

# Richmond Community News

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## Twentyfirst in the Historical Homes of Richmond Series



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1983

Have you ever walked passed 58 Perth Street and wondered what is behind that fence? Well it is **The Enchanted Garden** home of Jamie, Linda, Hamish and Anna Laurenson. We have been here 25 years and have worked hard to make it our home. 58 Perth Street was sub divided from a large farm in approx 1889 and was home to the Wylie family for 90 years. Neil and Charlotte (nee Urry) Wylie brought up 11 children in this four bedroom house. Our friend bought 58 Perth Street in 1979, two years later we took on Perth Street. In its 117 year history it has had only three owners. The house sits in the middle of .2778 hectares, the front being a large lawn area and garden, while out the back we have a nursery for our landscaping business and a shop/museum of dolls houses and miniatures. It all works well under the name The Enchanted Garden. We have in the past opened the garden for groups and had a number of weddings in the garden and run classes for the dolls house miniatures. We spend a lot of our time at the place we call paradise. The Enchanted Garden Phone 366-2822

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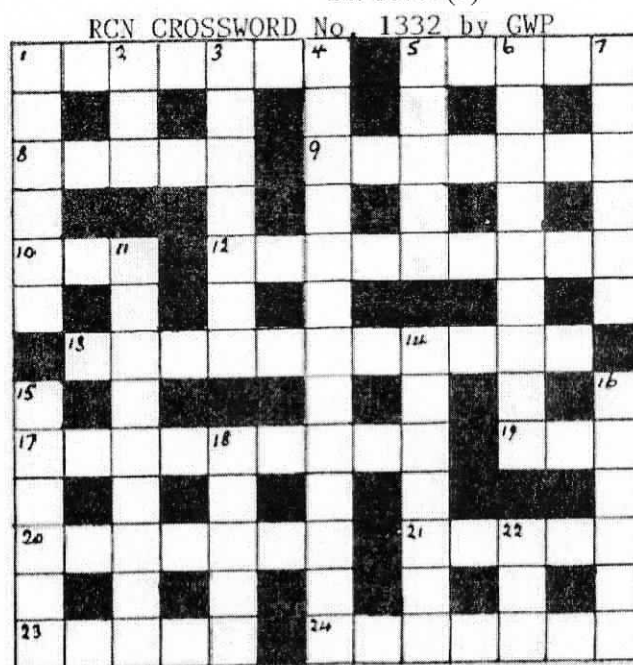
## Crossword CLUES

### ACROSS

1. Dog (7)
5. Play (5)
8. Best part (5)
9. Somewhat lengthy (7)
10. On strike (3)
12. Created anew (9)
13. Tame (11)
17. Separated (9)
19. Time (3)
20. Having vibrating effects (mus) (7)
21. Mother-of-pearl (5)
23. Parasitic insect (5)
24. Protect (7)

### DOWN

1. One-millionth of a metre (6)
2. Prosecute (3)
3. Submerge (7)
4. Congratulatory speeches (13)
5. Thick (5)
6. Greek philosopher (9)
7. Greenflies (6)
11. Brides outfit (9)
14. Rhythm (7)
15. Firearm (6)
16. Race wildly (6)
18. Slack (5)
22. Sever (3)



## SUN NING TAKEAWAYS

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Tues - Wed: 11.30 am - 2pm/4.30pm - 8.30pm  
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## What's on in August

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 9th August 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 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

### **Flax Weaving Courses with Ali Brown**

August 12th 10am - 4p m

Ph Ali Brown 329-7051 for registrations

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

**Lesley McMillan**

**Community Development Worker**

**Ph 381-6615**

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### **Letter from Mr Roy Burn to the "Pegasus Post" circa 1980 at the time of the demise of the North Avon Shopping Centre and the opening of the Richmond Village.**

North Avon Shoe Store has come a long way since its meagre beginning over 50 years ago when Mr Albert Burn took over the shoe repair business of Mr J Corkery in 1928. This shoe repair business was for many years on the corner of Stanmore Road and Avalon Street the shop being attached to living accommodation at the rear. After many years of hard work and long hours put in by Mr Albert Burn, despite his disability as an amputee, he built the business up to the first stage of retailing with the very basics, sandshoes, gumboots and sandals (which he handmade). I can remember spending many an hour helping my father, from the time I was about 10 years old. I often had to stay home from high school to look after the shop with my mother when illness struck. I was well grounded in footwear repairing by the time I left school.

About 1950 the repair business was sold to Mr Roy Masters who only carried on for a few years before selling the property to Greens Dry Cleaners. North Avon Shoe Store was born at 333 Stanmore Road around the time of the sale of the repair business. It was the southern most shop of the row fronting onto Stanmore Road and was for many years operated by Anne Hine Chemist. Anne Hine moved a few shops further north which was an addition to the existing older shops.

