

Richmond Community News

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Flower Day at Avebury House

Saturday April 5, 10am-4pm
9 Evelyn Couzins Avenue, Richmond

There will be flowers everywhere at Avebury House on Saturday 5 April. The flower arranging skills of the Avon Floral Art Society, who decorate the Cathedral during the Festival of Flowers, will be on show all day. Everyone is invited to come and experience this lovely Victorian mansion in all its glory. Plant stalls offering interesting speci-

mens will be in full swing and there will be White Elephant stalls and free demonstrations of floral art. Delicious morning and afternoon teas will be served.

This is a unique opportunity to discover and appreciate Avebury House and experience the various styles of flower arranging from 1865 until today. Everyone is welcome so bring your friends and family.

Avebury in April

**Rhythm and Rhyme
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**Flower Day at Avebury,
Saturday April 5,
10am-4pm
Avon Floral Art Society**
(see article for details.)

Parent Support Group
April 28, 10am-11am
Held on the last Monday of each month, this is an informal meeting

with other parents over a friendly cup of tea or coffee.

History and Heritage Group

Because of the interest shown in the early history of the area, we are looking to form a history and heritage group to pool information and help to record some of the old stories that are in danger of being lost forever. If this interests you, please contact Lesley at Avebury House.

All enquires about the facilities or programmes at Avebury House, please contact:

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Well the year has started and children and staff are all back happily rested after the holidays. We are on a very exciting journey this year as we are working towards being the first New Zealand School to be accredited as a William Glasser Quality school. We have employed Shar Peterson as our leader and mentor to help us work towards this. Our aim is a school where children achieve quality work, relationships based on trust and progress happens through self evaluation. Shar works with teachers in the classroom and working with children helping them to solve hassels using Reality Therapy (this is a counselling/questioning process.) This programme is designed to help children make life-long changes. So watch this space!

Our curriculum focus this year as a school is Literacy and quality assessment practises. We are also trialling a new road safety programme to help ensure children can and do cross

Stanmore Road in a safe manner. Janet Pask is the lead teacher trialling this new programme in her classroom and then this will be implemented school wide. It is a wonderful programme that works in conjunction with the Police Education programme.

I was the guest speaker at Christchurch Teachers College to the third year graduant teachers about teaching and learning last week. It was a challenging but enjoyable opportunity to talk to future teachers about relationship building and our school's vision of education.

I look forward to an exciting year and already the school and staff have a wonderful sense of shared purpose and like minded philosophies to make a difference for children's learning both now and in the future.

You may also have seen the article in the press about our new bilingual name. Te Rito o te Hara-keke was gifted to us at

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Meditation at Avebury House

At 7:30 pm on Wednesday evenings the Tibetan Buddhist group, Karma Thigsum Choeling (KTC), hosts a Chenrezig meditation practice in the Cora Wilding Room. The purpose of Chenrezig meditation is to develop love and compassion for all beings. The practice involves chanting, visualisation and silent meditation. Chenrezig is the Buddha of compassion, and is known

by the mantra "om mani padme hum".

Everyone is welcome to attend the meditation or to join us for a cup of tea at 8:30 pm following the meditation. This is a good time to come and meet members of the group, ask questions and get to know more about KTC and the Chenrezig practice.

Established in Christchurch four years ago,

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Letter to the Editor

I have lived in the Richmond area for 15+ years (in rental accommodation) and after reading your paper 'Richmond Community News' felt for the first time in my 43 years that I had better put pen to paper and write to the Fourth Estate.

It made me feel (now here's the 'Warm Fuzzies') really good and proud. Great job, keep it up!

The other day when I was walking down Fitzgerald Avenue, I noticed a signpost on the corner of Heywood Terrace and Fitzgerald Ave. After reading it, I came home feeling a little less 'world weary' with all the 21st century hype. I kept thinking about what it was like over 100 years ago where I live today. Oh! to have a time machine.

Top marks to whomever came up with the ideas to create these little treasures scattered around Christchurch and especially in Richmond where I have spent a large part of my life.

