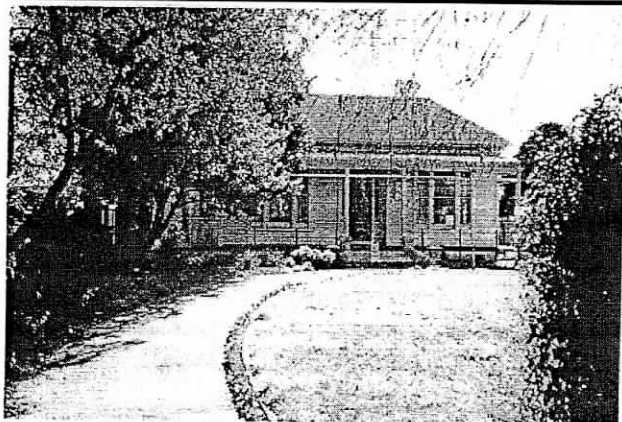


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## Twentyeighth in the Historical Homes of Richmond Series



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Advertising poster for W. Strange &  
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### ‘SMYTHVILLE’

The beginnings of 225 River Road and some relevant history of the first owners.

John and Margaret Cardwell (nee Smyth) emigrated from the Smithfield area of Northern Ireland (near Belfast) in 1881 aboard the *City of Tanjore*, just weeks after their wedding. John's brother William was already in Christchurch and appears to have purchased the land at 225 River Road in 1874, selling it to John and Margaret in 1881. William had organised rooms in Cashel Street for John and Margaret to live whilst their house was being built. They lived in 'Smythville' River Road for the next 22 years. John was associated with the firm W. Strange & Co Ltd (Drapers). During this time William, who was engaged to Margaret's sister Tillie Smyth, drowned aged 40 in the Avon River near Swann's bridge. John and Margaret had three children. Jean attended Richmond School, winning a Junior Entrance Scholarship to Christchurch Girls' High School and other sundry awards. She completed her B.A. degree in 1908. Margaret, John and family moved to Culverden where they ran the General Store and were agents for *The Press*. The house in River Road is still standing and has been well maintained and faithfully restored.

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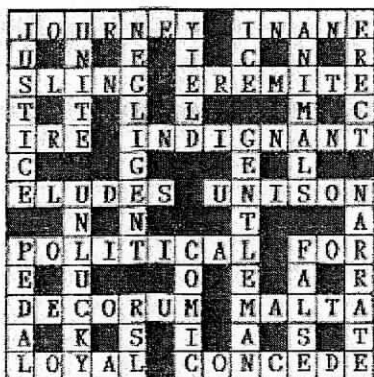
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## Crossword

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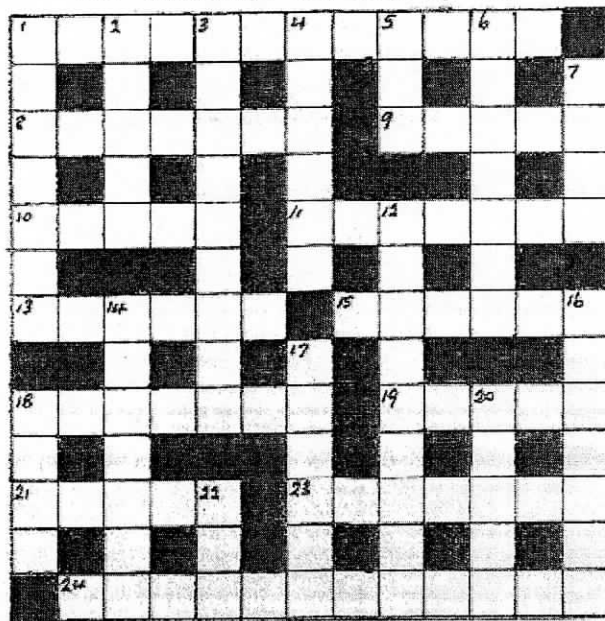
ACROSS

