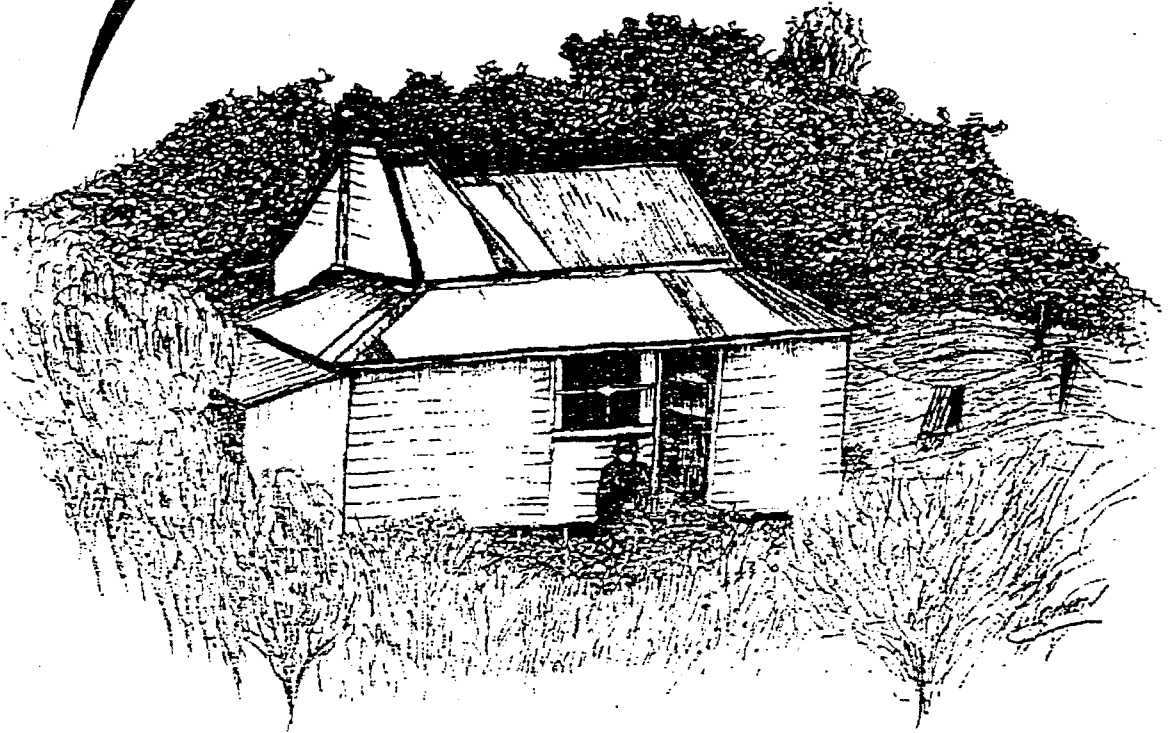
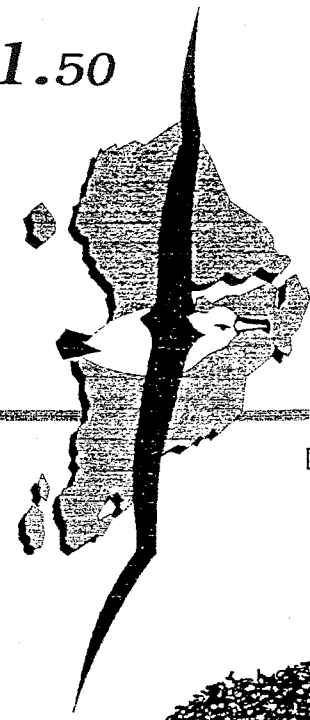


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### Whew!

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Life has been busy since the last SIN. This issue is the biggest we've produced yet. The Island has had visits from the Governor General, the Navy and the Air Force, with the Army coming shortly.

The commercial sector of Stewart Island has been moving. Fox's brew was in the pipeline for a time but has come to a head. Kathy Marshal has opened a Fruit and Vege store and the new Fernery is operating.

The former home of the Fernery, is being refurbished and "Oban Originals" move in shortly. There are plans to run a "sidewalk café" from the front of the "Black House" and a glass-bottom boat should be launched shortly.

"KiwiHost" courses have been well received by Island businesses, with a positive response from those who attended. With at least one more course to come, almost all locals in direct contact with visitors will have attended.

Stewart Island will soon be part of the *Visitor Information Network* (VIN), a service promoted by the Tourism Department. There new outlet will be based in the DOC Visitor Centre.

Colin and Ernie Hopkins, and Ian Munro launch their new catamaran ferry *Foveaux Express* in Western Australia soon. It is to be Island-based, and in operation by December.

It looks like work, work, work - provided visitors come to use the new facilities. In the meantime there will be light relief and relaxation with another Maritime Mardi-Gras over Labour weekend.

An easterly in late September brought misfortune to Arkwright. His "new" barge filled with water, and sank at the wharf.

The whole community was saddened by news of the death of Tony Dennis in a motor cycle accident. On behalf of all, I should like to extend once more our deepest sympathy to Ron, Irene and Vicky.

-Sam Sampson  
Sorta-Eidita

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## Remembrances of Tony Dennis

My first encounter with Tony was as a shadow, accompanied by a dog, quietly detaching itself from the thick bush up Fern Gully.

As a newcomer to New Zealand, some 17 years ago, I was immensely impressed by this youngster's confidence.

Later, when we instigated the school trips to Mason Bay, this slender youngster appeared on a trip. I can remember Tony with a long framed pack setting out on his first expedition from Freshwater Landing to Mason Bay Hut. He was certainly not the biggest lad with us, but equally, he was not the last in the procession that arrived tired and weary back at the Bay.

Tony and Milo - now, when I see the "Build 'em up with Milo" on TV, I see Tony - a plastic mug half full of Milo, trying to fill the other half with condensed milk and just a suspicion of hot water! No wonder he had energy!

As he grew up and out, he eventually arrived at my desk one day, and began his career with Environmental Forestry. Stories are many, and legends abound about his time with us.

Independent, competitive, but a good team man, he achieved - in track work, in our competitive matches with other forests and in the constant competition of work in the Stewart Island gang.

Tony and machines did not always mix well - not for the good of the machine. It might be slipping his Walkman earpiece inside his earmuffs (he could not possibly hear the stones in the way of the scrub cutter), or finding that a particular tractor moved much faster down hill when the clutch was disengaged.

He always gave his utmost in the job, eventually taking charge of jobs on his own account and becoming a fierce taskmaster.

The little lad that came on that first trip to Mason Bay eventually went back with me as an instructor. Tony related very well to children and performed bush training with many visiting schools. His early bush wanderings giving strong grounds for a later training which allowed him to relate to young people and stimulate their interest.

I enjoyed being beside Tony on his growth to manhood, and feel privileged to have worked with him.

" -- and God fulfills himself in many ways."

- Ron Tindal

"Dennis the Mennis", as Tony was affectionately known to boarders and management had two major interests during his time at Coldstream Hostel - Rugby and Stirring.

I think, as far as Tony was concerned, if school had comprised rugby in the morning, then lunch, then more rugby in the afternoon, he would have stayed indefinitely.

Tony was a master menace. Nothing serious or malicious, but rather hilarious little things. Toothpaste in friends' shoes - pepper in toothpaste.

Because of his hearing difficulty he had great fun during prep (homework). Picture an all quiet room - Tony deliberately humming

(very loudly) a well-known tune. When singled out and asked to stop, there would come a polite, but very loud, "I beg your pardon sir, you'll have to speak up." Because every one of the other 40 or so boys were in on this, it brought a welcome laugh to an otherwise tedious homework session.

A favourite among the kitchen staff for his tireless work, usually alongside the rowdiest of kitchen machines, he was specially designed for such tasks.

We could always rely on Tony for a mischievous little act to relieve the monotony of boarding hostel life.

- Brett Hamilton

## Thanks

Ron, Irene and Vicky Dennis wish to offer their sincere thanks to their many friends on the Island, and from far and wide, who offered support in so many ways at the time of Tony's death.

## Past News

### 15 Years Ago

#### SIAS granted licence

After months of investigations, negotiations, frustrations and tribunal hearings, Stewart Island Air Service has finally been successful in its attempt to get a licence to operate an air service to Stewart Island.

*Times - 13<sup>th</sup> 1976*

#### Headlines in Sept 1976

- Gravel decision leads to further confusion
- Barge ready to sail
- Wider implications of gravel dispute
- Gravel dispute deadlocked
- Gravel dispute settled
- Loading costs soar for Island gravel

#### October 1976

- Gravel barge on its way
- Island roads will now cost \$420,000  
- were estimated at \$240,000

(Gravel barges have caused more than a few headaches over the years. Ark-less Arkwright will attest to that - Sam)

### 10 Years Ago

#### Snark V.I.B.

Six months ago, in a faraway corner of Stewart Island, Snark was born. His nest was a hole under the roots of a tree. Stuck inside the hole until he was three months old, Snark got bored. He growled and complained so much that the Wild-life people watching him called him a "snarky little thing" - Snark. Snark is a VIB - Very Important Bird. First, he's a kakapo, and second, he's only the third live kakapo chick to be observed.

