

Richmond Community News

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Seventh in the series of historic Richmond homes What was found behind a fireplace at 88 North Avon Road?

Deep purple foliage of a common beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) is so impressive when entering 88 North Avon Road. It is believed this large deciduous tree could be an original along with the palm like evergreen of the cabbage tree (*Cordyline australis*) around the back.

This two bay villa (previously 106 North Avon Road) was owned and built by Mr George Petrie Senior prior to 1910. Mr L. & M. Moodie currently have title. Their daughter Ms J. Moodie resides there. Mr K.O. Petrie told me his grandfather visited Scotland in 1912 and the home had been well built and lived in at this stage. He built several other homes in the street and the surrounding area.

Mr K.O. Petrie aged eighty-two, son of Mr George (Junior) & Mrs Carrie Petrie has lived all his life to date in North Avon Road, on a property which was once his grandfathers.

Mr P.M. Yeoman & Mrs S.J. Dickson-Yeoman previous owners carried out extensive alterations after purchasing the property in 1992. The home was in a really bad state and if it had not been for these renovations may have been demolished.

Once a three double bedroom family home (now extended to four and a self contained unit) it still retains the earliest Kauri doors and skirtings, Rimu floors, central arched hallway, decorative plaster ceiling centrepieces, coloured patterned glass, and two tiled fire hearths and Kauri surrounds and mantels.

Just what did the Yeoman's find behind the lounge fireplace? Turn to page 5 to find out.



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Please contact Avebury House for further details.

Crossword CLUES

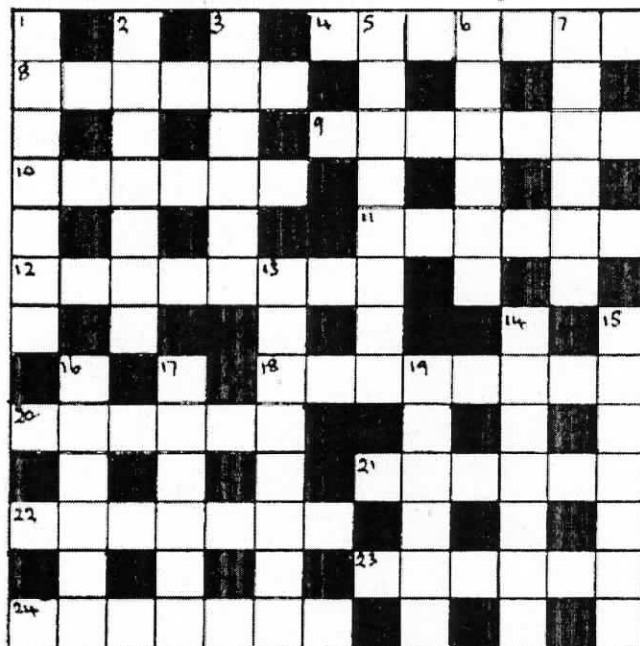
ACROSS

4. Balcony (7)
8. Captain (6)
9. Post (7)
10. Declared (6)
11. Superficial appearance (6)
12. Short-lived thing (8)
18. Story (8)
20. Tangible (6)
21. Run (6)
22. Papal government (7)
23. Suburban thoroughfare (6)
24. Colonist (7)

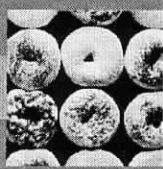
DOWN

1. Stucco (7)
2. Head pain (7)
3. Recover (6)
5. Make operative (8)
6. Series of petitions (6)
7. Reveller (6)
13. Ascertain value of (8)
14. Army member (7)
15. Laments (7)
16. Rasp (6)
17. Stickler for correctness (6)
19. Virtuous (6)

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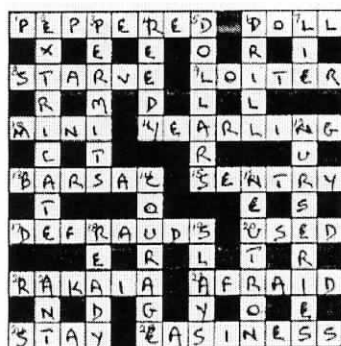
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HELPING THE NEEDY

St Vincent de Paul

(Continued from February)

Modernising

After operating for 43 years, the Stanmore Rd centre was renovated, extended and officially opened on 29th August 2001. After having boxes to the ceiling, the updated facility now provided adequate space for storage and sorting of donated goods along with administration offices.

