

STEWART ISLAND NEWS

CELEBRATING RAKIURA

OCTOBER—NOVEMBER 2007

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The reverse faulting mechanism of 2808298G resulted in a moment magnitude of six point seven.

That's earthquake-nerd-speak for: *Holy cow did you feel that shake-up the other night?* People were still talking about the Auckland Islands rumble on 30th Sept. when our cage was significantly rattled again by a 6.7 event in Fiordland on 16th Oct. The after-shocks that followed were numerous and major, including a 6.2 jolt the next morning that sent students at HMB School under their desks. If you'd like to learn more about earthquake science, see p.8 for more information. (It's not that intimidating, the terminology includes the words *beach-balls*.)

The Pub recently experienced a mirthquake (the sizemometer registered a 3.8)—a witness with a camera was unable to properly record the event due to the fact she was shaking uncontrollably with laughter. The resulting image is an unfocussed white blur. Fortunately. See p.11 for more.

Are kiwis taking up residence at Horseshoe Beach? Sightings have gone up in recent months—either the Rooney kiwi is racing all over the show or he's got some friends.

Our Publican is currently perus-

ing the sights (and beverages) of Peru—she's one of many Islanders who have flown away during the Winter months (we have a double-dose of *Oban Globetrotter* to show

for it!) A couple of our friends have left for ventures elsewhere: farewell and good luck to Luke Squires and Shaun Palmer.

Make sure you're here Sat. 27 Oct., there's a BBQ at the Nursery (bring a bag of weeds) *and* one of Vicki's famous Scavenger Hunts (p11) with proceeds going to your Library. Incidentally, there is **BIG VERY IMPORTANT NEWS** on the Library Front ... see p.10 for details.

Thanks to Kari for a



Colin and Quin win millions from Croupier Chris.

great job producing *S.I.N.* while I was abroad. It's good to be back. Randomly, this Island home was excellently summed up in an im-



promptu speech by this guy. He's a cribby who won best-dressed at "Casino Night"; in his acceptance speech he praised the Island for its unique beauty, and observed that it's the wonderful community of people which makes Stewart Island such a special place to live.



The Governor General visited the Halfmoon Bay School last month.

The **Casino Night** fundraiser for the Community Centre was a hit—it couldn't miss with Chilean George in an afro wig booming *DON'T TOUCH THE TABLE* trying to prevent excited betters from squashing their racebug as they egged on a sluggish slater; a mathematically challenged croupier trying to pay a winner \$40,000 while he patiently explains he is owed 200 grand; Ali Eade fixing the Roulette Wheel with Lupi olive oil; the naughty nuns Becca and Debby playing the tables... p.3

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BOAT-OF-THE-MONTH:

CAVALIER

Photo: Rakiura Museum

Built at Riverton about 1898 by the *Hart Brothers*, the **CAVALIER** was a 36 ton wooden ketch, measuring 58'6" x 15' 6" x 7'6".

She was engaged to carry muttonbirders south and return in April / May 1895, and impressed the 'birders on those trips. Every year this work continued, with probably the usual fishing and cargo voyages as well, although I have been unable to find any reference to this.

In 26 May 1901, under the command of *Captain Joseph Roderique*, she became a total loss after striking a reef off Mason's Bay. At the time she was on her way south to pick up muttonbirders. There was no loss of life.

Cavalier Creek is probably named after her.

The Rakiura Museum Publishing Committee has updated the list of boats of which they need photographs for their upcoming boat book. This list is available on the website www.stewart-island-news.com on the Museum page.



*Casino Royale
Black and White Night at
the Community Centre*



ban Globetrotter off-Island Adventures.

Ann Pullen just travelled to the Faroes, Shetlands and Iceland. Following is the story of her journey:

This year I was not sure where my holiday would take

me as I had a few places “up my sleeve” but then Kiri phoned me one day and said, what are you doing for your holiday this year, how about we do the trip that we have talked about for a number of years and go to Shetlands, Faroes and Iceland ... well I certainly didn’t need asking twice, so plans were made quickly and dates were decided.



First we stopped off in England to visit my Brother and family so nothing new in that

area, then off to Isle of Man which was quite new to me, and I must say I really felt so at home here, although not a big island, it was alive and exciting, there is just so much happening in all directions with a lot of people volunteering their time to organize fairs and fates, outings and trips, all with a strong connection to conservation. Not to mention of course the T.T. motorbike races each year. We just missed that, but could still feel the buzz that this event has on the island.