Yours sincerely
Deborah Cameron

P.S. How about an article about the old boys' home? (The New World site).

Ed. Note: Heywood Terrace is designated as a 'Living Street'. Look for the signs they are certainly worth stopping and reading.

Inner City East Multi-cultural Festival Saturday 29 March 11am – 3pm

Wander past the Linwood Community Arts Centre by the Doris Lusk Reserve on the corner of Stanmore Road and Worcester Street on Saturday 29 March and you will be greeted by the sights and sounds of the annual eastern inner city neighbourhood's multi-cultural festival.

Vibrant, colourful and exotic, the Festival is a celebration of this area's cultural diversity. Almost 25% of our residents are of non-European origin, and this diversity brings a wonderful richness in language, cultural values

and spiritual beliefs to our community.

Now in its fifth year, the Multi-cultural Festival is a small but important step towards understanding and appreciating our different cultures.

Come along and be tempted by tantalising foods, trying on ethnic costumes, browsing the stalls for wares, seeing displays and the children's art exhibition. Be enchanted by a wide range of cultural entertainment and have a great day out. Rain date is 5 April – same time, same place.

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Housing – a Richmond issue

I am fascinated by the fundamental human problem of how people get and keep shelter. And I am convinced that we have yet to find all the answers! Housing policy is, to me, one of the most exciting areas of government. And, bringing it local, Richmond illustrates just about every key aspect of New Zealand's housing problem – and some solutions as well. Three questions dominate the sector:

Question one is **will the market alone deliver?** Certainly it can't in Richmond at present. Both central and local government provide housing in various parts of the neigh-

bourhood, which is run to avoid a loss, but not make a profit for, the ratepayer or taxpayer. Provided privately, it would cost the tenant more. Without central government accommodation supplement, which totals nearly \$1 million a year for people living in Richmond, private rental housing would be too highly priced for many people on lower incomes. Although things have got much better in the last four years, there are still local people whose rent takes over half their weekly income. Community agencies are also playing a bigger role in providing housing, mainly in the community care sector.

Question two is **what new ways there are to improve housing choice and quality?** I'm keen for Government to be able to help first-time buyers to buy their own place, especially to free up state or city council housing spaces for others. I would like closer monitoring of the quality of rental housing, since we hear too many stories in my office of poor conditions and tenants unwilling to complain. I would like support for people to build their own property, and to take an environmentally friendly approach to their new homes.

And question three is **what role can I play?** Housing

is a challenge for each and every one of us – I, for example, am a failed homeowner who now prefers to live in rented flats in two cities for the two halves of my job. I like being a tenant in heritage properties, playing my part to preserve them for the next generation. Each of us, owner-occupier, landlord or tenant, has a unique role to play in making our housing work for us and the wider Richmond and inner city community.

Tim Barnett

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Richmond School continued

the end of last year by our Kaumatua council. The name embraces our value and belief in working together as a whanau always with the child at the heart of all that matters. It also encompasses the history of this area in Richmond

which was originally covered in harakeke. We are really grateful to Aunty Jane Phillips and Tania Te Karu for all their hard work and support.

Annie Bowden
PRINCIPAL

**"Ko nga Tamariki – ko nga Taonga."
The children are our treasures.**

last month's solution

ACROSS

1. Tide
5. Star
9. Roc
12. Adam
13. Pore
14. Ara
15. Bomb
16. Atom
17. Nap
18. Sleep
20. Single
22. Replete
25. Top
28. Tie
29. Wasp
33. Ana
34. Sense
37. Poe
38. Menu
40. Ton
41. Tug
42. Revolve

