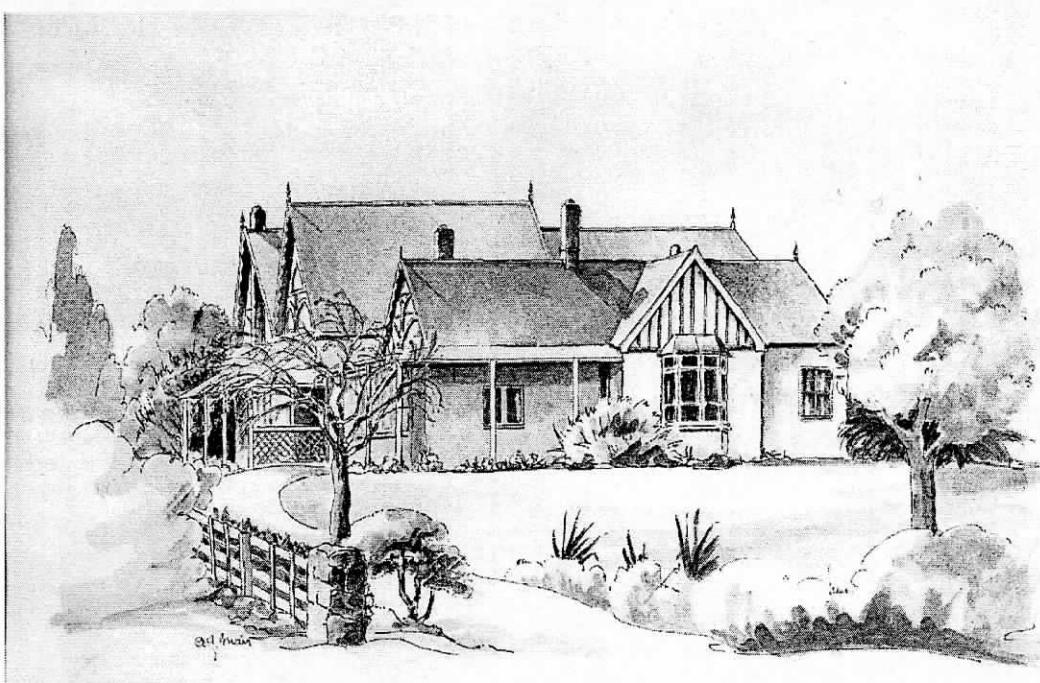


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73 RiverRoad Taken from "Homes of the Pioneers" Pen & Wash Drawing A. J. Mair Text by J. A. Hendry F.N.Z.I.A.

On its knoll above the River Avon, this charming house is all that remains of a hundred acre property and a much larger complex of dairies and stables approached originally from Stanmore Road. The property was first taken up in 1851 by C. E. Fooks, who sold it 10 years later to Aikman. In the next four years there were six owners and in 1873 one of the Campbells of Craigieburn Run bought it, selling in 1876 to Colonel Templar who lived there for many years. Eventually the estate was broken up until today only the house and a small section remain.

It is not known when it was built, but from the design it probably dates from the early 1870s, most likely replacing an earlier house. Rather resembling a doll's house, being delicate in detail and scale, it fits easily into its surroundings with verandahs screening the main rooms. The walls of brick, painted white, have half-timbered gables of pleasing design finished with large bay windows, fretted barge boards and quaint turned finials. An early photograph shows the house to be shingled, with cast iron cresting on all the ridges and with verandah roofs painted in stripes, probably red and white. One regrets the loss of the shingles, but not the fussy cresting.

The main front away from the river is completely different, a real delight, with elegant bay windows and a large front door, this being one of the most attractive features of the house, for the simple Gothic tracery of mullions and frames is unusual and finely detailed. It opens onto a long and spacious hall, with on the right the drawing, dining and morning rooms and on the left the bedrooms. All the main rooms are large and airy with bay windows framed in elliptical arches of Gothic detail, while the drawing room has in addition two pairs of slender glazed French doors flanking the fireplace and an opening onto the verandah.

