

Richmond Community News

• AUGUST 2003 •

Book launch at Avebury

Approximately 60 people attended the launch of the booklet "Avebury House: A House with a Story" by Jan Moody, at Avebury House on the evening of 29 June.

People from the local community; representatives of the Flesher family; local city council and community boards, including Mayor Gary Moore and Cr. Anna Crighton listened to Dr P. Shepherd, eldest great grandson of William Flesher reminisce about the days when the house

was the residence of the Flesher family.

Amanda Ross, Assistant Heritage Planner from the Christchurch

City Council, spoke of the council's sponsorship of the booklet, which was inspired by the local Richmond community's

enthusiasm for the house and its history.

The booklet is available from Avebury House for a donation.



Essie Summers Richmond connection

In the 1960's and through to the 1980's one of Mills and Boons most popular romance writers was Essie Summers. A Canterbury writer, Essie's books were deservedly popular before the days of 'steamy realism'.

Born in Linwood in 1912, Essie published 55 romance novels, selling more than 19 million copies around the world. Her descriptions of the New Zealand countryside brought many people to see for themselves the locations mentioned in her books.

One of our readers came across one of her books recently and was delighted to read the following on page 54; 'I've bought a house in Avonside near Linwood Avenue'. And further along on page 76; 'Virginia crossed the road to the riverside and walked briskly as far as Swanns Road Bridge, over it, back along the other side, and across Stanmore Road Bridge...' and again on page 111, 'Often she slipped into Holy Trinity at Avonside just along the river...'

As the book, "Revolt

- And Virginia" published by Mills and Boon in 1969, is set in Christchurch, many other well known landmarks and sites are mentioned, but it was a pleasure for our reader to

identify local places.

Essie Summers died in 1998 after bringing pleasure to millions of readers. Many of her books can be found in the Christchurch City Library.

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Avebury in August

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**History and Heritage
group –**
Wednesday 4.30–5.30pm
If you are interested in
the history of this area in
whatever form, do come
and join us. Our next
meeting is Wednesday, 13
August.

We are interested in
obtaining any old photos
or information of the
Richmond area for a
display.

People of Spirit Weekend,
Sat 23–Sun 24

Parents Group, Monday
25 August 10am–11am
Held on the last Monday
of each month, this is an
informal meeting.

Children play, parents
chat over a friendly cup
of tea or coffee at our
'Parents Café'.

**All enquiries about the
facilities or programmes
at Avebury House,
9 Eveleyn Couzins Ave,
please contact:**

**Lesley McMillan
Community Worker
Phone 942 5615**

**Or email:
avebury@paradise.net.nz**

crossword

ACROSS

1. Raiders
8. State
11. Harvest
12. Beginner
13. Fish
15. Blackened
19. Smudge
21. Sound
22. Defraud
23. Addend
24. Birthright seller
26. Delete
27. Richly
28. Army rank
31. Hepta (Gk.)
34. Chill
35. Need
38. Chemical symbol for
argon
39. Glow
41. S. American animal
43. The (Sp.)
44. Oleic
46. Crag
47. Indian soldier
48. Age

