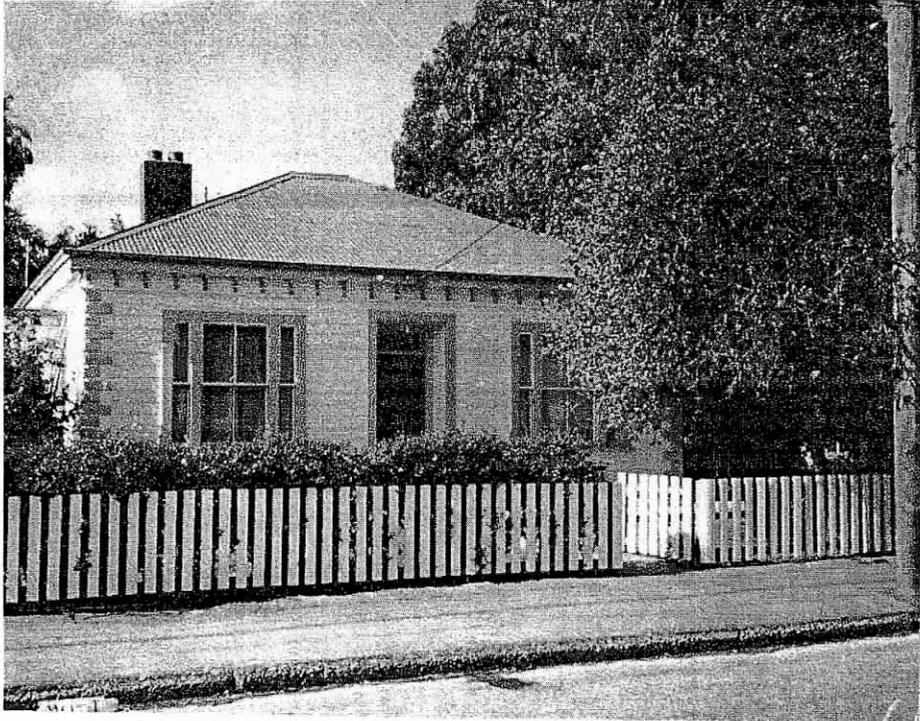


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Thirtieth in the Historical Homes of Richmond Series



24 Warwick Street

I first noticed this house about 1990, when I moved back into Richmond. It had been un-lived in for some years and was much neglected. I enquired at the neighbours, who told me a widow owned it. Although she was now in a home, the house was not going to be sold, but I kept an eye on it and eventually made contact with her son, Bill Scarf, who said he would show me through and if I wanted I could buy it.

Fred Scarf, a carpenter, had lived in the house with his wife and family since the depression. When Fred's widow went into a home the house remained empty, until I bought it in 1993.

Repairing the property was a daunting task but I had help from a builder friend. We replaced the roof with good second-hand iron, renewed many weatherboards and floorboards, repaired doors and windows and installed a second-hand kitchen, as well as painting, inside and out. All the work took 30 days to complete.

Last year I repainted and made a few repairs. The house looks as if it could be good for another 100-plus years, but since the street has been rezoned L3 it has become a sought after locality for two and three storey flat developments and, like it or not, the house may some day go the same way as many older homes.

The house is a villa from the period 1890-1900. It sits on stone piles with a timber skirt running round the base of the house to hide these. It is square in shape, with a roof of four equal sides meeting at a central point and is clad in flat-sided weatherboards with brackets under the eaves front and sides. Quoins on the corners are formed by wooden overlays on the weatherboards. These were intended to resemble the corner blocks on stone homes and to give a superior look. The house retains its original sash windows and externally probably looks little different now than it did when first built.

Internally, the house also has not changed much, although the original fire surrounds have been replaced with 1950s models, the coal range is long gone and the toilet has been moved inside. A central door leads through the middle of the house, with the lounge and main bedroom facing the street, through to the living/dining room with two more bedrooms running off that. The kitchen and bathroom are at the rear.