Another feature is the set of beautifully panelled folding doors in an elliptical archway, which moves on the original hardware as easily as when first erected.



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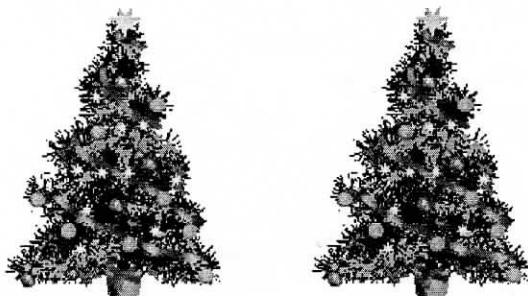
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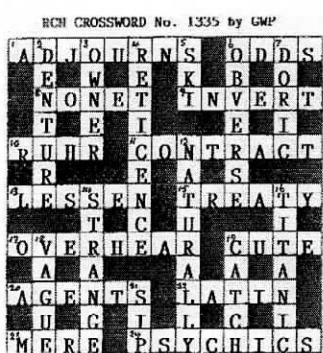
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Last month's solution



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

Crossword

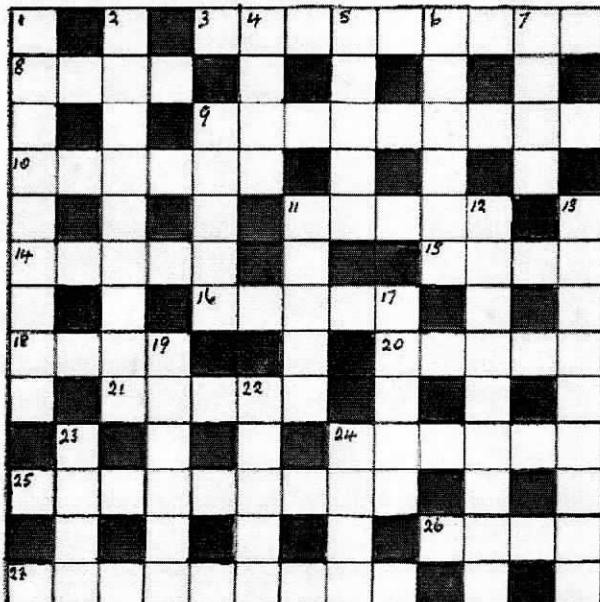
CLUES

ACROSS

3. Deadlock (9)
8. Bird (4)
9. Captivates (9)
10. Edible seeds (6)
11. Muddle (5)
14. Stop (Nautical) (5)
15. Trees (4)
16. Asterisks (5)
18. Troubles (4)
20. Animal (5)
21. Modern communication (5)
24. Gun (6)
25. Fruit (9)
26. Farm worker (4)
27. Of bishops (9)

1. Type of compass (9)
2. Policeman (9)
4. Prong (4)
5. Enticed (5)
6. Cloak (6)
7. Three at dice or cards (4)
9. Issues (5)
11. Benefit (5)
12. Of the 4 elements (9)
13. Promenade (9)
17. Morsel (5)
19. Strikes (6)
22. Eskimo house (5)
23. Criticize (4)
24. Country (4)

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What's on in Dec/Jan

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.

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Richmond History Group

Held on 2nd Wednesday of each month. No cost.

Next meeting Wednesday 13th December 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.

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Meets at 6pm every Tuesday at Avebury House, excluding school holidays.

Contact Kim on 366-5434 for details.

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For enrolment/enquiries ring Ursula on 332-0633.

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Ph Ali Brown 329-7051 for registrations

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

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Bus Priority

Hills Road Bus Boarders Trial

During Nov/Dec a new form of "Bus Priority" measure will be built on the west side of Hills Road between Dudley Street and Shirley Road, to enhance efficiency of the northbound No. 70 Queenspark buses. These Bus Boarders are formed by extending the footpath across the parking area so that the bus will stop in the traffic lane, instead of having to pull in and then wait for a space to pull out into the traffic. Vehicles following the bus should STOP and wait for it to move on.

