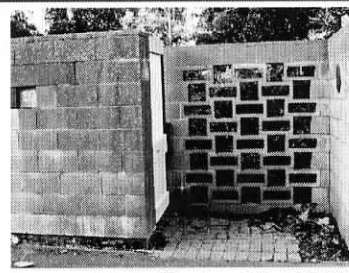
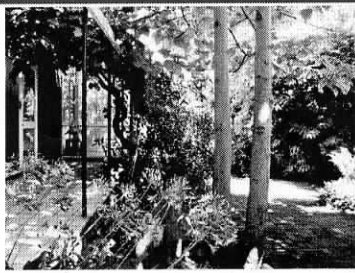


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RICHMOND HERITAGE

20 Templar St Richmond

A Heritage Trust plaque at the gateway to 20 Templar St announces that this was the residence and studio of the artist William (Bill) A. Sutton from 1963 until his death in 2000.

Bill Sutton was one of Canterbury's most important 20th century landscape painters and today his works are in public and private collections throughout New Zealand and overseas.

Many of these works including dozens of portraits of some of the most eminent figures in law, education, medicine and many other professions were painted in his Templar St studio.

William Alexander Sutton was born in 1917 on the other side of the city at Sydenham which like Richmond was largely a working class community. He attended Sydenham primary School where he was seen as a very promising pupil and was Dux of the school in 1929. The following year while at Christchurch Boy's High School his ability in art really began to become evident.

In 1932 he commenced part-time classes at Canterbury College School of Art and began full-time study for his Diploma in Fine Art in 1935. He completed this in 1937 and was Awarded the College medal that same year.

During the Second World War Sutton served in the home forces but took every opportunity to paint. In 1947 he travelled overseas to study in London and it was the experience of this that was to change his ideas

about art. On his return to New Zealand in 1949 he took up a position teaching painting at Canterbury College School of Art and over the next three decades taught two generations of students many of whom are today very prominent New Zealand artists.

Sutton later became a Senior Lecturer, and was a Reader in Fine Art on his retirement in 1979.

The following year his considerable service to art was suitably acknowledged with the award of a CBE.

In 1963 when the lease ran out on his studio in Latimer Square Sutton decided that rather than rent again he would look for a property to buy and this led him to look at a property for sale at 20 Templar St. At that time it had a four room cottage on it built in the mid 1890s. Whilst the house was sound it was inadequate for his needs but he saw that the section had potential if he built anew. Sutton enlisted the help of his friend and colleague Tom Taylor to design him a purpose built studio and home. Taylor who was a sculptor but had studied architecture for two years came up with a design that comfortably incorporated a compact two storey residence and studio. In order to make way for the new house the old cottage was duly demolished.

However, two aspects of the old property were retained, a large Holly tree at the front of the section and the old bricks from the chimneys of the cottage were recycled and used for paving.

When completed it was the most recent and modern house in Templar St and even today stands in contrast to its much older nineteenth and early twentieth century neighbours.

The property at 20 Templar or Templer St as it was once known has had only four owners since it was subdivided from rural section 33 in 1894.

The first purchaser of the site was Christchurch Soda Water Manufacturer Ernest William Griffin and his wife Sarah Giffin. The Griffins lived at this address for several years before renting the property.

In 1928 Mrs Griffin sold 20 Templar St to Christchurch

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Banks Avenue Primary School is celebrating their 50th Jubilee at Labour Weekend, October 20-22 2006. 300 or more people are expected to attend. A three-day programme is currently being finalised. This includes open class displays and nibbles at the school on Friday October 20. An official jubilee opening will take place at the school on Saturday afternoon, followed by photographs. A jubilee dinner will then take place at Richmond Workingmens Club. A guest speaker and a band is being arranged for this special occasion. A church service on the Sunday will round off festivities.

Anyone with a connection with the school is urged to register via the school on Ph 385-4163 or E-mail the Jubilee Secretary at: office@banksave.school.nz The decile 6 school opened in Shirley in 1956 and its current roll is over 650.

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A.G.M. and public accountability will be held at 9 Eveleyn Couzins Avenue Thursday 13th July 7:30pm
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Knitting!

Is knitting a passion or would you like to learn?
We are gauging interest in forming a knitting group to meet at Avebury House once a week.
Please call Lesley on Ph 381-6615 if interested.