*NZ Listener - Sept 1981*



Compiled by - **Peggy Wilson**

(Snark's fame spread further. He was painted by *Merrilyn Jacquery* and the original was presented to the Duke of Edinburgh, patron of the World Wildlife Fund. Several copies of a reproduction of this painting are on the Island. There's one in the *Travel Inn Tearooms*.

A number of other kakapo chicks born around the same time as Snark were killed by cats. As a result the kakapo transfer program began. Snark was recaptured in May 1982, on Lee's Knob, some six miles from where he was born. He was transferred to Little Barrier Island.

Andy Roberts says that the latest news of Snark is that he is one of the mainstays of the kakapo population on Little Barrier. He's giving vent to good throaty booms - a sign he's ready to mate.

Another bird hatched in 1981, *Zephyr*, was one thought to have been a victim of cat predation. Fortunately, just last year, this was proved wrong. *Zephyr* was caught on the west of the Tin Range in Jan 1990. She's now in residence on Codfish Island, closer to her birthplace than the exiled Snark - Sam)

### 5 Years Ago

#### Starting soon on Museum

Construction of a new museum building should start within three weeks. The secretary of the Rakiura Museum Committee, Mrs Margaret Hopkins, told the SI Promotion Assn meeting on Thursday that materials for the new building had arrived on the Island.

Community help had already been enlisted to prepare the site and collect gravel.

"It's certainly good news that this exciting project is under way and that this tourist attraction will be operational by Christmas" the SI Promotion chairman Mr Lloyd Wilcox said.

*Times - 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 1986*

## Ross's Ramblings

- **Ross Dymock**

The final chapter for *Carl Josef Freiman* will be written in the Invercargill Coroner's Court on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September. The Coroner will hear all the evidence into Mr Freiman's disappearance, the effort expended in the search, the terrain, the weather, resources used and anything he considers relevant to the case. The Coroner will then return his opinion, in legal terms, on Mr Freiman's demise.

It appears our community has not escaped the crime wave currently being "enjoyed" by those on the other side. During recent weeks the Shearwater Inn has been burgled, a shed at the Watson residence broken into and four cars taken for joyrides. At the Shearwater Inn the offender/s forced open a door leading into the bar area causing approximately \$1000.00 damage. Nothing was taken.

The vehicles, which were unlawfully converted, were all recovered intact. While some people may look on these thefts as a joke the owners of the vehicles do not. Remove the

keys out of your vehicle if you are leaving it for any length of time, especially at night.

Watson's residence on the Back Road is off limits to everyone except the caretaker hence the fence at the bottom of the driveway. Please respect this unless you have some lawful purpose for being on the property.

If anyone has information on any of the above offences a phone call would be appreciated.

#### Found Property.

Three gold rings have been handed in; one found at the county hall after the show, one outside the school prior to the holidays and the third, set with a diamond, outside Roaring 40's Brewery, just recently. An expensive gold chain has also been found. If you've lost any of this property, contact me.

*That's all folks.*  
- **Ross Dymock**



## Foveaux Express

- **Margaret Hopkins**

*Foveaux Express*, presently under construction in Western Australia, is to become the new Stewart Island Ferry on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 1991.

The 19.5m catamaran is on schedule for launching at the end of October. The vessel will initially have a passenger capacity of 50 and take one hour for the 32km crossing from Bluff to Halfmoon Bay.

During the summer months, *Foveaux Express* will run twice a day, every day. Courier freight and bus transport from Invercargill are being organised and lock-up car storage will be provided in Bluff.

Over the winter months the catamaran aims to provide a ferry service at least three times a week. With the less demanding

winter timetable it will be available to carry hunting parties from Bluff direct to their hunting blocks. It will also be available for group diving or sightseeing charter to Stewart Island.

*Foveaux Express* is owned, and will be operated by a Stewart Island company, Stewart Island Marine Services. The company currently owns several barges and provides harvesting and servicing to the salmon and mussel farms at Stewart Island. Formed by Stewart Islanders Ernie Hopkins, Ian Munro and Colin Hopkins, the company intends to keep the ferry Stewart Island based, employing local crew. Jason Eriksson will skipper the new vessel.

- **Margaret Hopkins**

## New Businesses

### The Fernery

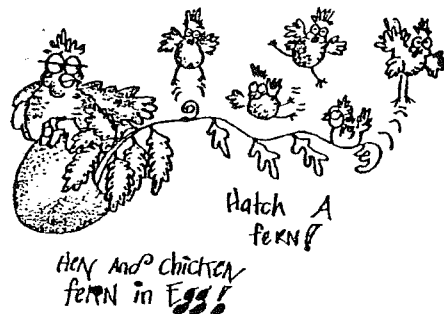
The crunch of cockle shells under foot announces the arrival of visitors at Elspeth Tindal's newly built shop *The Fernery*.

Sited below her home, on Golden Bay Rd, facing Traill Park, this beautiful new shop is a credit to Elspeth, Husband Ron, and their builder Peter Goomes. Every aspect of the building has been designed to truly fit the image Elspeth has worked so hard to project to visitors over the years she has been running the business.

The smoothly curved handrail edging the path up to the shop is reminiscent of a ship's rail, while the carefully retained ferns and bush lead on to the treasure in store. From the shop's cottage style verandah tuis and bellbirds can be seen sitting in adjacent fuchsias, while wood pigeons fly away over Traill Park to the tall trees visible in Raroa Scenic Reserve.

It is described by Elspeth as not quite a craft shop - not quite a plant shop - not quite a gallery - but a Stewart Island shop, presenting images of Stewart Island, capturing the Stewart Island experience - its colours and textures - blues and greens - the rainbows and sunsets in silks, glass, wood, pottery and paintings.

Everything in the shop must reflect the island in some way. Not everything can be



made on Stewart Island, but everything must be Island inspired. Artists and craftspeople from all over New Zealand visit the Island, and their work is represented in the Fernery.

One central theme is of course the ferns. Ferns are Stewart Island and New Zealand to the world. In the Fernery living ferns are displayed in Edwardian style glass terrariums. Ferns propagated from Stewart Island spore are specially packaged in tiny terrariums, easily carried by visitors.

The new shop set-up allows Elspeth to work on-site with the ferns she grows from spores for planting in the terrariums. She hopes to have many species of ferns and other native plants available eventually.

The Fernery stocks a specialised selection of books for the botanist, the ornithologist, the historian and for the children - books for fun. Beautiful etchings and prints of bush scenes, quiet bays and native birds adorn the timber lined walls.

It is to be hoped that many Stewart Island visitors will take the time to call in to the Fernery.

- Margaret Hopkins

### Oban Originals

The forlorn face which the old bakehouse, has presented to the Bay since the Fernery moved out to its new quarters is changing rapidly. "Aussie Pete's" been driving a hammer instead of the 'dozer, and along with John Barry is transforming the building.

A new roof and aluminium windows have spruced up the outside. The interior has been completely stripped and strengthened structurally. Walls and ceiling are now insulated and lined with gib-board, ready for papering.

A wood stove will take the inevitable chill and damp from the air. When power is hooked in, the whole place will present a cheerier aspect than it has ever known.

At the moment renovations are restricted to the main room, but there is scope for further remodelling. The old restaurant kitchen is quite spacious, while even the small room nearest Anchor Merchants was used as a craft shop by Dawn Barry and others.

As soon as renovations are complete, Judy Dawson will move in to commence trading as "Oban Originals". She'll stock, knitwear, pottery, leathersgoods, Thai jewellery, dried flowers, and other gift and clothing items. The shop will open every day over Summer.

Judy is yet another young local with the courage to give it a go in the business world. Best wishes for the success of the venture.

- Sam

### Roaring 40's on tap

Not with a whimper and not with a roar. The launching of Fox's *Roaring 40's Ale* was, like the building of the brewery itself, a matter of putting the beer into the South Sea Hotel when the time was right.

That time came in mid-September, when the appropriate licences came through, and the first 1,000 litre batch of beer was brewed and matured. Over the past couple of years *Roaring 40's* was like SIN. "When's it appearing?" was the stock question.

For a time it was generally assumed that the brew was a promotion for the T-shirts that have been on sale since summer. Now it's a reality - a dark ale, with a mild malt flavour. Being a "natural" brew, with no fining, filtering or pasteurisation of the final product, it has noticeable body. This is a typical feature of "boutique" brews, and certainly doesn't detract from the taste.

Unfortunately the system used for filling the first 20 litre kegs resulted in the bubbles over bubbling, so the head headed for the floor. This was quickly rectified, a jug of *Roaring 40's* now froths equal to any ale.

As yet DB and Speights aren't panicking. The local tonic hasn't decimated their sales. It's selling steadily, however, and given time should win staunch local supporters. It's bound to sell to visitors wanting to try Stewart Island's local potion too.

Congratulations Fox, you've foiled the sceptics by getting the brew on stream. Best wishes for its future.

- Sam

### Why Not? - a café?

How many Islanders tried a hot-dog from "Piggy Pete's" mobile catering in the Mall outside Eichardt's in Queenstown. Said Pete is none other than Peter Bayne.

If he gets necessary permits, Pete will open the "Why Not?" café at the "Black House" over Labour Weekend. The verandah of that venerable building will be his "roof", for an essentially open-air operation.