Over the next 3 months trial period, journey times and driver behaviour will be monitored. At the end of the trial, the City Council and Environment Canterbury traffic specialists and engineering consultants on the Bus Priority teams will decide whether the results support keeping the two Hills Road Bus Boarders in place and possibly using this Bus Priority measure in other parts of the city.

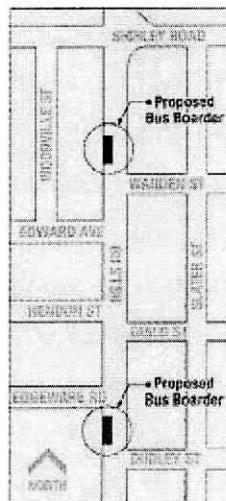
Bus Boarders are used successfully in Auckland, Wellington and the UK (Greater Manchester, Plymouth, Peterborough are examples). In Christchurch there are several on Fendalton Road, although these are on a four lane road, whereas on Hills Road there are two lanes.

With the Bus Boarder, the bus journey should be more efficient, causing little delay for the vehicles behind. Our research shows that the bus stops for 10 to 15 seconds (on average) each time it stops and rarely stops at both bus stops. The trial will measure the impact of these two Bus Boarders on bus journey times and gather information about how they affect other vehicles.

These two Bus Boarders are expected to:
reduce the time taken for passenger to board and alight
reduce delay for buses re-entering the traffic stream
make a gap ahead of the bus so it can move on easily after leaving the stop
Other benefits of a Bus Boarder include:
a larger waiting area for passengers
passengers are more visible to the bus driver
easier access for passengers to get on and off the bus
no illegal car parking on the bus stop

When the Bus Boarders have been in place for a few weeks, we would like your feedback through <http://www.ccc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay/> or on the form to be published later.

For more information, please contact Christine Toner, Consultation Leader, City Environment Group, Christchurch City Council, Phone 03 941 8355



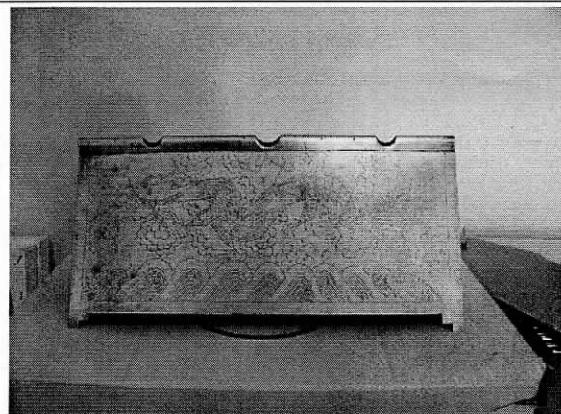
The Bus Boarders are part of the "Bus Priority" project. Environment Canterbury and the Christchurch City Council aim to make public transport more attractive so that more people will catch the bus. This will reduce congestion on the roads and in turn make the bus a more efficient and attractive choice. Read more about Bus Priority at www.ccc.govt.nz/environment/transport/buspriority

Hills Road Bus Boarder

the bus may stop in front of you



Please wait patiently and let the bus go first



Can anyone identify this box or tell us its purpose? Of solid brass, it is triangular and measures 32cm x 15cm. It is engraved with a flower pattern at the ends and a dragon on the sides. It is very old and probably made in China. WHAT IS IT ???

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the year and would like to
wish them all a
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and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Local Film Maker Wins Award

Do not miss the International award winning film "The Waimate Conspiracy" by director Stefen Lewis (otherwise known as our Community Constable Stef Harris!)

The film was the sell-out success of the New Zealand Film Festival, won the Festival prize and Best Film Award at the Wairoa Maori Film Festival and took top honours at the 2006 DigiSPAA (Screen Producers Association Australia Film Festival) awards in Brisbane.