Last month's solution



The solution to this month's crossword will appear in next month's newsletter

Crossword

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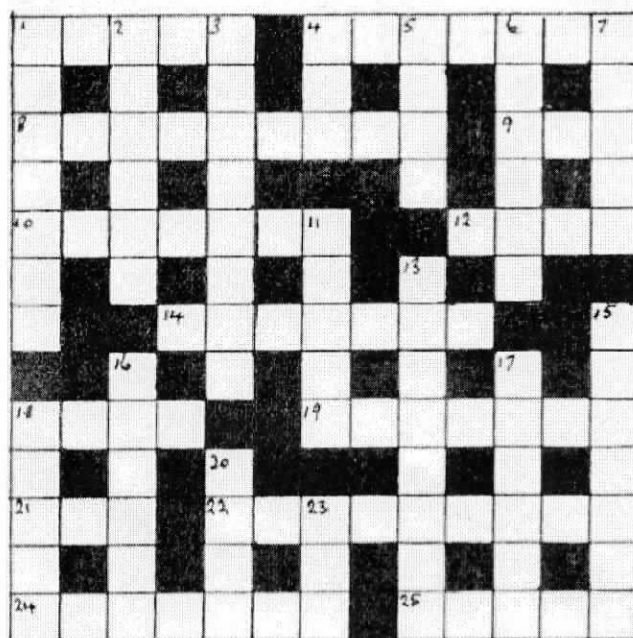
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- Souvineer (7)
- Complicated (9)
- Legendary bird (3)
- Pine tree leaves (7)
- Journey (4)
- Archaic (7)
- Writer (4)
- Ghost (7)
- Ventilate (3)
- Gullible (9)
- Dilate (7)
- Consumed (5)

DOWN

- Brought into line (7)
- Young cat (6)
- Boring (8)
- Extinct bird (3)
- Bearing (4)
- Confining (6)
- Film award (5)
- Lapses (5)
- Noiselessness (8)
- Disloyalty (7)
- Gasolene (6)
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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:

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Richmond History Group

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

Next meeting Wednesday 14th 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 has been set up at Avebury. These resources are available to the public at no charge.

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Letter to the Editor

Marie Bedford
184 Country Club Drive,
Clifton Springs,
Victoria, 3222,
AUSTRALIA.

Dear Editor,

Some time ago my brother Russell sent me a September 2005 copy of the Richmond Community News which I enjoyed reading and brought back so many wonderful memories. I

thought I had to write to say "Thank you".

I was born in Warwick Street, Richmond, 72 years ago and lived there until around 12 or 13 years of age when we moved to Opawa. Firstly, my girlfriend Pat Muschamp lived at 321 Stanmore Road and naturally visited each other so I knew her house well. Pat and I usually walked to and from Shirley Intermediate School together when weather permitted. Pat and I are still best friends after 60 plus years.

I attended the North Avon Road kindergarten where Miss Bartram was in charge. Actually, my brother Russell still "attends" this kindergarten, reading to the kids each Thursday and takes small pieces of wood from which the kids make boats, aeroplanes etc.

Richmond School saw me through all the classes with many of the teachers still remembered, i.e. Miss O'Brien and Mr Parry was Headmaster. We played sports regularly including inter school competitions. I was in the rounder and basketball teams. Pat Russell and I went to the 125th jubilee of the school a few years back and it was great to see and renew friendships of years ago.

I used to spend many hours before and after school in the blacksmiths, corner Alexander Street and Stanmore Road. Loved the smell when horses shoes were being fitted to the horses. I often tended the bellows for the smithy.

Most of the local kids would gather in the Richmond Park to meet and play. Fly kites we had made with brown paper, flour and water paste and fine strips off the paling fences that we had nicked. Rounders, cricket and any other games we knew. We, sister June, brothers Ken and Russell and I enjoyed the ball games in the park as our well trained dog "Ningo" would chase the ball and always bring it back to one of us. Not popular with the other kids!

The Richmond baths — I'm sure the entire summer was spent there swimming, diving, honing our skills, sunbathing and a lot of talking. Mrs Clark was an amazing old lady. I think she could not swim but controlled all us kids extremely well. June, Ken, Russell and I were often thrown into the baths after we were dressed and ready to go home for lunch or tea. It was nothing unusual to see four sets of clothes pegged on our clothes line drying. Of course we were not the only ones to be thrown into the baths clothes and all. What wonderful carefree fun.