1. Submitted (12)
8. Go back on a promise (7)
9. Elbow (5)
10. Thorough (5)
11. Mathematical rule (7)
13. Named (6)
15. Wretched (6)
18. Read (7)
19. Irrigate (5)
21. Instrument (5)
23. Reasons (7)
24. Evolutions (12)

DOWN

1. Depraved (7)
2. Composition (5)
3. Ardour (9)
4. Invent (6)
5. Holy woman (3)
6. Sanction (7)
7. Join (4)
12. Space (9)
14. Raised walk (7)
16. Lunges (7)
17. Leisurely (music) (6)
18. NZ shellfish (4)
20. Fine saw (5)
22. Poem (3)

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## What's on in April

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- 2pm  
(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 11th April 4 - 5pm.

The History Group meets to share resources and research on 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**

NOTE CHANGE OF TIME

Mondays 1 - 4pm.

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.

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 enrolment/enquiries ring Ursula on 332-0633.

**Flax Weaving Courses with Ali Brown**

April 28th 10am - 4pm.

Ph Ali Brown 329-7051 for registrations.

**Hugs All Round Quilt Project**

Wednesdays 1 - 4pm, enquiries to 381-6615.

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

**Lesley McMillan**

**Community Development Worker: Ph 381-6615**

**Avebury House is looking for a TAI CHI instructor to take**

**A weekly class for older adults.**

**If you can help please ring Lesley at 381-6615**

## DON'T READ THIS...

### Ask yourself these questions:

Do you have trouble dealing with stress?

Do you have goals and dreams you want to achieve?

Do you have trouble communicating with your family and friends?

Do you have trouble getting through to your children?

Are you happy but want to achieve more?

Do you want a more harmonious relationship with your partner?

Would you like to attract more money?

Are you in control of your work/life balance or is it in control of you?

Do you hold onto guilt?

Have you ever wondered why people feel/think/act the way they do?

Would you like to learn more positive parenting skills?

Are you lacking motivation and enthusiasm in your life?

Do you have trouble getting your parents to listen to you?

If you have answered yes to any of these questions then act now and ring Lynda for more information about our programmes. You may qualify to attend any of our programmes for FREE.

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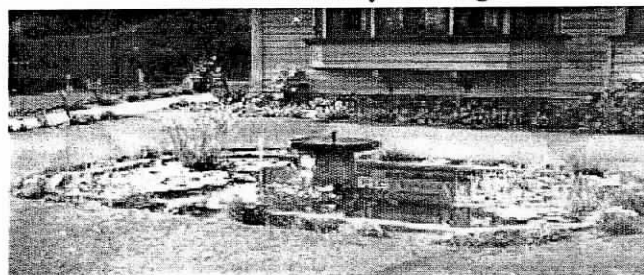
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A member of our Richmond History Group read in last month's issue about the man with the concrete goldfish ponds in Glade Ave. and realised he could be his father-in-law, which enquiries proved correct.

The gentleman was Charles Daue and his address was River Rd though the property backed onto Glade Ave and had a gate there. There was an ornamental pond at the front and breeding ponds in the back garden, built against a natural hill about 3-4ft. high. He bred and sold goldfish but this was only a hobby and the fish were not generally for sale. This was in the 1940s as the property was sold in 1950. It was not permissible to use cement for ponds or paths from about 1946 until after 1950, as the government felt all cement was needed for housing.



## From Swamp Land to Prosperous Suburb

Mrs Ellen Murphy tells of Richmond's Early Days

( By The Reminiscence Man, 1927 )

Continued

### A 'Parting' from the Captain

'The food aboard the *Huntress* was not good. The soup was made with salt water; the bread was sour, and we were fed upon preserved potatoes. We had pretty fair weather until about half-way on our voyage. One day we signalled another ship and the captain and the doctor went aboard her for some reason or another. While they were away, a storm sprang up and the ships parted company, and it was a day or so before they returned to us again. Our mainmast went in that storm. However, we ultimately arrived at Lyttelton, and a sequel to the voyage was the prosecution of the captain in the Magistrate's Court by several of the emigrants.

