

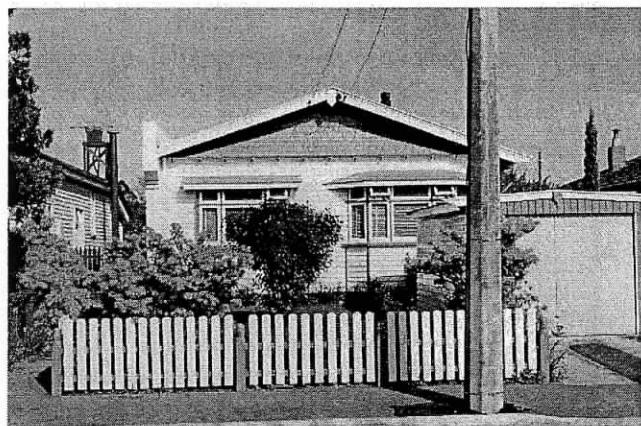
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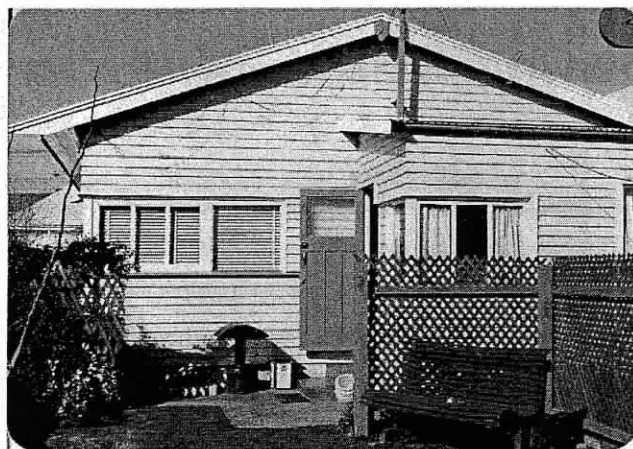
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Twentythird in the Historical Homes of Richmond Series

9 Cumberland Street Richmond



Front View



Rear View

This home was built in 1928 for Mr and Mrs T. Watson who came out from England from a district called Cumberland (now known as Cumbria). They had two daughters and one son, Gwyneth, Wyne and Leslie. After arriving in New Zealand in 1924, they took up residence at 60 Nicholls Street Richmond for some four years. Mr T. Watson procured a section at No 9 Cumberland Street and the present home was built in 1928.. The section was purchased and the house built for the sum of eight hundred pounds.

Seemingly the name of Cumberland and London Streets gave memories of England and they made the decision to build a home there. Originally the front garden was landscaped in volcanic rock from the Lyttelton Rail Tunnel. The garage at the front was built much later. Mr Watson was employed as a meter reader for the Sydenham area of the M.E.D.

Three of their neighbours had fowl runs at the bottom of their sections and the Watsons had approximately one dozen fowls; White Leghorns, Bantams and Black Orpingtons. The boundary fences then were all made of Australian hardwood, posts, runners and palings 6' high stapled together with wire running the full length of the section. The Watsons also had a bird aviary with budgies, canaries etc.

When Mr and Mrs T. Watson died the home was bequeathed to the eldest daughter Gwyneth. Gwyneth later married a Mr Vincent Venning and they were together for some fiftyeight years before Gwyneth passed away some five years ago. Vincent Venning has been in residence for some sixtytwo years now and is one of the older residents of Richmond.

I have seen many changes in Richmond over the years; The Richmond WMC carpark was an open paddock, trolley buses, trams etc. Richmond is a very desirable area now with school, supermarket, restaurants, all amenities etc. A wonderful history of early times once called Bingsland.

Progress Richmond!!

