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International Day of Older Persons

Herald Island put on a special afternoon tea to celebrate the International Day of Older Persons last

More than 50 guests took advantage of this annual opportunity to catch up with both past and present residents for some it was a first time acquaintance. Those who were with us last year but are now gone were fondly remembered.

Among the guests were Iris Blofield, one of the first people to buy property on the Island, and her daughter Christine. Herald Island resident Win Tantau was presented with a bouquet of flowers to celebrate 98th birthday the next day.

Memories were triggered as stories were swapped of the Herald Island community of many moons ago; and more recent news of the island was also shared. Everyone, including the "staff", had a great afternoon - with flowers on the tables, tablecloths from the Hooker estate, an abundance of food, and happy talk and smiles everywhere.

Guests were treated to a DVD screening of the island's early days before the causeway was built, and the 150th jubilee celebrations in 1999. Copies of the DVD can be borrowed from the library, and our sincere thanks go to Margaret Brands, Noel Rugg and the Herald Island R&R.

With the qualifying age for this annual event now lowered to 65, the number of guests has steadily increased. So if you are going to be over 65 next year and would like an invitation, please let us know. We don't

More pictures from the wonderful day can be on the Herald Island Facebook page, courtesy of Mike Hassett.

Linda and Raewyn, Herald Island R&R

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Guests (from left) Win Tantau, Win Moss, Iris Blofield and her daughter Christine, Sheila Curran, Betty Newby and Gay Greig.



Win Tantau, who turned 98 years old the following day.



Guests watch the DVD of the Herald Island 150th Celebrations.



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Raise hope for little Jesse at Market Day

The Whenuapai Village Market Day has always been about more than a day to showcase what our community can do. It's also about bringing people together and celebrating this special place where we live.

This year's Market Day, on Sunday December 4, is also about helping others.

One of the stallholders, Helen Polglase of Herald Island, will be selling marmalades, crafts and baking on behalf of a group of Auckland mums fundraising for their friend's little boy, Jesse.

Jesse Noah Bessant is nearly two years old, and a stockcar mad speedway fan who lives on the North Shore. Just over two months ago, he was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumour, so friends and family are banding together to raise funds for more medical treatment.

Helen, who has a little boy the same age as Jesse, met his family through Playcentre last year. "It is heartbreaking seeing what's happening, so we thought that rather than sitting around doing nothing we'd do something that a group of mothers can do," Helen says.

Please make sure you support Helen's stall, and support Jesse's family, at our Market Day.

Demand for stalls at this year's event has been stronger than ever, with a fantastic array of plants, food, jewellery, Christmas decorations and gifts, soaps, cards, flowers and toys. But we still have some tables available for \$10 – please contact Suzanne on 416 4272 or Suzanne@whenuapai.org.nz if you are interested.

Tahini Jam, our famous ukulele band, will again take centre stage during the day, and there will be games and fun for the kids, and plenty to eat and drink.

Don't forget too, our weekend of festivities begins on Friday night, December 2, with the turning on of the Christmas lights, with carols and Xmas mince pies and other festive fare.

And this month is our twilight Garage Sale on Friday, November 11, from 6pm to 9pm. If you'd like to book a \$5 table, to sell off your treasures, please contact Norm on 416-8537. There's just a few left!

Suzanne McFadden

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2 Dec Whenuapai Village Hall Christmas lights

switched on, carols and Christmas mince pies.

4 Dec Whenuapai Christmas Market Day @ the

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15 Dec Hobsonvill RSA Idol - Karaoke Competition

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Pin Numbers

Just a wee reminder that you should NEVER give anyone your pin numbers and passwords - not even the people you love and trust. Pin numbers and passwords are in place to protect your private information and your finances.

A wee while ago I advised you that there was a pin number scam going on. A person would enter a house (while the owner was home), steal their wallet and then phone them from a pay phone with a story about being from their bank and needing their pin numbers to cancel their stolen cards. Sadly this scam has become even more advanced.

The offender/s, instead of asking you for your pin numbers, ask you to key your pin number into your phone pad. Sounds harmless right? WRONG! These clever people have learnt the different tones of each number and from the sounds can obtain your pin number. So please, do not tell anyone your pin or key it into the phone. Hang up, ring or visit your bank to cancel any lost or stolen cards. And PLEASE report it to the Police - the more information we get on these people the closer we get to catching them.