The countryside is beautiful, and although never having been to Ireland (yet) I have a feeling it would be very much like Ireland. Everything was very laid back, no one seemed in a hurry. Not too sure how everyone made a living, as farming was not a huge income earner, although there were plenty of sheep about, but sheep with a difference, they lost their wool themselves and not too many seemed to be shorn, but there was plenty of loose wool along the fields and caught up on anything that it could get at-



tached to, great chunks of it in places.

Plenty of history, which was well displayed, a very impressive “living museum”

in the township of Peel, with each room depicting an era of time, not only was the narration and displays great and so real, there were also all the smells to go with it!!!!!! They certainly make the most of their history, and have preserved it well

Being there is early summer everything was so green, with plenty of trees and colour, which was to be a great contrast to the next three places we went to.

Shetlands was next stop, and here we found the easiest way to get around was to hire a car, as from here on we were camping where we could, only once staying in a “camping bod” which was basically a backpackers, but we decided that was the first and last time we would do that, couldn’t believe 7 other people could make such a noise all night!!!. It was so easy to travel all day enjoying the scenery and stopping off where it suited, toilets were not a problem anywhere we went, as all villages had lovely clean toilets, even if there were only a few houses that made up the village. The ferry services between the islands were so convenient, and very reasonably priced, with drive on drive off, no sooner had one load driven off, the



return trip of drivers were driving on.

No trees on the Shetlands, and they had lots

of peat stacks drying off for their winter fuel, they were cut into squares and “stooked” for drying off, then put into large plastic bags for removal, everyone must be quite trusting, as these stacks were in the middle of nowhere, and the rate which they are cutting turf that resource won’t last forever.



The Shetlands have some excellent leisure centres for the islanders, they have absolutely everything in them, all the facilities for every sport you could think of, including swimming pools

Apart from sheep farming, and the lovely Shetlands woollen garments, fishing, and marine farms plus their oil extraction in one area, there is much to see on these quiet little islands

The Faroes further north again, was a different area altogether, the coastline much more rugged, the sheer cliffs, gouged out many centuries ago with glaciers, making it an ideal area for the many



sea birds to nest, I have never seen cliffs so full of bird life, and being the nesting season it was a great

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PHOTOS: ANN PULLEN

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sight (and sound), the puffins were one bird I was keen to see and we spent many an hour watching these fascinating birds fly on to the cliff edges, although I can't say I particularly enjoyed the cliff walks to get to the nesting areas, didn't pay to look to much to the left or right, a slight giddy moment doesn't bear thinking about!!!!, certainly no scrub to hang on to should you loose your footing... We were very lucky indeed with the weather again; not exactly hot, always a cool breeze blowing, but very little low cloud and fog, as I understand it can be like that for days on end. Apart from a really hot day here and there, (about 17 degs) we had most days reach 10-12 degs or a little warmer, but cooler at night.

The bus connections on the Faroes were excellent, and we purchased a 7-day pass, which was very reasonable, plus it was good for the ferries too. The impressive thing about the Faroes was the tunnels they had, either going through the mountains, or under the sea, joining islands, the longest tunnel was nearly 5km long.

Faroe Islands seem a very wealthy area, and they are quite open about the fact that they are a wealthy people, fishing being the main industry both sea fishing and marine farming. Fortunately we were not at any beaches where the whale harvest was happening, although we did see cart loads of whale meat in



one town, they are allowed to slaughter one pod of whales, and they share the meat with everyone, and gener-

ally seem to look out for one another.

Iceland was the last port of call, and like the Faroes daylight was 24 hours long. Iceland was different to Faroes in that there were tourists everywhere!!!!, we again found that hiring a car was the best way to go, any bus trip to the "tourist" spots were very expensive, so off we went again on our little car, our tent and cooker and went where we felt inclined. The only downfall was that some of the side roads were to put it mildly only suitable for 4 wheel drive, and a pretty hardy 4 wheel drive at that. It did not stop us going to most places we wanted to. Completed a circuit of Iceland, and saw a vast variety of scenery, the east being very diverse, from hot pools, glaciers, ice caps, boiling mud, geysers, ice burgs, steam vents, and miles of volcanic rock that has been "spewed" out many centuries ago, with some interesting moss covering it. You felt quite vulnerable with all the old volcanoes around.