46. Marina
49. Yacht
53. Ace
54. Aloe
57. Soar
58. Ire
59. Curl
60. Erie
61. Led
62. Tees
63. Sere

DOWN

1. Tabs
2. Idol
3. Dame
4. Ember
5. Spa
6. Tot
7. Arose
8. Remit
9. Rang
10. Oral
11. Cape
19. Pets
21. New
23. Tam
24. One
25. Pan
26. Apt
27. Sou
30. Peg
31. Sol
32. Envy
35. Uri
36. Enact
39. Value
43. Eases
44. Mail
45. Acre
46. Reed
47. Core
48. Hair
50. Tree
- 51.
- 52.
- 55.
- 56.

crossword

ACROSS

1. Stunned
6. Common article
9. Twilight
12. Boxing ring
13. _____ Steiger
14. Negative vote
15. Character
16. Run
18. Gob
19. Today
21. Gist
22. 'Today I _____ a man.'
24. Elfin
26. Famed lioness
29. Partner of older
32. Testing site
34. Moray
35. 'Land _____!'
36. Chewing _____
38. Spring month
40. Scale note
41. _____ de France
43. Spar
45. Nautical hazards
47. Treaty
49. Damp
51. Lumberman's tool
52. Word on a towel
54. Tier
56. Cribbage piece
59. Mythical bird
62. Of space
64. 'Norma _____'
65. Pindar work
66. Chapter's partner
67. Eccentric
68. Part of TWTWTW
69. Consumed

DOWN

1. Loony
2. Opera highlight
3. Zoo attractions
4. Compass point
5. Work on socks
6. Garden tool
7. School dance
8. Adam's address
9. Make possible
10. Dyer's need
11. Hurricane centre
17. Have second thoughts
20. '_____ Thee I Sing'
23. One of the 'Little Women'
25. Sweet potato
27. Ego
28. Word for Yorick
29. Lash
30. Kansas town
31. Polish
33. Taproom
37. Do a lawn job
39. Opposite of 14-A
42. Repeated
44. King of Persia
46. Skillful
48. Cravat
50. Partner of fro
53. Weather forecast
55. Beach sight
57. Comfort
58. Secluded valley
59. Not an amateur
60. Possessed
61. Mrs Cantor
63. Actor Stephen

Solution next month

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Meditation at Avebury House

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KTC follows the Tibetan Kagyu lineage of Buddhism. It is under the direction of resident teacher, Venerable Lama Assi. Currently overseas, Venerable Lama Assi is a highly regarded meditation master and teacher who has been teaching Buddhist philosophy and practice for over thirty years.

The purpose of Buddhism is to enable us to lead a happy and meaning-

ful life. The teachings and techniques of Buddhism have been handed down from teacher to student, since the time of Shakyamuni Buddha, the historical Buddha of our time, who lived over 2500 years ago.

If you wish to receive more information about Karma Thigsum Choeling and its activities please phone 03 3844626.



The picture is of Rumtek Monastery in Sikkim, India; the official seat of His Holiness the Karmapa, the head of the Kagyu lineage of Tibetan Buddhism.

Yoga for children

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Policing in Bingsland (Richmond)

The Bingsland Police Station was to become one of the longest established of the Christchurch suburban police stations, opening in 1879 on Stanmore Road by Alexandra, with Constable Sturmer, formerly of Von Tempsky's Forest Rangers being the first resident constable. He was replaced by Constable Flewellyn and then by T. Hammond, more commonly known as 'Long Tom.'

John McLeod was to become resident con-

stable from 1912 till 1933. McLeod Street was named after him. I heard he had built himself a house in Slater Street during the Depression.

My father who lived in McLeod Street, said there was a story that Constable McLeod never made an arrest as the Richmond Cosntable. His son Douglas became a well-known artist.

By 1960 the Stanmore Police Station had become

run-down and the job of finding a suitable site for a new station was given to John Goodson, who had arrived from Bluff to be the North Avon Constable.

A house in a poor state was found at 45 North Parade and in 1963 a new brick police station was opened, only to be closed permanently in 1968 when the days of our local Bobby drew to a close.

