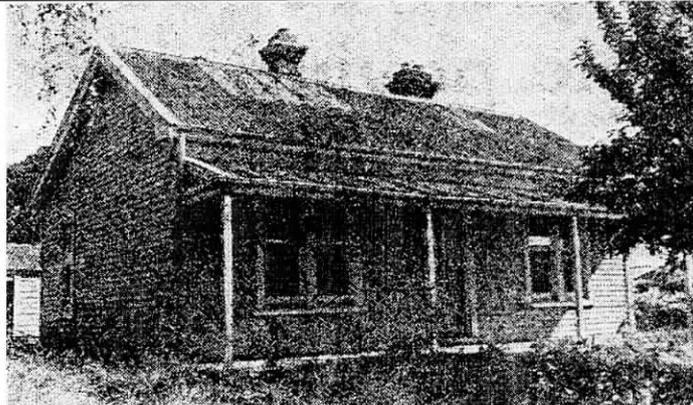


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Eighth in the series of historic Richmond homes



RICHMOND CARETAKERS COTTAGE

Early homes in New Zealand were mostly cottages. Cottages were usually built for the poorer kinship, which very often built their own or otherwise acquired them for rent.

In 1858, of the 12,812 houses in New Zealand almost 80 percent were built of wood, 2 percent of brick or stone. Others were constructed using supplies of raupo, soil and sacking. Nearly half had only one or two rooms and a further quarter had three or four rooms.

The Richmond Cottage, a double box 'cat slide' was built in 1902. The veranda it displays became a well-liked appearance in New Zealand but hardly ever attained the scale and splendour of those on Colonial Australian houses. The two brick fireplaces have now been removed.

In 1873 the Bingsland School was built on land that is now known as the 'Village Green'

Behind the school headmasters house - built in 1876, was the caretakers cottage, located on the corner of London and Cumberland (now Pavitt) Street. The headmasters house was demolished in 1912 but the caretakers' house still remains today. After the school was moved to a different site the old grounds became public recreation ground with the swimming baths still on this site on the southwest corner. It is on record that the caretaker reported having allowed the baths to be used for baptismal purposes at a charge of sixpence a head.

In 1978 renovations to save the historic cottage began and in 1982 it was officially opened as the Richmond Neighbourhood Cottage.

The caretaker Mr Edwin John (Ted) Pimm was somber in custom and would not tolerate any nonsense from the children. His son Leslie Edwin (Les) attended the school.

Mr Pimm held the position as caretaker from 1907/08 - 1918.

Jennifer Pope

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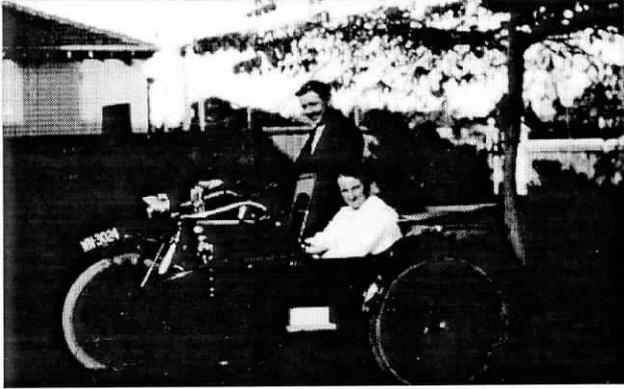
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Above Top is a photo of Sam and Maud Pentecost taken at their home 85 North Avon Road beside the trunk of their large weeping elm tree and Below is a photo of it as it is today. The family lived beside three other families who all had daughters. Sam and Maud had 4 daughters then were blessed with a son, born in 1920, the only boy. Sam was a coach and car painter, all done by hand and was also secretary to Dan Sullivan M.P. for Labour in Christchurch. The garage he owned at 13 Petrie Street was eventually run by his son Jeffrey when he died. The garage is presently run by Jeffrey's two sons, taken over when their father died quite young. The property is now owned by his four children.

