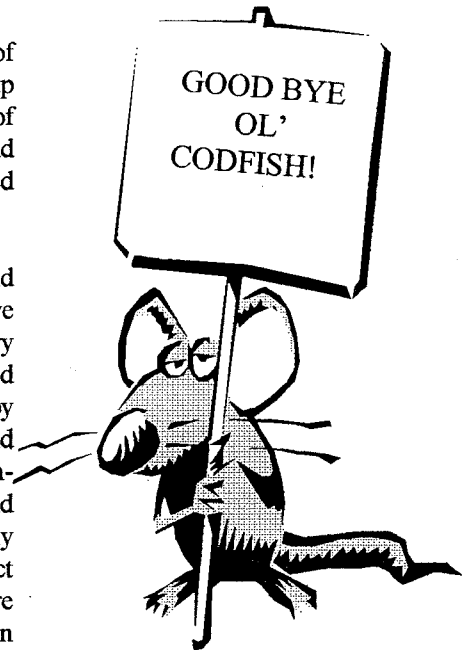
CODFISH ISLAND RATS ON HIT LIST!

The Department of Conservation is planning to exterminate kiore, the Pacific rat, from Codfish Island this winter. The project is part of the drive to extend the number of offshore islands where some of the world's rarest bird species can continue the long trek back from the edge of extinction.

Codfish, although only a tiny dot of less than 1400 hectares on the map and two kilometres to the west of Stewart Island, will be the latest and largest southern island to be cleared of rats.

Three species of rat in New Zealand play havoc with our birds which have evolved without terrestrial predatory pressure. These rats have modified the habitat of many bird species by clearing the forest floor of seeds and seedlings, so preventing the establishment of new generations of plants and shrubs. They also compete directly with birds for essential seed, insect and plant food to the point where some birds and the plants they rely on have disappeared from many mainland areas. The rats responsible are the largest, the Norwegian rat; the ship or black rat, and the smallest, the kiore, or Pacific rat which was probably introduced by early Maori settlers. Kiore were a valuable food item for early Maori communities and, like later European explorers who released goats, pigs and rabbits on many islands as an emergency food supply, they had no knowledge of the devastating effect their liberations would have.

After a year of intense planning in 1996, followed by another year setting up the operation, the department has now reached the final stages of this extermination plan. This will be a carefully calculated aerial application of cereal bait laced with an anticoagulant toxin. Project Manager, Pete McClelland, said getting the poison drop organised was the "easiest" part. The difficulty apparently lies in knowing how to protect our endangered species, as each must be



treated differently. The first task was to develop protection measures for the islands fernbirds. Last year 20 of the tiny, secretive birds were transferred to nearby Putauhinu Island where they nested this Spring. As an added protection, the main fernbird habitat of about 40 hectares on the eastern side of Codfish will not be included in the aerial drop. Instead, bird proof bait stations will be placed throughout that area.

A few months ago the 45 kakapo on the island were located with the help of specially trained dogs and moved to another offshore island until the baits have decomposed and are no longer a threat.

A population of tiny short-tailed bats also inhabit Codfish, and needed protection. There was an outside chance that a few of the insect eating bats might pick up a bug which had fed on the baits. The bats, which were trapped in delicate mist nets, are being kept in specially constructed "bataries" and being fed on meal worms until the poison operation is concluded.

Pete McClelland also said that the poison drop had to coincide with the time of least available natural food for the rats. A little too soon, and they could ignore the bait in favour of foods they are accustomed to. A little too late, and some of the females may be in their breeding burrows and miss the poison on the two or three days it is effective.