The gas-fired hot-plate and grill will operate from 8am to midnight. He intends offering early risers a "Continental" breakfast. Main bill-of-fare will be American style hot dogs and kebabs. Pete plans a nautical flavour, with fish and paua fillings and seafood crêpes too.

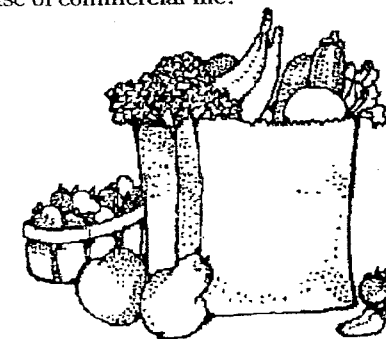
If all goes well, the "Why Not?" will reopen in summer, as another "dining-out" spot (literally). The "Blue Room", which many will remember as the *SI Air Service* office in Amphibian days, will house Mary Conroy's exhibition of T-shirts and sketches over the Mardi-Gras. Later it may shelter al-fresco diners in inclement weather.

Summer plans include box-lunches and picnic hampers and Pete & grill will be a mobile BBQ/Buffer for private functions.

There are still "Us" to cross and "Is" to dot before "Why Not?" café is reality. Provided health requirements are met - why not?

Who know's, having been a boarding house, and Gertrude Dawson's (Dempsey's) store, the "Black House" may yet get a new lease of commercial life?

- Sam



### Lettuce Inn

Going by the number of people popping in and out, Kathy Marshall has surely "let us in" at the new *Lettuce Inn*. Over the two weeks she has been in business on her own there's been a steady stream of customers into the "Fruit & Vege Bin" under her house in Dundee Street. It seems everyone has 'bin there. (Or should that be "bean"?)

The former Lands & Survey office now has parsnips in place of permits and melons, not maps. There's apples in the in-tray and oranges in the out. I'm not too sure if there's feijoas replacing files, but there's certainly a pineapple or two. It's a grape place for those wanting fruit salad. Enough to drive a vegetarian bananas in fact.

Kathy's experience in a big Aussie super-market shows with her attractive displays of fruit and and veges, colourful posters and brochures. Even a few meat'n'spud die-hards have passed comment on the appearance.

"I'm not in it for the celery, I'm out for a mint". Kathy says. That's a bit saucy, with the turnover she can expect from our limited population, many of whom are keen gardeners. However, the hours she's advertising show she's prepared to work.

Best wishes in the venture Kathy.

- Sam

## After Dark Adventures

What can you do after dark on Stewart Island? There's the pub. Shearwater had their Fashion Show last weekend, an occasional dance, private parties and so many clubs you could attend a committee meeting every night if you wanted to.

But, in all honesty, you can't really say we have a great deal of wild night-life on offer. The same isn't true of our night wild-life.

At this time of year birds are at their melodious best just on dusk, and you may see bats flit across the sky in places.

As darkness falls mutton-birds land at Ackers Point and fill the air with unearthly moans. All round the coast little blue penguins waddle ashore with full bellies, to add wails and wheezes to the chorus. More-porks begin patrol and we'll soon hear the screech of the long-tail cuckoo at night, too.

You seldom hear New Zealand's national bird close to the village. However, Philip Smith runs very successful trips to see them in the wild. Most visitors are surprised to find kiwi roaming the beach.

You may see an aurora too. No, not Colin Hopkins getting airborne, but the southern lights his catamaran is named after.

The nocturnal world is certainly different to the one we know during daylight hours.

The underwater world changes dramatically too. Have you ever looked into the water from the end of the wharf on a still night? The glow from the light there attracts marine creatures we don't see during the day. Unfortunately surface ripples break the view.

Night divers know how dramatically the scene changes with artificial light. Reds and yellows appear much more vibrant. They aren't muted by the overall blue of daylight.

Many marine animals remain concealed during the day, coming out to feed at night. Planktonic larvae and adults of small life forms remain in deep water during the day, but migrate towards the surface in the dark. Some are responsible for the phosphorescence seen in boat wakes at night.

Generations of fisherman have attracted fish with artificial light at night. We're familiar with a Tilley light for floundering or the city-like glow of a squid fleet on the horizon.

At Labour weekend *After Dark Adventures* start operations to give people a glimpse of the Island's underwater night life.

Jim Frances is fitting a plywood floor with perspex windows into a four meter Lancer inflatable dinghy. He and "Stumpy" (known to his Bank Manager as Jim Miller) will offer half hour nocturnal trips into Halfmoon Bay and other areas, depending on weather.

The 500 watts of 12volt floodlights being installed should light to depths of around 10 metres. They will take up to six people per trip. All you need do is look between your legs and watch the seabed roll by.

To the best of their knowledge, this is the only operation of it's kind in the country. The venture is a "dry run" for a larger, purpose designed, six metre vessel capable of carrying 20 people. Should demand warrant, they plan to have that in operation this summer.

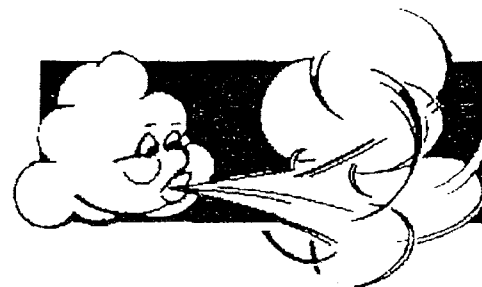
If you've never looked into the tide at night, now will be your chance. Even if you've done so from the deck of a boat on a still night, you'll find that the sheet of perspex to eliminate surface ripples and powerful lighting make a fantastic difference.

Charges will be \$20 for adults, half price for children. Bookings at "Oban Originals".

- Sam

## Storm

It seems Arkwright wasn't the only one in the Bay affected by the easterly blow. Here's a sampling of HMB School pupils' views.



The trees blow. The wind whistles. The river rushes past me. My head nearly falls off me. I hold my head steady and run home. The boats go up and down, up and down.

I shut all the windows and fasten all the doors. The footsteps of Mum come closer and closer. I run to the kitchen and put on the kettle and mum comes in.

Mum says "Good girl".

- Lania Davis

T errible times  
H ungary wind  
E ndless wind

S moke blowing high  
T rees trembling  
O aks rattling  
R ivers rumble  
M usic mumbles

- Blair Whipp

T rees blowing in the wind  
H itting the window  
E nd of trees breaking off

S treams overflowing  
T he sand blowing everywhere  
O ranges falling off the trees  
R ivers going fast  
M ermaids splashing in the sea

- Luke Squires

T rees going away  
H ouses shaking fast  
E ndless splashing waves

S tace is shaking  
T rembling people in the cold  
O ctober winds  
R ebecca is cold  
M um is cold too

- Rebecca Dymock

## Flower Show

There are just over 50 pupils at HMB School, yet visitors to the Flower Show held in the Hall on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September would be excused for thinking there were five times the number.

I never cease to be amazed at the number and diversity of the childrens exhibits. Vegetable faces and animals suggested that Lettuce Inn had shifted premises.

This year has been particularly good for flowers. Tuis in particular are thriving on their nectar. I don't think I've ever seen so many on the hill between Mill Creek and Ferndale - at least 25 in one count. The kids obviously made the most of good blooming weather too.

They co-opted mums, dads and grandparents into the search for appropriate specimens. Colourful sand bowls were cheerful evidence that gardens and roadsides were well scoured for small blooms, mosses and ferns. Larger flowers in full blossom were well represented too.

Bookmarks and cards showed the art of flower pressing is still alive and well on Stewart Island. All in all, a bright and cheery presentation.

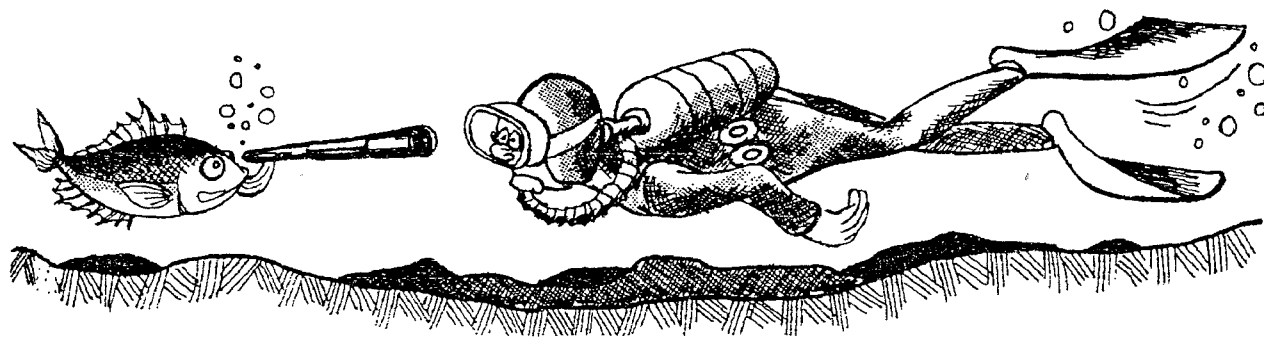
No flower show is complete without book, white elephant, cake and sweet stalls, all of which were in full swing. The candy-floss machine is traditional too. It was there, but this year young faces were dyed blue rather than pink.