St Vincent de Paul currently operates two other stores, in Langdons Rd, Papanui and Shaw Ave, New Brighton. Locally the society employs seven people, five of whom work at the Stanmore Rd centre; an overall shop manager, a Papanui shop manager, a truck driver, a secretary, two social workers and a youth worker.

Proceeds from the shops enable the Society to provide food, clothing, furniture or other necessities for those in need. Twenty three collection bins at Catholic churches bring in the largest bulk of clothing and it is a huge job to sort these for sale or donation. Within the Christchurch diocese there are 300 SVP volunteers, including 30 who work on a roster in the Stanmore Rd centre. St Vincent de Paul currently has 22 conferences in Christchurch with volunteers visiting prisons, families and people on their own. On average each month 250-300 people are assisted with goods about half of these being delivered by SVP visitors to the home and half receiving help through the SVP centre.

St Vincent de Paul also has Youth Conferences, called Young Vinnies. St Anne's Primary School at Woolston has a Youth Conference and together with the SVP adults, the children recently picked 1500 daffodils in the country and delivered bunches to people in the Woolston parish.

Donations of good clothing, furniture, or other goods are always welcome at the Stanmore Rd centre.

Kathleen Casey

Computer room finally opens at Avebury House!!

see page 2 for further details

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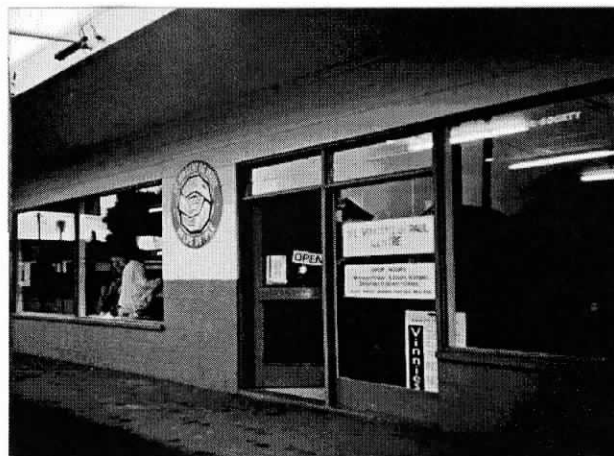
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What's on in March

Avebury House, situated at 9 Evelyn Couzins Ave. Richmond, is a community-run, low cost facility which has rooms available for hire.

Situated in the midst of Avebury Park, the house, which has been refurbished, has run several open days and social events.

In addition to the amenities for hire, the following classes and activities are available:

Gentle Exercise Class - Mondays 1- 2p.m
(wear comfortable clothing)

Cost \$2.50

This Sit and Be Fit class is a fun and healthy way to retain mobility, independence and meet new people. Designed especially for those with limited mobility, older adults and those with health or weight problems.

Enjoy these simple and gentle classes at your pace, and enjoy a cup of tea with us afterwards.

Richmond History Group

Held on 2nd Wednesday of each month. No cost.

Next meeting Wednesday 9th March 4 - 5pm

History Group meets to share resources and research items of Richmond's heritage. The Richmond Room, a resource room with displays, magazines and items of interest is in the process of being set up at Avebury. These resources will be available to the public at no charge.

Embroidery Group

Thursdays 10am - 12 noon

Beginners to advanced. Tuition available from a patient, experienced tutor.

Please ring Allison on 388-9377 for more information

Shirley Brownie group

Meets at 6pm every Tuesday at Avebury House.