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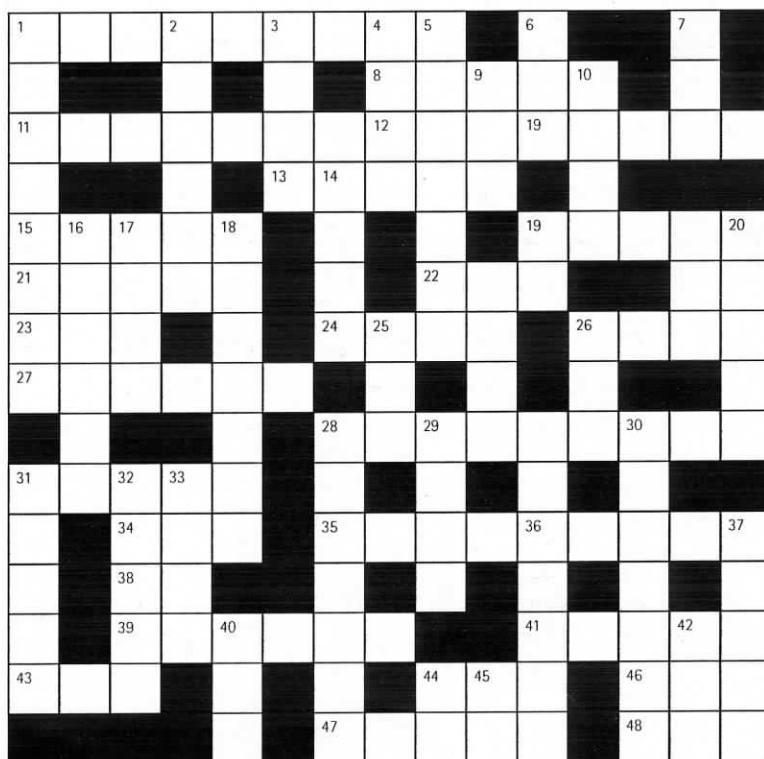
1. Bordering on
2. Eden fruit
3. Singer
4. Spoke
5. Ancient Greek marker
6. Verve
7. Grain
9. Digit
10. Geometric figure
14. Zero
16. Knot
17. Offspring of Ibex
18. Dwindle
19. Ergo
20. Pierce
25. Knight
28. Hindu Holy City
29. Irritate
30. Ape
31. Hades
32. Small bottles
33. Beige
36. Inane
37. Long
40. Sun
42. Low
44. Theatre term
45. Hawaiian Hawk

Did you know?

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the south bank had a name change to Avonside
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fer a balanced content.
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Submissions to be sent to
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or to Richmond Commu-
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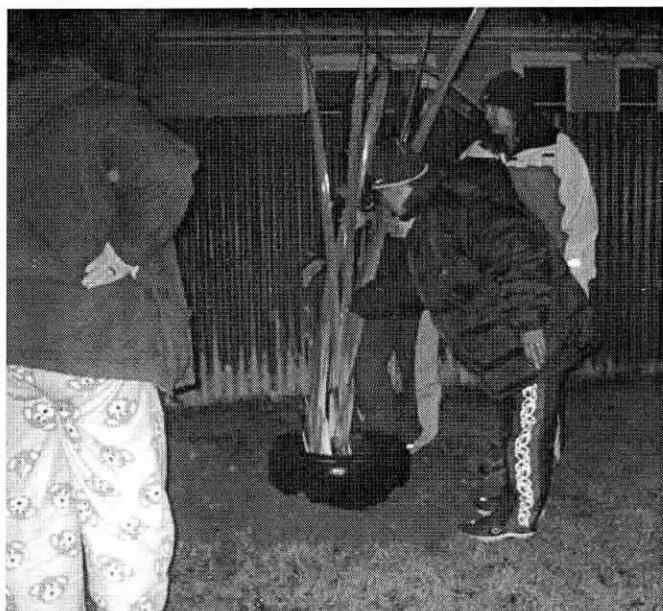
Richmond School

This has been yet another busy month for our children and whanau. At the end of term we celebrated Matariki (the beginning of the Maori new year) in a very special way. The children, caregivers and whanau had an overnight stay at school and we all got up at 4.00 o'clock in the morning to plant out a fence line of Pa Harakeke. Te Roopu Awhina and our Kaumatua council led by Aunty Heeni Phillips braved the cold frosty morning which turned out to be a wonderful peaceful dawn. The harakeke had a double significance as our school name, gifted to us by Aunty Heeni, is Te Rito o te Harakeke. In the same week we had two classes have a noho marae at school as well. This term also has a great number of exciting teaching and learning opportunities. Kapahaka were asked to perform at the new Art Gallery and at the Christchurch Library as part of Maori language week. Our group are also gearing up for the cultural festival next month. This group is led by two teacher Ru-awhitu Pokaia and Ally O'Keefe. Our children

have been invited to speak at Canterbury University this month to a lecture theatre of 280 adults to share their experiences of Richmond School. 10 brave young people! This month we also start our school wide swimming lessons at Aquagym. The children are really looking forward to that too. Our community are invited to share a celebration of all our cultures and whanua in the school at an International tea to held on September 10 at 6.00pm. Please come along with some kai to share with others and enjoy the entertainment from our tamariki. Last but not least we have received our site plans from the architect who is designing our community based I.C.T building. The new building is very innovative and reflects what we believe classes of the future should look like. The new building should be started by term four if all goes according to plan. Fingers crossed!