Saturday afternoon saw mum making afternoon tea at the Linwood Bowling Club. I would often walk there from the Richmond Baths to "help" Mum with the afternoon tea. Curley white headed Mr Kershaw would lift me up to ring the afternoon tea bell..Sometimes sitting on the edge of the greens with my feet in the ditches I would watch the bowlers play. Fabulous happy times.

Not far away from the McPhersons butchers at the end of Stanmore Road was the Daphne Cake Shop which was to play another part in my later life as my late father-in-law loved their cream doughnuts. Yumm. Now, the Sun Ning Takeaways, was my sister-in-law's home back in the good old days.

Whenever I visit my brother Russell and his wife Betty, I somehow find myself in Richmond. One day Russell and I walked up one side of Stanmore Rd to Cashel St and down the other side back to Richmond Park. Talking and reminiscing Great memories.

Thanks again for the memories

Sincerely

Marie Bedford

Thomson, B. & Neilson, R.
Sharing the Challenge.

1990.

Published by J. C. Rowe and the Christchurch Police District History Committee 1989.

The New Zealand Police completed 100 years of service as an independent organisation on 1 September 1986. The force was established by the Police Force Act of 1866 which divided the old New Zealand Constabulary into the New Zealand Police Force and Permanent Artillery — the forerunner of today's Army. But policing in Canterbury and Christchurch began well before 1886.

Bingsland Police Station

Bingsland in the North Avon district was named after an early land owner in the area. The Bingsland Police Station, to become one of the longest-established of the Christchurch suburban stations, was open on 2 May 1879. The station was on Stanmore Road between Draper and Alexandra Streets.

The wide Bingsland area had such growth over the years that the Bingsland name had become somewhat obscure by the late 1950s. The North Avon area of Richmond had absorbed it and as a sensible means of public identification the Bingsland Police Station name was changed to North Avon in 1957.

By 1960 the police station and residence in Stanmore Road had become somewhat run-down, despite the gardening pride of Constable James Joseph Quirke. Maintenance had been neglected and the premises looked rather shoddy for a police station. District Commander Patrick Kearney suggested to the incumbent, Constable John Goodson, that if he could find a suitable property for a new station he would have one built.

The hard-working Goodson had arrived at North Avon from Bluff in 1960, to take over a busy operation from Constable Quirk who had transferred to Cheviot. John Goodson had been one of six constables working under a senior sergeant at the Bluff station, which had handled 800 files the year before he transferred to North Avon. He inherited 1200 files alone in his first year at North Avon and that figure did not include Warrants and Summonses!

The prospects of better working conditions were sufficient encouragement for him to take the District Commander up on his promise and he quickly found a suitable unused, aging wooden house at 45 North Parade. The house belonged to Mr Innes, who lived with his married daughter at Blenheim, and the Ministry of Works negotiated with the family and bought the property on behalf of the police. The old wooden house was demolished by a bulldozer and a new brick house and police office built in its stead. Constable Goodson occupied the new station in November 1963. It was seemingly an exercise in

futility as the station was closed permanently on 13 October 1968.



Constable J McLeod with
Governor General
Sir Charles Fergusson.
D M McLeod



Constable
J J Quirke.
B G Thomson



Constable
J H Goodson.
Christchurch Police Museum

Known Officers in Charge at the station were:

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|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Constable Edward Sturmer | 2. 5. 1879 |
| Constable Baptist C. Wallace | 4. 3. 1883 |
| Constable William Daly | 3. 11. 1886 |
| Constable Samuel Flewellen | 9. 9. 1895 |
| Constable Thomas Frederick Hammond | 28. 1. 1909 |
| Constable John McLeod | 20. 11. 1912 |
| Constable Michael Henry Gibson | 6. 7. 1933 |
| Constable Thomas James Kearney | 11. 3. 1947 |
| Constable James Joseph Quirke | 23. 12. 1953 |
| Constable John Henry Goodson | 14. 7. 1960 |

Constable Sturmer (or von Sturmer) was formerly a member of Gustav Ferdinand von Tempsky's famous Forest Rangers