The internal walls are match-lined, as are the ceilings. Match-lining is a thin tongue and groove timber that was nailed over the wall studs and covered with scrim which was then papered.

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

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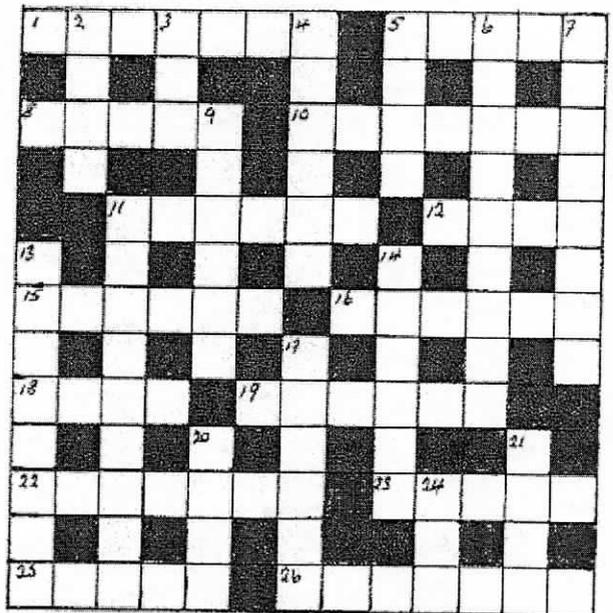
ACROSS

1. Lethargy (7)
5. Imagine (5)
8. Steal (slang) (5)
10. Rescues (7)
11. Certainly (6)
12. Small needle-case (4)
15. Cherry-red (6)
16. Halo (6)
18. Impulse (4)
22. Fighter (7)
23. Prepared (5)
25. Evade (5)
26. Unsteady (7)

DOWN

2. Eft (4)
3. Tear (3)
4. Concurred (6)
5. Unexploded bombs (4)
6. Ballots (9)
7. Mysterious (8)
9. First born (6)
11. Watered (9)
13. Scoured (8)
14. Hue (6)
17. Dismay (6)
20. Hint (4)
21. Prepare for publication(4)
24. Largest of deer family (3)

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Sun: 4.30pm - 8,30pm Mon Closed

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What's on in June

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 13 June 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

June 23rd - July 21st 10am - 4pm.

Ph Ali Brown 329-7051 for registrations.

Hugs All Round Quilt Project

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

Full Moon Meditation

Come and join us in a gentle, guided meditation and introduction to the Art of Living. Suitable for both beginners and others. 29 June at 7.30pm Avebury House Eveleyn Couzins Ave. Koha. Ph Jill 383-1843

Tai Chi Class – Especially adapted for older adults

Fridays 12 noon – 1pm Cost \$3

Ring Avebury House for details

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

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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

Making It Happen

In May 2007 Combined Insurance, in association with *The Christchurch Mail*, initiated the Making It Happen Community Awards. Groups were invited to submit their applications to the committee with a profile of their work. One hundred and fifty applications from all sections of the community were received, including Hugs All Round, our quilt making project. On 11 May at the inaugural award ceremony, Hugs All Round were delighted to receive one of the awards consisting of a plaque and a cheque for \$460 which will be used to purchase fire resistant batting for the quilts.



Olga, Lesley and the children from Glen Elge

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- You can expect to gain **Excitement - Confidence - An Eagerness to move Forward** and a **Renewed zest for life**.

What a super successful Newcastle workshop!

Read what some of the Newcastle graduates had to say:

- Thank you for an enjoyable day, I now believe in myself
- The workshop was an emancipating experience
- I see every day as a gift now. Thank you Brian
- What an enlightening experience
- Excellent presentation, light fun and very empowering

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Letter to the Editor

The narrowing of London Street is an accident waiting to happen. Why on earth the grass verges on either side of the road are wider than the road only the Council will know.