Codfish Island is about 600 hectares smaller than the more well-known Kapiti Island off the south west North Island Coast, which was cleared of rats two years ago. "The absence of kiore," says Mr McClelland, "will mean safer breeding and greater abundance of natural food for these threatened species.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

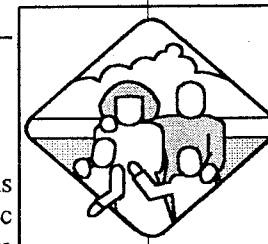
Illegal Rubbish Dumping

Stewart Island Area Officer Colleen Dawson said staff are disappointed at recent illegal dumping of sacks of rubbish over the bank at Evening Cove. "The majority of the rubbish was retrieved with great difficulty and, as yet, we have no idea where it came from," said Mrs Dawson. Anyone who knows anything about the rubbish is asked to contact the District Council office. The Stewart Island Community Board provides a regular rubbish collection every Tuesday as well as a tumble tipper on the Halfmoon Bay wharf.

for the new Community Centre. It is expected that work will begin on driving in the piles this week. Community Centre Trust member Helen Cave said they have been grateful for the volunteer help so far and will continue to need volunteers throughout the project. "Anyone with time to spare will be given a task when they turn up. There will be jobs for all kinds of abilities, even if you are only able to provide a cake for the builders' afternoon tea then we would like to hear from you," said Mrs Cave. "If we continue to have a high level of support from volunteers we hope to have stage one of the building complete within a year."

Plastic and Glass Collection

The Stewart Island Community Board is no longer able to offer glass and plastic recycling collection for residents. There is a receptacle for used oil at the rear of the Island Transport garage which people are encouraged to use. All glass and plastic is to be included with regular rubbish for collection on Tuesdays.



Time Capsules

With building about to start on the new Community Centre a suggestion has been made that local school children make time capsules to place under the building's foundations. If you have a thought on some interesting indicators of the present day which may provide intrigue to some future developer or archaeologists, please contact the Stewart Island Community Centre Trust who will be happy to bury your contribution.

Council Office Hours

Residents are reminded that the Southland District Council's Oban office is open for business from 10a.m. - noon and 3.30p.m. - 4.30p.m. Monday to Friday. There is a small collection box beside the door for those wishing to leave power account or rate money outside of office hours. This box is cleared twice daily.

Museum News

Locals may like to call in to the Rakiura Museum to check out the improvements recently undertaken. With the help of design technician, Daniel McKnight, several of the displays have been revamped. We now have a new Maori display which has yet to be completed with the muttonbirding story as well as new church and school displays. All labelling throughout the museum has been renewed and a start made on the fishing and mining displays. Daniel has had to return to the Southland Museum but it is hoped he will return in the summer to complete several other tasks in the building. Elaine Hamilton has recently attended a museum course in Dunedin and came back enthused about the care and conservation of our artifacts and new storage ideas.

New Community Centre

Work on demolishing the old Stewart Island Community Hall began on Sunday 12 July to make way for the new Stewart Island Community Centre. Invercargill builder and local crib owner, Russell Varcoe will be responsible for building the \$1.45m Community Centre with Howard Phillips of Invercargill overseeing the project management. Good weather and many helpful volunteers saw the old building demolished completely within two weeks. Materials from the old building have been sold to help towards funding

Local Body Elections

Do you have a hankering to make a difference in your community? Do you have the time and energy to contribute in a positive way to the future of your township? Nominations are being called for the 6 Community Board positions and Southland District Council Ward member for Stewart Island. Nomination forms are available at the District Council Office in the Rakiura Museum.

OBITUARIES - M. Hopkins

**FRANK LEWIS RAWLE
(1916 - 1998)**

Frank Rawle was born in Gore in 1916, the son of Carrie and Frank Rawle. He lived with his family in Winton until 1941 when he went overseas with the 5th Reinforcement. On his return from war, he moved to Stewart Island to work as manager of T. Bragg and Co., the general store.

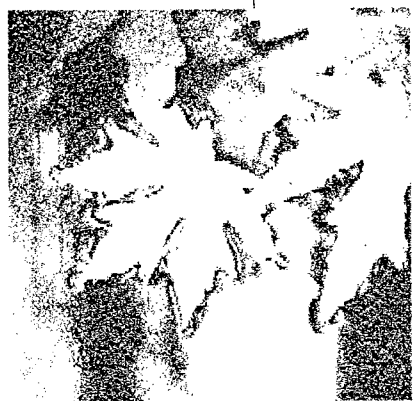
It was not long before he won the heart of Neta Bragg, and they were married in 1945. It was a hugely successful partnership which was to last over 50 happy years. Even though they had no children, their home was open to the Island children and on one occasion, while on an overseas trip, a postcard was sent to each child who lived on the island.

