

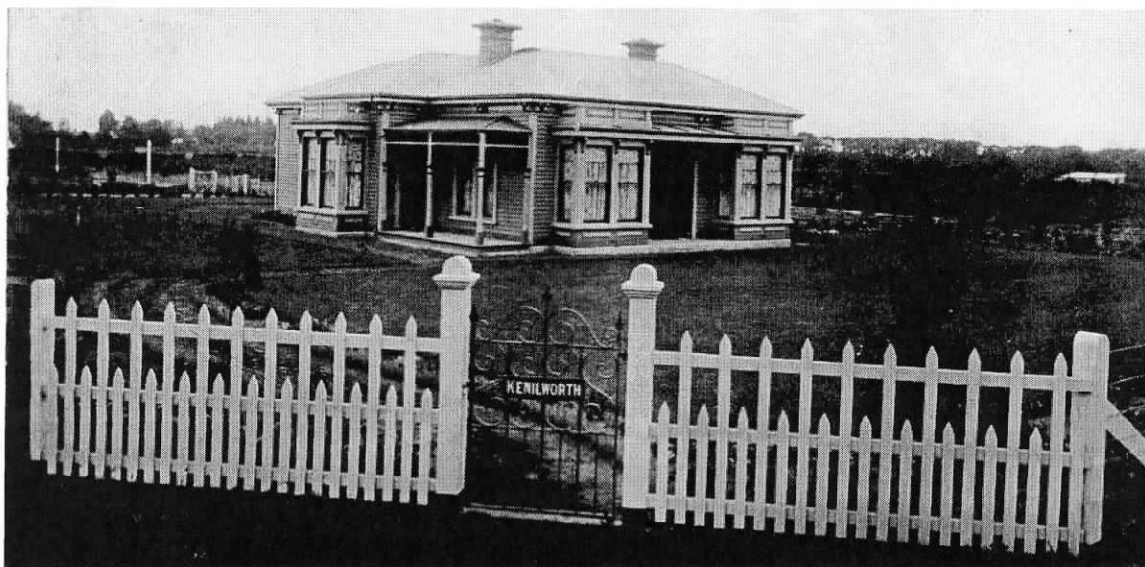
Richmond Community News

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Nineteenth in the Historical Homes of Richmond Series

‘KENILWORTH’ 27 Banks Avenue



1902



2002

‘KENILWORTH’ at 27 Banks Avenue was built in 1901 for Leonard and Mary Elizabeth (nee Bursell) Banks after whom the avenue was named. The house was designed by architect, Mr O Peez and built by Allen Bros at a cost of 839 pounds 10 shillings. The property was named “Kenilworth” after Mary’s birthplace, Leicester’s Gatehouse at Kenilworth Castle, Warwick County, England. Leonard was an Accountant working for Ballantynes.

The house was originally a two bay villa set on 53 acres of working orchard with a small lake to the west of the house and a lawn tennis court. It has been considerably enlarged and altered over the years but many of the original features remain including several register fireplaces, panelling and a inglenook fireplace in the lounge, as well as the old packing shed now known as “The Barn” which is used as a workshop. The land however, is now only 1621 sq m.

This house has had only four owners and the present occupants, Heather and George Hodges, have lived here for 26 years.



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We both look forward to assisting you at Richmond
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Avebury House Community Trust

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

Light refreshments will be served.

Last month's solution



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

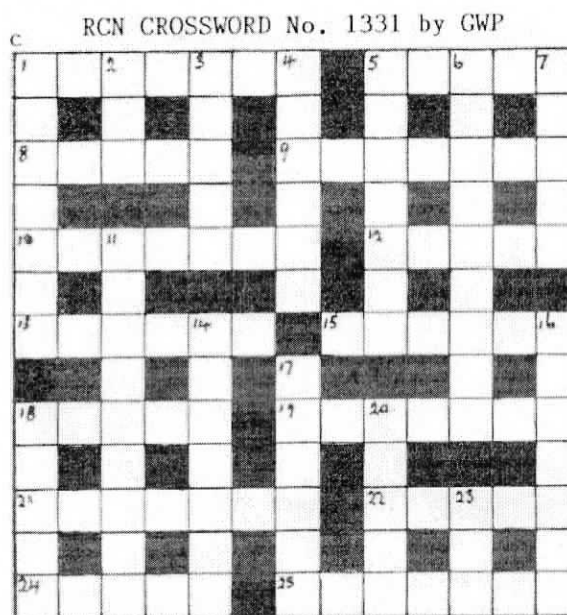
Crossword CLUES

ACROSS

1. Inspirit (7)
5. Damp (5)
8. Fabric (5)
9. Enchanting (7)
10. Performer (7)
12. Necessities (5)
13. Small cake (6)
15. Grotto (6)
18. Tree (5)
19. Make excessive
demand on (7)
21. Common (7)
22. Dark -skinned
african (5)
24. Entertain (5)
25. Displays (7)

DOWN

1. Subjugate (7)
2. Lease (3)
3. Goddess of beauty (5)
4. Numeral (6)
5. Colour (7)
6. Stormy (weather) (9)
7. Confers (5)
11. Forbearance (9)
14. Inborn (8) Succeed (7)
16. Poisonous (7)
17. Dog (6)
18. Fair (5)
20. Boredom (5)
23. General Officer
Commanding (abbr)
(1-1-1)



SUN NING TAKEAWAYS

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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 2nd Wednesday of each month. No cost.