V.P. Venning



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Last month's solution



The solution to this months crossword
will appear in next months newsletter

Crossword CLUES

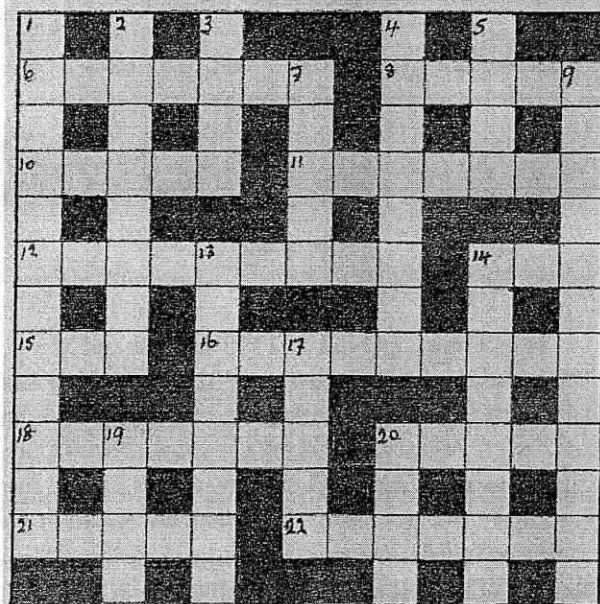
ACROSS

6. Blockade (7)
8. Anaesthetic (5)
10. Frequently (5)
11. Strains (7)
12. Outlets (9)
14. Every one (3)
15. Worthless dog (3)
16. Precipitation (9)
18. Lacking legality (7)
20. Language (5)
21. More pleasant (5)
22. Strawberry tree (7)

DOWN

1. Memory (12)
2. Slaughter-house (8)
3. Grain husks (4)
4. Understood (8)
5. Footwear (4)
7. refuse (5)
9. Turbulence (12)
13. Armorial bearings (8)
14. Turncoat (8)
17. Country (5)
19. Sin (4)
20. Fleshy part of ear (4)

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Sun: 4.30pm - 8.30pm Mon Closed

PHONE ORDERS TAKEN
SMALL FUNCTIONS CATERED FOR
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL
RICHMOND BUSINESSES

What's on in October

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 11th October 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 October 9th
Contact Kim on 366-5434 for details

Music & Movement for Pre-schoolers

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

7th October 10am - 4p m
Ph Ali Brown 329-7051 for registrations

Hugs All Round Quilt Project

Wednesdays 11am - 4pm enquiries to 381 6615
For further information about facilities and classes etc. please contact:

Lesley McMillan
Community Development Worker
Ph 381-6615

New Class

Babies Love Music

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Richmond Heritage Walk - 30 - 45 mins (Items of interest circa 1940)