Once we had got round to the westers side of Iceland, it was more gentle with some spectacular fiords, their arms went for miles and would take a long time to drive along. It would be harsh farming in those areas, and a lot of empty farm houses, they all seem to amalgamate, with not a lot of stock, but lots of hay bales made, but I guess with such long winters they need to have plenty of supplies.

We found that the main tourists spots were best visited after

10pm, when the tourist busses had all gone, the water falls, geysers glaciers etc were quite empty of tourists at that time, but was still broad daylight, although a bit un-nerving walking amongst steaming old volcanoes with just the two of us. At just about every tourist attraction there was a shop selling typical tourist souvenirs, so we were able to browse at leisure, as everything seemed to be open till



11pm or later, then we would continue till we found a nice quiet spot and set up camp.

I would like to go back to Iceland in the winter and experience the short daylight days. It was an interesting country, which very much relies on tourists, which was in contrast to the Faroes.

In one town there was a public garden, which claimed to have plans and flowers from many countries of the world, it was the most wonderful site with so much colour, and so many trees. We did not realise just how starved we had been of colour. As Shetlands, Faroes and Iceland were a bit sparse as far as colour went, we sat and enjoyed it for quite some time before moving on.



All too soon the 7 weeks came to an end and it was back into the hurly-burley of the airports, and home. It is always great

to go away, but even better to come home, knowing that NZ is the best country in the world, no mater how many beautiful things there are in other countries.



ban Globetrotter *off-Island Adventures*

Russel and Carolyn Squires recently toured Fiji by jetboat.

Whilst the diving

in Fiji is spectacular, the Sigatoka River Safari is a must. The Sigatoka Valley is known as the Salad bowl of Fiji as the produce in this area is most bountiful due to this huge winding inland river. Crops of casarva, dalo, paw paw, bananas, pineapple, coconut, spices of all description, tobacco, boc choy, beans, dry rice, eggplant, breadfruit, guavas, mangos, passionfruit, lemons, oranges to name a few thrive in this area.

The Safari will collect you at your accommodation — then, after a drive beside the river for approx 10 minutes, you board the jet boat. Joshua the local driver was trained on the Clutha & Shotover Rivers here in New Zealand. Sigatoka is an hour drive from Nadi Airport.

The locals are most friendly so you're constantly waving at the villagers who are working the land the traditional way with bullocks pulling the ploughs. They also cart water, pull logs etc.

We sped on up the river, giving the divers who were gathering prawns a wide berth. The scenery was breathtaking. After about an hour of this high speed journey we arrived at the Tongan Village where we were welcomed by the Chief and his people in the Meeting House. They are mostly farming the land which is accessible in parts only by the river. They plant by the moon at night which eliminates the weed seeds, it's the sun that activates them so whilst not all of them are educated they are very intelligent farmers.

The food they served us for lunch was delicious. Then we introduced ourselves and told them about our countries. They were so happy to have us visit and the dancing proceeded with us participating. They have their own schools up in the highlands, and the crops they grow are taken to the market in Sigatoka.

The Chief was telling us about this huge mountain just above the village which is rich in minerals,



the Japanese have approached them about mining it, but their way of life would totally change, and the fear of pollution would destroy so much. They need medical supplies but are mostly self sufficient.

Journeyed back late afternoon still so warm. It was like going back a hundred years, we passed men on horseback crossing the river who had bamboo slung across the horses, bullocks also crossing after the days work, woman washing clothes and beating them on rocks, children swimming, horses pulling the nets with fish in them, no fuel involved in that type of fishing. Of course the 360 degree turns in the boat where we all got wet was brilliant, couldn't stop laughing, sunglasses and hats a must quite difficult to keep on though.

Four hours of action packed fun were totally memorable. We dined in Sigatoka before going back to the villas — the bowl of kava we had at the village made us less competitive playing Rummy O that evening!



The CRAFT MARKET at the Presbyterian Church was a big success. Don't miss the next one which will be sometime before Christmas.



