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Twentyninth in the Historical Homes of Richmond Series



Englefield

Englefield in Fitzgerald Avenue was built in 1864. It was part of a 50 acre block purchased by William Guise Brittan for fifty pounds. William Guise Brittan was one of the first to enrol as a colonist and he sailed from Plymouth with his wife Louise on the *Sir George Seymour* on the 8th September 1850, arriving in Lyttelton on the 17th December. William held many positions of responsibility including that of trustee of the Deans Estate which he managed for over twenty years until 1874.

The house was designed by Lusk. It was built in brick that was said to have come out from Britain as ballast in ships. In 1864 Brittan sold Englefield with three acres of land for two thousand pounds. The house had several owners. It was willed to the Salvation Army in 1946 and subsequently sold to its present owners.

The house was built to a generous size for the period. It features gables, bay windows and high ceilings. It has a simple stair leading to three bedrooms, one of which is now a bathroom.

In November 2000 the Beverly Park Heritage Rose Garden adjacent to Englefield was officially opened to commemorate the year 2000 and one hundred and fifty years of European settlement in the area.

The present owners have done much to maintain the property and return the area to what it was in earlier times. The Englefield area, bounded by the Avon River and Fitzgerald Avenue, has now been designated as a special heritage area by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust.

Text adapted from *Christchurch Heritage Houses*, 2004

Time for a Dance!

Rustle your skirts and dust off your dance shoes for an entertaining and fun afternoon starting the next Fred Astaire - Hayden Whithers - performing tap and jazz, followed by a 1940s tea dance with the 50s Up Brass Band. A glorious Edmonds-inspired afternoon tea will be served. Tap along or take to the dance floor! This event is proudly brought to you by the Christchurch City Council, Hagley-Ferrymead Community Board, Woolston Club and participating community groups.

Venue: Woolston Club, Hargood Street

Date/Time: Wednesday June 27, 1 - 4pm

Numbers Limited: 300

Cost: Free

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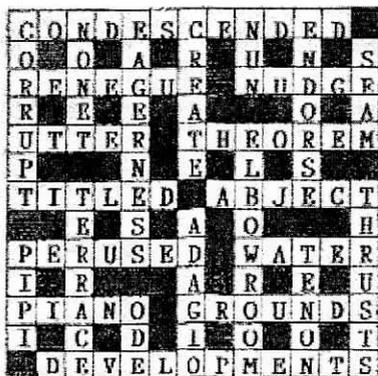
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Last month's solution



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

Crossword CLUES

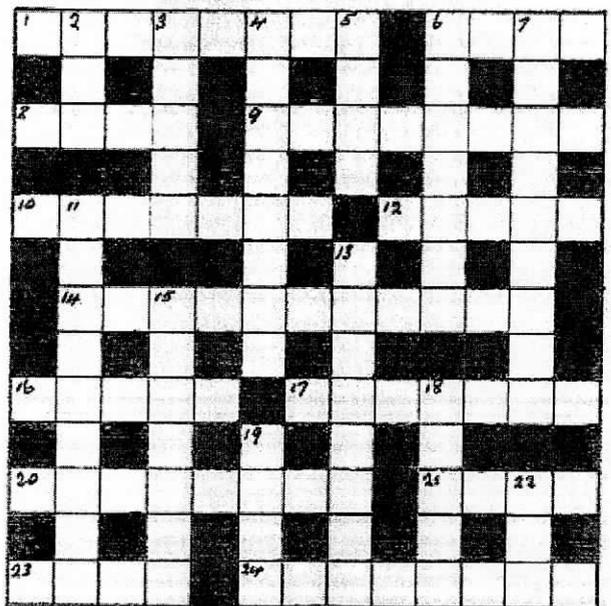
ACROSS

- Main (8)
- Replica (4)
- Clothed (4)
- Line on beach (8)
- Results (7)
- Disprove (5)
- Portrayed (11)
- Core (5)
- Vibrates (7)
- Softened (8)
- Assess (4)
- Horse-breeding farm (4)
- Make-believe (8)

DOWN

- Lubricate (3)
- Invest with power (5)
- Compositions for eight (8)
- Fuss (4)
- Remark (7)
- Convincer (9)
- Stuffing (9)
- Confuse (8)
- Released on word of honour (7)
- Enthusiasm (5)
- Exchange (4)
- Facial twitch (3)

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RICHMOND BUSINESSES

What's on in May

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 2nd Wednesday of each month. No cost.