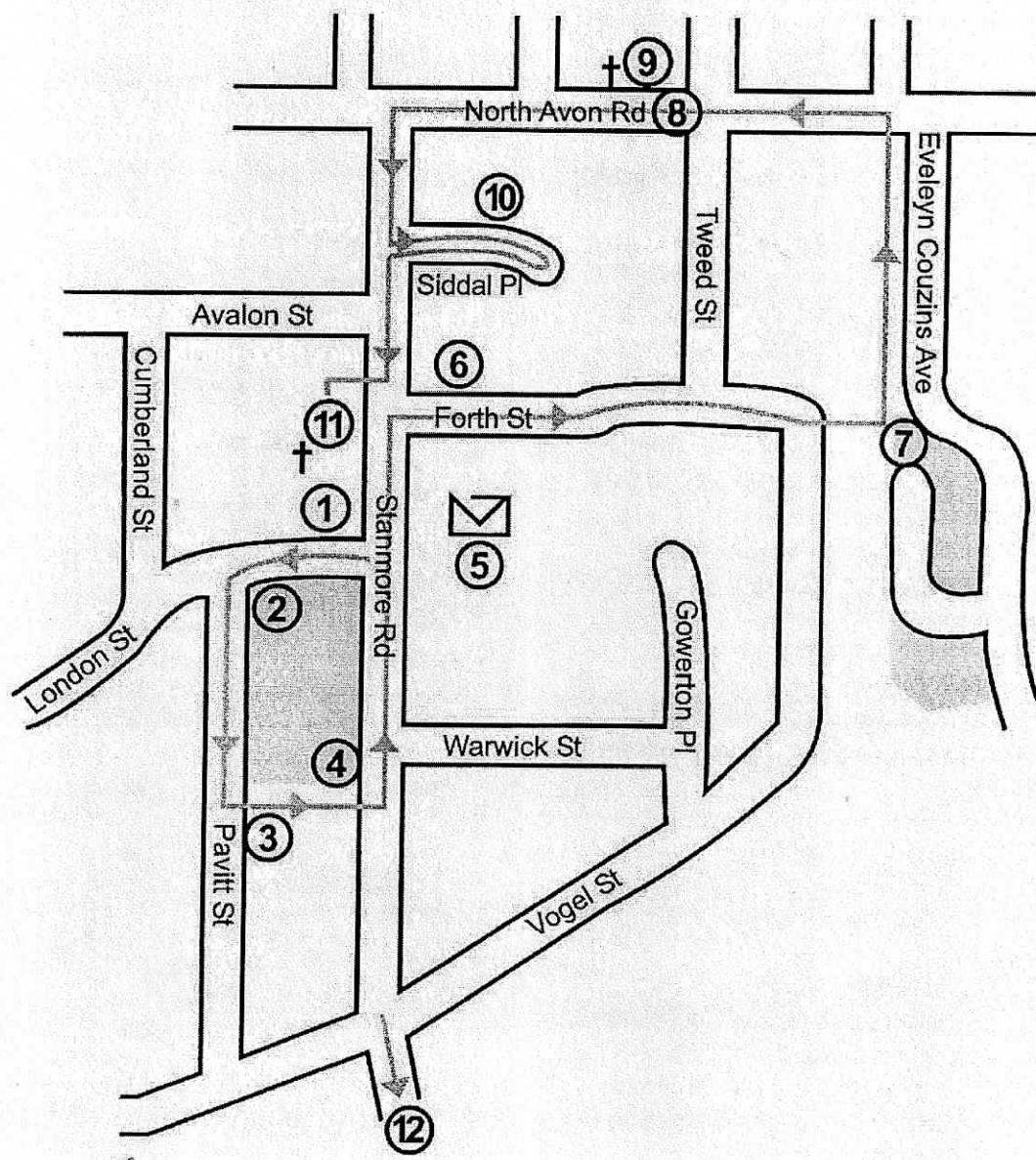
Kindly provided by Richmond History Group which meets at Avebury House on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Phone 381 6615.

1) Starting on the corner of London Street and Stanmore Road at the site of the Richmond Workingmen's Club

As one account of the early Richmond area recorded, "...The early Richmond settlers built a church, school a police station and then a workingmen's club as a recreation centre..." The club opened in 1889 on a quarter acre of land in London Street across the road from the old Richmond Primary school and has provided a social and recreational meeting place for Richmond since that time.

2) Crossing London Street to Pavitt Street, we come to the Richmond Caretakers cottage.

This was built in 1876 behind the school headmasters house (famous for its pear trees) and is now the home to a creche and the Plunket rooms. It was still used as the caretakers cottage in 1973. The caretaker was also responsible for looking after the school baths, and it is recorded that he allowed the baths to be used for baptismal purposes at a charge of 6 pence per head.



3) Moving down Pavitt (once Cumberland) street is the site of the old school baths.

Only a depression in the ground is visible today. During the war years they were very popular as the local beaches were covered in barbed wire (awaiting the Japanese invasion!) "The baths were opened and supervised during the summer weekends by Mr and Mrs Clarke. The water for the baths was drawn from artesian wells – no heating or filter equipment in those days!" (Mrs Fay Anderson)

4) Through the right of way to Stanmore Road (past Butlers Auto mart) past the Village Green.

This is the site of the first Richmond Primary School which was demolished in 1928 when the new school was opened in Pavitt Street.

5) North on Stanmore cross Stanmore at Supermarket to Hadfield Weeping Elm.

(site of Hadfield House and then a state home for boys, more commonly known as the 'naughty boys' home)

6) Turn right into Forth Street to Muschamp House. 19 Forth Street.

This turn of the century home was built by Mr Muschamp who hewed stone from his yard behind the Workingman's Club. It is believed that the stone used in this house was left over from the completion of Christchurch Cathedral in 1904. The Muschamp family still own the house

7) Continue through Right of way to Avebury House.