Meanwhile, back home, "The Waimate Conspiracy", a comedy about a Maori land claim in the South Island, is showing at Readings Cinema, the Palms Shirley 1.40pm and 6.40pm.



Hagley/Ferrymead Heritage Awards

Richmond did well at the recent Awards Ceremony held on 8th November at the historic Warners Hotel. Anneke de Leur and Phillip Kennedy received a certificate of participation for their renovated house on River Road and the Richmond History Group, represented by Shona Ward and Noelene Hansen, received a Highly Commended Certificate in the Education and Awareness category.

Don't Miss The Further Adventures of Pooh Bear!

The Harlequin Players will be presenting the further adventures of Winnie the Pooh at Avebury Park, Eveleyn Couzins Ave. Richmond on 14th – 21st January 2007.

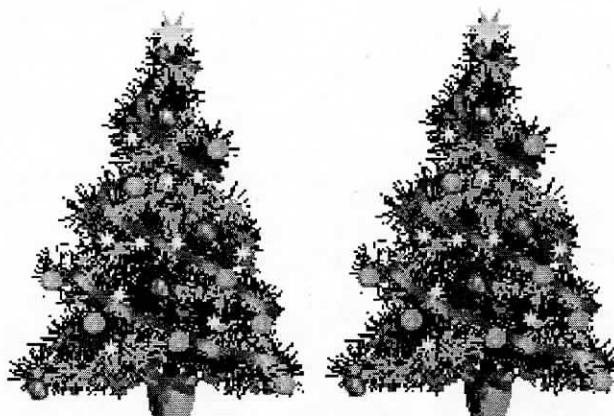
After the warm welcome they received from the local community last January, Pooh and friends are returning with some further adventures and introducing 'Heffalump'.

Come and see Avebury Park transformed into Hundred Acre Wood and enjoy this enchanting family drama. Affordable and fun, as well as being suitable for children of all ages and the young at heart.

Ring Peter Sadler on 389-2287 for session times and ticket prices.

The Richmond Community News requires stories and items of local interest. If you have an item for publication please send it to: Avebury House Community Trust P.O.Box 26097 attention RCN

Avebury House desperately needs a fit voluntary local Handyman to come in for approximately 1 hour to do a variety of tasks. Ring **381-6615** and ask for Lesley or Linda if you can help.





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Edgeware Pool – lessons for us all

The sight, a few weeks ago, of angry St Albans residents desperately attempting to stop a truck leaving what had become a demolition site – a place which had until last February operated for 74 years as the local community swimming pool – was, for me, one of the most extraordinary of 2006. How could things have reached that stage, in what we fondly imagine is a powerful local democracy? And what can Richmond residents learn from it?

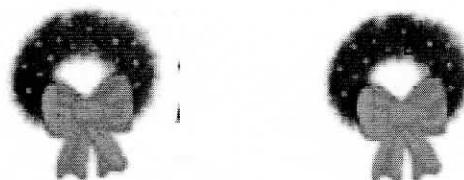
Although it would take a book to answer those questions adequately, here are my thoughts in brief.

- The lack of annual maintenance and depreciation money for facilities which need regular running repairs and occasional long term revamps means that at some stage a crisis will happen. (It seems that as a result of the Edgeware Pool fiasco and new law the Council have learned this lesson).
- A City Council reorganisation which leaves large communities without someone who lives in their area being on the Community Board or Council can encourage the growth of big gaps between local views and Council views.
- Places which we all take for granted – for example, the Neighbourhood Cottage, Avebury House or Delta Trust, in Richmond – are all reliant on external grants or budget allocations for their survival, and there is no absolute guarantee that the money will continue year after year. Councils may have no idea of the depth of passion held by local people for such places. When politicians seem not to be listening, and when community offers of new ways forward are ignored, then the situation is likely to be explosive.
- Processes which look great on paper – such as the consultation mechanisms under the Local

Government Act – are only as good as the generosity of the people administering them.