Next meeting Wednesday 12th July 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.

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 excluding school holidays. Restart July 18th

Contact Kim on 366-5434 for details

Music & Movement for Babies & Preschoolers

This popular group meets on Fridays 11am - 12 noon excluding school holidays Cost \$3 first child \$1.50 for each subsequent child.

For enrollment/enquiries ring Ursula on 332-0633

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July 15th 10am - 4p m

Ph Ali Brown 329-7051 for registrations

Yoga Classes: Available for every age group and gender. Wednesdays 7:00pm - 8:30pm **Cost:** \$5.00 per person

Booking: IMPORTANT please register your interest.

Enquiries: Doreen - 03 384 1128

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

Lesley McMillan

Community Development Worker

Ph 381-6615

IDEA IN THE COMMUNITY

People who use IDEA (formerly IHC) services are supported to participate in employment and activities in the community.

IDEA's Stanmore Rd Learning Centre is making its presence felt in the Richmond community in several ways. Two of our members regularly attend and enjoy the Gentle Exercise session on Mondays at Avebury House; they are proud to be accepted as part of the group and are delighted when other members recognise them in the street.

The start of each month is always looked forward to as it is then that several of our group join with other Avebury volunteers to fold the new edition of the Richmond Community News. In fact they'd like to do it more than once a month!!

After the folding then starts the big deliverysometimes we just have our usual streets to deliver the News to, at other times we have mighty big areas to do to help out. And all done without a complaint!!

We are always on the lookout for opportunities for our people to be included in groups and/or employment in the area. We'd love to hear from you! Our Stanmore Rd Centre's number is 389 1213; please ask for the staff.



Pete delivering the Community News

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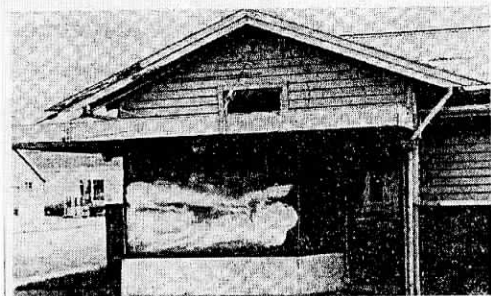
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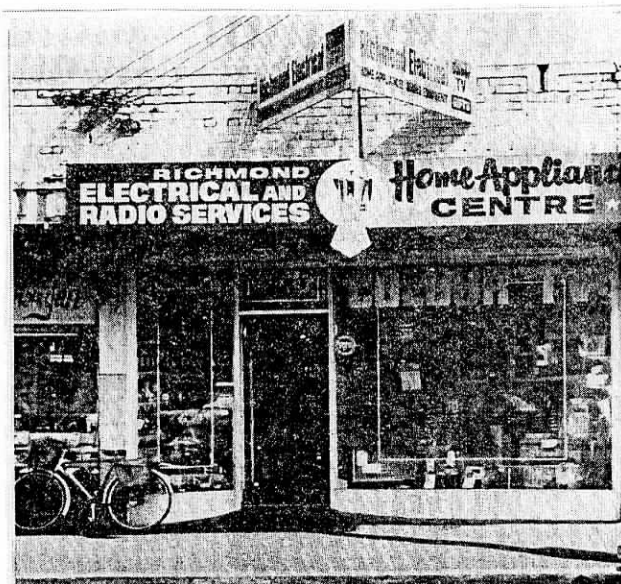
For more information contact your local Primary School Dental Clinic



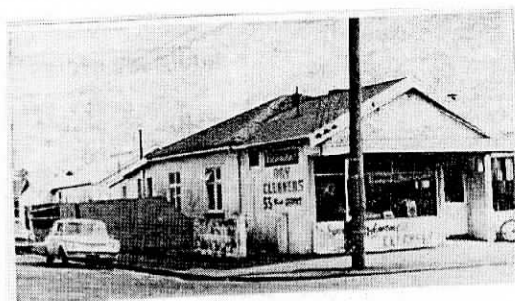
The original premises on the corner of North Avon Rd and Petrie St

Richmond Electrical has been part of Richmond Village since 1949 where it was started by Mr Hermie Rich on the corner of North Avon Road and Petrie Street. Hermie Rich, at that time, had already been in the electrical trade for twenty years..