Judges had a difficult time making decisions with the number of quality exhibits in each category. Overall winners were:

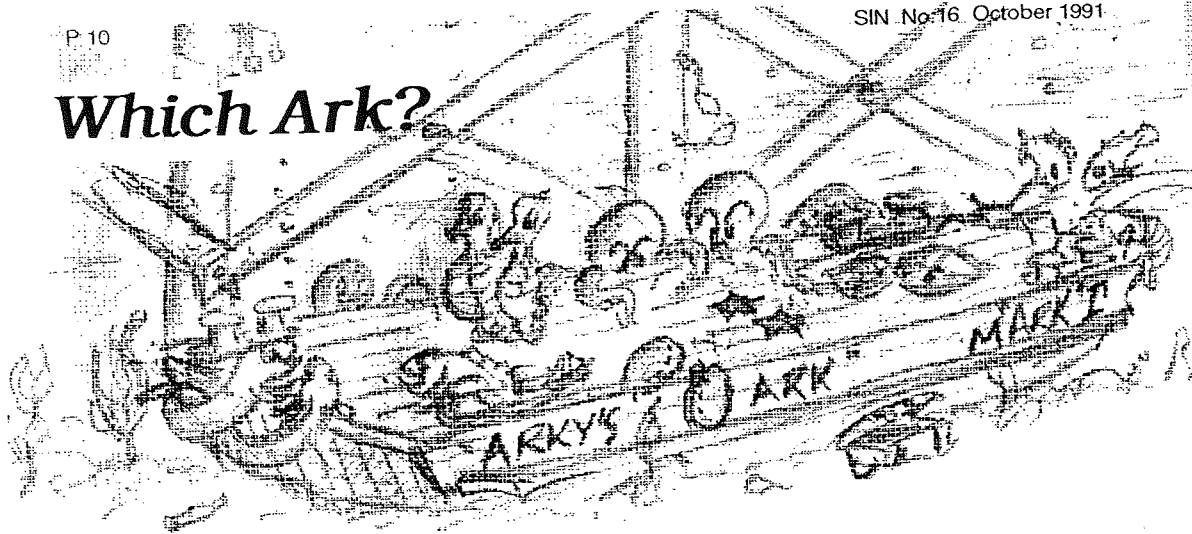
- Girls Cup - Jaime Squires
- Boys Cup - Ryan Whipp

- Sam

Cartoon by Crimp



## Which Ark?



Neil "Arkwright" Conner has had a low profile in SIN for a couple of years. It couldn't last.

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> his new gravel barge, entered the Bay, behind *Marine Princess*. She was immediately christened *Ark* by local wags. Her maiden cargo of a digger, two cars and timber was unloaded at the main wharf.

The barge stayed alongside while wooden decking was replaced. Work was all-but done by the end of the weekend. Plans were afoot to tow the redecked barge to moorings at Horseshoe at 10am on Monday 30<sup>th</sup>. All was going well.

Then, as so often happens on the Island, *Poseidon*, (the Greek sea god) stepped in. On Sunday evening an easterly sprang up, and kept springing .....

*Moana*, (the sea) rose. *Moana* (the boat) and other vessels strained at their moorings. By the wharf, waves splashed on to the not quite completely planked barge deck. A little water went below. At 3am the *Ark* still rode out the storm, like her Biblical namesake.

The easterly blew on, and got stronger ...

A floating boat (or barge) pushes aside, or displaces its own weight of water. Add enough water inside, and inevitably, as the weight goes up, the boat (or barge) goes .....

Old *Ark* (Archimedes) cried "Eureka" when he climbed into the bath and water flowed over the side. He'd "discovered" the principle of displacement.

"Eureka" was the last word on *Arkwright's* lips on Monday morning, when he discovered *Ark*(imede's) theory put into practice overnight.

*Ark* (barge) had given up the unequal battle with displacement. Waves crashed against a deserted wharf.

"*Arkwright*" was renamed *Ark-less* (or *Ark-wrong*) in seconds. Sage words of advice were proffered him by Uncle Tom Cobley and all.

If airbags and hose had been available, salvage would have been effected on the spot. Hot air generated by bystanders on the wharf could have lifted ten barges.

All would have been well a couple of weeks earlier, with the *Manawarui* in port. The underwater salvage gear on board would have made short work of the job. But the Island isn't over-endowed with appropriate equipment.

The next few days saw the Bay scoured for pontoons, chain, hawsers, shackles and divers.

Chains were attached between barge and pontoon at low tide, and broke at high, when the strain came on. Pontoons played submarines. The engine on *Poseidon* (the boat) throbbed and she kicked up a maelstrom to rival that of *Poseidon* (the god). The pontoon played submarines.

*Arkwright's* *Ark* steadfastly refused to budge. A hundred tons of timber take a bit of lifting. Besides, why give up a comfy bed on the sea floor, and face the weather we've had recently? She lifted her nose a little, but not enough to crest a sandbar between the wharf and the beach.

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, tactics changed. *Poseidon* (boat) was herself chained to the recalcitrant *Ark* at low tide to provide buoyancy at high tide. The evening tide rose, the weight came on, and *Poseidon* settled deeper. This time her bows pointed to the Bay not the foreshore.

Again, speculation was rife. It was reliably reported that the *Ark* was too heavy and *Poseidon* would sink. It was said to be bound for the Braggs Bay Tip, Big Rock, Leasks Bay, the open ocean, and/or Mount Arrarat, where the Gospel's *Ark* finally grounded.

"Gospel Truth" in one quarter was that the barge was to be scuppered in the Bay to be used as an underwater observatory. By sum-

mer tourists would have a choice of viewing. Either look down at the faces looking up from the underwater *Ark*, or up at those looking down from the glass-bottom boat (or something).

Eventually *Ark*(imedes) woke up, and put theory into practice for *Ark*(wright). *Poseidon* (boat) had displaced a mass of water equal to her own weight, plus that of the barge. She stopped sinking and *Ark* (barge) began rising.

Then *Poseidon* (sea god) got growly about the spelling on *Poseidon* (boat). He ordered another blow. From the west this time, so the entourage drifted east and ...

*Moana* (sea) cut up again. *Ark* (barge) tangled the moorings of *Moana* (boat). By 2am everything was untangled. *Ark* (barge) floated free under *Poseidon* (boat), so the couple moored up for the night.

*Poseidon* (sea god) called it quits. *Moana* (sea) settled down, as did *Moana* (boat). *Ark*(imedes) was satisfied his theory still held water and went back to sleep.

*Ark*(wright) thought this was a jolly good idea, so toddled off home for a kip. Uncle Tom Cobley and all thought it a load of old cobblers, so shot through too.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> was simpler. Having confounded the critics and lifted the *Ark* off the

bottom, if not to the surface, *Poseidon* trundled her across to five meters of water off *Lonnekers*.

The sea leopard who had hauled ashore after the long haul up from the Antarctic headed back to sea. People and dogs on the beach are one thing, but a team of *Ark's* barging round in the bay is another matter.

The saga isn't over yet. The barge is no longer a navigation hazard at the wharf. She must still be beached or brought to the surface, and pumped free of the water that took her to the bottom.

In recent years pieces of timber purported to be from Noah's *Ark* have been found on the slopes of Mt Arrarat. Let's hope future generations don't find pieces of *Arkwright's* *Ark* at *Lonnekers* millenia from now.

I'm sure the whole community would rather see the barge back on the surface, as soon as possible, doing the job she was bought for - carrying gravel.

Let's wish Neil and team speedy success in the next stage of salvage.

- Sam (TIC)

PS (The serious bit) Neil wishes to thank all those who assisted in whatever way in the project of shifting the barge from the wharf.



## Fish Recipes

Supplied by Tait Fisheries  
with thanks to the original Chefs

### Quick & Easy Baked Fish

- Anna Marwick

#### Ingredients:

- Fish Fillets

#### Method:

Coat fish with Mayonnaise or Tartare Sauce. Crumb fish. Place in oiled ovenproof dish. Bake in hot oven for 15 minutes or until cooked.

### Bacon & Banana Fish Mops

- Sue Mair

#### Ingredients:

- Stewart Island Blue Cod Fillets
- Banana (cut crosswise)
- Polyunsaturated oil
- Bacon Rashers or Bacon Powder/chips

#### Technique:

Skin and bone Blue Cod Fillets, thaw boneless fish until just flexible.

With skinned side up and starting at tail end of fillet roll banana up in fillet, wrap trimmed bacon around the outside of fillet. Secure with a toothpick.

If using bacon powder/chips secure banana and fish with toothpick. Place in dish, sprinkle with bacon powder/chips.

Place in lightly oiled electric fry pan/ovenproof dish. Fry/Bake 180 C (350 F) for 10-15 minutes or until cooked.



# Stewart Island Events Diary

14 October - 24 November, 1991

## Coming Events

So far I only have the following special events listed for November, December and January. Surely there are more things coming up? We plan to put event listings on the notice board every two weeks over summer, so let me know what your club is up to.

- Sam

### December

Sat 7

Foveaux Yacht Race

Weekend 14-15

Gun Club Shoot

Locals are welcome to join the Club for the Trophy Dinner to be held at the South Sea Hotel on Sunday evening.