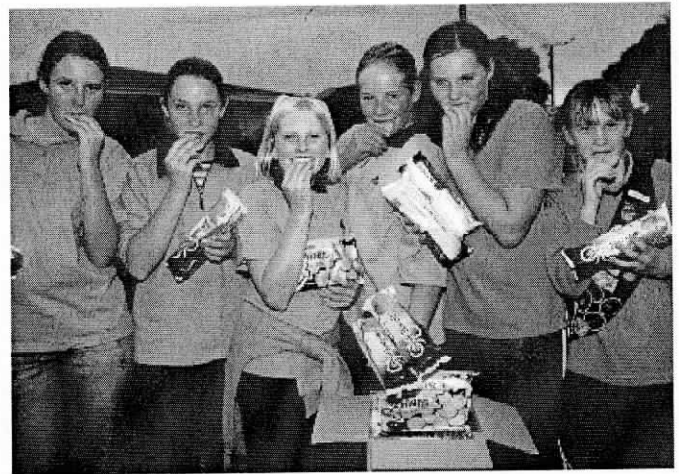
Alan Williamson

Shirley Girl Guides take the biscuit

The Shirley Girl Guide unit, based at Banks Avenue School Hall is out and about this week selling their quota of Girl Guide biscuits. As always the chocolate biscuits are proving very popular. This year also, there is a new 'Mini' chocolate biscuit that is selling like... well, mini chocolate biscuits.

The unit has twelve girls and three leaders and meet every Monday from 6.30 until 8pm. Guides is

a great way to meet people and be part of a world wide community. Now would be a great time to join as we are busily trying to fundraise for the up and coming jamboree. 'The Rock' Jamboree is going to be an amazing camp, to be held in Rotorua next year in January. If anyone can help with fundraising or wishes to be a leader or guide, can you please contact Sarah Hunter on 385-6123 or Nikki Lambert on 385-7722.



Pictured from left to right are: Samantha Jury, Nicole Todd, Stephanie Osmers, Catrina Hunter, Kiriana Temperton and Amanda Dickens, checking the quality of a batch of biscuits.

Reminiscences of a Richmond Resident – Part II

The Richmond Club on Stanmore Road used to be a small grocery shop. Further on was Burns' shoe store for boot and shoe repairs and next door was Dave Harris' Blacksmith shop, then the Post office and finally the Chemist Shop. Anny Hine was the early chemist. There used to be Razers' grocery shop across the road (see photo) with a butcher's shop next door. I can remember seeing a man going into the shop with gold sovereigns in his hands.

Across the road from the Caltex Station there used to be a 'Peddler's Lane'. It ran right down to Medway Street. The Kemp family lived on one side of the lane and Ray Kemp was my mate. His father kept a horse and cart. On the other side of Kemp's place was a farm with one or two cows running around. Just on the corner of the Lane and Medway Street was a large site with a willow

tree growing on it. The lane was lovely to walk on down to the Avon River. We used to ride Kemp's old horse on the old road ... those were the days ... no pollution, lovely fresh air and the scent of old bushes growing down the sides of the Lane.

The drive into Avebury House from North Avon Road had a row of fir trees on the west side and I could travel along the tops without touch-

ing the ground. No state houses then, just a large paddock where Mr Bere kept his horse. Mr Bere built the shops on the corner of Chrystal Street. There used to be a fish and chip shop, now it's a hair-dresser and dairy.

There was a good tram service into town in those days, but sometimes the tram came off the rails and they had to use a bottle jack to get it back on. To the best of my memory on the

corner of Worcester Street there used to be a wood and coal merchant and the old swimming baths (now gone) were next to the Richmond School.

The ditch in Gowerton Place is all that is left of the creek where the early settlers used to get their water supplies. I believe the water came from a spring from the back of a house in Forth Street.

'DOC'



Long gone – it was demolished about 1940 – is this old grocery on the corner of North Avon and Stanmore Rds, in Christchurch. The delivery van is thought to be a Model A Ford. A.E. McKenzie, of Christchurch, whose grandfather owned the shop, sent in the photograph, commenting: 'My grandmother had the haberdashery around the corner and probably sold the ties advertised.'

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