1939 Creamoata commercial on a
Chandler and Company billboard.
D M McLeod

McLeod Street, Richmond, is named after the popular Constable John McLeod who was known and respected throughout the Christchurch District. Constable McLeod's son, Douglas J McLeod (b 1906 d 1983) was one of New Zealand's more noted artists. He spent many years in the employ of Chandler & Co Ltd a New Zealand Billboard advertising firm. Douglas McLeod had the distinction of being invited to exhibit at the Robert McDougall Art Gallery after his retirement. He was a brilliant portrait, landscape and commercial artist and one example of his commercial work, in an unheralded fashion, probably entered almost every home during the 1940s and 1950s through Flemings Creamoata breakfast cereal packets. The Creamoata billboard advertisement and packet first appeared in 1939 and displayed a man wearing a hat, with a smoking pipe in his mouth, leaning on a farm gate rail. The subject of the original artwork was the artist's father, Constable John McLeod, who typified the attractive characteristics of every Kiwi's father or grandfather. Constable J.J. Quirke was the officer who shot Stanley Graham in the notorious "Koiterangi Incident" on the West Coast in 1941. The full story can be read in the Richmond History Room at Avebury House.

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electrical engineer Colin Curtis who like the Griffins rented the property out. Curtis retained it until 1961 when he sold it to a builder R.C Millar who two years later sold it to Sutton.

One of Sutton's interests was typography and during the late 1960s he acquired an Albion press which enabled him to progress this long held hobby interest more resolutely.

The press was installed in his garage and he aptly named it Templar Press which had the motto: 'Je Maintien Drai' which translates to; I will maintain.

In the years that followed he experimented with different type faces sometimes printing off what ranged from invitations and simple catalogues for his exhibitions to labels for his homemade wine and recipes and homilies to entertain friends.

In 1983 following a bitter controversy over his commission for memorial windows in Christchurch Cathedral he embarked on his most ambitious project under the Templar Press banner. This was a limited edition book of 53 pages which was a diatribe levelled at Christchurch Cathedral Chapter titled "*The Scott Memorial Windows Christchurch Cathedral - Introduction Report and Comments together with a few notes concerning the nature and qualities of stained glass both historic and modern*" This he hand printed illustrated and bound.

Another of Sutton's interests was his garden which he designed and planted soon after he began living at Templar Street. He established many trees and many exotic plants and a number of his more substantial plantings remain today.

Following his death in January 2000 the property was briefly owned by the William A. Sutton Trust before being sold to the current owner. One of the conditions of that sale was that a covenant was placed on the Title which means that the house and surrounding garden are to remain unaltered in perpetuity.

Whilst 20 Templar St may not yet be considered to be one of the most historic places in Richmond these conditions will

ensure that in time, over the decades ahead it will eventually assume this status.

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Tim in hospital

Members of Parliament do not seek their jobs in order to feel popular. On all the surveys we are way down there in the popularity stakes with journalists and second-hand car salesmen. I long worked out that the best approach for we politicians is to apply honesty and energy to the job, to let people know what we are doing and to be open to criticism. And the more we can be of and in the communities which we represent, the more we are likely to understand the very real stresses and strains which can make life less than good for so many.

Three weeks ago I was in Wellington for the first day of Parliament and had a stomach ache. I thought little of it until, lying in bed that night, I realised it was concentrating on my right hand side. I didn't really know where my appendix was, but suspected the worst. By 3am I was in A&E, by 11am I was in a hospital ward and by 10pm on the operating table. My appendix was in a very bad state and I was only able to fly back to Christchurch 3 days later. Then the pains started again, and I spent two spells in Christchurch Public Hospital, the first confirming there was an abscess at the site of the former appendix but that it was too small to attempt to drain, then it doubled in size and a drain was installed. Five days later I was home. My first hospital visit for 28 years; my first visit to a GP for 10.

Many of my constituents suffer much worse health problems than I have just experienced. Communities such as Richmond, with an older than average population, consume large amounts of the health resource – my ward experience brought home to me just what is meant by the fact that the cost of health care for us in the last year of our lives is equal to the cost of health services for us in the rest of our lives. But I do feel, in an odd sort of way, privileged to have been an intensive public health service consumer in my middle life. The quality of GP, nursing and specialist care was simply superb – and the feedback from other patients comforted me that I was not getting special treatment. Most people in hospital don't want to be there and are

a little grumpy; the staff soak that up and quite properly focus on the job in hand. Of course, my surgery was emergency rather than elective and so I was always likely to see the most accessible side of the system. Even so, I have been through a journey and come out a little different as a person. As I drove myself on my first independent journey, three minutes from my front door to Richmond New World, then walked just a little slowly around the shelves feeling that sense of freedom, it felt so good to be on the mend again – and to have been mended by a superb public health system.