Sat 21

Xmas Dance

Tue 25

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Thu 27

DOC Summer programme starts

Sat 28

Lions Fishing Contest

Mon 31

New Year Dance

### January

Tue 1

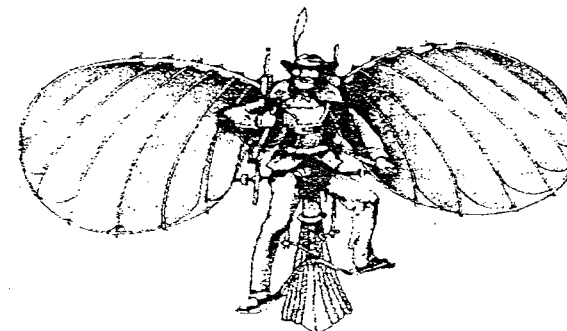
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(Details next issue)

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21 Oct 7:30pm Fire Practice 8:00pm ITC	22 Oct	23 Oct 1:00pm Library 3:00pm Brownies/Keas	24 Oct 2:00pm APW 3:15pm Guides	25 Oct 11:00am Library 7:30pm Disco 8:00pm Video/VIN Opening - DOC	26 Oct 11:00am Library 8:00pm Catch of the Day 11:30pm Birdman Contest	27 Oct 10:30am Combined Churches 3:30pm Cardboard Boats 8:00pm Debate - Hall
<b>Maritime MardiGras</b>						
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A SIN Project

14/10/1991

**FEELING FANCY?**  
*Why not dress up for the Mardi-Gras?*



*I'm on my way to the  
Big Glory  
Birdman Contest*



# Maritime Mardi-Gras



This Labour Weekend the Promotion Association will run their second *Maritime Mardi-Gras*. A good proportion of Island clubs are directly involved, while others are entering contestants in the Birdman Competition, the Cardboard Boat Regatta and "Catch of the Day" male beauty (?) quest.

If the weather's kind, it promises to be another enjoyable weekend for locals and visitors. It's pleasing to see folks prepared to put effort into having fun, while raising a few dollars for community projects.

During the weekend the Brownies chocolate wheel will roll from place to place. There's a bottle of Navy Rum being raffled and Mardi-Gras T-shirts will be on sale. There are exhibitions at the Fernery, DOC, and the Black House. Oban Originals will be underway too.

In keeping with the maritime theme, South Sea Hotel, Shearwater Inn and Bay Take-aways will be offering special seafood menus. If the planned new outdoor eatery "Why Not? Cafe" gets a permit, it will be operating until midnight each night.

There's more information on the notice board. Over the weekend a Town-Crier will keep you posted of last minute additions to the programme. Have Fun!

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## Labour Weekend 1992

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> October

Children's Disco  
7:00pm - Hall

A Mardi-Gras needs dancing, and while the kids won't be cavorting through the streets, they will be able to gyrate to the beat at their disco at the RSA on Friday night.

Meanwhile, the opening Mardi-Gras highlight for the adults will begin at DOC at 8:00pm. This is the ....

Video Premiere & VIN Opening  
8:00pm - Doc Visitor Centre

Department of Conservation and Southern Air have joined forces with Des Rilston Enterprises of Invercargill to produce a video on Stewart Island. Entitled . is to be premiered at DOC, in conjunction with the opening of VIN.

Yes, there will be wine and cheese, but the official VIN to be opened isn't a bottle of bubbly. It's the new Visitor Information Network outlet, promoted by the NZ Tourism Department.

Part-time staffing is being funded by DOC, and VIN will compliment their existing service of providing visitors with local information. In addition, it is part of a nation-wide network of some 90 outlets, linked by telephone and eventually computer.

The local office will be able to help callers with queries about accommodation and facilities at other destinations. Similarly visitors to other VIN outlets throughout the country will be able to get up to date information on Stewart Island.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>

Fancy Dress, Slow Bike Race & Big Dig  
10:00am - Waterfront

Just like Xmas Day, the kids are up and at it before the adults are awake. First event of the day is organised by the Guides and Brownies especially for them. It's a slow bike race and Big Dig.

There will be a prize for the best fancy dress with a Maritime theme. The Promotion Association are encouraging business people to don fancy dress for the weekend.

Why doesn't everyone dress up? There must be the odd naval uniform lurking in cupboards. Even a striped shirt & kerchief with normal jeans and gumboots is a start.

Birdman Contest - 11:30am - Wharf

From time immemorial man has envied birds their powers of flight. According to legend, the Greek inventor Daedalus fashioned wings by fastening feathers to his own and his son's arms with wax. Thus mobilised they flew from captivity on Crete. Unfortunately his son was so exhilarated he flew too high. The sun melted the wax, so, plucked like a waxed muttonbird, he plunged to his death.

In recent years man-powered flight has been achieved, notably by the high-tech pedal powered *Gossamer Condor* and *Gossamer Albatross*. The latter, with a wingspan of almost 29m and a design weight of only 25kg even crossed the Channel from England to France in June 1979.

For us mere mortals, the "Glory Boys" are running a *Birdman Contest* from the Wharf. Anything goes (provided it passes safety inspections) and there'll be divers and rescue boats on hand to salvage you from the briny.

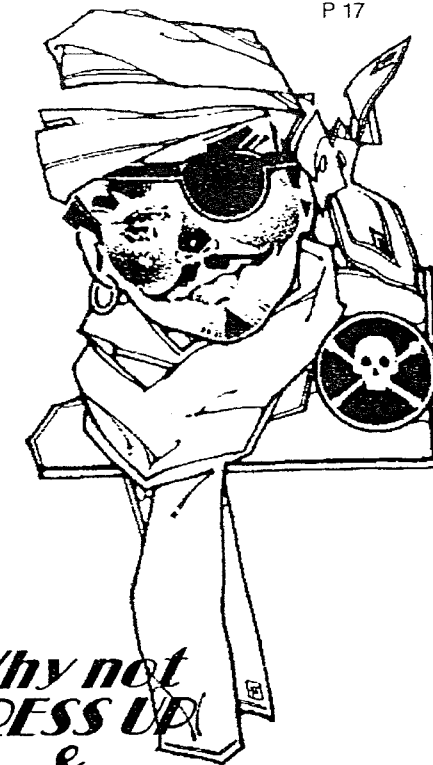
There's rules posted on the notice board

It's as hard watching would be aviators as it is leaping into the tide. The Guides and Brownies will sustain you with a *Sausage Sizzle* and *Chocolate wheel* from 11 o'clock.

Seafood Chowder Contest  
12:00pm - OVFB

Hunt out recipes and stoke up the range, ready for the *Seafood Chowder Contest*. Entries (2 litres) must be delivered to the Fire Station by 11:00am for this event being organised by the Cubs.

This gives time to judge your wares, before they are made available for the rest of us to try at \$1/cup.



Why not  
**DRESS UP**  
&  
**Join the Fun?**

DB Golf Tournament  
12:30pm - Ringa Ringa Heights

There should be a good turnout of offshore golfers attending this first DB Tournament- a good challenge for the locals. Let's hope they don't need thigh waders on the Golf Course.

Devonshire Teas - 2-5pm  
St Andrews Sunday School Hall

If you run out of go during the afternoon, there'll be Devonshire teas available for \$3.50 at the Anglican Sunday School Hall, on the hill above the RSA and Bowling Green.

Catch of the Day  
Mr Halfmoon Bay Contest  
8:30pm - Hall

Do you want to see the guys in drag? This is your big chance. The ladies of the Playcentre have begged, cajoled and threatened the Clubs of the community to enter a contestant in this grand parade of swimwear, evening gowns and wet T-shirts.

Response so far has been tardy, but those lasses have a way about them that will get the models rolling in. And you will roll in the aisles when you see our Island male models strut their stuff in the hall.

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October

**Combined Churches  
Bounty of the Sea Thanksgiving  
10:30am - St Andrews Church**

Traditional Mardi-Gras festivals have a religious aspect in addition to the high-jinks. Stewart Island's Maritime Mardi-Gras is no exception. Sunday's activities commence at 10:30am, with a combined Churches *Thanksgiving for the Bounty of the Sea* Service at St Andrews Anglican Church.

A luncheon at St Andrews Sunday School Hall will follow the service. (Price \$8.00 and \$5.00 for children).

### The Cardboard Cup

It's all confusing - the boats are cardboard, not the Cup (though there will be a trophy). Talk of cardboard boats brought wry smiles last year, until Carl Thomas's yellow cardboard kayak was displayed outside the hotel.

He won the "America's Cardboard Cup" race at Chicago, USA in 1989 & 90. Blair Fieldes, who won here last year, was sponsored to the New Zealand finals on Lake Pupuke on Auckland's North Shore. He was runner-up to Carl, who won again this year.

Unfortunately Air NZ have withdrawn sponsorship so there is no NZ Championship this year. Our winner must be content with being Island Champion. Blair Fieldes will return from Invercargill to defend his title, so get to it locals.

High-class entries for the Regatta are sponsored (\$50 per entry). Take as much time as you like over this project. Basic rules are that the vessel must be built from ordinary corrugated cardboard, taped together, with no 2-pot glue or paint used.