Kia Ora Koutou.

— Annie Bowden
PRINCIPAL



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Community notices

Wednesday Café
Good Health and Well-Being for Older People

August 13th

Our popular monthly Wednesday Café lunch is on this week.

What is the Community Law Centre?

This month's speaker will give us important information about this useful service available to us all.

Date: Wednesday 13th August

Time: 11.30am – 1pm

Place: In the church hall at Holy Trinity Church, Stanmore Road.

Parking: Large car park, Lychgate Close.

Donation: \$2 includes a light lunch.

Also: The \$2 Bring and Buy Table and Housie to follow.

All welcome – invite a friend or neighbour – and

please telephone the Office and leave a message to say you are coming.

Telephone 389-6948.

Avonside Book Discussion Group

There are now a limited number of vacancies in our daytime Book Discussion Group that meets on the first Friday of each month beginning with morning tea at 10am. We use the WEA book discussion programme, so we enjoy a wide variety of books followed by friendly and stimulating discussion when we meet. Men and women of any age are welcome to join this group which meets in the Lounge at the Holy Trinity Church in Stanmore Road. Please telephone the Group Coordinator for more details on ph. 384 8396.

Recollections from a cake shop and dairy in Richmond 1945-1948

What about bread unwrapped and baked on only five days a week?

Families ordering up to 10 loaves for a long weekend.

Butter rationing – coupons for 6-8 oz. Per person per week – no substitutes available, only dripping or lard.

Milk collected in a billy or jug from 40-gallon containers delivered to the shop by a local dairy farmer each day. Cream also available.

Ice cream, which had only recently been produced in the winter, in 1d. and 3d. cones and pint blocks mostly vanilla. Many homes were without fridges so ice cream for parties had to be collected when needed.

Ice cream sundaes available at the shop, also milk shakes and ice cream sodas. Moore's Dairy in

Worcester St. produced their own ice cream, chocolate bombs and ice blocks for the two dairies.

Shops were open Monday to Friday and Saturday morning but dairies could open on Sunday morning to sell milk and some perishable items.

Cakes, pies and pasties baked by Marldon were sold 1/- per dozen for plain cakes and 1/3d. for cream cakes (artificial cream) Also available – scones, pikelets, fruit cakes and sponges.

Chocolate, sweets and biscuits were rationed to the shops and were put out for sale at the whim of the owner. When the news got out that these goodies were available, people came from all over the district.

– S. Ward

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Voluntary euthanasia – is there an issue?

By the time you are reading this, Parliament may have voted to send the "Death with Dignity" Bill to a Select Committee for full study and consultation. Whatever decision is made (and I intend to vote for it to be sent to a Select Committee), I believe the issues will not go away. But I also accept that the matter is morally complex, and that the term "euthanasia" can too easily be used to describe a wide range of situations, which actually bring up a complex range of issues.

I have spoken to many people about the Bill, and a number of local residents have written to me. Breaking down the way that I am approaching the vote, I think there are in fact a series of specific concerns, many of which end up being intermingled and confused in the debate:

Attitudes to suicide

Suicide is no longer a crime, although many regard it as a moral offence. However, the boundaries between suicide and assisted suicide, and assisted suicide and manslaughter and even murder, can be matters of very fine degree, but treated very differently by the law. A number of "assisted suicide" cases in recent years, in both New Zealand and Australia, have helped to fire up the euthanasia debate, since they reach into the fears of

all of us that we might be left in pain and helpless to control our own destiny.