Next meeting Wednesday 9th May 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

May 26th 10am - 4pm.

Ph Ali Brown 329-7051 for registrations.

Hugs All Round Quilt Project

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

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Adult classes 7-9 pm Cost \$40 for 8 week term. Phone
381-6615 for details or email h.gallagher@paradise.net.nz

For further information about facilities and classes
etc. please contact: Lesley McMillan Community
Development Worker: Ph 381-6615

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at Avebury House

9 Eveleyn Couzins Ave

All materials provided

Volunteers who are not so confident with
their sewing skills are also welcome as there
is plenty help available. Ring OLGA 980-1654

**Donations towards the cost of this
project would be welcomed. Please
contact Lesley at Avebury House
Ph 381-6615: Monday - Thursday**



'My name is Logan Kuzniarsky and I am seven. This year I did the twenty hour famine and raised \$56.00. I did a theme famine which was to sleep in a cardboard box and eat nothing but rice with no topping and drink nothing but water. The money I raised went towards Africa to help them get food.'

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

a weekly class for older adults.

If you can help please ring Lesley on 381-6615

From Swamp Land to Prosperous Suburb

Mrs Ellen Murphy tells of Richmond's Early Days
(By the Reminiscence Man, 1927)

Concluded...

The Spirit that Made the Province

'Wherever one had to go those times as far as the ordinary folk were concerned had to be done on foot. My husband who was working in Port, used to walk from home in the morning to his work and then after a hard day's toil walk back again at night, arriving home probably at nine o'clock. The next morning start off to work again at five o'clock. His wages were six shillings per day. There was but little work in Christchurch then, and the men had to go wherever they could find it.

Reinforced from Cumberland

'The first school I remember in Christchurch was at St Luke's, of which church Mr Lingard was the minister. Gradually Richmond grew, and among the early comers in our street were John Hughes, the blacksmith, Jo Irving, a Mr McDonald and a Mr Holden. They all came from Cumberland, in the North of England, and in consequence the street became known as Cumberland Street. As time went on the business area grew, and Tom Bunting started a store in Stanmore Road. Mr Bunting, I think, also opened the first pork shop in Christchurch in Colombo Street, opposite Steel's.

Some Food Prices

'Some people think nowadays that they have a great deal to pay for their provisions; but how do they think the old pioneers fared with the high prices even in those days and the small wages the men were getting? Butter was 2s 6d a pound, Maori potatoes 2s 6d a hundredweight, and bacon and eggs were also somewhat in the way of luxuries.

Bus, Train and Tram

'In the course of time, transport improved in the district, and Brightlings ran the first tram up Richmond way – one car drawn by two horses - but I couldn't say how far it went. Previous to that, a man named Booker had a bit of a bus service, but I could not say how he did with it. Richmond has indeed grown now to be a very fine place, and is almost city-like, with its many fine shops. The train in those days which I have been talking about went only as far as Rangiora, and my eldest son, who was a *Lyttelton Times* newspaper runner for many years, used to travel by it and throw off the bundles of papers at the various places required. He is still hale and well, and is employed as a gardener at Chokebore Lodge, Riccarton.

Not Eligible!

'My husband during one of Christchurch's bad times went with a party up to Hanmer Springs, and when that relief work ended he got a position at the Sanatorium as a gardener, and remained there for sixteen years, when he was superannuated. When he returned to Christchurch to live, he was asked one day by Sergeant Bird if he received the old age pension. My husband said that he did not: it had not been granted to him owing to his means being beyond the scope provided for in the act. Sergeant Bird very kindly looked into the position, and found that a claim for the pension would not hold. This seems hard that an old pioneer, through perhaps a little thrift, should be denied what is a well earned right in his declining years.'

Fond of Sport

Mrs Murphy then went on to say that she is very fond of racing, especially the trots, and that she had made many successful little investments. Even as recently as twelve months ago she had attended the New Brighton trotting meeting. 'And I would go to the meetings now,' she said, 'only that my sight is so dim that I cannot properly see the horses.'