Before getting stuck in with the scissors, there are entry forms on the notice board or contact Lesley Gray or Peter Goomes (Ph: 217-6585) for full details.

**Cardboard Boat-building  
1-3pm - Hall**

As last year, high-speed craftsfolk can try to knock a record-breaker together on the spot. Cardboard, tape, knives and a sheet of plastic to try to keep the water on the outside are provided. Entry fee for these two hour instant creations is \$10.

Afternoon tea is available (\$2.00) for those who find the pace too hot. Construction is to be finished by 3pm, ready for the races to commence on the Foreshore at 3:30pm.

**Sausage Sizzle - 3pm Waterfront**

The Cubs will begin a sausage sizzle on the foreshore at 3:00pm. They will also have lollies for sale for those needing sustenance before and during the Cardboard Regatta.

**Cardboard Regatta  
3:30pm Waterfront**

All the excitement, thrills, spills and soggy boats of the America's Cup will be right here on the Halfmoon Bay Waterfront, when the cardboard boats hit the tide for the race.

Prizes for the children's section of the Cardboard Regatta will be awarded immediately after races finish. Winning adults will have to wait until evening for the ..

## The Grand Finale

**Regatta Prize Giving  
& Debate  
8:00pm - Hall**

The Mardi-Gras concludes in the Hall at 8:00pm on Sunday with presentation of Regatta prizes. Then comes a debate. *"That size is not important."* organised by ITC.

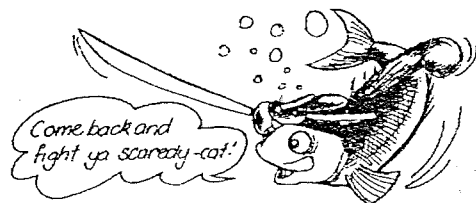
Debaters include *Gerald Forde* who is an Invercargill dustman, Greyhound racer and Playwrite and radio & TV personality *Jim Hopkins* Those who listen to National Radio on Thursday morning will be familiar with *Garry McCormick's* throaty guffaw as he talks to Maggie Barrie from the "Bluebird Cafeteria".

Local wildlife specialist *Andy "Norris" Roberts* is rehearsing against stuffed yellow-eye penguins, in the secrecy of his corner of the DOC office. The birds have gone into a decline and are now anorexic.

Canterbury Law Lecturer, *David Round* has debated on the Island before, so will be no stranger to many locals.

There's just one female representative. TV personality *Kerre Woodham*, who has enough character to more than hold her own.

With a rabble like this to keep under control, it's no wonder *Greg Lind* has been out running. He'll need to be fit to be adjudicator.



## Exhibitions

Most Mardi-Gras events occur at specific times, but the following exhibitions will be open all weekend:

- ❑ **The Fernery** - An art exhibition to mark the opening of Elspeth Tindal's new Fernery.
- ❑ **DOC Visitor Centre** - "Images of the Southern Oceans" Photographs of the southern Islands by Andris Apse, compliment original knitwear by Sue Lind, inspired by the landscape, textures and colours of these remote regions.
- ❑ **St Andrews Anglican Church** - Floral Arrangements
- ❑ **"The Blue Room"** (in the Black House) - Hand-painted T-Shirts and Sweatshirts and original sketches by Mary Conroy, whose work has been featuring in recent issues of SIN.
- ❑ **Museum** - open as normal from 10:00am to 1:00pm on Friday and Monday also from 1:00pm to 3:00pm on the Saturday and Sunday of Labour weekend.

## HMNZS Manawanui

The weekend of September 6<sup>th</sup> saw a lot of attention focussed on the Halfmoon Bay wharf, or more particularly the navy dive support vessel *Manawanui*, berthed there for four days. Most Stewart Islanders took the opportunity to visit the ship on its open day, with more than small boys delighting in a glimpse of the bridge or engine room.

Before coming to Stewart Island *Manawanui* with her crew of 18, under the command of Lieutenant Kelvin Barrett, had just enjoyed the hospitality of the Chatham Islanders for several days. Like all other navy vessels the *Manawanui* was visiting various New Zealand ports as part of the Royal New Zealand Navy's 50PTth Anniversary celebrations.

While at Stewart Island, crew of *Manawanui* undertook several community projects, including some painting at the DOC Outdoor Education Centre and the Oban Presbyterian Church; replacing spouting at the school pool and constructing new steps up to the Anglican Church.

## All weekend

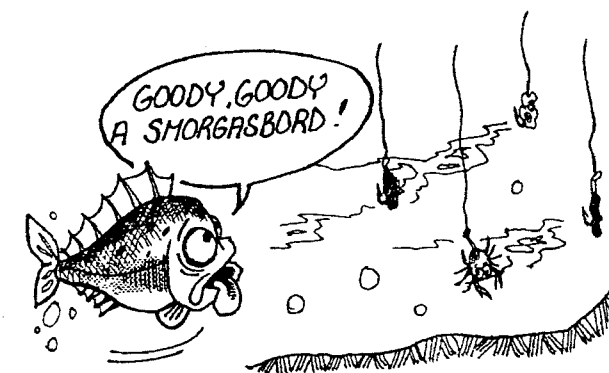
Visitors to the Island, and locals who aren't all at sea all the time can extend their maritime experience with:

- ❑ **Scenic Cruises** - 2:00pm
- ❑ **Kiwi Excursions** - every 2nd night

See *Stewart Island Travel* for details

### Seafood Dining

Shearwater Inn and South Sea Hotel will both have special seafood menus over Labour Weekend, so you can dine out with the tang of the sea.



Cartoons by Crimp

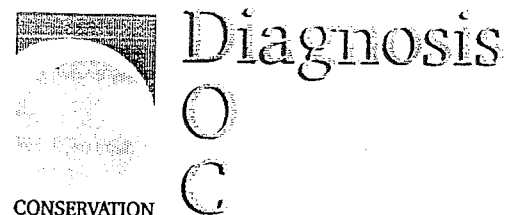
A friendly game of netball between the crew and the locals drew an interested crowd, who were well entertained by the antics and some expert ball handling.

Sunday morning a combined Presbyterian/Anglican church service drew a large crowd with Guides and Brownies, the local choral group and Lieutenant Barrett all taking part in the service.

Commodore Tony Lewis and his wife Rachel flew to the Island on the Sunday afternoon, then sailed on *Manawanui* with invited locals for a display of the ship's diving equipment.

At a reception on board later that evening, the Community Board was presented with a plaque an commemorative plate marking the Navy's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The officers and some crew then joined RSA members for a drink, and presented them with a plaque.

- Margaret Hopkins



Given the comings and goings of staff during August it has been really good to see some real achievements, particularly on the local tracks around the settlement.

Ackers Point, Golden Bay/Deep Bay, Whalers Base and Ulva have all had a spruce up with a new bridge at Millars Beach. Even the Observation Rock view has improved with a vegetation trim up. Interpretation panels for Ackers Point (included Lewis Acker stonehouse), Whalers, Observation Rock, Wohlers Monument will be installed during early summer.

The next tracks to receive major attention will be Watercress and Ocean Beach which is used increasingly for kiwi spotting at night so a good walk surface is critical.

In early September huts at Yankee, Bungaree and Port William will be totally renovated to lift the standard to a much higher level while the inlet huts (Rakeahua, Freds Camp and Freshwater) will get some overdue attention as well.

For those who saw a strange structure unloaded from the Endeavour recently resembling a SCUD missile launcher, it was the new DOC long drop toilet design supposedly user-friendly - odourless it is *claimed*.

North Arm hut is to be replaced next winter with a new 16-20 bunk design similar to Christmas Village. The site is nearer Sawdust Bay to align with the proposed Link (Rakiura) Track redevelopment at the planning stage now.

Possible private funding of a new hut on the section from East Ruggedy to Little Hellfire is being investigated which, if fruitful will greatly improve the North West Circuit for trampers heading for Mason Bay.

In the furry and feathered line of work at DOC recently things have been rather quiet. A time for planning the summer workload and to get the paper war attended to.

One group of furry critter haven't been quiet - the rats at Pegasus have been doing all the things that they do so well. Several weeks ago we went down there and laid poison in the bait stations near mooring points.

On the return trip it was a clean-up at all the hunters camps along the shore. Most were quite tidy.

- Greg Lind

Planning for a transfer of saddleback from Big and Kundy Islands (down near Easy Harbour) to the now rat free Breaksea Island in Fiordland is underway. This should take place in March 1992. In the next month we'll visit the saddlebacks on Jacky Lee and Motonui (Edwards) Islands out from "The Bay" and see how the saddlebacks liberated in 1984 & 86 have bred up.

This summer Codfish Island will have a full-time caretaker who will be keeping a not too interfering eye on the breeding success of many feathered things and a few furry ones. (the kiore).

On a somewhat disturbing note we recently received a report of dog prints at Ocean Beach. Unfortunately dogs have a real love of kiwis and now the kiwi populations at Ocean Beach is becoming well known as a visitor attraction. Firstly for the health of the kiwis and secondly for the health of the visitor industry lets make sure that Ocean beach is one place that dogs don't go.

On the staff front Sandy King soon departs for an extended "OE" and she was farewelled by her workmates at a recent function.