The lessons for Richmond? Engage in local groups, urge maintenance and upgrade of the places you treasure, and stay alert! Nothing is guaranteed, except the reality that the apathy of many is regarded by others as an invitation to do the unthinkable.

Tim Barnett
M.P.
Christchurch Central



Excerpts taken from Johannes Anderson's book "Old Christchurch"

John Anderson, who arrived on the George Seymour, (Mayor of Christchurch 1869) had a blacksmith shop on the banks of the Avon near the Bricks Wharf (see Nov Issue) and after a days work at his forge would walk to Lyttelton over the Bridal Path and carry back the iron for his next days work.

Calvert (Registrar at the Supreme Court 1863) built "The Hollies" in Barbadoes Street and a cottage in Governors Bay designed by Mountfort in 1852 called "Rosemary Cottage." One night when there was a dance at Ferrymead, he walked from "The Hollies" to "Rosemary Cottage" by way of Dyers Pass Road, to pick up his dress suit which he carried on his back over the Bridal Path to Ferrymead, where he met his future bride.

William Livingstone Chrystal 1846 - 1923

William was born in 1846 in Co. Galway, Ireland of British parents and was educated in Dublin at Trinity College. He farmed in Ireland before he came to New Zealand in the early 1880s. On arrival in New Zealand he set out to farm here too, but changed his mind and decided to join the New Zealand Police Force as a detective. He rose to the rank of Chief Detective.

He involved himself in community affairs and was a freemason.

His wife, Katie Agnes, died in 1913, followed by William in 1923. His funeral procession made quite a spectacle as it made its way down Stanmore Road by horse-drawn hearse, flanked by his sons. Both he and his wife are buried in the Avonside Anglican Church Cemetery. Chrystal Street in Richmond was named in his honour.

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KIA ORA COMMUNITY

Well what an amazingly busy time of year!! I started back at school this week and in two days we have had interviews for the new Associate Principal and we are in the middle of editing school reports! I have had a wonderful year on study leave and have really valued the opportunity to complete my Masters of Education. I have completed two post graduate papers and my thesis is due in March, so I have an interesting few months working and writing a thesis!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The story goes that some time ago a mother punished her five year old daughter for wasting a roll of expensive gold wrapping paper. Money was tight and she became even more upset when the child used the gold paper to decorate a box to put under the Christmas tree. Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift box to her mother the next morning and said, "This is for you, Mum." The mother was embarrassed by her earlier overreaction, but her anger flared again when she opened the box and found it was empty. She spoke to her daughter in a harsh manner "Don't you know, young lady, when you give someone a present there's supposed to be something inside the package?" She had tears in her eyes and said, "Oh, Mum, it's not empty! I blew kisses into it until it was full." The mother was crushed. She fell on her knees and put her arms around her little girl, and she begged her forgiveness for her thoughtless anger. An accident took the life of the child only a short time later, and it is told that the mother kept that gold box by her bed for all her life. Whenever she was discouraged or faced problems she would open the box, take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there. In a very real sense, each of us, as human beings, have been given a golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family, and friends. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.

SCHOOL FAIR/BOOTSALE

Richmond School would like to thank the following companies and community who supported our fair/boot sale. Fundraising efforts have exceeded our expectations and have helped raised \$1800.00 towards our new Junior Playground.

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Dwayne & Donna	Arama Cooper	Kids Artwork
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And anyone else who we have forgotten to mention.

Congratulations to the following people who won our school raffle: Huia Tahere, Daphne Fraser and Emily Adcock. The Leadership Raffle will be drawn as soon as all tickets are sold.

We wish to thank the Richmond Community and Avebury House for supporting our school this year. We would like to extend an early Christmas Cheer and a Safe New Year. If you are interested in enrolling your child come and visit our kura anytime during school hours. School will reopen on Wednesday 7 February 2007.

Annie Bowden

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