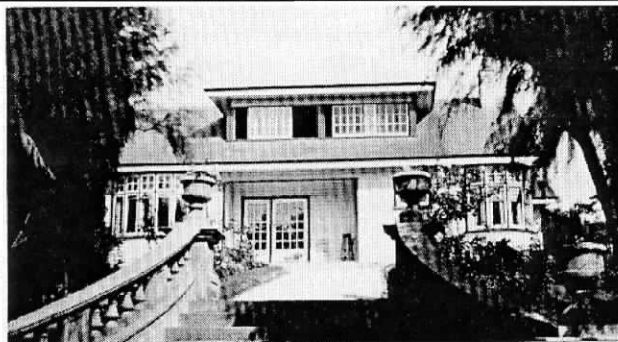


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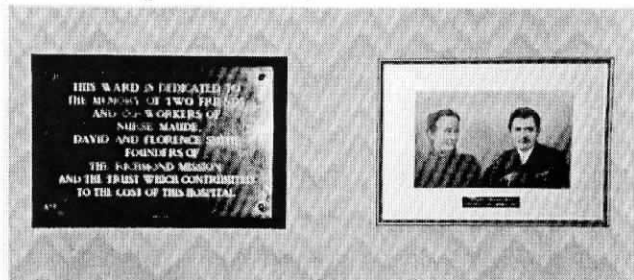
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Tenth in the series of historic Richmond homes



4 SIDDAL PLACE

This beautiful house, built on a rise, was originally known as "The mission house" in Stanmore road. The property was hidden by large trees, the entrance was where Siddal place is today and the exit was at 324 Stanmore Road. A large apple orchard went through to Tweed Street, flanked by old houses in Forth Street and Tweed Street and in later years there were horses on the property. This Historic house was owned by the Smith Family, who founded the Richmond Mission in North Avon Road in 1912. (now the Baptist Church.)



An obituary in the Christchurch Press dated 20/11/1962 states "Mr David Thomas Smith, well known

in Christchurch for his evangelical and charitable work for more than 50 years, died in Christchurch yesterday age ninety. He was born in Siddall Yorkshire and came to New Zealand in 1897 as a wool buyer, but retired early this century from the wool trade to undertake un denominational evangelical work." An obituary in the Christchurch Press dated 3/6/1963 states "Mrs. Florence Caroline Smith, a well known welfare worker, died at her home in Stanmore Road in her ninety-eighth year. She spent forty years of her life preaching, teaching and conducting services. Mrs Smith was born at Kaiapoi, her parents came out on the "Cornwall" in 1856 and she married David Thomas Smith of Siddall Hall in 1900." This large property in Stanmore Road was sold and subdivided after their deaths. The cul-de-sac known as Siddal Place (named after the birthplace) eventuated and the new owner Mr Peter Knight built all the flats and houses in this new area, the last house being No.20 in 1968, still lived in by original owners today. The house on the hill has been altered many times, at one stage a swimming pool was added, subsequently filled in as various owners passed through the property over the last twenty years. The interior has been altered to accommodate boarders.

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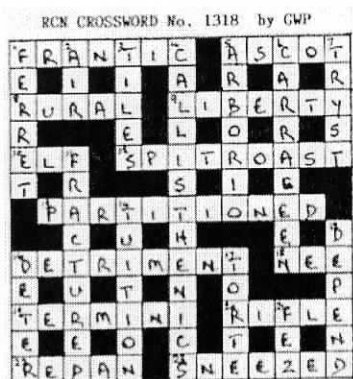
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Last month's solution



The solution to
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Crossword CLUES

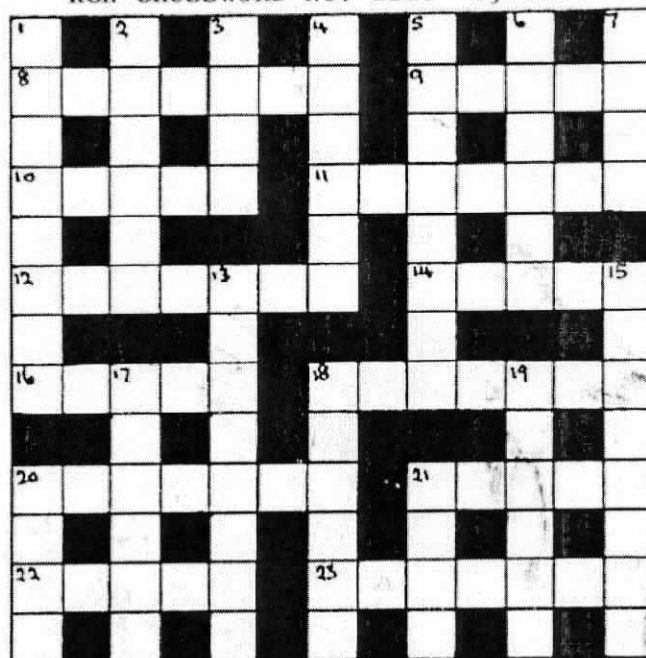
ACROSS

8. Tramp (7)
9. Single event (5)
10. Sweetmeat (5)
11. Bird (7)
12. Humbled (7)
14. Agave fibre (5)
16. Premature (5)
18. Milk food (7)
20. Induct (7)
21. Group (5)
22. Trim (5)
23. Late (7)