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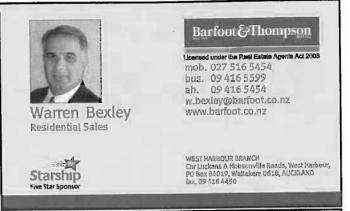
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Lively Letters ...

Interesting that Water Rat is upset by aircraft engines running at night. At least the Air Force is performing a task necessary for our safety and well being. Most of the noise around this region comes from either loud car exhausts or thumping stereos, and these often don't stop at midnight either. Interesting also that some people who very publicly voiced their opposition to commercialisation of the airport, on the grounds of disruption to the peace and quiet of the area we live in, seem to see no problem with driving loud vehicles at all hours of the day and night. Hypocrisy is alive and well. Rod Rowlands

Just a quick note to the person(s) who keep putting their notices over ours in the Whenuapai Village noticeboard. It may not concern you that our family's cat has gone missing, but it does mean a great deal to us. Our notice is as important as yours and we would appreciate it if you take this into consideration before covering it up. We would like to keep our notice up as long as we can, our beloved family pet may return any time. We are hopeful and have made this notice to appeal to anyone who may have seen him. Please consider this when you are about to pin your card or advert up over ours. We will adjust the adverts that cover ours so be aware: ours means as much as yours.

Missing Our Snowball

The Whenuapai R&R is thrilled at the use of the new village noticeboard on Puriri Rd, outside the dairy. It's great to see so many people putting up notices of events, for sale signs and business cards. However we do ask that you are responsible for your own notices, and that you remove them immediately after an event, or after a month on the board. Please note that the noticeboard will be cleared to make room for new signs, and then you're welcome to repost your notice. It would be appreciated if your messages could be kept to an A5 size (half an A4 sheet). The key for the noticeboard is kept in the dairy, and there is no charge to post a notice. Thanks again for using this latest community asset. Whenuapai R&R

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End in sight for new pathway

By Suzanne McFadden

The mosaic welcome mat is out, and the concrete is almost dry on Whenuapai's stunning new pathway.

Downer, the construction company that has built the paths along Brigham Creek and Totara Roads, is confident the \$1.9 million project will be complete by December.

Anthony Hellyer of Downer said it had been a fantastic project to work on, and he was impressed by the co-



R & R member Haydon Mattson, who came up with the mosaic welcome idea, laying the tiles with the Downer team, from left: Dave Malcolm, Anthony Hellyer, Peter Metcalfe and Robert Mackie.

operation and enthusiasm from residents along the route. Despite the loss of 17 rain days since work started in early September—and the crack in the Maui pipeline delaying the manufacture of asphalt - the contract has made great speed, and plenty of runners and walkers are already taking advantage of the completed stretches.

Mosaic tiles designed and created by the Whenuapai R&R have been laid in the footpath on Totara Road at the entrance to the village. The colourful tiles represent the native tree names of local streets, and include a welcome message, and are well worth a visit. Along the dual cycle/walkway on Brigham Creek Road, a new look-out parking area has been incorporated, for cars to pull up and watch the Air Force planes come and go. The R&R plans to work with the Hobsonville RSA to further develop this area with seating and signs in the near future.

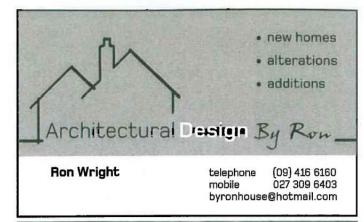
The work has also included filling in the open drains on a stretch of Totara Road, and a strip of new footpath on Trig Road.

Come summer, we will have a fun walk the length of the footpaths, from the Kauri Road end of Brigham Creek Road to the Karaka intersection of Totara Road. We'll keep you posted.

Meanwhile, other work continues around the village, with the interior of our Whenuapai Hall in the process of getting a total make-over. A new grant of \$20,000 from the Auckland Council's strengthening communities fund will help to renovate the outside of the hall over the summer.