In 1959 Denis Rich joined his father in a partnership and as the North Avon Road site was no longer big enough, they moved to Stanmore Road just north of where they are today with a showroom across the road and a bulk store in Avalon Street.

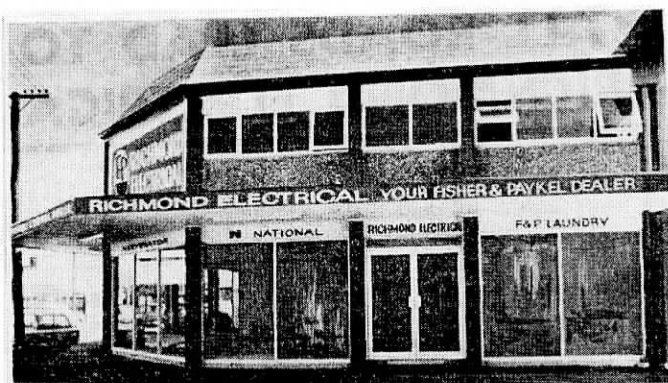


These premises were replaced in 1978 with the building there today.



The site of the new complex. It was once occupied by a dry-cleaning establishment.

Richmond Electrical is well known and well patronised all over Christchurch and continues to be a landmark in our area.



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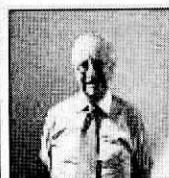
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This programme is open to the community and will be run from Room 10 of Richmond School, is NZQA based, and participants will be working towards nationally recognised Unit Standards.

If you are interested in:

- ‡ Free education
- ‡ The opportunity to meet new people from around the world
- ‡ Learning new skills including learning to think critically and creatively
- ‡ Solving problems, setting goals, and gaining successful people skills
- ‡ Being involved in your child's education
- ‡ Learning how your children grow, develop, and learn to read and write
- ‡ Connecting with a wide range of community resources
- ‡ Developing mutual support systems with others parents

Then we would love to hear from you.

This programme takes place two full days each week, will run till the end of the school year, and child care is provided for free.

SPACES ARE LIMITED SO BE QUICK!

If you would like more information, please contact Adele at the Positive Directions Trust on (03) 389 6610, or 027 542 0082, or pop into Room 9 at Richmond School, Pavitt Street, for a coffee and a chat.

We look forward to meeting you.

Adele Tikao
Trust Manager

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Apply to join the "Live to the Max" Course by phoning Marlys or Rebekah on 389 0219.

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RICHMOND RESIDENTS!

Do you want to be involved in decisions that are made about RICHMOND?

Do you want to be consulted about projects that might affect you?

The Richmond Residents' Association is looking for new members. If you are interested in becoming involved in local matters/issues then you are invited to attend this meeting:

Tuesday 18 July
Avebury House, 9 Eveleyn Couzins Ave
7.30 pm
ALL WELCOME

For further information please contact:

Marie Byrne, Christchurch City Council, phone 941 5309

Lesley McMillan, Community Development Worker Avebury House, phone 381 6615

Note: This is not an Annual General Meeting

More affordable health care locally for you

Keeping our families healthy is important, not just for parents and caregivers but also for us as a government. So from the 1st of July, the Labour-led government will invest \$110 million to expand affordable health care to all New Zealanders, in the 45-64 age group. (Yes this includes me) What that means to you in Richmond and indeed Canterbury as a whole is that it will be cheaper to visit your doctor and you will receive lower-cost prescription drugs. Because we have invested billions in lower-cost GP visits, in some cases by as much as \$27 a visit and reducing the price of prescription drugs to a maximum of \$3, it will mean that people who found cost a barrier, will no more.

People who get to see their doctor or nurse early and get the necessary advice are less likely to get seriously ill and require expensive medical treatment later on. We don't want high costs to dissuade people from making appointments. Early prevention should impact on keeping our waiting lists down .

From next year all New Zealanders will have access to affordable primary health care. This has been part of our good basic common sense policy that has been developed by our government.

To keep our families healthy we have to provide you with health care you can afford, so that's what we are doing!

Tim Barnett
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Christchurch Central

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Quick Dining Recipe

Bacon/Leek/Broccoli

Ingredients:

- 1 Leek
- Handfull of Broccoli florets
- 1 Slice of shoulder bacon
- 25g Butter or Margarine

Method:

Chop ingredients and mix together in a microwave safe container. Spread with butter or margarine and cover. Cook for 5 min in a 1400w microwave (or equivalent) Alternatively, in an oven for 30 min at 180deg. and serve. Serves two as a main meal or four as a side dish.