DOWN

1. Empty out (8)
2. Order of meeting (6)
3. Undulating (4)
4. Inane (6)
5. Pulverising (8)
6. Discharge (6)
7. Metal (4)
13. Swinging blow (8)
15. Empowered (8)
17. Save (6)
18. Colour (6)
19. Slovenly (6)
20. Body of Bantu warriors (4)
21. Overt (4)

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SMALL FUNCTIONS CATERED FOR
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RICHMOND BUSINESSES



HISTORY of 73 STAPLETONS ROAD

- 1887 Diocesan Purity Society was re-organised and name changed to St Saviour's Guild.
 - 1888 Church Property Trustees leased 4 acre block (mostly sandhills) in Bingsland (now Richmond) with right of purchase at 60 pounds per acre.
 - 1897 Opened as St. Mary's Maternity Home for single mothers. Sister Rose appointed Matron.
 - 1910 Orphanage opened called St. Saviour's Orphanage.
 - 1914 Three thousand pounds raised to build new wing and open air classroom.
 - 1915 School opened with 62 children.
 - 1918 Outbreak epidemic of influenza and diptheria. 70 girls affected.
 - 1923 New addition used as hospital administration and dormitory.
 - 1924 Three thousand eight hundred pounds raised for Babies Home.
 - 1929 Four thousand two hundred and fourteen pounds raised at Xmas market.
 - 1935 One thousand four hundred and eighty-eight pounds raised at Jubilee.
 - 1944 New wing to replace wooden building.
 - 1949 Boys and girls amalgamated.
 - 1952 fortythree thousand six hundred and ninety pounds to care for the aged.
 - 1956 CHURCHIL COURTS opened.
 - 1957 GERIATRIC HOSPICE opened.
- Taken from "A Century of Good Works" by G.M.Morgan

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 Extract from "NEW ZEALAND BUILDING PROGRESS" August 1916

Christchurch. A new wing has just been added to St. Saviour's Orphanage. It is substantially built of brick, roofed with slates and is electrically lighted throughout. It is a one-storeyed building in a splendidly sunny position. Along almost the whole front runs a deep and sheltered verandah, which can be fully protected from the wind by sliding glass screens and folding doors if necessary. At each end are spacious wards for the children, each being capable of holding about thirty beds without crowding. The wards are furnished in first rate style and the rows of neat little iron beds and cots, with their spotless white counterpanes, look very well indeed. Beside the children's wards are the bedrooms for the sisters, a large playroom in which doll's houses are a prominent feature, a sitting-room for the sisters, a home-work room, splendidly fitted-up bathrooms and all available space taken up with cupboards, pantries and other useful conveniences for rendering the working of the wing easy. At the dedication ceremony Mr Righton said the land had been secured for a boy's home at Timaru.



## What's on in June

Avebury House, situated at 9 Eveleyn 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. No cost.

Next meeting Wednesday 8th June 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 4th May to 6th July 2005 Cost \$3 per family

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

**Flax Weaving Courses with Ali Brown**

June 25 10am - 4pm. For further information and bookings Ph 329-7051

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

**Lesley McMillan**

**Community Development Worker**

**Ph 381-6615**

Mid Winter

## Hooley

**Meet, Move and Laugh**

**FREE Entertainment**

**Wednesday 29 June, 10:30 to 3:30 pm  
at the Woolston Club, 57 Hargood Street  
Christchurch**

**10:30 am: Meet and Greet** —

**11:00 am: Welcome** from Hagley, Ferrymead  
Community Board and Woolston School  
students

**11:30 am: Gentle Exercise** - a relaxed way to move  
and stretch

**12:15 pm: Stay on your feet with Tai Chi** - movements  
are great for balance, flexibility and posture

**1:00 pm: Hula for Health** - sway to the sounds of  
pearly shells, enjoyable and very catchy

**1:45 pm: Sing a long** with Stu Buchanan and Co

**2:30-3:30 pm: A tea dance with Garden City Big  
Band**

Also, find out what's on in your community, from art, craft, clubs, healthy living, social activities and more. Try three activities and go into the draw to win a dinner for two at Hatricks Restaurant - Woolston Club. Plus Wednesday lunch special 12 noon - 1:30 pm and light snacks available all day. Free pick up available courtesy of Woolston Club Phone 389 7039. This event is brought to you by Christchurch City Council in association with participating groups, organisations and the Woolston Club. Core funded by the Hagley, Ferrymead Community Board. For more information phone Christchurch City Council on 941 6840 or check out [www.bethere.org.nz](http://www.bethere.org.nz)

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## What is the Government doing for the older people of Richmond?