R & R chair Suzanne McFadden and long-time campaigner for the footpaths, Graeme Barnard (right) look over Totara Rd's pathway with the Downer team, from left: Peter Metcalfe, Robert Mackie, Dave Malcolm and Anthony Hellyer.





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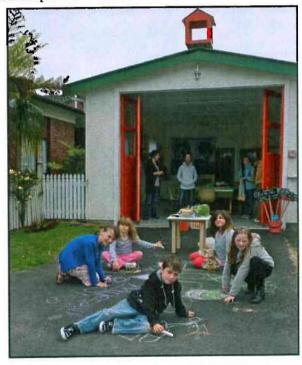
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Historic buildings Open Day a success

The weather held for our impromptu open day. After bouncing ideas about the historic buildings at number 57 Ferry Parade we decided to strike while the iron's hot and open them up for visitors. It's important for locals to know that the historic buildings are there and able to be used and enjoyed.

- The Herald Island Library (behind the Old Fire Station) is open EVERY Wednesday and Saturday between 10-12noon and will soon be open on a Monday from 2 - 4pm as well. The key to the Old Post Office Museum is held at the Library, and can be borrowed at any time.
- The Old Fire Station is used every Wednesday morning from 9.30-12noon by our local craft group, anyone is welcome to call in for a cuppa and do crafts if they wish, or just have a chat.

We had a neat gathering at the Historic Buildings Open Day held on Saturday 1st October. A couple of farmers market type stalls were set up and tea, coffee and cake was on offer for all visitors. Local kids busied themselves with chalk, having fun with pavement art too. We would like to hold another open day now that the warmer weather is coming. Watch the Herald Island & Whenuapai notice boards for details.



Children busy drawing with chalk at the Historic Buildings Open Day. Kadeea McElroy, Charlotte and Olivia Edwards, Eden and Nash Bowyer.



Turning back time Front Page November 2001 Team effort sees new wharf open

The picture showed Jack Adams, chairman of the Wharf Trust cutting the ribbon.

Even the odd squally shower didn't dampen the enthusiasm of locals attending the Official Herald Island Wharf opening. The Herald Island Wharf and Shelter was a Wharf Trust project, a three way partnership with representatives from the Herald Island Boasting Club, Herald Island R&R and the Waitakere City council. It has taken three long years and endless man-hours to complete this project, but what an asset it has created for the community. To all the dedicated people who have been involved, our sincere thanks.

Fun and festivities kicked off at noon on Sunday 14 October, with many locals taking up the challenge to dress in American Theme. Stars and stripes were adorned by many giving a distinct American flavour. From the authentic American hotdogs, American military vehicles and even hotrods.

Prizes awarded for American theme hats and fancy dress were kindly donated by Burger King.

The official opening was at 1.30pm with speeches from Jack Adams, Garry Russell, Frank Reynolds and Gilbert Kimberly. A tremendous effort by a great deal of people. The new Herald Island Wharf will be enjoyed by many, sincere thanks to everyone who took part making the opening such a memorial occasion.

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The roadside parking was a bit sparse, typical of Devonport on a busy Saturday.

Outside eating is available in a narrow courtyard; due to the weather we chose to eat inside.

The table settings, although a bit plastic, were clean and well kept. The prepared and takeaway food counter along with the order area took up most of one side of the room giving a cramped effect. Childs seats are available together with a play area conveniently surrounded by tables for mums and dads which works really well.

Thirty minuets free wireless internet is available to customers in an office corner; a great bonus.

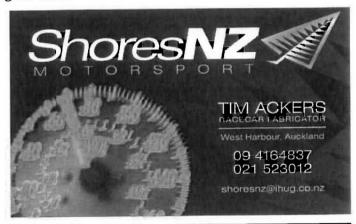
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Considering how busy they were the food came quickly and together, sadly the plates were cold. Coffee great, had to have a second cup what a buzz. Toilets were adequate. Service, friendly and efficient including the prompt removal of dirty dishes.

Sparrows were a bit of an issue, but to be fair I can't see how they could solve that problem, maybe a pet hawk. Fifteen per cent surcharge is applicable on holidays, bit tuff!!!