People rightly park their cars on both sides of the road, when this happens cars coming from opposite directions can't pass. Further to this, on the corner close to Cumberland Street cars also park, making it impossible for two cars to pass and in some cases leaving nowhere to go. This is a main arterial link between the end of Bealey Avenue and the eastern side of the city, and it amazes me why we have the large humps and bumps placed across the road. They don't stop your speedsters one little bit and they see it as a challenge to take them at speed.

Added to the problems outlined above, you also have John Rhind Funeral Directors in London Street. When there is a large funeral cars are everywhere and it is one way traffic only.

Is the Council waiting for a really bad accident to justify remedying a major blunder in London Street?

Peter Riach

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Christchurch Star 16 April 1894 Richmond Amateur Swimming Club

A meeting of the committee of the Richmond Amateur Swimming Club was held in the schoolroom on Saturday evening; present— Messrs C.J. Styche (in the chair), W. Bassett, F. Ward, C.P. Bradford, A. P. Gibson, H. Craddock and G. Milne (Hon. secretary). A letter was read from the East Christchurch Club in reference to holding an associated smoke concert at which prizes won by members of the various swimming clubs in Christchurch could be presented. It was resolved: 'That the Richmond Club having decided to hold an annual concert and prize distribution regatta that it cannot see its way to fall in with the suggestion of the East Christchurch Club.' It was decided to hold the annual concert and distribution of prizes in the Foresters Hall, Richmond on Thursday evening 17 May and to ask the president, Mr C. Bishop to preside, and Mrs Bishop to present the prizes. The sum of £1 1s was voted to the Christchurch Club towards the fund for sending its Polo team to Auckland in February last. A sub-committee consisting of the captain, secretary and treasurer was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for carrying out the annual concert on 17 May. Accounts amounting to £10 19s 3d were passed for payment. After disposing of business in connection with the concert and allotting the prizes for the various events decided during the past season, the meeting closed.

The Press 26 April 1923 Unsatisfactory Conditions

At the meeting of householders, held at Richmond School on Monday evening, a bombshell was thrown by one of the householders when discussing the attitude of the Education Board regarding the repairs of the school. He remarked that it only wanted another severe earthquake to give the brick portion of the school the 'finishing touch' and all would be over. When trams went past the whole top floor swayed to and fro. The rotten state of the building was the cause of the decreased attendance, as parents would not send their children there. He went on to say that the Minister of Education had said at Opawa that West Christchurch was the first one to be repaired. Richmond's case should have been attended to before West Christchurch.

It was moved that the meeting should adjourn and inspect the dilapidated portion, but the idea of climbing the stairs in the dark did not appeal to those present, and the motion lapsed. Just then a big rat poked his head out from a hole in the wall as if to give more weight to the speaker's remarks.

Then a woman—there were four of them present—remarked that it would be a good idea if an earthquake did come and 'settle' the school, because the Government would then have to build a new school and that was what they wanted.

Eventually a motion was carried that the incoming committee should draw the authorities' attention to the serious state of the brick building.

Closing Date for copy and advts. for the July RCN issue is 21 June 2007

Supporting Your Child's Oral Health

Make sure your child uses an adult toothpaste containing fluoride. (Check the label). After they have brushed their teeth, they should spit out excess saliva and toothpaste, but not rinse with water. The fluoride that is left after brushing will continue to harden the tooth surface.

For more information contact your local primary school dental clinic.

Japanese Story

'About 1980', recalls teacher Dennis Logan, 'following Murray Denholm's invitation, a party of professors from the Japanese Ministry of Education visited Shirley. I explained that we taught Hiragana and Katakana and my guests were impressed with our boys' oral fluency and ability in writing. I knew they were also looking for the difficult skill of Kanji, the Chinese characters which make up the bulk of Japanese literature. One of my lads, a budding ornithologist, had borrowed my Kanji dictionary and memorised about 100 ideographs of birds. He wrote "pigeon", "crow", "magpie" and "parrot" with ease. The professors were dumbfounded, then he wrote "quail" which no one else in the room could read. Shirley's reputation suddenly soared as a centre of learning!' Reprinted by kind permission from *On Parade* by Colin Amodeo