Last month's solution



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

Crossword CLUES

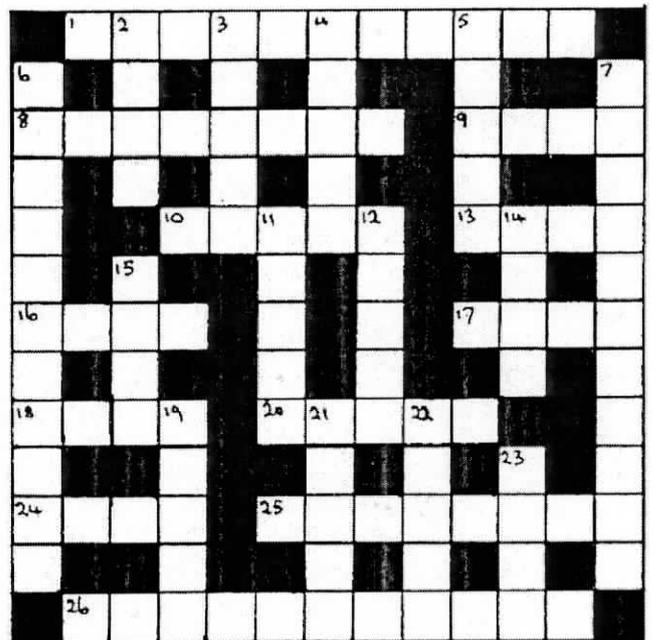
ACROSS

1. Superb (11)
8. Railway (8)
9. Cheese (4)
10. Insignificant (5)
13. Disfigurement (4)
16. Credit (colloq.) (4)
17. Humped species of ox (4)
18. Musical composition (4)
20. Greenfly (5)
24. Presently (4)
25. Sincerity (8)
26. Walk (11)

DOWN

2. Mine entrance (4)
3. Pluck (5)
4. Banquet (5)
5. Board motor vehicle (5)
6. Historic (11)
7. Timidity (11)
11. Leg bone (5)
12. Adolescent (5)
14. Music symbol (4)
15. Unbleached linen (4)
19. More rational (5)
21. Vertical (5)
22. Perfect (5)
23. Unadulterated (4)

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SUN NING TAKEAWAYS

273 Stanmore Road Telephone 389-3113

CHINESE MEALS ~ FISH & CHIPS
HAMBURGERS

HOURS

Tues - Wed: 11.30 am - 2pm/4.30pm - 8.30pm
Thurs - Sat: 11.30am - 2pm/4.30pm - 10pm
Sun: 4.30pm - 8,30pm Mon Closed

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

ST IVES RETIREMENT HOME

St Ives Retirement Home now owned by Radius Residential Care, an intergrated Health and Lifecare business. Their philosophy - we provide the means to ensure you can live your life the way you want to live it.

St Ives specialises in Alzheimer's and Dementia and rest home care, as well as offering short-term accomodation supplying respite for relatives who care for their family member/s at home.

Radius provides the home with their own doctors, pharmacy, security (home alone alarms), life care services; on request and registered nurse on call twenty-four hours and enrolled nurses who are very passionate and dedicated in their roles, a podiatrist visits six weekly and a physiotherapist on call when required. A full-time maintenance man and gardeners are also on staff. Meals are provided By Ace Foods in Dunedin providing residents with a choice of menu and variety.

On what was a villa-sited property at 50 Vogel Street, rises an original Liquid Amber plus safe boundary fencing surround amicable gardens, which encourages residents wishing togarden to have the freedom to do so. This peaceful area is enjoyed for morning and afternoon teas.

Ms Lisa McLean the Diversion Therapist ensures residents have choice where outside activities will be held. Available are men, woman and combined events, with others including the families of residents. Some other projects available are:

- Happy hour and card games
- Performances by Richmond School Culture Group
- Own library and outside library visits
- Trips to different supermarkets and malls

for

- shopping
- Night entertainment including BBQ's
- Support meetings for families of Dementia patients every two months

A mad-hatters party is an up and coming event.

It is often upsetting for a person and their family shifting from the freedom of the family house into a retirement home, any questions you may like to have answered contact the manager, Ms Eve Minogue at St Ives Retirement Home by phoning (03) 381-0509 where you will receive experienced and caring assistance.

Jennifer Pope
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BATTLE OF TRANSLOY RIDGE (Battle of Somme)

On a sunny October Sunday with a temperature of 63°F the Battle of Transloy Ridge began. What soldiers probably remember this day is not the warmth of the sun, but sodden earth, bright red flame, thick black smoke, declining and frightful slaughter of comrades and the stench of unburied men and animals,as atack on the Germans got underway.

