

Richmond Community News

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*Merry
Christmas*

Everyone at RCN wishes to thank all of
our advertisers and readers and wish them
a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and
Prosperous New Year

MP Mediates on Minor and Major Issues

I am frequently asked to mediate on local issues in my role as the Christchurch Central MP. This can range from casework matters relating to noisy neighbours with loud stereos or unroad-worthy cars or unjust Work and Income decisions to much bigger matters.. Sometimes it can just be a matter of talking to the Christchurch City Council or a word to Housing New Zealand or Work and Income to solve these minor problems. However, the issue is never minor to the person whose sleep is disturbed or financial security is threatened.

On some issues my main concern is to get the process right. I am often lobbied by people on both sides of an issue, for example, the proposal for a Royal Commission to examine the Christchurch Civic Creche case. My main concern there is to calm fears on one side that the proposal won't be treated seriously and on the other that some kind of re-trial is being proposed.

Richmond residents may have read of the latest mediation I have been facilitating concerning the City Mosque. The immediate issue was related to the possible transfer of ownership of

their mosque. A neutral meeting space is often helpful in disagreements and provides a buffer for advantage by one party over the other. There also has to be goodwill by people on both sides of the dispute to ensure that success is guaranteed and an independent mediator acceptable to both sides. I am pleased to report progress in this dispute is continuing in a democratic fashion within our local community.

Debate is a healthy part of our society and I am privileged to share and help solve many of our community's issues and conflicts. Feel free to contact me with your concerns. I am starting to realise that debate, even conflict (of a constructive kind) centred around matters which genuinely concern people, is the life blood of a healthy democracy. There are no absolute recipes for success in life; nor are there failsafe formulas for creating effective organisations, or even managing legal processes in a way which shuts down subsequent debate. People with such roles as mine have a role to play (when we can be seen as comparatively neutral) in helping combatants to focus on the real issues, and access the resources they need to achieve solutions.

Merry Christmas to All

Tim

Community Notice Carols on the Green

The combined Churches of Richmond in conjunction with the Richmond Community Cottage (Richmond Residents Assn) will be holding their annual carols on Richmond Green Cnr Stanmore Rd & London St, on Sunday 21st December starting at 3 pm (If wet, Richmond Methodist Hall Stanmore Rd).

The Richmond Methodist Bell Ringers and Salvation Army Band and songsters will be performing.
Donkey rides & Bouncy Castle, Lolly scramble

crossword

CLUES

Across

6. Device (11)
7. Partly (prefix) (4)
8. Involved (8)
9. Rise (6)
10. Mountaineers' Songs (6)
12. Language of the Copts (6)
15. Tolerance (6)
17. Handed Over (8)
19. Stitched (4)
20. Royal Authority (11)

Down

1. Casual Occurrence (8)
2. Fervid (6)
3. Pimplly (6)
4. Short Skirt (4)
5. Indisposed (6)
6. Game (5)
11. Alignment of troops (8)
13. Black Sea Port (6)
14. Minders (6)
15. Boy (6)
16. Swinging (5)
18. Prima Donna (4)



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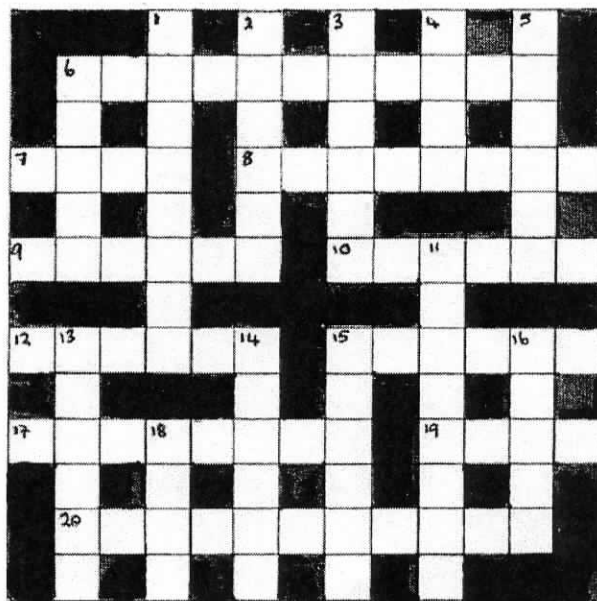
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last month's solution