DoC SPOT



Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

Vice-Regal Visit

As part of a visit to Southland, the Department of Conservation hosted His Excellency the Honourable Anand Satyanand, PCNZM, QSO The Governor General of New Zealand and his wife Susan Satyanand on a trip to Whenua Hou (Codfish Island) and Stewart Island/Rakiura on the 9th and 10th of October. While on Whenua Hou, Their Excellencies met the star of last year's Kakapo Encounter, Sirocco, along with a number of other rare species found on the island such as Campbell Island Teal and Yellow-Eyed penguins. During their visit to Rakiura, Their Excellencies visited Halfmoon Bay School and officially opened the school's new administration block.

They were very impressed that the students had made all the arrangements for the event and commented to me that the children were so lucky to grow up and attend school in such a wonderful environment. The afternoon was spent visiting Ulva Island and concluded with a tour around to Lee Bay to view the Chain

Link Sculpture at the entrance to the national park. Accompanying the vice-regal party was Southland's new Conservator Barry Hanson. Prior to his appointment Barry was Area Manager for Hokitika. He's looking forward to visiting Rakiura and Stewart Island more often once he has moved to Southland. Kevin O'Connor also accompanied the party to introduce Barry and make his farewells to staff, before departing for Wellington



The sun shone for the Governor General's visit to Ulva Island. Pictured at Flagstaff, from back,ft: Barry Hanson, His Excellency Hon Anand Satyanand, Phred Dobbins, Her Excellency Susan Satyanand, Aide de Camp Zoe, Personal Police Protection Officer Robbie and Sharon Pasco. Front: Police Protection Officer Jason, Kevin O'Connor, George the chauffeur and Andy Roberts.

in his new role as head of RD&I (Research, Development and Improvement).

Workshops completed

As you are aware we are revising the Stewart Island / Rakiura Conservation Management Strategy at the same time as preparing the Rakiura National Park plan. After releasing a discussion document, we received numerous feedback responses (over 400). We have been working closely with the Stewart Island / Rakiura Pest Liaison Group and have also held a number of public workshops - focusing on Ulva Island in May, Mason Bay in August, Port Pegasus in September and Hunting / Hunting Huts at the end of September. Workshops were mostly held in Oban on a Tuesday night and Invercargill on the Thursday night, except for the hunting / hunter hut workshops which were held in Invercargill and Hamilton. We are now currently revising the pre-draft policies for these sections of the plan, based on what we heard at the public workshops.

We are also drafting the rest of the SIRCMS and the RNPMP and we are hoping we will be in a position to publicly notify these documents in the first half of next year. There will then be an opportunity to submit formally and hearings will be held. For any feedback on the process, please Sharon Pasco, here on the island or Peter Wilson or Anke De Jong in Southland Conservancy office to talk things through.

Building work ticking along

Essential maintenance around the field centre building is continuing. All the windows in the building are now (or soon will be) double-glazed - which should help keep our heating costs down. Site works have been completed in

preparation for sealing around the workshop. But best of all, the upgrade of the public toi-

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lets outside the visitor centre has finally been completed.

And as this goes to print, our two staff housing projects should also be completed and the staff moved into more comfortable surroundings. An extra room has been added to each of the three units at Thule, to allow them to accommodate a staff member and their partner. The units were originally built as singlemens quarters by the Forest Service in the early 1980's and were just bedsits with ensuite bathrooms. The new house in Dundee Street (beside Stewart Island Backpackers) has 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms and will be used to house our single staff in a flatting situation.

Storm damage still surfacing

Storm damage issues are still surfacing. Staff repaired the bridge outside the Mason Bay trampers hut at the end of September and removed a large flax bush from the river which had altered the flow of the river and contributed to the scouring out of the bank in front of the hut. Some replanting has been done to help stabilise the bank and prevent further slips. During this same trip, it was also discovered that the retaining wall on the hut side of the Freshwater swingbridge has been seriously undermined. The DOC engineer will be assessing how this is best repaired over the next few weeks. There is still a considerable amount of water lying around the Freshwater Valley and Mason Bay area which suggests that the west coast of the island may have been more severely hit by the recent storms.