On 1st October 1916 during the Battle of Somme the 2nd Canterbury (New Zealand Division) captured the Gird Trench lines at their junction with Goose Alley and also the east section od Ciorcus Trench. Their aim was to take down The Circus, a strong German post, at which they succeeded. At le Barque Road, the 2nd Wellingtons joined them and together with 1/19th London brigade shaped a procession near Abbey Road. Was the below named Private among this New Zealand Division - his fateful day?

Cyril Bighan COOKE son of Mr & Mrs Joseph Arthur Cooke (refer March issue pg 5 - History Behind The Mantel) was a private assigned to 2nd Battalion and posted to COY (Company/Sub-unit commanded by Major on 28th August 1916) in the Canterbury Regiment, New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

Cyril Bighan Cooke was pronounced Commonwealth War Dead on 1st October 1916 aged 20 years, having been announced missing, killed in action, in the field France.

A British War and Victory Medal were posted to his parents. A memorial for Cyril is at Caterpillar Valley in New Zealand and on his parent's tombstone in the Bromley Cemetery, Christchurch.

Cyril was a farm labourer. His last employer was H. McClelland.

Lest we forget Cyril Bighan Cooke (a Richmond born resident), as commemorations begin this Anzac Day - Monday 25th April 2005!

Jennifer Pope

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**WE ARE PROUD TO
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What's on in March

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 13th April 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 is in the process of being set up at Avebury. These resources will be 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.

Contact Kim on 366-5434 for details

Music & Movement for Babies & Preschoolers

Wednesdays 10.15 - 10.45 from the 4th May to 6th July 2005 Cost \$3 per family

For more information ring Ursula on 332-0633 or just come along

Flax Weaving Courses with Ali Brown

April 2nd & 30th 9am - 4pm. For further information and bookings Ph 329-7051

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

Lesley McMillan

Community Development Worker

Ph ~~942-5615~~ 381-6615



Newsletter No:4 Wednesday 23 March 2005

Greetings, Tena Koutou, Talofa, Goede dag, Haye, Feasgar math.

Kia Ora

On Thursday we had a powhiri for a group of teachers from Thailand who came to the school to look at the New Zealand system. The children had a lovely time and many were given Tai money.

Janet Ackerley is getting organised for her eldest daughters wedding this Thursday.

She has family arriving from today on and we would like to wish her and her whanau all the best for the wedding.

We have had four new enrolments this week which is fantastic at this time of year.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Janet Pask at the moment as she is coping with a very sick Dad. This is the first weekend she had at home with her immediate family as she has been travelling to Dunedin to see her Dad every weekend.

I had very good news on Friday, my youngest daughter passed an NCEA paper with excellence - and she is only a year 10. I am very proud of her.

My family went to look at a puppy on the weekend, another King Charles Cavalier as we lost our 3 year old puppy six months ago. Of course we all fell in love with him and we are getting him in four weeks! So its back to a three dog whanau again!

We have finally set a date for the opening of the new I.C.T / library. We are opening the new building on Friday 6 May at 9.30 am. We are sending out invites later this month but would love you all to come - so keep your diary free.

We welcome back Ella Grant (Rm 2) for morning visits as she has spent the past month in hospital. Ella is recovering from a hip operation. Great to see Ella and whanau.

Annie Bowden PRINCIPAL

MENINGOCOCCAL B VACCINATION

To assist the school Based Meningococcal B vaccination programme during 2005 we wish to advise our families and community we will be sending our school roll to the Public Health Nursing Service on their request. School rolls are essential because they will:

- * Assist to identify children prior to consent.
- * Provide accurate information for entry to the National Immunisation Register.
- * Ensure each child receives 3 injections in the right time frame.
- * Help manage the vaccination process and overall campaign.

For further information about Meningococcal B disease and the School Based Programme is available on: The Ministry of Health website www.moh.govt.nz
Meningococcal B hotline 0800 20 30 90

Petrol tax good news for Canterbury

Many Richmond residents will have heard the recent news that the Government is going to spend \$18.9 billion on land transport funding over the next 10 years. A lot of money for a vital issue. The Government is taking a bit more from each gallon of petrol to go straight into new and improved state highways, local roads, passenger transport, new railway tracks, cycling tracks and pedestrian support. None of it will be going to other items of Government spending. All the money collected from Canterbury/Westland will be spent in Canterbury/Westland. Why is this important? Because congested roads cost the country money and pollute the environment.