### Arrival at Lyttelton

'The *Huntress* took in ballast at Lyttelton and my husband secured a job doing this. We emigrants lived in the barracks for three weeks after landing, and then had to leave to make room for the people of the next ship to come in, the *Sebastopol*. Then we had to live where we could. I couldn't exactly say what I thought of Lyttelton when I first saw it. It was a wild looking sort of a place. While at the barracks many Maoris, particularly the women, used to come along there.

### A Primitive Jetty

'I forgot to say that the *Huntress* anchored out in the stream, and the emigrants were brought ashore in boats, which came alongside a small platform, or jetty, perched on two posts. There was a beam on top of the jetty, and from this a rope dropped, and by this the newcomers had to pull themselves up as best they could till they were grabbed by the man on top and hauled on to the staging. The luggage was brought along afterwards, and some of the emigrants had a fair amount of it, too.

### By Bullock Dray to Christchurch

'For a while we lived in a bit of a hut alongside the hill, and there were prisoners working round about making roads. Presently we decided to come to Christchurch, and travelled by a bullock-dray over the Sumner Road to the Heathcote ferry, where the dray was taken aboard the punt, and we reached the other shore; then away by the dray again to Christchurch. Christchurch was a grassy sort of place, and Hereford Street seemed nothing but water and nigger-heads. There were very few houses, with, in many cases, three and four families living under the one roof. The first place we went to was a house in what is now known as Bealey Avenue, four families living in it.

### Harvesting in Bealey Avenue

'My husband got a little work to do now and again. Mr Bealey had a farm hereabouts – I should say it would

be at the corner of Bealey Avenue and Bealey Street. He did a little cropping of wheat and oats. There were no scythes then, and sickles were used. Many a day we women spent in the harvest field gathering up the cut grain and tying up the sheaves. Yes, we had to do our share and bear some of the heat and burden of the day. There was not a great deal in the way of harvesting then, as there was not the population to feed. The threshing those times was done by flails. Later on there was a mill at the far end of Cashel Street, on the island at Hereford Street bridge. Lane's Mill it was called, and it stood there for many years afterwards even when it had fallen into disuse. During one very hard winter it was, I fancy, used as a doss-house for homeless men.

### Various Abodes

'Subsequently we went to live at a place owned by two brothers named Fitzgerald, who let rooms. Besides myself, my husband and two children, there lived there a man named McCarthy and a Mr and Mrs Coutts. Later we moved to Springfield Road; then to Montreal Street and from there to the corner of Salisbury Street and Manchester Street. There were two cottages there. James Campbell had one, and we shared with him; and Mrs Smith had the other. Those cottages are still there to this day.

### A Place of Our Own

'After a while, and struggling on a bit, we decided to go in for a place of our own, and bought a quarter acre section in Stanmore Road just opposite where the Working Men's Club is. It is now part of the present Richmond School grounds. Two old pear trees still standing are a land-mark of that section. The only building in the district then was a bit of a concrete whare. A gentleman working in the Government Buildings now did us a good turn. There was an old cottage standing on the site of the present Supreme Court buildings, which was to be sold for removal. Mr McClusky, a contractor, had occupied it, and our friend Mr Steward said he thought we could buy the cottage cheap. It consisted of three rooms, and we bought it. How the cottage was removed to Stanmore Road I could not tell you.

### Early Impressions of Stanmore Road

'Richmond was then known as Bingsland, an early settler there being Mr Bing, who owned a great deal of property. Mr Lockhart, I fancy, bought a good portion of Mr Bing's land. It was very swampy up Stanmore Road those times, and when Mr Lockhart's horses used to get out at night you could hear them splashing in the water which lay around. There were no wells and no artesian wells there then, and the household water supply I had to draw from a stream running at the foot of the garden. For cooking bread I used a camp oven. Ours was the second house in Richmond. Some time later a store was opened in Stanmore Road by Andrew McGill. The little building is there still and is kept by Miss Webb as a drapery shop. There were no roads at all in Richmond at the time I am speaking about – it was all one open common, no fences whatever, neither was there a bridge at Stanmore Road.'