Library, second-hand bookshop, museum, movies, shops, playground and beach will take up the whole afternoon if you let it. We will definitely be going again, maybe by the Hobsonville Ferry when it starts.

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You may have noticed two ambulances and two fire trucks on the Island the day of the bronze World Cup finals. Barbara Grassick of Herald Island fell down a bank at the back of her, and Eddie's property. Barbara sustained major injuries to her shoulder and ankle. We send warm wishes and hope Barbara has a speedy recovery.

Quick Thinking

On Monday 3rd October, 2011, quick thinking by one of our own resulted in the apprehension of a suspect at the West Wave Swimming Pool. Darell Anderson was comforting a lady who's swim bag had gone missing when it was found in the men's changing room. Missing were some personal items including her car keys. The car was still in the car park so Darell kept an eye on it while the owner prepared to leave. She spotted a young man walking through the car park pressing what was the thought to be the missing door opener. Luckily he missed the car it belonged to on the first pass. With the help of a passer by and a senior life guard the suspect was detained until the police arrived.

One for the good guys!

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Herald Island Playgroup needs resources!

The Playgroup has a new committee and desperately needs, craft materials, paper, glitter, toys, dolls, blocks, containers, anything! All donations appreciated.

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Cat Found

This is the cat that was rescued from Bristol block on Whenuapai Airbase on Wednesday 26th October. She is a female Tortishell (black, white and ginger), Medium hair. No collar. She is currently at the Animal Welfare Impound number 29086. They are located at 48 The Concourse, Henderson awaiting her owners to collect her. They can be contacted on 09-836-7777.

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illage Wanderings

by Norman Dunckley

All go in this little neck of the woods isn't it!! Can't seem to escape from the village on either side, Totara or Kauri Roads without getting caught up in road works of some kind. Great to see some of our tax and rates money coming back to our little corner of the world.

Awesome to see the footpath doing down so fast around Totara Road and what amazed me was the other Saturday the number of people out there giving it an explore. No doubt it was a lazy walk around to the shops for a coffee and cake and back home again. As the path continues around into the Village, mosaic artwork will feature with the street names and natives trees around Whenuapai sunk into the path.

My only sadness has to be seeing the "persons" that continue to dump their rubbish roadside along Totara Road. Grrr. Amazing how a few can spoil it for all. In the same breath it should be mentioned that the council doesn't include Totara Road as part of litter clean up anymore, so please dispose of your rubbish thoughtfully.

One thing that should be reminded to everyone while we have a lot of people from out of the area around the place, be vigilant and lock up your stuff. Don't leave temptation around.

Final thing that's been brought to my attention again, please if you're out, jogging, cycling, walking, what ever, wear something reflective or something that can be seen. Good on you for being 100% All Black supporters but being out on the road, in all black in the early hours or late at night, with wet roads and low or no street lighting is not a good call. Till next time be safe.

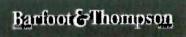
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The Little Felties stall will be back this Market Day, see pages 2 & 9

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Create a Christmas Poem or Story

In addition, if you have the 'writing bug' get creative and write us a short story or poem to put in our December Causeway issue.!

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1 cup sugar

1 cup sultanas

1 TBsp golden syrup 1tsp mixed spice ½ cup walnuts, chopped

1/4tsp salt 1tsp baking soda 50g butter

1 cup dates 1 1/4 cups water

1tsp ground ginger 1/2tsp vanilla extract

2 cups flour

1tsp baking powder

Method:

- 1. Preheat oven to 170 deg C. Grease a 23cm x 14cm loaf tin and line with backing paper.
- 2. Place sugar, butter, sultanas, dates, golden syrup and water in a large pot. Bring to boil and simmer for 5mins. Remove from heat and leave to cool for 10mins.
- 3. Stir mixed spice, ginger, walnuts, vanilla extract and salt into the date mixture. Add flour, baking soda and baking powder and mix to combine.
- 4. Pour into prepared loaf tin and bake 1hr or until a skewer inserted in the centre comes out clean. Leave to cool in tin for 15mins before turning out on to a wire rack.

Christmas Cake ~ easy peasy

Cooking time 1hr

Ingredients:

Into a large pot put...