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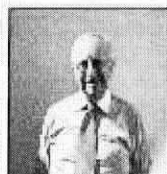
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According to Dr. William Glasser as described in his 1998 book *Choice Theory*, one of our basic needs is to feel that people care about us and that we are an accepted member of our group. We learn that we are loved and accepted in our own whanau. Only then do we begin to understand how to let other people know that we love and accept them. Without this firm base, we would be unable to function in any group. We see this with school aged children who worry about what their friends are thinking and saying about them, children upset when their friend chooses not to play with them or acting inappropriately just to join in with a certain group. Having arguments with friends, fighting with "enemies," being left out of a game or party, saying or doing something that hurts someone's feelings and many more things cause them to feel unhappy. Our children are constantly facing new situations in which they are not sure how to behave or have behaved in a way which got them into trouble with their friends. Not only do adults have to teach them the skills for getting along with people when things are going well, but also the skills for making things right when things have not gone well. When your child has had an unhappy experience with another child and you want to teach the skills to use next time the situation arises, try using the following questions based on the techniques described in Dr. William Glasser's book *Reality Therapy*:

- * What did you say ?
 - * What did you do?
 - * How did the other person feel when you said and did these things?
 - * What did the other person say ?
 - * What did the other person do?
 - * How do you feel because of that ?
 - * How would you like it to be?
 - * What could you have said or done that would have produced a better result?
 - * What can you do according to the rules of good behaviour that will make you feel better right now?
- (choosing violence is unacceptable)

If a situation like this arises again, what will produce a better result? We need others. We need others to love and we need to be loved by them. There is no doubt that without it, we too, like the infant left alone, would cease to grow, cease to develop.

(Leo Buscaglia)

On Monday mornings junior and senior syndicates have their own hui, to set the expectations for the week, celebrate and share their learning, and to discuss any concerns such as bullying, using our WITS; *Walk away, Ignore, Talk, Seek help*. This is a time when appropriate behaviour is role modelled and strategies for keeping safe are discussed. We are hoping to invite guest speakers in to support our children. Last week my son Ihaia turned 21 and Irai successfully gained his full driving licence. I hope this means that Maui and I no longer have to be the unpaid taxi drivers, who get up in the middle of the night to drop off or collect our boys and their friends. The only down side to this is we supply the petrol and lose the use of our car.

MEMORIES FROM THE PAST - Don Eade

We are fortunate to have made contact with a student who attended Richmond Primary in 1946, we will be bringing snippets on a fortnightly basis of his school and personal life, this is his story....

"I was born in Oxford (Canterbury) on the 29th, December 1940 when the world was at war. Dad was working in the Bank of New Zealand and was also in the Home Guard. My mother was born in Melbourne but suffered badly from asthma. The BNZ posted Dad to Christchurch in 1943, and for many years my older brother and I lived in a house on the corner of Manchester Street and Bealey Avenue, from where I began Richmond School in February 1946. On my first day at Richmond, Mum took me to school by tram which then used to run between the trees of Bealey and Fitzgerald Avenues. The long green and cream tram is still in use for visitors and tourists to Christchurch at this time.

As a five year old, the two storied red brick building seemed absolutely enormous, and the corridor on each floor had a long colourful woven mat which ran the entire length of the school. These long mats were exactly like the ones which were used in the Russian cosmonaut centres even up to a few years ago - perhaps even today! The school had four rooms on each floor, a wooden prefab. building of three rooms near the front gate, and the dreaded single wooden room dental clinic just inside and to the right of the front gate. The large wooden hall was fairly new then and was used every day. When I was very small it used to take me ages to walk across the footy field to the small gate near Richmond Park, where the Richmond Public Swimming Baths were. The pool was only 25 yards (22 metres long).

On my first day at Richmond I thought school was finished for the day at lunchtime, so I went home along the tram tracks, only to be brought back again by mum for the afternoon classes! The Primer classes in those days were very large with around 45 pupils in each class, and had lady teachers who believed in using a ruler for smacking the hands of naughty kids. Once in Primer Two, Miss Brown smacked the hands of the entire class because she couldn't find the culprit for some offence. Smacked hands in the wintertime hurt even more when your hands were red with the cold, and sometimes there was no heating in the classrooms, and it was hard to hold your pencil without your hand shaking". (end of part one)

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We would like to thank Don for contributing his wonderful school/personal memories as he is now living as a writer in Australia. If you would like to share your Richmond School memories or personal experiences please feel free to contact the office during school hours on 3897 168 or email office@richmond.school.nz and we will do our best to include you in this newsletter.

Kind Regards
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