Adieu

The genial old lady then gave the Reminiscence Man the names of one or two horses to keep an eye on for future events, and, promising to bear these in mind, he thanked her and bade adieu, as the tea-time hour was nigh, and preparations for such cannot be delayed, even by a chat about the old colonists.

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

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Shirley Boys High Celebrates its First 50 Years

Thursday 14 November 1957 was the actual day on which Shirley Boys High was officially opened by the Minister of Education R.M. Algie with a blessing by the Bishop of Christchurch A.K. Warren. Easter 2007 saw hundreds of Old Boys return to their school to celebrate five decades of post-primary education in the Shirley area.

As Rudyard Kipling noted in his 1897 *Recessional*: 'the tumult and the shouting dies, the Captains and the Kings depart.' The 'Gentlemen - rankers out on a spree' subsequently returned to ordinary life, following a thoroughly enjoyable weekend of sport and raking over the coals of memory.

With around 800 Old Boys in the hall at one stage, the place rocked. When the legally-required 'Punishment Book' was discovered, one Old Boy was amused to find his crime had been recorded as 'flicking ink'. Not true on two accounts, he explained: 'I was the first to be whacked by the Deputy-Headmaster Arnold Muirhead in 1957. I also had an early Rubidor pen and couldn't have done it. Later, after my protestations of innocence, he agreed but my bum still hurt.'

Shirley BHS Music Maestro John Scott's Friday evening concert set the happy tone for the weekend and he was especially pleased when Old Boys purchased the school music DVD, contributions going towards the upgrading of the hall piano. The Concert Band, augmented by Old Boys, saluted Glenn Miller with gusto and depth from the woodwinds and brass. Old Boy John Bates' operatic bass recalled those mass singing days, with teachers Alex Robson and Edmund Bohan also entertaining. It was great to hear the human voice fill the auditorium without the aid of a microphone.

Old Boy Laurie Searle's medley on the grand piano almost lifted the stage ceiling. So did the applause. Horowhenua Pipe Major Don McAlpine and Caledonian Society Balmoral drummer Greg Shannahan reminded the audience of the early school pipe band tutored by teachers Alec Thomson and Gordon Ogilvie.

On the sports field, tournament golfers enjoyed a sunny Easter Friday morning with a light nor'easter at the Christchurch Golf Club. Players, grouped in decades, teed off under perfect conditions. If not lost in the rough, a Jubilee golf ball marked with the SBHS crest, and 84 bottles of wine accompanied them home.

Despite intermittent light drizzle, the Saturday games saw a crowd of Old Boys and partners, plus other supporters, on the sidelines. Barracking with the usual vigour, they supported the soccer and rugby teams in an atmosphere redolent with the aroma of barbecued sausages. Old Boys rugger chaps humbled the School 2nd XV by a resounding

26 - 10. Obviously maturity and cunning won the match but there were also numerous minor injuries and sore extremities for the ageing gladiators. They may have had later recourse to tubes of horse liniment and beer but it was all good fun.

A 12 man Old Boys soccer team revelled in the competitive spirit even though the player with the prosthesis needed someone to run for him and another fellow possessed four legs, none of them working very well.

The Saturday evening festivities at the Convention Centre proved once again that the Shirley Old Boys knew how to enjoy themselves.

The Sunday Church Service was a timely reminder that this was Easter and brought recollections of school assemblies with previous Headmasters Charles Gallagher and Murray Denholm.

Old Boys sang with feeling the hymns 'For all the Saints' and 'O God our help in ages past' While schoolboy versions of the words may have been different in the 20th century, the messages in 2007 were pertinent to a generation imprinting its mark on the 21st.

The story of the loaves and fishes in Mark 6: 13 read by Head Boy Ben Harris was continued into the address given by Chris Grantham. Chris mentioned that he had preached in Mongolia but speaking to his peers in the Assembly Hall was almost as hard! His entertaining reflections on school life and a reading from 'The Kiwi Bible' (an updated version pitched with humour at a secular audience) emphasised that there is hope for the ordinary bloke and everyone can do something to improve his small corner of the world. A Shirley BHS student in the 1960s, Chris revealed that he had managed to combine his membership of the Crusader Group with frequent canings, becoming 'a boy often discussed at staff meetings', according to former teacher and later City Councillor David Close.