1 kilo of mixed fruit

1small tin of crushed pineapple

4oz butter

4oz raw sugar

1tsp vanilla essence

2tsp mixed spice

Options: any old jam, a good glug of sherry, extra cherries etc Bring to the boil so the fruit absorbs all the liquid if possible then add:

2 eggs and beat like crazy or poached eggs they become.

1tsp baking soda

1tsp baking powder

2 cups plain or wholemeal flour

Pour into a lined tin, then wet your hands and run over the top of the cake to smooth.

Sprinkle raw sugar over the top which gives a nice crunchy glaze or alternatively leave and ice.

Bake at 175-180 deg C for an hour or until cooked.

It can also be used as a Christmas pudding as it makes a lovely rich, moist cake. It will keep about a week depending on the alcohol content.



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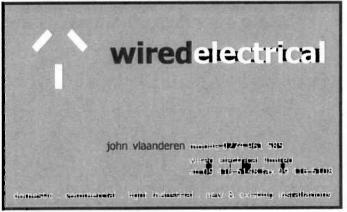
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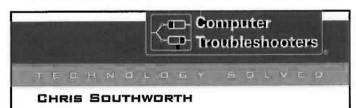
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Bees in the Village

Hi folks,

We enjoy The Causeway every time, it keeps us up to date with happenings.

Just noticed the October article covering the Whenuapai Floral & Garden circle, with the speaker advising to spray a mixture of honey

advising to spray a mixture of noney and or sugared water to attract bees in your garden. This is an excellent way to attract scavenging wasps but bees won't be fooled!!!

Here is some more information about bees.

Just to let you know that there are bees in the Village. Fifty or so years ago I used to keep bees in Holland. Now retired and missing bees in our home orchard I took up bee keeping again a few years ago and have a few hives giving me pleasure, pollination and honey.

This means that perhaps a 100,000 bees are foraging this spring and summer in the area, your flowering Cherries, Lavenders, garden flowers and Fruit trees should be humming with my bees.

And doing the pollination free of charge. Bees find a source



of honey and pollen and keep harvesting until the source runs dry. They visit maybe 200 flowers to collect their 20-30 mg of honey or pollen and doing the pollination on the way, return to their hive and inform their worker mates by dancing to send them to the source.

Bees fly at about 23 k per hour ranging up to 4 k away, covering an enormous area quickly, bees are not scavengers like wasps and if left alone are very friendly.

In spring they sometimes swarm, so if you happen to have a swarm in your garden or neighbourhood, they will be peaceful and happy. Feel free to call me to have them removed.

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Physio speaks ...

Dan Carter's Adductor Strain

Many of us have been questioning if the Rugby Gods are conspiring against us with the loss of Dan Carter to a freak Groin strain. Thankfully the All Blacks are not a team of one and the depth of the squad should see us through.

However, how can an extremely fit and well managed



athlete cause such a serious injury after 4 easy kicks at goal?. Both Dan Carter and the All Black team have well-structured warm ups and with the experience of Carter, I can't imagine lack of warm up to be a factor. Fatigue is another cause for muscle injury, but with 6 days of light training and recovery, this can probably be excluded. Technical kicking anomalies may cause biomechanical stresses, however DC is one of the best in the world when it comes to place kicking so probably not an issue.

The Crusaders Physiotherapist who is a good friend, stayed with me to see the quarter finals, came up with the most reasonable explanation for the injury and that it was just one of those freak occurrences. Our only hope is that the depth and experience we have in the squad will be enough to get the job done. Muscle injuries are still the most common in contact sports. Physiotherapy can improve the speed and quality of healing, but time is still a major factor. A moderate tear will take between 3-6 weeks for full healing. Too long for a tournament to fully recover but maybe permit some players to return at sub optimal levels.

Craig has worked with National and A League football teams, Cycling NZ, local Junior Football and serves on the executive for Auckland Sports Medicine NZ

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It pays to check!

How many of us stop and check our supermarket receipt? Tear off the petrol voucher and perhaps check the back to see if we can get a two for one deal; or a free test pot of paint; or a special on accommodation. I am one of those people who do check my receipt ... I don't trust those automatic price thingies! And every now and then I find that the special price hasn't been updated in the system or like the other week an error has been made. A friendly person on the Deli counter is great, have a nice day etc. But I bought roast beef and was charged for roast pork, which was more expensive. It was only when I checked the receipt I noticed the error. All credit to Countdown they refunded my money so in the end the roast beef was free!! So just take the time to go over that receipt, with the price of food these days it pays to check.