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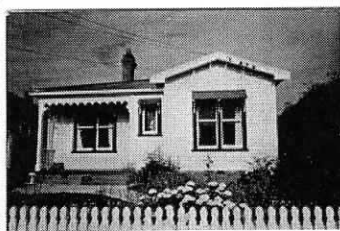
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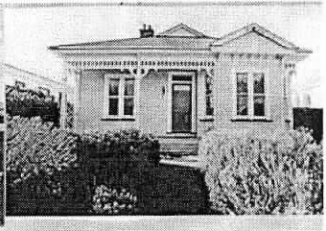
Chancellor Street 1920's



66 Chancellor



72 Chancellor



74 and 70 Chancellor

Chancellor Street today

Did you know

N Z had state houses as far back as 1905. Richard Seddon, concerned at the number of homeless and unsavoury living conditions throughout much of the country, decided that the state should play a part in housing. Seddon had seen for himself quality council housing for the low income earners in England, so in 1904 an act was passed called the Workers Dwelling Act so the state could build and rent houses of a good standard. The act aimed to provide homes for 5000 families who earned less than \$156 per year, this was ammended to \$200 the following year. The houses would be leased for 50 years with the right of renewal or could be purchased outright with the proviso that on the death of the owner, ownership would return to the state. Seddon said it would give relief from profit hungry landlords, however, many workers with a bring home pay of £3 per week, found the rent of 10 to 15 shillings a week too expensive. When the scheme finally ground to a halt, 648 houses had been built. These first houses were designed by some very prominent local architects including Hurst/Seager, Cecil

Wood, Barlow and England. I believe 4 pockets of these homes were built in Christchurch one being in Chancellor St which was in St Albans at the time now regarded as Richmond. This small group of houses runs from Julius Tce to Shirley Rd. The house which stands on the corner of Shirley Rd has undergone the most dramatic change over the years, serving as a worker's dwelling, the local dairy and more recently as offices for the St Albans branch of the Labour Party. Others in this charming little group fell into disrepair and had out of character additions and alterations but recent years have seen a turn in the tide with new young owners doing a great job of restoring these unique houses to their original state. Number 74 was a house I was sure had lost it for ever but recently a labour of love has transformed it back to a delightful home. Number 72 likewise, after many years of neglect, has been restored to a delightful cottage. It's great to see these unique and picturesque parts of our N Z Heritage getting a new lease of life.

Alan Williamson

Community Concert



The Garden City Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Patrick Shepherd, played to a small but enthusiastic crowd on a sunny afternoon at Avebury Park on Saturday 29th November.

The programme consisted of light classical pieces by Bizet, Strauss, Weinberger and Tchaikowsky and in keeping with the setting, the theme from the TV series 'Upstairs and Downstairs'. Selections from 'Les Miserables' and a

witty piece, which interposed Christmas carols with classical selections followed. To conclude, the orchestra played a selection of Christmas Carols.

After the concert, some of the audience spent the rest of the afternoon picnicking in the park. This was the community orchestra's last performance for the year. The event was sponsored by Christchurch City Council Leisure.

A Big thank you to our sponsors, Ballantynes and The Christmas Shop, for all the Christmas decorations they donated. Although Avebury House was only decorated with flowers for the weekend of 6-7th Dec, Avebury House will still be decorated for Christmas.

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Letters to the Editor

Avebury House Community Trust
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My grand daughter lives in your area so receives your interesting "Richmond Community News" which I always read. In your August issue you had an article on areas in Richmond and Avonside mentioned in one of Esse Summers' books. Years ago I read and enjoyed Esse Summers' books but had not read this particular one. My local library found "Revolt and Virginia" for me and I have really enjoyed reading the story and recognising very familiar places of which she has written. Thank you for giving me the opportunity of a pleasurable and nostalgic read.