Effectiveness of "living wills"

An increasing number of people are writing documents which explain how they want to be treated if they become unable to control their own destiny, through poor mental or physical condition. Such documents are of shaky legal standing since if and when the crunch time comes, they can conflict with medical ethics and the feelings of family or friends.

The doctor-patient relationship

One reason that the law and public feeling about voluntary euthanasia is so strong in the Netherlands is that, with the spread of AIDS/HIV, a comparatively large number of young and assertive people were suddenly facing death 50 or more years before they expected to. They demanded to know more about their condition, and wanted more control over their care and eventual death. In various ways and forms, patients worldwide have demanded more power. The euthanasia debate has been boosted by this.

Pain relief and hospice services

The demand for different

laws around voluntary euthanasia has been fed by fear of a painful death, or the insufferable pain of an incurable condition. Some claim that countries where euthanasia laws have been introduced have inadequate hospice services. It is undoubtedly true that such services could always be even better than they are.

Where it might all stop...

One strand of anti-

voluntary euthanasia feeling is that once such a system of state-authorised death is introduced, the boundaries will start to loosen. What of someone with Alzheimers, or someone in a long-term coma, or with chronic mental illness.

On the basis that the issues will not go away, I welcome any comments!

– Tim Barnett

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Time: 10am to 5pm

Date: 23rd and 24th August, 2003

At: Historic Avebury House, Eveleyn Couzins Avenue (off North Avon Road), Richmond, Christchurch

Workshops (covered by entry fee)

- Journey of the soul
- Unlocking your creative inner child
- How to channel and more.

Stalls to purchase products and services (not covered by entry fee).

- Cranio-sacral
- Indian head massage and more.

Cost: One day's entry to workshops \$50.00

Weekend entry to workshops \$90.00

Limited tickets so purchase now. Some door sales will be available.

Shafia (Universal Dance of Peace) will join us in the Opening and Closing Ceremony.

Phone Marianna 942-9717, Sheila 385-4743 and Pam 980-5934.

Linwood Heritage Group videos

The Linwood Resource Centre, based at 322 Linwood Avenue formed a Heritage Group to record the history of Linwood. Members of the group have lived in or around Linwood most of their lives. To keep up with the historical side of events, people want to tell their stories and save them for the younger generation. In today's world young people are actually just starting to realise how different life was back in those days. One must imagine the horrors as well as the fun that people had during those days and all the hardships they experienced trying to bring up large families on

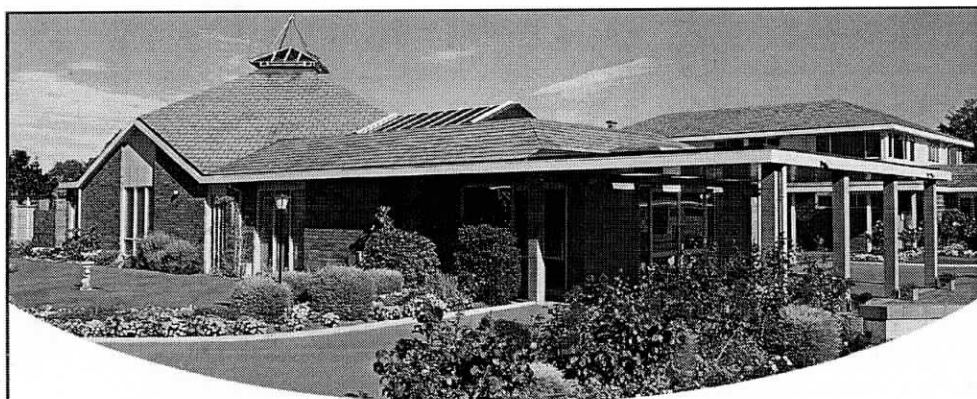
limited incomes.

The Heritage Group videos are about the realities of people living in Linwood, their ups and their downs. The first video is entitled "A Grave Subject" and is about the Linwood Cemetery and the stories of some of its inhabitants.

"Places and Faces of Linwood" contains interviews with local people and their impressions of the area in which they grew up.

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