Sandy is one of those quiet grafters whose contribution to the kakapo and yellow-eyed penguins programmes has been virtually gone unmentioned but her work also pulling together the Ulva Rat Eradication Plan plus a range of other more mundane but essential tasks is well known to DOC staff. We all wish Sandy well for her trip though most do not envy the sailing venture around the Horn

Paul Johnston is away until mid November cat trapping on the Chathams and Nick Mein continues his supposedly short term contract work (now 4-8 months) setting up DOC computer systems in Invercargill.

Shane Hancox is away in mid October hut wardening on the Milford Track until May 1992 and Wally is hoping, just hoping for a trip to the sub Antarctic (Enderby Island is a superb golf course) as a break from his new found love of computers.

Later in the season when our seasonal staff arrives, the workload shifts to the long circuit tracks with a further extension of the boardwalk (750m) from Port William to Bungaree, upgrade of the Sand Pass to Little Hellfire track, other work at Lucky Beach and Thompsons ridge as well as major repairs to the

Freshwater/Mason Track, washed out by heavy rain.

We heard recently that the application for Visitor Information Network (VIN) status for the DOC centre has been approved and will be advertising a part-time position shortly.

Renovations to the building to cater for this function await a funding decision soon.

And for those wondering what ever happened to DOC's marine reserve initiatives for Paterson Inlet, there is going to be a new approach coming out prior to Christmas addressed directly and **firstly** to this community.

Greg Lind

**Update:** Approval has just been given for three new huts this financial year.

North Arm hut will be replaced on a site nearer the main body of the Inlet, and the track to Halfmoon Bay is to be rerouted via Kaipipi. A new hut is to be erected at East Ruggedy, and another at Big Sandpass.

The track from East Ruggedy to Little Hellfire will be upgraded and partly rerouted to cut down travel time. Maintenance on the track down the Upper Freshwater, via Benson Peak, will stop, and this area will be allowed to revert to its natural bog (very) wetland status.

## Army Visit

We've been visited by both the Navy and Air Force in recent weeks. At the end of the month the Army arrive. Either the Armed Forces are adopting Stewart Island or they're putting on a show of strength, fearing a resurgence of the Rakiura Republican Army.

Around thirty four members of the 3rd Field Workshops, Burnham, will visit from 30th October to 6th November. The soldiers are being billeted out and are primarily on R&R. If anyone can offer some Island hospitality, in the form of a fishing trip or suchlike, get in touch with Buck Tumataroa.

The Army will play Island teams at netball and touch rugby while they are here. Watch the notice board for further details.

They will also work on community projects - cutting RSA hedges and painting the Outdoor Centre at Horseshoe.

Two armourers will be with the group. They have offered to check out rifles while they are here. There's no charge for this service, so if you have a firearm, now's the time to get it checked.

## New nurses

By now most locals have met the two new district nurses who have commenced duties on a full-time basis on Stewart Island.

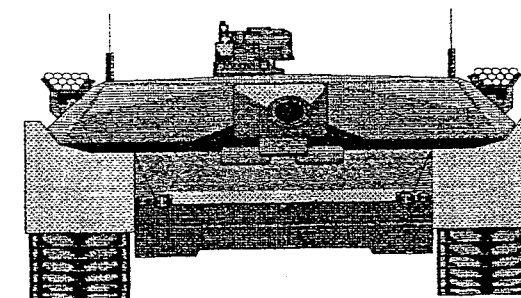
Janet Hogan, who is married, with two children, has transferred from the West Coast, where she is already familiar with district nursing duties undertaken in the Haast area. Her husband, Gary, specialises in pottery and ceramics. Janet's area of personal interest includes Plunket and public health, and she says that setting up a variety of programmes in this field will be a priority.

Martin Peppers comes from Dunedin, and he has covered a large range of nursing care duties. Initially he was involved with paramedic training with the RNZ Army Medical Corps, and later he has specialised in intensive care nursing. Martin says that his particular interest is with acute trauma intervention. His love of photography, hunting, fishing and gardening, along with a wish to work in a remote area, reinforced his decision to come to Stewart Island.

Janet Hogan began duties at the end of July, while Martin peppers commenced district nursing here at the beginning of August. They note that there will be a definite increase in Health Department work, particularly in the occupational health and first aid areas, although voicing concern about general funding in the future.

Both new district nurses say that the utilisation of two full time staff will allow a needed extension of existing services, with the expansion of regular clinics, courses and home visiting. This is already in evidence, with the clinic now being open seven days a week, from 10 am to noon.

- Beryl Wilcox



If there is time they will cart derelict vehicles to the airstrip for fill. If your old bomb falls in this category contact Ian Sinclair Ph 2191-045.

- Sam



## Golf Club Newsletter

- 3-putt

There has been little golf activity since the last report, due to wintry conditions. However, working bees have been busy preparing the course and fencing greens. Thanks must go to our expert fencing contractor, Ian Munro, who is available for all your fencing needs (proceeds to the Golf Club).

And speaking of money, many thanks for all those contributions of oil drums. This is a major source of our fund raising, so keep those drums rolling in folks.

On a more serious note, last weekend was C:Club opening day. Although poorly attended, apart from the odd cloudburst, it was a good days golfing. Winner of Men's Opening Day Cup was Nick Marshall and Ladies winner was Sandra Brand.

### DB Tournament

This is the big one on Labour Weekend (Sat 26<sup>th</sup>) and hopefully the influx of overseas players will generate more interest from the locals. DB, in the form of Kurt Jensen, are donating heaps of prizes for this inaugural

### Pool in Hot Water

The Pool Committee have been working towards providing solar heating for the pool for some time now. This project will be going ahead in the near future.

Solar water heating is most effective for raising water temperature from cold to warm, rather than from warm to hot. In other words, getting a pool full of water to a swimmable temperature is easier than trying to boil a billy full.

Of course efficiency depends on weather. Warm sunny days add more heat to the pool than bleak overcast easterlies. For an "average" summer, the system will raise water temperature to 23-24° C from around mid-November to the end of March.

Solar water heating is just one aspect of energy and resource conservation. It reduces use of petroleum resources - be it LPG or diesel in the Island's generators. We can do a bit more by ...

tournament. We hope this will be a permanent fixture on our golfing calendar. Your support will ensure this.

Have you heard the one about the husband and wife playing golf?

Well, Dave and Mabel were playing their customary Sunday game of golf together. After better than average tee shots, they strolled up the fairway. Mabel, feeling unusually remorseful about her inevitable demise, asked Dave if he would continue to play golf after she died.

Dave, somewhat perplexed by the question, feebly replied, "Probably, yes".

Further along the fairway Mabel asked if he would remarry when she died.

Once again, though a little concerned, answered "Probably - yes".

"And would you let your new wife play golf with you every Sunday, like we have for the last 20 years?"

"Probably - yes", Dave retorted, now quite exasperated by the line of questioning.

"And would you let your new wife use my clubs?" Mabel blurted out.

"No!" Dave screamed, "She's left-handed!"

### Plastic recycling

Plastic is a product of the petro-chemical industry. Marvellous stuff, but often **too** long lasting. Our prevailing offshore winds keep most off the beaches on this side of the Island.

Mason Bay can be a different story, where piles of blue strapping and other plastic jetsam are washed up at times. Judging by the rubbish bags and tumble tipper on the wharf our local boats don't seem to be the main offenders. It looks like most comes home rather than over the side.

However, there's a better place for waste plastic than at the tip. There's a woosack outside the Chandlery door. Maureen has been gathering plastic for some time now, and sends it to town regularly for recycling.

I'm surprised at how many types are acceptable - and we don't even have to sort it! Just about anything goes - bread bags, milk and cream bottles, old Swarfega and suchlike

jars, strapping and even bits of polystyrene! Most suitable plastic now has the recycling symbol shown alongside. If in doubt, check with Maureen. About the only thing she draws the line at is **smelly** "Stewart Island Suitcases" - please wash old fish bags out before you put them in.

Morning-after empties are better off out of the dump too. The school makes a few dollars out of the "tinnies" they crush for Comalco's recycling and there's drums on the wharf for stubbies and other glass.

Recycling plastic, aluminium and glass may help the world's resources last a few days longer. Locally, it helps stop litter from Braggs Bay tip ending up back in the tide.

Once the sea was thought to be the ultimate rubbish dump. We know better now. We're lucky here, with our near pristine Island waters. Let's keep it that way for us and the wild life. Including ...

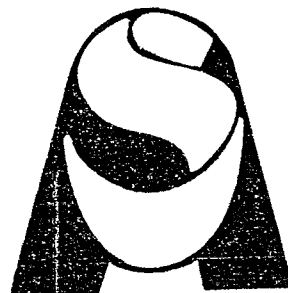
### Hohoi

The yellow eye penguins on Stewart Island are more fortunate than their mainland mates. Their homes aren't being trampled by stock, nor must they contend with stoats and ferrets. Around 75% of mainland yellow-eye penguins (*Hohoi*) are killed before they are a year old.

The Guides and Brownies have been studying *hohoi* and the habitat improvement campaign which has been going on for over a decade. Twelve years ago pupils visiting Tautuku Outdoor Education Centre helped raise flax seedlings and planted them out as shelter round Catlins yellow-eye colonies.