Over the years Frank was active in the wider community, and undertook responsibility as secretary and treasurer for the bowling club, secretary and president for the RSA, and secretary of the Health Committee. He was also a member of the Lions Club.

For many years Frank served St Andrews Church faithfully as secretary, treasurer and Synod representative. Along with Neta, he was a mainstay of St Andrews Church and Sunday School, and will be remembered by many Island children for organisation and encouragement at the annual flower show.

Frank was a quiet, devout, Christian gentleman, and these qualities were recognised when he was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1969. In 1975 he became a marriage celebrant.

The Rawles' left Stewart Island in 1986 to live in Invercargill and later Te Awamutu, but never lost contact with their many friends on the island.



**ALBERT CHRISTOPHER
DAWSON (1926 -1998)**

Albert, son of Ivy and Christopher Dawson, worked as a steam engine driver at Progress Valley sawmill after leaving school. His dream was to be a jockey, but ill health prevented this, and in 1943 he went to live with his uncle, Jack Peters, on Stewart Island, where it was hoped the sea air would improve his asthma. He married local girl, Hughie Armstrong, and they shared a long and happy married life until Hughie's death 6 years ago.

Albert was a very successful, self-taught diesel engineer and mechanic, who for some years operated the local garage. In the days before the power scheme, he was always on call for repairs to the Stewart Island Fishermen's Co-op diesel plant. He only ever charged for material costs. He was founder member and director of the Co-op and was a charter member of the Lions Club. In 1971 he was a

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A friend indeed

*A friend is one to whom
one may pour out
all the contents of one's
heart,
chaff and grain together,
knowing that
the gentlest of hands
will take and sift it,
keep what is worth keeping,
and with a breath of
kindness,
blow the rest away.*

Dinah Mulock Craik.

Obituaries cont'd

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ALBERT DAWSON

member of the support team for George Crack who cycled through N.Z. selling Stewart Island passports in a fundraising effort to build the local swimming pool.

He fished for many years while in charge of company boats, until he owned the Southern Star, then the Rata. His son, Allan, fished with him, codding, pauaing and crayfishing. Albert was a generous and clever man who helped many people with repairs as well as crafting toys and woodturning gifts. He is survived by his son Allan, daughter Elaine and five grandchildren.

**BERT JOHNSON
(1915 - 1998)**

Bert grew up with his family of 3 sisters and 3 brothers at Horseshoe Bay, Stewart island, and spent all of his school years attending the Halfmoon Bay School.

One of his childhood memories was going to the local pictures and meeting Andrew Jose, a Malay man living at Horseshoe Bay, who gave him sixpence. Next day Andrew was found murdered! (The only recorded murder on Stewart Island!)

He left school at 15 and went fishing with his brother Archie. At 24, he was called to war, spending 4 years away. He was a Sergeant in the 20th Armoured Regiment, and on the day Florence was taken, he lost 3 fingers, only one of which was successfully reattached.

The war had a big impact on Bert, especially losing his best friend and many others. When asked in later years his thoughts on the war, his answer was simple: "No good - no-one wins." On returning to Stewart Island, he went fishing with his brother Ken.

In the following years he was involved in fishing and oystering and played a major role in establishing a fish packing factory at the Chatham Island during the crayfish boom. In the 1950's he "invented" the cod pot, the idea taken from a magazine and adapted to local needs. With a few alterations, it proved very successful, and is still used today.

During his retirement years he was always busy, very hospitable, and a very good cook - even making his own pastry.

In 1993 Bert was "coach" for the local "Seegals" rowing team, never doubting they would make it across the Foveaux Strait. Bert was a very supportive member of the local RSA and Lions Club, and was always generous with his time and finances.

In 1985 he was made a life member of the RSA, and in 1988 he was placed on its special honours list. In 1993 Bert was awarded the Gold Star. Bert never married, but was a great relation and friend to many. He died aged 83 after what he described as a good Innings.