Mr Burn senior built up the footwear retail business steadily until retirement time arrived and the business was bought by son Roy, who now operates the shop in the new Richmond Village complex. It was back in 1965 when the first stage of real growth came for North Avon Shoe Store, the interior of the shop being completely modernised with lighted display fixtures. During the redevelopment of the area which has now become Richmond Village, a temporary move was made to the premises vacated by Roger Prebble.

This move was a case of history repeating itself, as these premises were also previously occupied by Anne Hine. Now the North Avon Shoe Store has a pleasing modern decor and is situated on a corner site of the complex with two window frontages, one on Stanmore Road and one on the North side facing the car park area. Instore displays are designed for maximum viewing from either outside or inside the store.

Trading patterns have changed over the years, handbags, wallets, leather goods, etc, being a big part of a variety of goods available along with the wide range of footwear. While space does not permit for repairs to be done on the premises, they are still carried out by the owner.

In spite of many changes over the years, the friendly atmosphere and personal attention is still available from management and staff.

**Further information and paragraphs of the Burn Family business may be viewed on a temporary display board set up in the History Room at Avebury House**



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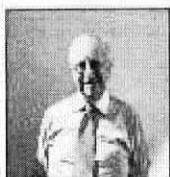
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### Grass Roots Intergenerational Programme

Start Date:

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End Date:

15 December 2006

### School Holidays Free

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

**Closing Date for copy and advts. for the September issue is August 24th 2006**

## 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.

## Telecom Christchurch

### International Film Festival

Did you know that our local community constable is a dark horse? Dark Horse Productions in fact and has a film in the Film Festival starting August 3rd.

Dark Horse Productions aka Stephen Harris has a film "The Wiamate Conspiracy" screening at the Rialto Cinema August 15th at 8:15 pm & 16th at 3:45pm. This is a world premiere movie about a hypothetical land claim using the local population of Waimate as extras and starring Jim Moriarty, David McPhail, Mark Hadlow and Janice Gray. A good local interest movie and well worth seeing.

### New Class

#### Babies Love Music

Join in and have fun with songs, rhymes and dances for your baby. Monday mornings 10 - 10:30am. \$30 per term. Please phone Katharina, a qualified music teacher on 960-9770 for further details. Starting in August numbers permitting.

### Letter to the editor

May I, through the Richmond Newsletter, express my thanks to the Christchurch City Council staff, Hagley Ferryroad Community Board and local groups and organisations, for an extremely well-run and entertaining afternoon at "Time for a Laugh" on Wed. 28th June. It was a great 1940's style afternoon, meeting friends, community sing, afternoon tea served by appropriately dressed ladies and being entertained by Chante et Danse Song and Dance Company. Well done and thank you for such an old-fashioned and free community event.

A 70 year old local resident

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## A Community In Unity to Save Edgeware Pool

I was asked to be the recipient of a petition signed by approximately 2,000 people, at the end of a protest walk last Sunday. The protest walk was attended by nearly 500 residents and supporters of the Edgeware Pool, which can be found, nestled in the St Albans community.

In the years and months and days that Edgeware Pool has been under such extreme threat of closure, I have seen a story emerge. A story of a community pool around for three quarters of a century; successful, and treasured; part of the memories of people who have lived their lives in that community, and of those dozens of St Albans School pupils who I saw swimming there earlier this year. If marred by anything, especially in these days of intensive marketing, it has been under-exposed.

Its City Council owners have shown little imagination in running it and – while showing the ability to create complex financial arrangements to spend \$120 million plus on building themselves a new home – apparently failed to even budget for depreciation for our modest Pool.

They waited for the inevitable technical problems to emerge and then announced that Edgeware Pool was dead. It is thanks to the community that the announcement of the death has turned out to be very premature. They said it would cost millions to mend. Councillors included the death of the Pool in their recent Long Term Community Plan. They packaged it with other pool and library killings. They gave way fast on those which caught the imagination of the media.

After the Plan has been finalised, they have now admitted that the cost of repair is in fact only \$360 000, to last 20 years. \$18,000 a year. In a budget of hundreds of millions, that is indeed chicken-feed.

The logic for saving Community Pools is powerful. New Zealand has too many water deaths, and our city has large areas without accessible indoor pools. We are in the era of think small rather than think big. Thank you for being the soul of our pool; I offer my heartfelt congratulations to this brilliant community campaign.

It is with pride in our community and deep concern at the behaviour of the Council on this matter that I have accepted the petition and undertaken to present it to our locally elected leaders.