Contact Kim on 366-5434 for details

Music & Movement for Babies & Preschoolers

Wednesdays 10.15 - 10.45 from the 9th February 2005 Cost \$3 per family

For more information ring Ursula on 332-0633 or just come along

For further information about facilities and classes etc. please contact:

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Community Development Worker

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Holy Trinity Church

With the 150th Anniversary of The Church of the Most Holy Trinity, Avonside, coming up in early 2007, I have begun researching and writing an up-dated parish history.

Previous histories of this parish have mentioned there were a number of Canterbury Pilgrims amongst the early congregations. The term 'Pilgrim' is generally understood to refer to the 'Pioneer Body' aboard the now legendary First Four Ships.

In fact, the pioneer body of six ships between 1850 and early 1851 - *Charlotte Jane*, *Randolph*, *Sir George Seymour*, *Cressy*, *Castle Eden* and *Isabella Hercus* - were followed by the Main Body in nineteen other chartered ships between 1851 and 1853.

'Pilgrim' heads of families attending Holy Trinity, Avonside, included George Allfrey, Benjamin Jeffs (*Charlotte Jane*, 1st ship), George Soar, William Derisley Wood (*Randolph*, 2nd), William Guise Brittan, Samuel Clothier, William Norman (*Sir George Seymour*, 3rd), Thomas Merry (*Travancore*, 7th), Charles Edward Fooks, Dr John Seager Gundry (*Steadfast*, 9th), John Dudley (*Labuan*, 10th), George Bowron (*Bangalore*, 11th), John Stace (*Lady Nugent*, 13th), Philip Tisch, Richard Westenra (*Midlothian*, 15th), Peter Kerr (*Sir George Pollok*, 17th), Joseph Brittan, Richard Brunson (*William Hyde*, 20th), Rev Charles Mackie, 1st Avonside vicar, (*Duke of Portland*, 23rd 2nd trip), Robert Docker (*Minerva*, 24th).

In addition, pre-Adamite settlers in the Avonside district (i.e. those who arrived in Canterbury before the First Four Ships) included Henry John Tancred (*Barbara Gordon*) and William Chisnall (*Phoebe Dunbar*). This list is not exhaustive, but hopefully accurate. If any readers have further information which could be used in this parish history, I would be grateful if this could be given to Parish Secretary Robyn Gallaher, plus a name and address for acknowledgement.

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HISTORY BEHIND THE MANTEL

The Wesleyan Richmond Methodist Church in Stanmore Road was built in 1869. One service it provided to the community was baptism.

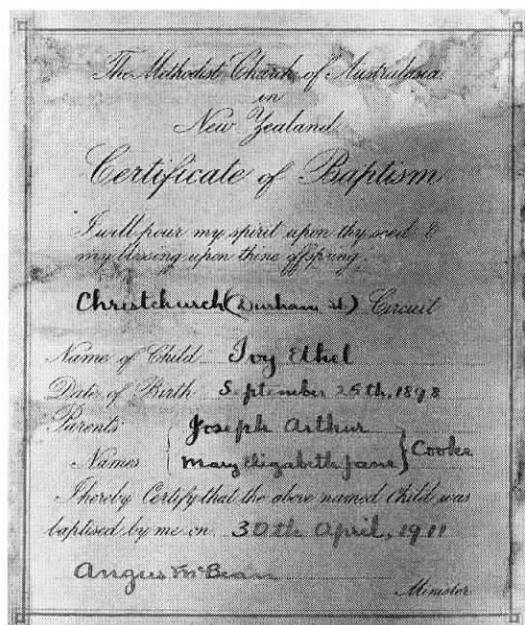
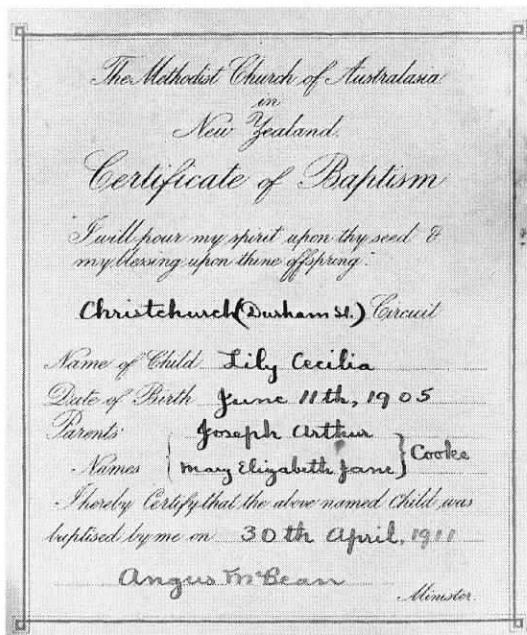
Shown are two baptismal certificates found (along with other items) behind the lounge fire mantel at 88 North Avon Road.