WALLY FISHER

It was with sadness that we learned of the death of Wally Fisher after a brief illness in Oamaru. Many will remember Wally as the practical-joke playing husband of our District Nurse, Rosalie, back in the 1980's. Wally was active as a Playcentre Dad, always there providing laughs and cups of tea for the Playcentre Mums. He was also a stalwart on the museum roster, providing guided tours with his own interesting interpretations as well as mowing the lawns there weekly. Wally was a genial, friendly man who enjoyed nothing better than a chat and a laugh, or days fishing with his friend, John Leask. Wally's wife, Rosalie, and their son, Cameron, are still living in Oamaru.

*Windows
to
Humanity*

**There is no such thing
as an average man.**

**Each one of us
is a unique
individual.**

**Each one of us
expresses
his humanity**

**in some
distinctly different way.**

**The beauty
and the bloom
of each human soul
is a thing apart - a separate
holy miracle
under God,
never once repeated
throughout
all the millennium
of time.**

Lane Weston

BOOK REVIEWS

Silent Witness

BY RICHARD PATTERSON

Another compelling courtroom drama from the pen of Richard North Patterson.

1969 Lake City Ohio, Tony Lord and Sam Robb are best friends and athletic rivals. Twenty-eight years later this friendship is once again to be tested as it was in 1967 when Tony was wrongly accused of the murder of his girlfriend, Alison.

This time it is Sam who is the accused. One of his students has been murdered. Tony, now a successful attorney is to defend him.

This is a powerful portrayal of love, jealousy and how the past can intrude upon the present. One of Richard North Patterson's best.

REVIEWER: Loraine Hansen

The Andromeda Strain

by MICHAEL CRICHTON.

It's the early 1960's when space travel is a thrilling reality. Everything else, from sophisticated computer software to robotics, is "sci-fi" to all but the privileged few. Even the scientific team which has caused a special facility to be built to deal with space bugs thinks it is talking theoretically. Then, the unthinkable happens: a satellite scoop, collecting samples, returns unexpectedly to earth, close to a small Arizona township. The results of this return are devastating to the town, and only the team of five super-scientists can prevent the planet from suffering the same fate.

As a tightly crafted thriller, "The Andromeda Strain" is as good as they get. If you read Michael Crichton, you will know he writes non-fiction too, and this book starts with his foreword, apologising for the technical language, and finishes with a largely scientific bibliography featuring books and articles by leading characters!



An author is known by his writings; A fool by his words, and all men by their companions!

If you feel any shock that the realisation that this has an air of reality about it, you are not the only one. It is perhaps only the advanced technology used in the story - which is 30 years or more too advanced - that reassures us this is definitely fiction. Well, isn't it? There are still points to ponder. The remainder that even the best technology has to be handled by humans when humans are far from error-free; and that if space is indeed the Last Frontier, we cross it unprepared at our peril. Don't plan any early nights until you finish the last gut-wrenching sentence!

REVIEWER: Susan Ford

The Snow Goose

by PAUL GALLICO

A BOOK FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

Paul Gallico's The Snow Goose needs little introduction, for this much-loved tale of a lonely artist, a pretty young waif and a wounded snow goose has been enjoyed by millions since its first publication.

This tale is a breath of fresh air for today's generation, so caught up in Robocops, Ninjas and the like.

The Snow Goose tells the story of painter, Philip Rhayader, a recluse living in an abandoned lighthouse on the windswept and desolate marshes of Essex.

One November afternoon, three years after coming to live on the marshland, Rhayader is visited by a timid, mud-spattered child carrying a large blood-stained bird. It is a snow goose from Canada.

Gallico's story, a tale of love and war, will touch the hearts of a new generation as it did their elders.

REVIEWER: Meryl Howell



WICKED WHISPERS

* If men can't find a sock in their underpants drawer, how can they expect to find a Japanese at Pt William? They can't! So who says gossip is not good? Through the female network, one local lady drove out to Horseshoe to pick up said lost tourist (mainly to get the story straight from the horses mouth).

* Holey but not righteous. A certain fisherman obviously hasn't got an inside line to the powers that be and ended up with a pain on the Neck. Does this mean early retirement for the Pope?