At the unveiling ceremony for the 2007 Jubilee plaque which followed, Headmaster John Laurenson emphasised that what made the difference at Shirley was the caring, family atmosphere. Board of Trustees Chairman Tony Deavoll pointed out that the new plaque emphasised that 'not only did we do well for over 12,000 young men but that the school has now matured.' The plaque is, as Chris Grantham concluded, 'a signpost on the Shirley journey.'

Colin Amedeo, Shirley BHS
Archivist and Author

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Do you want to 'Live to the Max?'
Do you want to make changes to your life?

Delta Community Support Trust runs a course to enable you to live life to the max! Meet with a support worker to discuss your life as it is now and then, using a self-assessment profile, brainstorm new directions and set goals. Participants are then linked to a support group of four or five others, meeting weekly for two hours to help each other work toward their own individual goals. The group meets every four months. But it's not all hard work - participants enjoy meeting new friends and have lots of fun and laughter as well.

Find out more about joining Live to the Max by phoning Marlys or Tony on 389-0219 or 389-0212. Delta Community House, 105 North Avon Road, Richmond

Explore!

Do you want to 'explore' your world? Discover new places? Have new experiences? Discover more about yourself and make new friends? Delta Community Support Trust would like to invite you to join us once a week for 10 weeks to broaden your life experiences through fun-filled mystery adventures! To find out more phone Marlys or Tony on 389-0192 or 389-0212.

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Tips for Combating Climate Change

by Natalie Cutler-Welsh

Millions of people worldwide have now seen *An Inconvenient Truth*, perhaps more commonly referred to as 'The Al Gore Movie'. As a new mother, business person and environmental advocate, I am thrilled to see the public and media finally starting to take climate change seriously. Particularly as new parents, my husband Matt and I are committed to having a positive impact for the sake of our daughter Ruby. Many people, however, are left wondering what they can do about climate change in their daily lives. Here are some tips that I have found handy for the home and travel – all of which will help save money and the planet!

Tips for Combating Climate Change

Action	
Replace your 5 most used light bulbs with energy efficient ones (try 'Ecobulb' from New World or Pak n Save)	\$15
Put an insulating wrap around your hot water cylinder (see Community Energy Action, 198 Armagh St. ph. 374-5698)	\$100
Turn appliances off at the wall	\$110
Reduce use of electric heaters –make up for it by closing curtains to stop draughts.	\$365
Take shorter showers and use aerated flow showerhead.	\$300
Hang clothes out to dry when possible.	\$100
Wash most clothes in cold water wash.	\$40
Drive smoothly, maintain car, inflate tyres & don't leave the engine running.	\$360
Reduce car use by 1/3 by walking or cycling trips less than 2km and using public transport.	\$1200
When shopping buy local products to reduce 'fuel miles'	

*Tips from the Climate Defense Tour, climatechange@greens.or

Noisy Vehicles Issue being addressed

For some years now I have attended meetings and been involved with local residents in addressing the aggravating issue of noisy vehicles around town. It was therefore pleasing to be able to call a meeting and inform the public that government is proposing more changes to the Land Transport Rule which will address this issue.

The meeting this month at Knox Church was well attended and gave an opportunity for local residents, motel and business owners to once again air their concerns over excessive vehicle noise from modified vehicles within the inner city. The meeting also looked at the proposed government legislation aimed at controlling noisy exhaust levels.

Issues raised included:

- Speeding sometimes in excess of 100km
- Bottles thrown from cars causing damage to vehicles and property
- Loud car stereos which can be as disturbing as exhaust noise
- Motels losing revenue due to guests departing early because of the noise
- The problem having escalated in the last year
- It being constant and happening every weekend

In July 2006, Stage One of the government changes implemented interim measures which allowed the introduction of an 'objective noise test'. This is a test based on international standards.

So, present legislation gives police the power to issue a \$150 ticket for a modified exhaust on a vehicle, and a \$250 ticket and 10 demerit points for driving in a disturbing manner. If a case is proven for vehicle racing, the vehicles can be seized for 28 days, and drivers fined for court costs and disqualified from driving for six months. Some 66 vehicles a month are currently ticketed each month for noise offences in Christchurch. Another strategy not directly related to noise is to remove vehicles from offenders to remedy unpaid fines. Recently 53 'noisy' cars were removed from their owners and taken to auction to be sold.