From researching, do names sited below ring bells for you? Are they members of your family?

- John Stephenson COOKE was married to Caroline CARTER. Mr Cooke bought the chemist business of Richard Robinson in Cashel Street.
- Joseph Arthur COOKE, son of the above, also a chemist b. 1865, d. 22 March 1937 married in 1895 to Mary Elizabeth Jane DENCH b. October-December 1875 in Oxford, d.26 October 1956. Together they had these children:
 1. Cyril COOKE, d. 1 October 1916 in the Somme Battle aged 20.
 2. Ivy Ethel COOKE, b. 25 September 1898, Bapt. 30 April 1911(see shown certificate).
 3. Lily Cecilia COOKE, b. 11 June 1905, Bapt. 30 April 1911 (see shown certificate).
- Mary Elizabeth COOKE (daughter of the above J.S. Cooke), b. Elmwood Grove, Leeds, England and married Jethro LOCK (b. Wittney, Oxfordshire, England, son of Fred LOCK & Lucy LOCKYER) 26 December 1887 in the United Methodist Free Church, Richmond.
- Caroline Carter COOKE (daughter of the above J.S. Cooke), b. Leeds, England and married Henry Jackson SMITH (b Invercargill, son of Thomas Gray SMITH & Annie GRAY) 9 November 1893 in the United Methodist Free Church, Richmond.
- William Alfred DENCH, b 11 June 1905, Bapt. 7 May 1911, son of William Philcox & Ellen Hagen DENCH. This baptism was found in the Wesleyan, Richmond Baptism register, and could possibly be connected to Mary Elizabeth DENCH above.
- Mr Angus McBean, Methodist Church Minister.

Watch for April's issue of the Richmond News, as more history behind the mantel will be revealed.

Jennifer Pope



Let the Good News Continue!!

There are over 72,000 more people in work in Canterbury now than there were in December 1999, when Labour came to power – about 100 of them living in Richmond.

With that have come dramatic falls in the number of people on unemployment benefits. Only 128 Richmond people are now on unemployment benefit.

In the Stanmore Road Work and Income Office, which deals with Richmond people, success at getting people getting into work has been simply mind-blowing. In 1999 they had 1344 people on the unemployment benefit; now it's under 500. That's 841 people now in jobs. That's at least \$155,000 per week or \$8 million per year saved for other things, and 841 people living better and enjoying life more.

At 3.6 per cent nationally (about one person in 28), New Zealand's unemployment rate is now the lowest in the developed world, a far cry from the 11 per cent of the early 1990s, and an achievement all New Zealanders can be proud of. A world record we can boast about. But this is the time to get more active in tackling

the problems of future employment, not to sit back and relax. One plan is for the Labour Government will introduce a simplified benefit system that will allow Work and Income case managers time to focus even more on moving people from benefits to work. Starting in 2007, this will be one of the biggest overhauls that the benefit system has had since 1935 when the Social Security system began. And the other plan is for more investment of attention and money in the areas of the economy which are growing, and in building the skills which are needed in the future.

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