'Dirty Weekend'

To celebrate the latest renovations to the Stewart Island Community Native Plant Nursery at Horseshoe Bay (it now has a flush toilet), the DOC weeds team in conjunction with Weedbusters have planned an open day on Saturday, October 27 from 12 - 4pm. Billed as a 'Dirty Weekend' the team will be providing a BBQ lunch and if residents bring along a bag of weeds from their home gardens, they will receive in exchange a native plant of their choice and a 'weedy pack'.

Good encouragement to get out there and get 'dirty' on the 27th!



Community fundraiser PAINT BALL COMPETITION

When: weekend of Nov 1-3
from noon Friday onwards



Where: the Gun Club

Who: You! Teams of five or more, (dream up a team and challenge ya mates!)

What: a round robin will be organized, with the grand final shoot-off Saturday afternoon. BBQ and refreshments at the Club rooms.



Cost: \$20 for 100 rounds

Why: all proceeds to go to our Community Centre!



The biggest recorded **earthquake** occurred in Chile in 1960 and was 9.5 (I already asked, George doesn't remember because he wasn't born yet) The moon gets occasional shakeups called, of course, moonquakes.

For more information about earthquakes go to **www.geonet.org.nz** where you can find detailed information about all recent earthquakes, and you are encouraged to log your own reports of earthquake experience. Also check out **www.earthquake.usgs.gov**

Thank you to Stewart Island electors

Through the pages of SIN, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those electors who recently supported me in my successful bid to become your Ward Representative on the Southland District Council. I know this isn't an easy job, but with your continued support, it is a challenge which I relish. I will do my best to represent you, both on our Community Board and on Council.

As many of you will be aware, I have a great interest in sustainable energy, and the work I have

already put into looking for alternative (and cheaper!) energy options for Islanders will now gain some impetus. However, there are other local projects that I am very supportive of and which are now coming to fruition. These include: Paterson Inlet rocks/hazard marks – courtesy of E.S. funding are expected to be completed in the next month; considerable progress has been made on the return to local community management of local wharves and jetties, which will be managed by a user-group, and funding will come from operators with South Port changing the licenses to ownership by the community (excluding Town Wharf and

Golden Bay); I have asked for an upgrade of our local on-line weather station to support information related to sustainable energy options – keep an eye on obanweather.flatout.co.nz; and that's just what's already on my desk.

Please keep in touch with regard to any community affairs which I can help with as I am expecting to be out-and-about between meetings in Invercargill (and fit some Seabuzz work in as well!).

Thanks again, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Bruce Ford



Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust news.

With winter well behind us now, work is beginning again on the fifth and final season of the joint Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust / DOC monitoring project on Stewart Island. By the time you read this article, nest searches on the Bravo islands and Codfish Island should have been completed, and the search along the Anglem coast will be underway. At this stage there isn't much to report on; we're all hoping for a more successful breeding season than the last one!

Although nothing happened in the field over winter, quite a lot happened "behind the scenes" in the office. The Trust has just celebrated its 20th Anniversary, which it did in style by hosting a two day conference in Dunedin recently. The conference was entitled "Almost an Island: Valuing Otago Peninsula". It was well attended by around 160 people, who listened to speakers from throughout the country, and overseas. The general theme was summed up in the title of a talk delivered by an Australian professor of economics – "The economic benefits of wildlife conservation". In the case of Dunedin, the benefits are huge – wildlife brings an estimated **\$100 million** to Dunedin annually (yep, that's \$100 million). Tourists flock to the peninsula to see icon species like the yellow-eyed penguin and royal albatross, and also fur seals, shags and little blue penguins. Many include Dunedin in their itinerary solely because of the wildlife viewing opportunities, while others extend their stay to include a trip down the Peninsula, spending money on things like food and accommodation as they go.

The audience was made up of people from a range of backgrounds, from the inevitable conservation types to

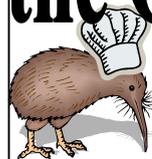
hard core business people, politicians, city planners, tourism operators, tourism industry representatives, and farmers. In spite of the diversity of backgrounds and affiliations, everyone seemed united on one thing – look after the wildlife, or lose out big time.