Continued next month

## DON'T CURSE THE DARKNESS!

Oh no, I had picked up the newspaper and read yet *another* story of a distressed child. Once more my heart went out to this young person who was in need of comfort. Thank goodness we have measures in place for child protection through social services etc. Many children are given care and protection and brought to a place of safety and nurturing. As any parent knows, children all have different needs and it must be a very difficult job trying to cater for them all. But is it enough, I asked myself? It certainly didn't satisfy my longing to put *my* arms round all the children and comfort them. And anyway, what could one pair of arms do about so many children?

What indeed! I am a quilter and I had hands didn't I? Practical person that I am, I could make them a HUG in a quilt! Good idea! Then I thought – wait a minute, there must be other people out there who feel the same. What if I were to get them together and organize a few more quilts, ie HUGS? As lots of people like myself are on a limited budget, it would have to be a 'no cost' exercise. Fine, I would go round sales, thrift shops etc...

But first I asked if anyone knew of any group doing similar work. I could find none – so through a friend, I found Avebury House in Richmond and met Lesley McMillan, the community co-ordinator, who welcomed my idea. She also had the means to access a small amount of funding to get the project up and running. (All the enthusiasm in the world can't buy a sewing machine or batting!)

### Finding more hands

Avebury House is the home of the *Richmond Community News* and it wasn't long before an article brought enquiries. Well placed flyers attracted even more. We started off very quietly with just a few brave ladies but now, some six months later, we have 15 quilters on our list: retired sewers, unemployed sewers, hobby sewers, wanna-be sewers, prison sewers, inexperienced sewers, working sewers who just want to help – they are all welcome.

To date we have given away 20 quilts and there are more under construction. Barnardos and Cholmondeley Home assure us they would be happy to receive more and the response from the children has been heartening.

We meet on a Wednesday afternoon between 1pm - 4pm. Volunteers can drop in to collect and deposit their work or stay and work with others. Help is available when needed. It is all very informal with a cup of tea or coffee a must to begin with! The volunteer has two options: a pre-cut kit to take home and sew, or if they are experienced quilters, they can cut out fabric themselves to make the quilt top. There is no time limit (within reason) and no rules, other than that everyone tries their best. The quilts can be hand or machine sewn and each quilt must have a provided label handstitched to the back with the child's first name on it. (We feel the hand sewing puts in the LOVE element.) This label tells

the child that the quilt is theirs to keep and was made for them to let them know that they are valued and loved. At the beginning of this article I referred to 'yet another bad news story'.

Well this is a GOOD news story!

And the title 'Don't curse the darkness'? I'm sure you have heard it before.

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## Will the Crimes Amendment Bill "criminalise" loving parents?

No one wants to see loving parents who conscientiously care for their children prosecuted and punished for smacking their child on occasion. Even parents who are somewhat heavier handed would benefit from information on effective non-physical discipline and support rather than prosecution.

If the Crimes Amendment Bill becomes law, then technically use of force will become an offence, under the Crimes Act 1961. However, for a person to become a criminal a complaint has to be laid, then a decision made whether to prosecute and a conviction secured in court. In fact there are real reasons why the risk of "good" parents being criminalised is insignificant.

Anyone concerned about the way in which a child is being treated, can either make a complaint to the Police or notify Child and Young Persons Service (CYF). CYF currently investigates all complaints of ill-treatment of children and if they find this to be true, the action they then take is guided by the principles of the CYPF Act 1989. These urge the use of the lowest level of intervention in family life necessary to keep the child safe and affirm the overriding issue in to act in the best interests of the child.

Police investigate maltreatment of a child only after receiving a complaint. Most complaints appear to be made by professionals such as teachers, social workers and health professionals. It is unlikely these people will start making complaints about trivial incidents if the law is changed. The Police will continue to assess and investigate complaints. They prosecute only after they have satisfied themselves that they have evidence of an assault, that the offence is not trivial and that there are no alternatives to prosecution and that prosecution is in the public interest. The Police currently have a range of options other than prosecution, should they feel action is necessary.