Stage Two is the current proposed new legislation of an amendment to the Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Equipment 2004. This amendment intends to target the noisiest vehicles while minimising the impact on the majority of vehicle owners whose vehicles do not cause problems.

The main changes include:

- lowering decibel limits for vehicles

- improving the subjective noise test for light vehicles
- extending the circumstances in which a vehicle is required to undergo an objective noise test

An objective noise test uses scientific equipment to measure a vehicle's exhaust levels against a pre-determined standard. A subjective noise test uses the judgement and experience of the tester to assess whether the level of exhaust noise meets legal requirements.

The current decibel limit will also be lowered for most cars but the law will not be implemented until 2010.

Although Christchurch Police are putting in three times as many resources as nationally, the grid layout of the city and a dominant car culture affects Christchurch more than other cities. The proposed changes are much needed as my office deals regularly with people operating their vehicles in an inconsiderate manner. Although the deadline for submissions for this legislation closed on 19 April, it could still be possible to immediately do a submission. It is very important for the community to be able to have input into this process and I encourage those people still interested to make a submission.

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A Piece of History

In 1959, the Union Rowing Club decided to move its operation from River Road to Kerrs Reach in order to provide a better rowing course.

The St Andrews' College Rowing Eight brought the Union Eight downstream slowly to avoid shoals and awkward, narrow bends.

The Swanns Road bridge was lined with Avonside Girls High seniors who lifted their skirts as the bow section of the eight approached. The oarsmen were oblivious but the normally-noisy cox was silent and open-mouthed. The boat shot up the bank and it took the eight man crew some time to dislodge it.

Above them, the giggling girls were no help at all!
Colin Amodeo, Shirley BHS archivist and author



Te Rito O Te Harakeke

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Kia Ora te Whanau,

Wow! it's the start of Term 2 already.

We would like to welcome our new Kaiako (teacher) taking care of our babies in Room 1. We are very lucky to have Whaea Sharon Stiffe and her whanau join our community. Whaea Sharon is an experienced teacher of 20 years and brings with her wealth of knowledge and tikanga. Settling into the school routines and establishing connecting relationships with our leaders of the future is her first priority.

We would like to acknowledge our new Board of Trustees who took office during the holidays. They are Tui Amohanga (Chairperson), Ginny Bowden, Maire Kipa, Ihaka Moke, Tracey Taia, Matua Ruawhiti Pokaia, Annie Bowden. We would like to thank the previous Board members who have done a wonderful job nurturing and caring for our school.

SCHOOL WHANAU AT NGA HAU E WHA NATIONAL MARAE



A huge thanks to all whanau who helped support our Noho Marae last term. As you can see from the awesome photo, the tamariki and whanau had a wonderful experience at Nga Hau e Wha National Marae. We will be having a sleep-over in June to celebrate Matariki (the Maori New Year).

AVONSIDE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

A huge thanks to the Year 13 girls and teachers from Avonside Girls High School who taught our tamariki heaps of ball skills. The senior children enjoyed lots of fun and showed great sportsmanship.

CYCLE SAFETY

Every year we have the Christchurch City Council tutor our Year 6 tamariki in cycle safety training. This provides the children with the skills needed to safely use our roads. Each child that graduates receives a certificate and is then allowed to bike to and from school. They also complete a Warrant of Fitness on each child's bicycle.

SCHOOL CONNECTION

Have you made the connection yet? If you would like to help our school in any fundraising efforts please do so in the form of our School connection with Telecom. These forms help us to purchase products and pay for the use of the internet. If you know of any other whanau or extended whanau that would like to join please call the office during school hours on 389-7168.

GRANDPARENTS NEEDED

We had a very successful programme running last year where grandparents volunteered in our school and took individual children for reading. This programme makes such a difference for our children and we would love for you to help us. We run a workshop on how to teach reading so if you have spare 30 minutes a day, or part there of, then please come and join our whanau and make a life-long difference for a child.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

'Ko te tamaiti e akona i te kainga. tau ana ki te Marae.'

'The child that learns well at home will stand proud on the Marae.'

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Matua Ruawhiti Pokaia

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