Built in 1885 Avebury was the home of the Flesher family until 1945 when it was sold to the Crown and was later given to the Christchurch City Council. Plunket was situated here until the late 1960's when the house was run as the Cora Wilding Youth Hostel. It is now run by a Board of Trustees on behalf of the community. The original driveway of the house still runs through to North Avon Road.

8) Turn left and follow driveway to North Avon Road

Mud Lane was the original name of this road which dissected the Avebury property and William Flesher gifted a quarter of a chain of his land so that the road could become the regulation width

9) Left down North Avon past Baptist Church

This was the site of the Richmond Mission which from 1911 until 1984. This was the centre of community socialising and evangelising. It was never a church but ran dances and musical evenings as well as Sunday school and bible classes, prison visiting and even formed their own orchestra.

10) Turn left into Stanmore then into Siddal Place (once an orchard) to Old Smith Mission House

The home of the Smith family who founded the Richmond Mission this large family home was always open to people in need. Remembered for their wonderful musical evening concerts around the piano (as well as for their powerful preaching) the Smiths were a major force in the social life of the Richmond community.

11) Cross to the Methodist Church Hall

Dances were also held at the hall of the Methodist Church. Over 35% of young people in those days used to meet their future partners at the local dance.

12) Additional walk (approx 1 hour return)

Down Stanmore Road to site of Rendezvous Ballroom, which is now the Salsa Fusion Latin Dance Studio. Continue down Stanmore Road to the old library, which is now Linwood Community Arts Centre (cnr of Worcester St and Stanmore Rd).



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The Welcome Home Loan scheme means a household can borrow \$200,000 without a deposit, and can borrow up to \$280,000 in total under the scheme. The Welcome Home Loan Scheme works by underwriting private lenders, such as banks and building societies, to give home loans to people on the margins of traditional mortgage criteria. If you are looking to borrow anything over \$200,000, a deposit must be paid. If a loan were sought for \$250,000, then a deposit of \$7,500 would be required, being 15 per cent of \$50,000. Households can qualify to use the scheme if they consist of one or two people earning up to \$85,000, or three or more people earning up to \$120,000.

The Schemes criteria, including the top lending limit of \$280,000 will remain under review throughout the year, while the government considers a new shared equity scheme to reach into other parts of the housing market. It is important that the new shared equity scheme complements the Welcome Home Loan scheme and the government's savings initiative, Kiwisaver.

(More details about the schemes to come).

You can find out more detailed information and whether or not you may qualify by telephoning 0508 93 52 66.

Tim Barnett

Member of Parliament Christchurch Central

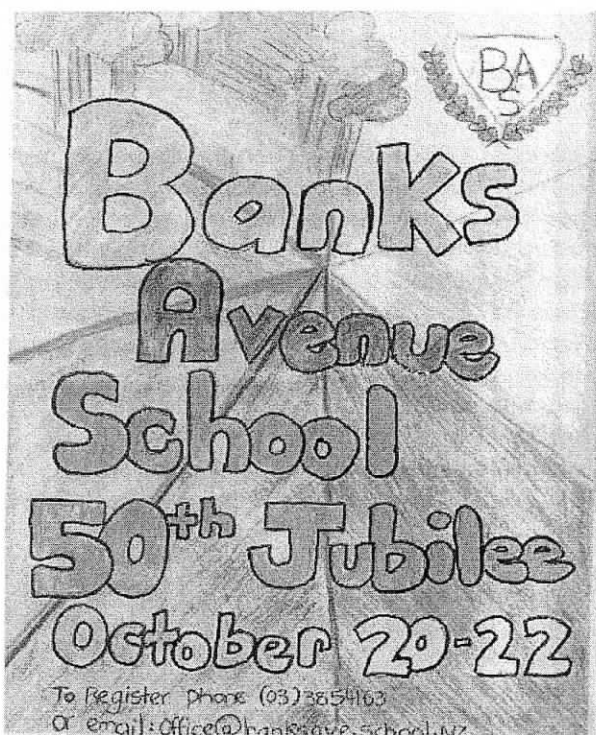
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The Jubilee programme starts on Friday 20th at 2.30 pm with drinks and nibbles. The official launch will be on Saturday with photos and afternoon tea. The official dinner will be at the RWMC Saturday evening with a guest speaker and band. The Sunday morning Church service will be held at the school. Registrations close on September 29th but late registrations will be available.

