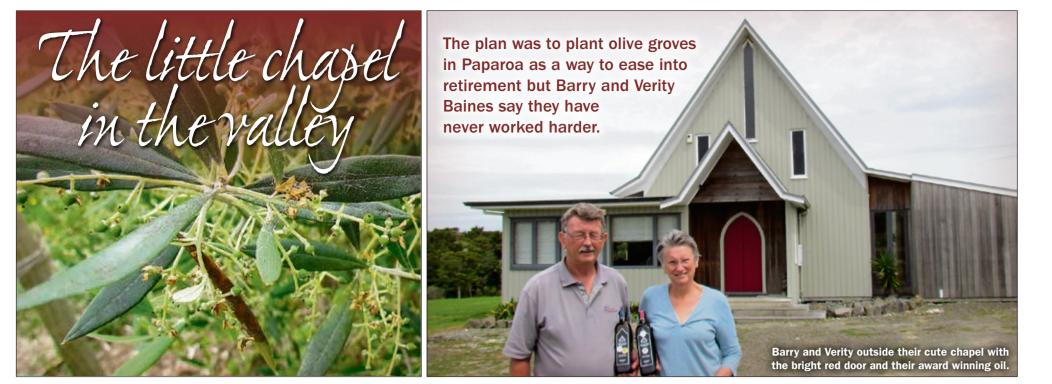
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pair had office jobs in Auckland — Varity

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the gutters and the roof needed fixing and

Once the pair began renovating they

"When we pulled the carpet back, the

Now an impressive and interesting

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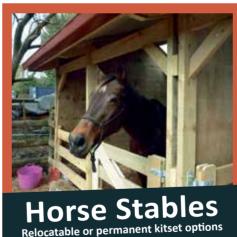
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"The hardest thing for

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"That was a fun time, every single olive got picked," says Barry and Verity with a chuckle, "now we leave a lot of them to

They now produce around 1300 litres and have around 1100 trees with three varieties of olives — Frantoio, leccino

Having bigger groves, they choose to use a mechanical picker which sends a vibration

up the tree freeing the olive onto netting. "It's easier that way and harvesting can be completed in a week instead of drawn out over a long period of time."

The machine collects only the ripe olives and leaves around a third of under

"In the beginning it really upset me to see all these beautiful olives not being used, but you have to look at whether getting the picker in to harvest them is

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Barry showing where the olives will fruit when they come into season in the Autumn

planted on the hill where the wind whips going to cover your costs, and it isn't so you have to let it go, " says Verity.

De-leafing the olives and driving them

in 2002 and their first harvest in 2004 large family of six children and several grandchildren often come

up from Auckland to help and Barry is a member of the Paparoa Lions and his connections come in handy during harvesting.

"We call a working bee and anyone who can help will come up."

The workers are rewarded with olive oil and the couple give a donation to the Lions club each year.

Verity is a committee member of Oliveti, the Northland olive growers association, and recently they hosted a field

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The little chapel olive grove

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> "Olive growers are passionate about what they do. It's a real community and information flows freely between the growers."

> Her role is organising the Oliveti awards, much to Barry's dislike as it means his oil can never win 'best in show.' Nevertheless the frantoio won gold and the leccino and koroneiki took away silver in a tasting competition very similar to wine with only certified extra virgin oil being accepted for judging.

Next year the couple plan to take some time out and travel to Africa visiting Kenya and Uganda where Barry went to school.



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