Just prior to the conference the Trust received a fantastic anniversary present. It is the charity of choice for the 2007 Vodafone Graduates, a group of six motivated and inspiring young people who have themselves been chosen by Vodafone to take part in a 15 month hands on work experience / training programme. Part of their programme is a social and corporate responsibility project, and they have created a service called *Donatelive!* which enables customers with Vodafone *live!* capable handsets to donate to the Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust. Users can donate \$3, \$5 or \$9 and in return can download yellow-eyed penguin ringtones, screensavers and videos to their phones. The chaos in the Trust office after everyone downloaded the same ringtone was comical, with the sound of penguin chicks begging for food interrupting conference planning & preparation as everyone dived for their phone. The only other downside to the service is that there is no Vodafone coverage here!

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the GALLEY



From the kitchen of Vicki Coats:

Cod in charmoula sauce

this is a great way to have cod and it's gluten free too!

Charmoula Sauce:

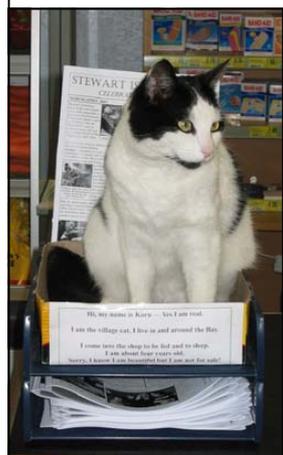
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped fresh parsley
- 5 garlic cloves, coarsely chopped
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons sweet paprika
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne
- 1/2 cup olive oil

Mix all ingredients together except the oil, using a food processor if you have one, then add the oil as you would making mayonnaise in a steady stream at the end. Chopped coriander can be put in, but I don't like it so I leave it out.

This can then be spooned over cod and baked in the oven. It also works well with chicken. If you want to make a complete meal, layer cooked potatoes in an oven-proof dish with cooked capsicums and sliced tomatoes, then top with cod and pour the sauce over the top and bake, yum!

MIAOW. Koru the shop kitty has been Missing In Action since 12th October. She had a habit of getting into vehicles, perhaps she rode home with someone and went on an

accidental walkabout in unfamiliar territory? Please keep an eye out for this wee cat as her friends are worried about her and would like to know she is OK.



Thanks heaps to the Library Ladies for looking after the place while I was away.

We welcome Megan McClelland as a new member of Team Library.

Megan will be volunteering during our **NEW EVENING HOUR.**

That's right, the **library schedule is CHANGING.** Due to popular demand we are adding an evening hour for folks who work during the day. We are also cutting the 15 minutes from Wednesday so the schedule is less fiddly and easier to remember.

As of 29th October,
the NEW SCHEDULE is
Monday 6:30pm—7:30pm
Wednesday 2pm—3pm
Friday 11am—noon
Saturday 11am—noon

See back cover for a handy cut-out schedule.

Our Monday evening hour will start on a trial basis—if it seems after a few months that nobody is actually coming, we will go back to the old schedule. So if you are one of the people who asked for an evening hour, make sure you stop by and visit Megan who will be volunteering her Monday evenings for you.

I picked up a bunch of new books on the road, and library friends in the US including my dad, sister, and friends Michelle and Sara donated dozens of great books to us. Fans of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night* (in which an autistic child solves a crime) might like *Motherless Brooklyn* by Jonathan Lethem: the hero is a guy with Tourette's Syndrome who starts sleuthing. (In a weird twist, urchin diving figures into this urban drama.)

If you know someone who is annoyingly ebullient, give them the Apocalyptic novel *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy. This book paints a world so grim it makes Mad Max's scene look like a tea party.

On Chesil Beach by Ian McEwan tells of a wedding night gone terribly wrong. It's also a very small book if your schedule only allows for a literary snack. This was short-listed for the Booker Prize, as was Lloyd Jones' *Mister Pip*.

We also have *The Wind-up Bird Chronicles* by acclaimed Japanese novelist Murakami; *The Air We Breathe* by Andrea Barrett; *Seal Hunters of the South*; new sci-fi; new kids' poetry; new art books; and new war books.

Be sure to sign up for the Scavenger Hunt on the 27th Oct., proceeds go to a great cause.

Look yonder for details

Thanks to Pat, Loraine, Margaret, Dawn; and all the other generous donors of books and DVDs.

—Jess



SHIP to SHORE

as of Monday

29th October our hours are

Monday to Sunday 7.30am to 7pm

We are happy to announce that our milk has come down in price: a 2-litre is now \$4.10 where it used to be \$4.69 and our 1-litres of blue and green are now \$2.10 where it used to be \$2.49

We would also like to remind people that with the season coming up and some of you buying toilet paper etc in bulk we need to have these orders in by the Monday so that they will then come in to the shop on Thursday.