* And speaking of fishermen, perhaps they are safer in boats! A small but perfectly formed gentleman (fond of bright glowing skies) got caught in a huge swell at the hotel on Saturday. Fortunately, he broke his fall with his large and slightly winged landrover.

* A car with attitude! Well folks, it's true what they say

about women drivers! A pool-playing blonde parked her car on Ship to Shore's generator shed on Saturday night. Were you a little distracted by the All Black's score, perhaps?

* And who is starting a new career in litigation ... ??????

* Great to see our tax money going to worthy causes. Two MAF inspectors arrive, guns blazing, (after catching their breath on the punga steps) to arrest the bugger stealing undersized seaweed for his bread. Red faces when they discovered the amount of contraband smaller than a lady's handbag.

* Seen on the waterfront. Diddle Dumb and Diddle Dumber discarding all but undergarments to go swimming. Why? Well the All Blacks have a lot to answer for. The cost? 2 rings, a watch and a little dignity.

* Spotted!!! Clip-clopping down to the pub. Is it a Zebra? Is it a Giraffe? No, it's a spotted dick(ette). Doesn't that woman own anything normal?

* Beware the Rooster Killer is back. Will Father Bernard be the last to know?

* Heard about a great island party in

an old island house. The atmosphere was thick... with tension and beer bottles. Slippery hands have we, lovey?? Fortunately, all slips aside (Fuschia and Freudian) everyone drove home safely and couldn't remember a thing the next day.

* Over the bar: straight lengths of wood available from the Hall Ctte - or will the bar be bent?

* New item on the bar - plastic smoked salmon.

* Seen at Ship to Shore - a real Southern Man (250cc of wind-up power) buying a card for his Wife's anniversary.

* And would the vain Salmon farmer who nicked the View St mirror please return it ... of course, after you have plucked your eyebrows!

And which bright young mariner recently qualified to engineer... something woke up minus clothes, bed, house?? Watch this space!

EDITORIAL DENIAL: Neither the editorial committee, nor the newsletter compiler, had anything to do with the writing of these juicy tidbits!

Bluff Oyster Festival

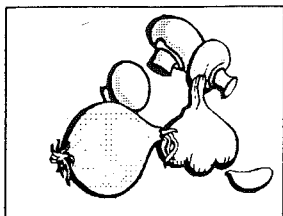
M. Hepburn

Members of the Stewart Island Promotion Association recently took part in the very successful Bluff Oyster Festival. With a crowd of around 6000 in attendance the Promotion Association was kept very busy selling blue cod kebabs and salmon-filled breadcases- Theirs was one of 18 food stalls and the 54 dozen kebabs and the breadcases they had prepared sold well.

The Southern Express offered Bluff Harbour cruises throughout the day carrying around 400 passengers on what proved to be a very interesting hour long cruise. Local Bluff resident Dean Hart provided a commentary while skipper Graeme Amos provided the humour and Stewart Island advertising. "It was a good opportunity to tell people about the ferry trip to the Island and to encourage them to take a holiday here sometime," said Mr Amos.

A village is a hive of glass, Where NOTHING unobserved can pass.

C.H. Spurgeon



IN OUR NEXT ISSUE:

1. Letters to Laetitia - if you have anything you want to comment on, or if you need assistance, Laetitia is the one to write to.
2. Update on Ulva Island - we hope to give you an insight into DoC's work on Ulva.
3. More book reviews
4. Community news
5. Health issues ...
6. More from the Whisperer

CALLING
ALL
STEWART
ISLANDERS:

contributions required!

see article below

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Stewart Island Newsletter message

Welcome to this first edition of our Stewart Island newsletter. It is not as comprehensive as Sam's old SIN but hopefully it will serve a useful purpose for the community.

residents and we would appreciate any offers of help in writing articles or contributions and suggestions for future issues. These may be left at the museum or you could contact me.

Margaret Hopkins.

*There is
a great
deal
of
human nature
in people.*

Mark Twain

The idea to reinstate some kind of regular newsletter came from discussions at the Stewart Island Tourism Strategy meeting.

We did have someone lined up to produce a regular paper but unfortunately they left the Island. Meryl Howell has very kindly helped put this together at short notice as publisher programmes are not my forte.

We do hope this will be of interest to