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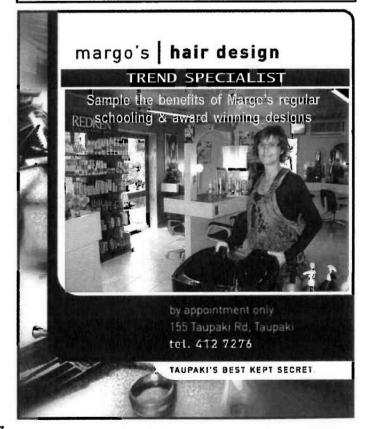
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Whenuapai Floral & Garden Circle

It was a noisy eventful time at the Hall last month for our Meeting, with several fire appliances having arrived to deal with the emergency situation across the road, where a tree had fallen down over power lines which were smoking, the sharpener man was honing up members garden tools outside and inside the painter was continuing his work in the room we normally use for our

library. Our guest speaker this month was Andrew Maloy, Plant Doctor for the Weekend Gardener magazine. There were 92 members present to hear his words of wisdom re pests and problems in the garden and all were given an opportunity to ask any questions.



Glennis thanking Andrew Maloy

Andrew told us he began his career in 1970

working in a two hundred year old garden in Scotland, close to where Robbie Burns used to live. There was a gingko tree growing there and greenhouses with passion fruit. There were still tunnels under these greenhouses. They were used in the days when the greenhouses were heated by fires in the tunnels, which the gardeners had to attend every two hours throughout the night, rather like in the Lost Gardens of Halligan which Andrew has visited.

In 1974, Andrew began growing bromeliads in an old tomato greenhouse. He told us that Chinese Toon leaves are edible and taste like garlic. This plant, more prolific here than in it's native China, was introduced to New Zealand by the same person who introduced the chinese gooseberry, long before it was renamed kiwifruit.

Water sprays used as frost protection can result in excess water in the ground and cause problems with roots. For citrus whitefly, use neem oil. Nasturtiums reduce the whitefly population among tomato and courgette plants. Plant lavenders under citrus for good results. Guava moths, bamboo caterpillars and thrips can all cause a lot of damage in your garden, as can mites so commercial gardeners often use bug predators to control them. A good tip we were given was to plant phacelia, which is great for attracting beneficial insects.

Until next time,

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There are a lot of new books to check out for the big Christmas holiday read!!! Wow!!

Yes Christmas!! It's come around quickly Again.

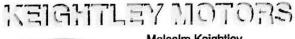
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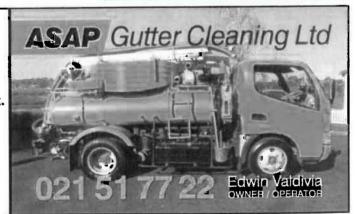
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Herald Island Garden Club

Our October meeting took advantage of daylight saving and saw us visiting the restful garden 'De Barn' in Hobsonville. Owners Anthony and Karen claim they are not experts, but have simply enjoyed developing this garden over the years, which is now often used for weddings and even TV shoots. The park like property was enclosed with well established trees including flowering specimens of magnolia, camellia and rhododendron, such a beautiful sight in the early evening light. The large lake was edged with majestic willows and the banks planted with papyrus, black taro and good old fashioned daisies. Anthony formed a small island in the lake with a connecting bridge providing a quiet haven in the heat of summer. Another vantage point was the jetty protruding out over water lilies and even a boat ramp to launch the dingy for a gentle row. Towards their home, the barn, we wandered through a grove of trees under planted with masses of stunning clivea in full bloom and quirky oversized toadstools popping up when lest expected. Apparently Anthony is the creator and is rather addicted to making them. Towards the lower end of the lake there was a path leading over a small dam that overflowed into a stream, yet another very peaceful area. What a hidden gem.

Next month we meet at the Herald Island Hall at 7.15 prompt to carpool to Greenhithe to visit a member's garden





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