Budget time comes and goes around this time every year. Every year it's the same two questions - is the money being used responsibly? - and what effect does the budget have on me? For older people, and those approaching retirement, who rely more than most on good quality public services sensitive to their changing needs, these questions are very important. Michael Cullen's 2005 budget is typical of his style - safe and steady, with a strong look to the future.

A "baby boom" generation", i.e. those born after 1946, is coming up to retirement soon. New Zealanders are living much longer and the costs of our superannuation and health needs are growing fast. Thus the budget investment this year of \$2.1 billion into the New Zealand Superannuation Fund, growing this "Cullen Fund" to \$6.5 billion, gives a vital guarantee for future generations of over 65 year olds.

In 1999 Labour reversed the last National government's cuts to superannuation and restored NZ Super for a married couple to no less than 65 per cent of the average ordinary single weekly wage. A married retired couple now receives \$2500 more a year in superannuation than they did in 1999 - that's almost \$22 a week more per person.

Budget 2005 also saw new money for the doubling of funding for orthopaedic operations, namely hip and joint operations, and a big growth in cataract operations (from 8,000 in 2004 to 12,000 in 2008). Based on the messages which my office has received, many Richmond residents will welcome that extra spending.

The two other health highlights are cheaper prescriptions for most older people (\$3 per item) and the end of means testing for those who are in long-term residential care. From 1 July 2005, a single person or couple can keep \$150,000 before being asset-tested (up from \$15,000 or \$30,000 now). This costs over \$100 million each year - and it delivers on a wise Labour promise. If Labour gets re-elected we will get rid of mandatory over 80 years road tests and raise the income limit for rate rebates from \$4,700 to \$20,000. Keeping your promises and looking after older people are both virtues - remember that come the election!

Tim Barnett

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Hello, we are the people from Idea (formerly IHC) Services, Stanmore Road base, who you will have seen out and about in the Richmond community. We have had our base next to Richmond Village Green since 1996; it was originally a work base but has now developed into a learning centre. Most of us are studying for the NZQA National Certificate in Work and Community Skills. With Unit Standards like Travel on Buses, Cross Roads Safety, Making Choices, Handle Money etc, we are learning skills that will prepare us for further community involvement and/or employment.

We use the local area for many learning opportunities, from everyday situations such as supermarket shopping and lunch buying to more complex issues like banking and the accessing of information. Most of us attend Stanmore two days a week; the rest of the week we attend other Idea Services bases and community or work options.

We are looking forward to being more involved in local community initiatives, starting with helping with the folding and delivering of this community newsletter and would appreciate any encouragement or support. Please feel free to contact Sheridan or Kate on 389-1213.

We look forward to meeting lots of you soon.

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**Some of the residents of Woodchester Ave.  
Natalie Cutler-Welsh is holding the dog's leash**

Sarah Sidey

24 April 2005

### Woodchester Ave

### An accident waiting to happen.

That was how residents of Woodchester Avenue and Medway Street described their intersection, to the Shirley-Papanui Community Board last week. "It makes me really nervous," said Kyla Kuzniarski, a resident of Woodchester Avenue who has three children under six years old. "It's a street that kids play up and down on, biking, riding. It would be nice if you felt they could safely do that."

Natalie Cutler-Welsh, Neighbourhood Support Co-ordinator for the Richmond area, told the community board the traffic's speed was a major concern. She said residents also had problems with motorists cutting corners at the intersection. "We always considered this corner to be very dangerous," said Cutler-Welsh, "especially as it is necessary to do a U-turn to exit (Woodchester Avenue). We would like this to become a 'living street'."

Cutler-Welsh presented a petition with 51 signatures to the community board. She emphasised how "any action to deter 'boy-racers' and also to make the street safer for younger children to cross" would be appreciated.

There were 11 young children in the street, said Cutler-Welsh. There was also a group of young boys who were out on the street on their bikes most nights, making go-carts, and just hanging around. "I think this is great as too many kids are indoors playing computer games these days," she said. "It does however mean they are more at risk from fast cars."

Residents hoped the council would make their street

a higher priority. They presented a list of possible improvements, including narrowing the intersection, adding give way signs, and installing brick paving to slow down traffic.

Cutler-Welsh said she left the community board meeting feeling quite positive especially as some board members were supportive of "calming measures" such as give way signs.

"I appreciate that there are countless streets in Christchurch with similar issues though I found it quite sad that the engineer (at the meeting) diminished the urgency of this project as there hadn't been any major accidents," said Cutler-Welsh. "I find this type of reaction quite reflective of society and I hope we will move towards a more preventive approach."

\* Natalie has since been in contact with the Community Board and they will have a response for us in the next few months.

If anyone has any additional questions or ideas regarding the Woodchester/Medway and River Rd/ Medway intersections please contact me:

Natalie Cutler-Welsh 385 6306

Also, if you didn't get the opportunity to sign the petition and would like to strengthen our case, please be in touch.

### Can anybody help?

**The archivists at Avebury House, have an old turn-of-the-century leather collar box and would appreciate a few detachable collars (were they celluloid?) for display purposes.**

**Please ring Avebury House 381-6615 for someone to collect, or drop them into the office.**

**Thank You**

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