Sincerely
Verna Inkster

Christmas Carol quiz

1. Move hitherward the entire assembly of those who are loyal in their belief.
2. Listen, the celestial messengers produce harmonious sounds.
3. Nocturnal time-span of unbroken silence.
4. An emotion excited by the acquisition or expectation of good given to the terrestrial sphere.
5. Embellish the interior passageways.
6. Exalted heavenly beings to whom harkened.
7. Twelve o'clock on a clement night

witnessed it's arrival.

8. The Christmas preceeding all others.

9. Small municipality in Judea southwest of Jerusalem.

10. Diminutive masculine master of skin-covered percussionistic cylinders.

11. Omnipotent supreme being who elicits respite to ecstatic destinguished males.

12. Tranquility upon the terrestrial sphere.

13 Obese personification fabricated of compressed mounds of minutr crystals.

14. Jovial yuletide desired for the second person singular or plural by us.

Answers

1. O Come all ye faithful
2. Hark the Herald Angels sing
3. Silent Night
4. Joy to the world
5. Deck the Halls
6. Angels we have heard on high
7. It came upon a midnight clear
8. The First Noel
9. O Little town of Bethlehem
10. The Little Drummer Boy
11. God Rest ye merry gentlemen
12. Peace on earth
13. Frosty the Snowman
13. We wish you a Merry Christmas

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Te Rito o te Harakeke

Annie Bowden and Janet Ackerley attended the New Zealand Research Council Conference held in Auckland during the first week of this month. Annie even presented a paper to the Conference on the Innovative Programmes currently used in our school. We have had word that the conference has made a huge impact on all who have participated throughout New Zealand. *Learning is a life long process.*

This term we have had several visitors to the kura. Te Puna Wai o Waipapa (Hagley Community College) performed to our tamariki. It was a wonderful opportunity for children to have family at school, sharing experiences. We also had a Grandmother, Great-Grandmother and John Rhind visit as part of our Kaumatua Day. It is truly wonderful to have so much wealth of knowledge and history amongst our tamariki. Thank you all for sharing your treasures with us. If there are any family members who wish to share their skills or expertise, please contact Tania at the office to arrange a visit next year.

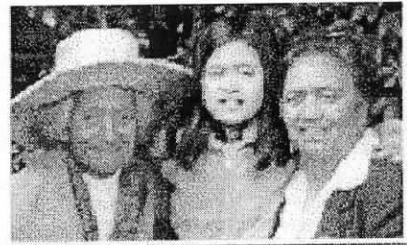
The Kapahaka Roopu have been busy this week. They entertained the Avonside Ladies at Richmond Workingmens Club with Waiata, Haka and Carols. Each performer received a Santa sack. Special thanks to all involved. On Thursday 4th Dec they were involved in the blessing and formal opening of St. Ives Retirement Home. The children have spent a lot of their personal time rehearsing to be professional ambassadors of our school. For our children there are numerous skills involved: time management, public speaking, co-operative learning, social skills that we as adults take for granted. Musical skills like: recognising melodies, singing in tune, harmonising and moving to a rhythm or beat are part of the Kapahaka process children are immersed in. Thank you boyh Linda and Jill for inviting our group.

The Junior School went to Orana Park this month as part of their unit study on mammals.

It was an exciting and wonderful time. The school also had the Life Education Trust come and teach our children about making healthy choices in their day to day life. The Junior school also completed a Road Safety unit with Janet Pask as our school safety Co-ordinator. Janet Pask has completed her Bachelor of Education Degree and graduates on Dec 5th. We are very proud of all her hard work and effort to remain studying on top of the day to day demands of the job.

Our school has appointed two new permanent teachers to the school, Ally O'Keefe and Lisa Potaka Ross. We are looking forward to new beginnings in 2004. We are also working alongside the University of Canterbury next year and doing professional development with Dr Baljit Kaur and other lecturers in the Education Department. The final plans for our new ICT and library building have been passed and we are looking at starting the new building early next year. We are also re-sealing our driveway and the car park. Fri 5th Dec was our "big day out" at Waltham pool. The school had a lovely end of year community time and it was an opportunity for families, staff and children to relax together in the sun!

We would like to wish all our families and the Richmond Community a very safe and Happy Christmas and New Year. Kia Ora Koutou



Maania King & her Great-Grandmother
Te Ao Marama (left) & Nana-Ma

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