We are looking forward to a busy summer, and will be do our best to give you and our visitors to the island the usual friendly and inviting service!

Scavenger Hunt 5

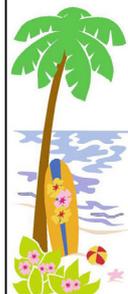


The Tropical Return!!



Saturday 27th October 2pm

@ The South Sea Hotel



\$10 per adult \$5 per child



includes bar snacks @ the hotel!

\$100 cash for the winning team!!

All proceeds to Stewart Island Library!

Break out the Hawaiian shirts!!

Best dressed team wins a mystery prize!

You will be given a list of 30 random items, you have three hours to get as many as possible; the team with the most items in the shortest time wins!

Register your team now!!!



Prizes and Scavenger Hunt dependant on getting at least 30 adults to participate! Register @ the South Sea Hotel Bar. Any questions please ask Vicki on 498 or 0275 211 895

JACK the (ST)RIPPER!

Each Quiz night brings its highlights
 With Vicki's cracking wit
 And petty disagreements
 Denials, verbal skits.
 It takes a brave (or foolish!) man
 To question Vicki's lore
 But Jack Frew's doubts are regular
 He makes her job a chore.

One Sunday though he went too far.
 Enthusiasm rife
 Alone he chose to make a stand
 And swear upon his life
 'Twas not the Pommie Johnnie
 At whose photograph we stared
 If wrong he'd eat his hat - he said -
 Or strip his body bare.

Alas, alack, for Jack our lad
 His answer proving wrong
 And all and sundry present cheered
 (Some even burst in song)
 Anticipation swept the bars
 Like hounds keen on a scent
 The punters baying 'Strip Jack, strip!'
 Their flesh lust keen to vent.
 Then bursting from the Men's room
 Like a gelding from a gate
 A body galloped gamely forth
 Intent upon its fate
 Happy Jack all in the buff
 The seething gauntlet ran.
 Through the gaping yelling crowd
 His head flung back
 Jaw fierce clenched
 Defiant, naked, proud.
 He'd kept his word, he'd paid the price
 For snubbing England's lad
 And arguing with the game show host
 (A practice that is mad.)

The lesson here for everyone who joins the
 quizzing crowd:
 Be careful how you question
 Or challenge Vic out loud.
 Desist from allegations
 Extravagant and rash
 Or follow the example of Jack's demented dash.
 Be circumspect, respectful
 With profile low and meek
 Unless it's notoriety and infamy you seek!

-Anon
 (Hey-nonny-nonny!)

*The Island community extends deepest condolences to
Bridget and Eamonn and their family.*

Can't remember the Library schedule?
Cut out this sign and stick it on your fridge

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LIBRARY HOURS
Monday 6:30pm—7:30pm
Wednesday 2pm—3pm
Friday 11am—noon
Saturday 11am—noon

STEWART ISLAND GARDEN CIRCLE

The November Meeting of the Stewart Island Garden Circle will take place in the home of Jenny Gell at 2.0'clock on 8th November

Competition: Button Hole, Spray and Table decoration.

KNIT, KNATTER AND KOFFEE GROUP
by Jenny Gell

Many knitting, sewing problems have been solved and Mary and Sara learnt to knit. Visitors to the island have joined us for an afternoon

Knit, Knatter and Koffee was started two years ago by Mary Chittenden and Sara Peppers, their idea was to have an afternoon each week in Winter when folk could take their knitting/sewing/craft and join others in front of the fire at Church Hill for a hot cup of coffee/chocolate. This idea certainly took off and any Monday afternoon finds a group of people doing just that.



Part of the Knit and Knatter Group at their end of Season luncheon at Church Hill. Beverley Osborn , Kathy Kain, Barbara Wilson, Wendy Hallett, Jenny Gell, Pat King, Helen Bissland and Gary.

and we also had a felt expert from Finland entertain us.

Knit and Knatter finished at Labour weekend and will start again at the end of May. A notice will be on the board and anyone wishing to join us will be more than welcome.

A very big thank you to Gary for putting up with all the noise.

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