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**Closing Date for copy and advts. for the
August issue is July 20th 2006**

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KIA ORA COMMUNITY

Communication is the key to all relationships. If we cannot communicate, there is no way in which we can let other people know what it is we think, feel and desire and there is no way in which others can let us know what it is that they think, feel and desire. On the surface it seems simple. All we have to do is tell someone what we want. The trouble is that telling someone something doesn't ensure that they will hear it, really listen to it, or understand it. Children often complain that adults don't really listen to them or value what they say. In order to be a good listener, the adult must want to listen and have time to listen. When during the day can you find ten minutes to fully concentrate on each of your children individually? This will be "their" uninterrupted, special time. It might even be combined with an activity which doesn't require much thought like washing dishes.

There are four types of listening:

- * Passive listening when you make no comment at all - just listen.
- * Acknowledgement where you make sounds or one word response just to show that you heard what was said.
- * Active listening where you repeat back or paraphrase what has been said. With very young children it is sometimes necessary to respond to their body language. For example, "It looks to me as if you are feeling..."
- * Door openers where you ask questions which indicate that you want to know more about what the person is thinking or feeling. Notice that at no time are you giving your advice or opinion. By listening, you are letting your child know you respect him or her as a person and you find what he or she has to say interesting and valuable. This becomes especially difficult if he or she is trying to work out a problem by talking it through. It is all too tempting to jump in and solve it for him or her, to give "good" advice. "I don't know what to do" does not equal to "Tell me what to do" This will not allow him or her to develop problem solving skills. You don't have to agree with what your child is thinking or feeling. You just have to listen and accept that it is true for your child. In this way you are recognising him or her as a separate and valuable individual. Beware of the temptation to criticise, reassure or sympathise, tell them what to do, threaten with punishment or disapproval for negative thought, moralising, and put downs. Because we are thinking, feeling human beings, this is hard! The only time it is necessary for you to step in is when whatever decision your child is making would involve him or her in a dangerous situation. These types of activities do not come naturally to us. They take repeated practise. Be kind to yourself, if at first you don't succeed - try again.

LONGEST DOCKET COMPETITION

We would like to thank the community for helping us achieve 92 metres worth of the New World longest docket. Although we have not heard if we are a winning school we do acknowledge our community who gave so generously.

MEMORIES FROM THE PAST - Don Eade

(part two) ...

But one thing Richmond School gave was two exceptionally wonderful teachers who put me on the road to becoming a writer, author and independent film maker. This lifelong dream to have my own film company was nurtured by two Richmond School teachers - Mr Wally Wilkinson, Standard Two in 1950, and Mr Charlie Street, Standard Four in 1952. I was also lucky enough to have Mr Charlie Billcliff at Shirley Intermediate in 1953/54 who continued the excellent teaching I had at Richmond School. Four main events occurred for me in 1946.

In February I started in Primer One of Richmond. Then in August a massive snowstorm hit Christchurch, and the city was covered with falls of snow up to two feet deep. The trams were fitted with snowploughs and it was an eerie sight to see them glide like ghosts about the city, as everything was so very quiet. I saw a tram come slowly down Bealey Avenue from Colombo Street churning curtains of snow to each side of it. As it approached the corner of Manchester Street just opposite our house, the sun suddenly came out and there was a rainbow of many colours shining through the curtain of moving snow giving the tram the appearance of having butterfly wings. I could only stand with mouth wide open at the magnificent sight. It was the most beautiful and incredible sight I had ever seen, and one I would never forget. That scene would have made a front page picture in any newspaper or magazine even without colour, which did not arrive until many years afterwards. In that year Greece had a bloody civil war, and the NZ Government asked all the schools in the country for its pupils to each bring two cans of food to school, to help the poor and starving Greeks who were still suffering from the effects of Nazi occupation a few years earlier. I took my two tins of Nestles Condensed Milk to Richmond School with a tin tightly clutched in each hand (to stop the bandits of Fitzgerald Avenue from pinching them!). Each class had built a large pile of tins which reached to the ceiling, and I placed my two tins near the top of the fast growing pyramid we had proudly erected in our ground floor classroom. When the truck arrived to collect the almost one thousand tins which the School had collected, all the pupils and staff clapped and cheered as it drove out of the school gates. Shortly after this event, we were shown a National Geographic magazine which depicted a photograph of a freighter unloading a cargo of New Zealand food at the Greek port of Pireaus. When I was in Greece in 1968, I stood on the same spot where that much needed (and appreciated) cargo had been unloaded 22 years earlier. Somewhere close by, my two tins of Nestles Condensed Milk had landed here in Greece. It was a touching and moving moment for me. At that end of that momentous year my mother died from asthma two days before my sixth birthday, and many years of sadness and emptiness followed for me. I was however eternally grateful to some of the teachers of Richmond School who showed me sympathy, support and kindness above all, which I believe it is the greatest of all human attributes."

Kind Regards
Christine Weepu

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