Heritage Week 2006'

Open Days at Avebury House

9 Eveleyn Couzins Ave
(off North Avon Road)

**Saturday 14th and
Wednesday 18th Oct
10am to 4pm.**

- Tours of the house
- Devonshire Teas available for a gold coin donation
- Displays of local history, photos etc.
- Craft Demonstrations
- Sit and enjoy beautiful Avebury Park

Watch Heritage Conservation at work at
Avebury House

City Care are undertaking preliminary works and painting preparation of Avebury House during Heritage Week. Watch them as they work and learn practical advice such as how to replace a sash cord, what paint-scraping is all about, how a "fill-in" repair for the likes of a sash is done, replace a weatherboard, paint removal, paint replacement. Gold coin donation to Avebury House



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KIA ORA COMMUNITY

We have been doing Reality Therapy with some children who have not made effective choices when playing. Children joining in games without asking, not knowing or following the rules of a game, and not establishing clear signals when opting out, leads to feelings of frustration, anger and sometimes violence. Anger is a completely normal, usually healthy, human emotion. But when it gets out of control and turns destructive, it can lead to problems—problems at school, in relationships, and in the overall quality of life. Children need to be reassured that they do not need to feel guilty about feeling angry, but they also need to be taught constructive ways for dealing with their emotions. Since children imitate adults with whom they live, it is helpful to think about ways in which you show anger.

For example do you:

- * *Turn it inward*
- * *Throw things or hit things and other people.*
- * *Take it out on someone else*
- * *Eat*
- * *Drink*
- * *Use physical activity*
- * *Confront the cause of your anger*
- * *Become silent*
- * *Other ?*

Is the way in which you express anger successful in resolving the cause of your anger or just in releasing immediate tension? In what ways does your child express his or her anger? Can you think of ways in which you could help your child to express anger and solve problems more constructively? How? Make a plan for yourself and one for helping your child to express anger and solve problems more constructively. Life will be filled with frustration, pain, loss, and the unpredictable actions of others. We can't change that; but we can change the way children let such events affect them. Happy Parenting.

Christine Weepu

Acting Principal

RICHMOND FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAMME UPDATE

The Richmond Family Literacy Programme has just reached its tenth week of operation here at the school in Room 10. The programme is provided in association with Richmond School, Hagley College and Positive Directions Trust. The aim is to develop family literacy skills while supporting children's learning at the same time. We currently have a space that has become available so if you have some free time on a Tuesday and Wednesday and would like to gain a qualification for free, we invite you to drop in and have a nosh, a coffee and a chat, and observe us in action during normal school time. For any further information, Tui and Adele can be contacted at the Positive Directions Trust on (03) 389 6610. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

The Trust would like to thank Hubbards and Brumbies Bakery for the donation of breakfast products that were utilised by the whanau and tamariki who are currently on the Family Literacy Programme.

ANTIGONE PRODUCTION - UNLIMITED PAENGA TAWHITI

Held in the ambience of St Lukes church on the cnr of Manchester and Kilmore. All are welcome to support some of our ex Richmond students in their rendition of the classic Greek tale of ANTIGONE. This wonderful production will commence 7.30pm on Wednesday 11, Thursday 12 and finish Friday 13 October. Adult tickets are only \$12.00 and students \$8.00. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from reception at Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti or by phoning 3777773. Nau mai haere mai.

TUARA-TINANA DINNER FUNDRAISER

Students from the above class are to travelling to Taranaki.

When: Friday 13 Oct 2006
Where: Te Puna Wanaka Wharekai (Christchurch Polytec)
Coventry St, Christchurch
Time: 6pm
Cost: \$30.00 per person
Includes: Sea Food, Titi, Salads, 3 Course Meal & Desserts.
Contact: Tina Gwatikin on 021 2694014.

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