Both CYF and the Police have existing sensible procedures for dealing with complaints of smacking or hitting of a child.

If despite these sensible procedures a parent is still taken to court for a minor infringement they have two defences available. The Amendment Bill maintains a statutory defence for the use of force by a parent to "control" a child in situations such as running onto a road, removing a child from situations where the child is being disruptive, by intervening to prevent a child committing a crime and for purposes of normal parental care. That is, changing

the nappies of a resisting child, or carrying them to bed against their will. Thus the Bill provides for restraining force used in normal parenting activities. At the same time it removes the traditional defence for force used in correction – smacking or hitting a child. The second defence available, even if a technical violation of the law has occurred, is that the judge can simply discontinue the hearing on the grounds that the offence is too trivial. This principle may be used if the effect of the violation is too small to be of consequence.

I believe parents can be reassured that they are unlikely to be convicted for minor assaults or for restraining a child.

**Tim Barnett**  
Member of Parliament  
Christchurch Central



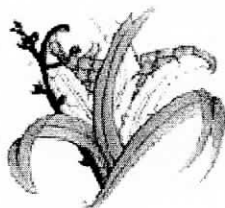
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**Closing Date for copy and advts. for the May RCN issue is April 21st 2007**

Swanns Road was named after George Swann, a public spirited man who took a great interest in many community projects. He was chairman of the Richmond School committee and was also a founder of the R.W.M.C. The original Swanns Road bridge was erected from ironwork taken from an old swing bridge (18th April 1864) over the Heathcote River and sold to the County Council for £50 in 1909. It was re-erected over the Avon connecting Swanns and Retreat Road.



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Kia Ora te Whanau

We had a fantastic fundraiser on Friday with our school hangi, and I would personally like to thank all the whanau for their help to make it so successful. To the parents who peeled vegetables, contributed kai, made a koha, wrapped the hangi, served the hangi and entertained us during our kai - nga mihi nui ki a Koutou. It was such a joy to see our beautiful kaumatua share the day with the tamariki. Many thanks to John Rhind for his generous support for this fundraiser.

I would like to thank Matua Ruawhiti Pokaia for all his hard work and support by having the kapahaka tamariki stay over night and help us all get up at 5.00am to start the hangi! We all got very little sleep but made it through the day anyway!

The hangi raised nearly \$800.00 towards our Noho Marae. The whole school is going to Nga Hau e Wha on Thursday and Friday 29 / 30 March. We are very excited about this trip, as it will be wonderful to have all our families together

This week in the senior school we have the Kiwi Family Trust running the KOOL KIDZ programme lead by Debbie Johns the Finance & Special Projects Manager. This is such an exciting programme, which focuses on self-esteem, self-confidence and self-awareness. Many thanks to Tim Barnett (M.P) for recommending our kura for this programme with no cost to our school! Have a great week whanau  
Annie Bowden

The Board of Trustees met on Saturday 16 March and had a marvellous day. We have so many exciting plans for 2007 as our 5-year property monies are now available. The historic brick fence has been repaired, which cost over \$4,000.00 and we have just had all the trees trimmed and thinned over the past week, at the cost of \$2,000.00. The Board are meeting with school support this week to look at stage one of building our wharenuī, which is very very exciting! We are also investigating the installation of heat pumps in every classroom rather than using coal or diesel. We have put heat pumps in our new library and hall. We are also putting in a new phone system and re cabling the school, which is a huge cost - but not one you can see unfortunately! The kura is also getting a new paint job this year and we are fighting already about the colour scheme. We have raised four thousand dollars for our new junior playground and we are working towards its completion in 2007 as well!

We are very excited to be going to vote as we have six whanau standing for the Board of Trustees at Richmond, three current members and three new whanau. Fantastic and exciting for us all. We are looking forward to a strong and committed Board that work to make a difference for children. Kia Ora.

Tui Amohangi Chairperson

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