The amounts being spent are huge but of course are never enough, because roads, rail tracks and passenger transport networks still need more upgrading but the other demands on Government spending are massive – for example, hospital operations, education and superannuation.

How does this affect the average Richmond person? The increase in petrol tax is likely to add about \$1.60 per week (including GST) to the average household's weekly expenditure on petrol. This amount is tiny when compared to the amounts that low-income families will receive from the Working for Families package (e.g. \$100 a week for families with children earning between \$25,000 and \$45,000).

Some people want what the media label "the budget surplus" to be used for such projects. The money left each year after regular spending is paid for is going to build up the Superannuation Fund, pay for replacement of infrastructure (e.g. new hospitals), deal with emergency situations (e.g. Air New Zealand bail-out, weather disasters) and pay off historic debt. Wise use of this money is vital.

Roading projects cost heaps of money. For example, the widening of the bridge and four-laning of the northern route out of Christchurch at Styx Mill is costing \$12.9 million.

The Christchurch City Council are currently upgrading many major roads with cycle tracks. This benefits not only cyclists but slows down traffic. Of course, that is what this petrol tax is about: providing for more free flowing traffic but in a safe and secure way!

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Kidsfirst Kindergarten Richmond

Did you know...

there is a friendly little kindergarten right here in Richmond?

Sited at 41 North Avon Road (between Slater and Nicholls Streets), it is very unobtrusive from the street. But if you follow the path down the side of the building, you will find an attractive outdoor play area, and a busy indoor area with lots of youngsters happily learning and playing.

Recent focuses for the children's learning have been summer, bees and crabs. The morning children enjoyed a trip to the beach and estuary, where they dug for mud crabs and collected shells, seaweed and driftwood.

The annual trike-a-thon was held at Richmond School on March 6 and was enjoyed by the children on wheels of various shapes and sizes.

Enrolments are currently being taken from 2 year olds up, with most children starting before their third birthday at present.

For more information and enrolments please contact the kindergarten staff (ph. 389 5236) or just pop in for a look.

Banks Avenue First School Days

The first days of Banks Ave can be the toughest ones. There are many more teachers, new children, old children leaving, changes and challenges. At Banks Ave we help new children deal with these things even though they may seem hard. On the first school day new students pour into the school ready to learn. New children have heaps of help from the teacher learning the basics of the bell ringing, where the toilets are and of course the usual school subjects. These children will soon find that there are other children that are older and bigger than them in the school

Bullying happens at every school and is one of the main problems in a child's life. New students are told what to do when being bullied such as tell the duty teacher. In the first week we hold a whole school assembly, which is important. On the first few days students will have to write on paper until they get their stationery. You can see that the very first days of school are very important and hard.

From Chelsea Barnes

Room 3 New Learners

Banks Avenue Student Council

Banks Avenue school leaders are a group of responsible students who organize school activities under the guidance of Mr. Edlin. The student council organises school activities such as fundraisers, fairs and discos.

Student Council makes the school much more enjoyable to be in. The school is more organised and more fun activities are added for the pupils.



Student council jobs are important as if they are set up incorrectly they may not work, the money might be lost or the money might be spent on irresponsible things.

Student council members must be confident to stand up in front of a crowd and deliver a speech. Also they must have the ability to share ideas, listen to others ideas and participate in all our student council meetings. A list of our student leaders is Kim Caine- chairperson (shown below) Morgan Perrie - secretary Fleur Mealing - Treasurer Sarah, coates Loren Kett Brianna Roberts Kelsi Shannon Rick Stewart Kali Walker Callan Wilson Sometimes student council members are required to do extra jobs like showing people around our school. So far all student leaders have shown us these qualities.

By Nicholas Maat

Room 17

Kim Caine - Chairperson 1

May 21st 10am - 1pm"Reclaiming the Dreamcatcher as a Sacred Art" A hands-on workshop making dreamcatchers from an abundance of beautiful natural materials. We will create a sacred space and explore using craft to anchor prayer and intention. This is an art form indigenous to native American culture and it is my intention to honour this through myth and legend, honouring the ancestors in a long line of teaching and tradition.

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