Tim Barnett  
Member of Parliament  
Christchurch Central

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### Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board's 2006 Heritage Awards -10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary-

The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board is again calling for nominations for its annual Heritage Awards. This will be the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Heritage Awards. The Awards evolved from a vision by Councillor Anna Crighton. It was important to her that not only the owners of big, impressive buildings were targeted, but also the more modest workers cottages in the area as well as villas, commercial, retail and cultural buildings and historic sites. The success of the Awards over the years reflects the community's great commitment to our heritage.

Entry is open to any heritage or character buildings, places or objects within the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board area and can include residential dwellings, commercial/retail, industrial, institutional and streetscape and community heritage areas.

More information can be obtained about the awards from Sue Mather ph. 941 5305 or Marie Byrne on 941 5309 at the Shirley Service Centre. Entries for the awards close on Friday 29 September.

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### A Concert by 2 Japanese Handbell Choirs

At the Christchurch Cathedral  
Monday 7th August 2006  
at 7pm



It will be handbell ringing of the highest calibre, by exceptionally talented musicians. They are on their way home after participating in the 12th International Handbell Symposium in Brisbane. Christchurch has never witnessed handbell ringing of this quality in the past and may not in the future. For those who love and enjoy handbell music and music generally, this is an occasion not to be missed.

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If our goal as parents is to bring up children who know how to "behave correctly," we cannot expect them to obey without knowing why they should act in a particular way. We need to teach children to act in positive ways by modeling the behaviour ourselves and acknowledging and praising positive behaviour. Whatever choices we make they are always an attempt to satisfy a need, of trying to get what we want. A child does not stop to consider if what s/he is doing is right or wrong, good or bad. S/he is only concerned with whether their need is satisfied. When a child acts in a way that we judge to be negative or unacceptable, it can be looked upon as an opportunity to help them learn more positive ways to get what they want. In other words, the rules must be reasonable, not arbitrary. Children will fight against rules, which they consider "unfair" or are simply for the convenience of the parent. If you offer explanations rather than orders, you will gain the respect of your child.

Happy parenting.

**SCHOOL WIDE SWIMMING – SUPPORT NEEDED**

We believe that all children should be taught the basic survival skills for keeping themselves safe around water, particularly as we live so close to the river and the sea. We are hoping to secure financial donations towards some of our children receiving swimming lessons. In week 6 of term 3 our school attends ten lessons at Aquagym located at Cashel Street. If you would like to sponsor a child the cost is \$52.00 per student and all offers, large or small, are welcome. Please see Tania in the office during school hours or you can post your donations to Richmond School, P O Box 26025 North Avon, Christchurch.

**HANGI SUPPORT**

A huge thanks to the following people and companies who have donated goods and financial support towards our recent Hangi held during Te Wiki o te Reo, they were:

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**MEMORIES FROM THE PAST - Don Eade**

*(Part three) ...*

Walking up Chrystal Street to North Avon Road had many attractions for a small boy. Red trolley buses and their long poles attached to the back of the bus which frequently became disengaged and the cursing driver had to get out and manually reattach them to the overhead lines in all weathers. This never happened with trams, I thought. Long live trolley buses. Yeah! But diesel soon replaced electric, and I missed the clatter of the poles coming off the trolley bus, especially where Stanmore Road met North Avon Road, opposite the butcher's shop. The butcher's shop with its sawdust floor and its giant bloodstained chopping block where whole animals could quickly be reduced to flesh and bones by the butcher who had arms like a Hungarian wrestler, and who it was rumored by boys in the know, could lift a horse above his head. Many girls tended to avoid passing this den of blood and guts by walking on the other side of the street.

The Four Square Grocer's shop in Stanmore Road which sold large brown paper bags of broken biscuits for a few pennies, which helped to fill the bellies of many a hungry boy or girl, who could not bear to wait for the evening meal. Near the Grocer's shop was a blacksmith where horses were shod and many other exciting deeds of magic were performed in the gloomy interior of this fantastic place. The sound of metal ringing against metal, the smell of hot tar and other devilish substances used by the blacksmith, combined with the incredible heat which belched forth and could easily be felt when passing/lingering by on the way to Richmond School. I would tell myself this must have been what it was like when God was making the earth. On a freezing winters morning many boys and a few girls would linger when passing the blacksmiths to steal some of the warmth, if only for a few moments of creature comfort.

Yes indeed, Richmond Village was not short of attractions, which were burned forever in the minds of young boys and girls. In my mind I can still walk to Richmond School and recall all the sights, smells and sensations of those long off, but not forgotten days of childhood".

Kind Regards

Christine Weepu

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