Now the campaign is better publicised, you'll find "Hohoi" stickers on 1kg blocks of "Mainland" Cheese. (Sold at *Anchor Merchants* - free Advt)

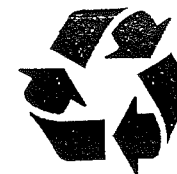
Send these back to Mainland, and they'll make a donation to the yellow-eye fund. Even easier, give them to a Guide or Brownie, or pass them in to the DOC office.



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The recycling symbol is now found on many plastic products

### "Meet'n'Greet"

HMB School Board of Trustees are hosting a Pot-Luck welcome for Richard Barnes, the new headmaster and new District Nurses Janet and Martin.

It's a family function to be held at the RSA on Saturday 19th October. Come along and help welcome these folks and their families to the Island. They're the ones who'll be looking after the day-to-day welfare of adults and kids alike.

### Bowls Opening Day

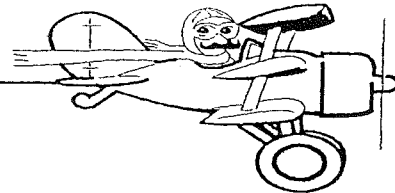
Once again spring rains have deferred this year's Bowling Club opening day. This will be held on the first fine Saturday, when the green is dry. It's a real "Open" Opening Day, so all are welcome to come along and try to "kiss kitty".

### Does Your Microwave Leak?

If your kitchen gets flooded every time you open the microwave door, blame Peter Taylor. He wears so many hats he sometimes gets confused and hooks electrical appliances into the plumbing!

Seriously, microwaves can "leak" radiation, which is potentially harmful. It pays to have them checked regularly. Carolyn Squires (Snr) has bought a meter for testing microwaves for radiation leaks.

As a fundraising project for the Brownies trip to Omaui in mid-December, she will hire this out for \$5.00. This saves the expense of sending the microwave to town for checking.



Good day to you all.

The days are growing longer now and hopefully warmer. This past winter would have to be one of the coldest for a long time. On quite a few days the air temperature never got much above 3° C, with snow right down to sea level.

There have been quite a few changes to Southern Air's personel over the past few months. Firstly, Hugh O'Donnell left in March to go to Rarotonga, where he's flying for Cook Island Air. Tony Stewart has just returned from holiday in Europe, taking in the sights.

Security arrangements at Invercargill Airport are a lot stricter now:

- The gate off the tarmac is controlled by office staff
- All passengers are now to leave the aircraft through the official Boarding Gate, and not through the loading shed.

### RNZAF Iroquois

There was a bonus for the children of Halfmoon Bay School on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, when two Iroquois of No 3 Squadron Detachment, RNZAF, came to visit the Island.

Arriving at Traill Park, at 11:20am, the helicopters were on display for the children for two hours. Flying Officer Ian McPherson spoke to the school about the Iroquois, which are based at Wigram, and answered many questions.

Whilst the children benefited from this public relations gesture, the visit to the Island was also part of a familiarisation exercise of southern regions, which the Air Force are carrying out in conjunction with the Police and Search & Rescue.

It was an opportunity for discussions regarding the machines' capabilities, according to DOC Field Centre manger, and Search Advisor, Greg Lind. Mr Lind said that in the areas of Search & Rescue, fire fighting and heavy equipment cartage, the Iroquois could be of immense value. Such services could include the transfer of personnel, fuel and pumps.

These measures are signs of the times, so bear with us.

"Dozer Pete" was slowly but surely getting rid of the hill at the north east end of Ryans Creek Airstrip, preparatory to lengthening the runway. The recent spell of wet weather has had him side-tracked to rennovating projects in the Bay, but he'll be back at work once things dry out again.

And of course, Barry Rhodes is now the Sales and Marketing Manager for our company. He's kept very busy promoting the Island.

Most folk will have come across the covered trailer being towed up the hill behind the bus. It is making the job of loading the planes easier, and has the big advantage of keeping freight and baggage out of puddles and dry.

Well, that's all for now

"Over & out"  
- Flying Phil

Under the command of Flight Lieutenant Russell Pirihi, Mr Lind was given a demonstration of the sophisticated winching system and its value in rescue work.

- Beryl Wilcox

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of the 9<sup>th</sup> '91 some helicopters came over to Stewart Island while we were at school. We heard a big rumbling. We knew they were coming over.

As soon as they had landed we went up to Traill Park to see them. When we got up there the helicopters had just landed. Then we were all told to go and sit on the gravel and then a pilot came over and told all about the helicopter.

After that Room 2 and my room went over to the big water tanks to have lunch. While we were having lunch Room 1 were looking at the helicopter. Then we were called over to the helicopter to have a look. A man showed us where everything was and how everything worked.

Then we came back down to school.

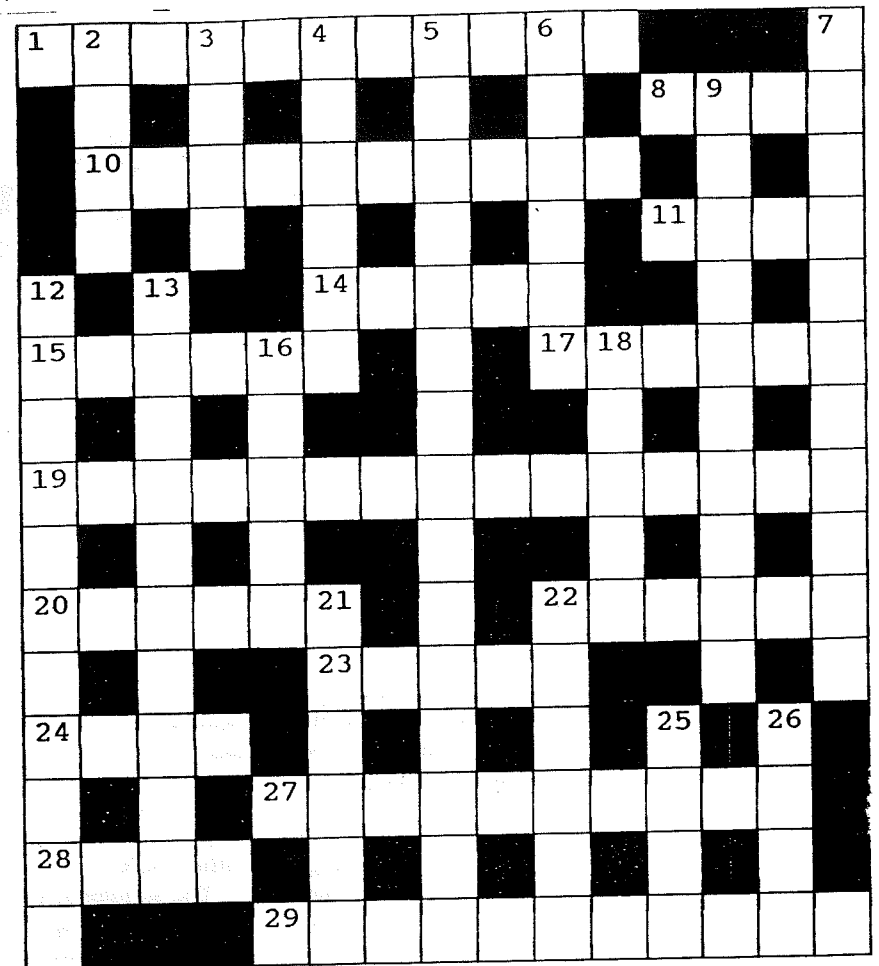
- Tim Dawson  
Room 3 HMB School

## SIN Cross word No: 3

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### ACROSS

1. Land area cost? A local point and peak sound like it, but they're spelt differently. [6,5]
8. You find them with kin, but not kina [4]
10. Non-partakers [10]
11. Abbreviated leaning letters [4]
14. Precise [5]
15. SIT are these for SAL [6]
17. Squared stones or Tina's old Motels in Ing'll [6]
19. You could have one flopping round if you smashed up your chest [8,6]
20. A scholarship, ex-teacher, Tonto and Rodent [6]
22. Lively smooth skinned lizards seldom found in lounges [6]
23. An angle on an arm [5]
24. The Maori bachelor is a slave too! [4]
27. He spoke roughly - like sandpaper [10]
28. A native of 21 down [4]
29. I'll Be.. be.. William had one of these deep divers, but there wasn't one on "Manawanui" [11]

### DOWN

2. The fish to catch this time of year [4]
3. This harbour isn't hard, but it may be false [4]
4. These islands didn't trap Cook but the name means the same [6]
5. Golfers try not to lose balls in this sand-trap [8,5]
6. Rocky layers to cloud the issue [6]
7. You'll find a few of old Othello's bones here at low tide [7,4]
9. Not in favour of others ideas [9]
12. Did seamen relax here in the Inlet? [7,4]
13. A high-hatted watery drop down south [10]
16. A Scandinavian rowing pin [5]
18. Avoid work [5]
21. An uprising Yugoslav state [6]
22. These amorous gentlemen ran a sawmill in the Inlet [6]
25. Second Greek letter often tests computer software [4]
26. No miss, it's a fable that I lisp [4]

- Sam



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 [Casuals please book early]

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