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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

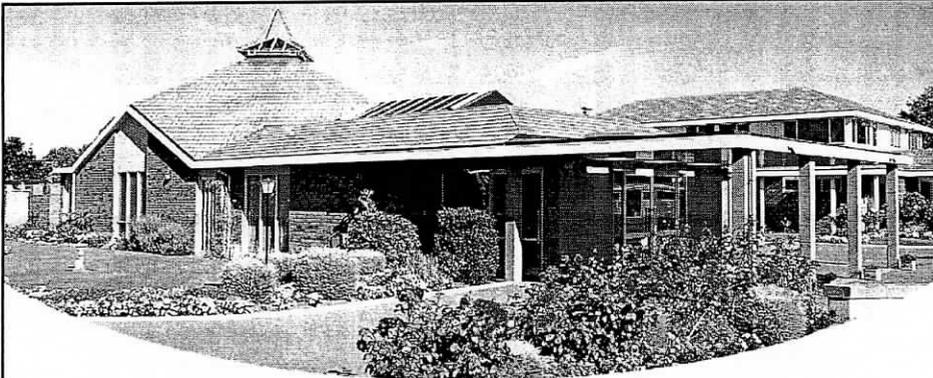
Explore!

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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This is where KiwiSaver comes in. The voluntary savings scheme beginning on 1 July is a new government initiative designed to encourage greater saving and make it easier for everyone to save.

Here's how the scheme works. If you are aged between 18 and 64 and starting a new job you will be automatically enrolled in KiwiSaver. You can choose to opt out, but the idea is that if your contribution starts straight away from your first pay packet you will be less inclined to miss the money. If you are already in work, self employed or on a benefit you can choose to join a scheme.

Each KiwiSaver account will be given a thousand dollar kick start from the government – a thousand dollars of instant saving into every KiwiSaver account. You can choose to save either 4% or 8% of your income. So if your weekly income before tax is five hundred dollars, you can choose to save 4% which would be twenty dollars per week or 8% would be forty dollars per week. Your contribution will be matched by up to a maximum of twenty dollars per week through a system of tax credits.

From April next year, all employees contributing to KiwiSaver will also be entitled to a matching contribution from their employer.

Here's an example: Joe and Katie are 30 years old and are both working, having a combined annual family income of \$45,000. They both join KiwiSaver and each contribute 4% of their wages, about \$35 per week between them. If they retire at age 65, they will have a total accumulated savings of \$300,000. This is enough to generate them an extra \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year of gross income during their retirement over and above what they will receive through NZ Superannuation.

KiwiSaver is also about helping lower income earners get onto their first step of the housing ladder. You may be entitled to up to five thousand dollars towards your first home. You will need to have been a KiwiSaver for at least three years to be eligible for the subsidy of a thousand dollars for

each year of saving (up to five thousand dollars). Already own your own home? The government recognises the importance of repaying debt, so after your first year of being enrolled in a KiwiSaver scheme you will be able to divert up to half of your own contributions to make mortgage payments on your home.

Your KiwiSaver contributions will be locked in until retirement to allow greater gains but there are exceptions which allow you to draw on your funds such as for the purchase of your first home or significant financial hardship.

New Zealanders in general do not have a good savings record. How many of us have bank savings lower than they should be and credit card balances higher than they should be? The Reserve Bank estimates that for every one dollar a household earns it currently spends nearly one dollar and twenty cents. If we are to build a stronger economy and a fairer society we need to do more to improve savings habits. If we save more, we spend less. This means less inflation which will help ease pressure on interest rates and the dollar. That's good for workers, good for business and good for the economy.

You can find out further information on the website: www.kiwisaver.govt.nz

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Kia Ora Community

Welcome back to term two. During the school holidays we had Christchurch Electrical in our school, replacing the power, security and data cabling in the junior school, at a cost of \$28,000.00. We also had a number of windows replaced as they were all etched with graffiti. This cost the school and Ministry \$45,000.00. It is a shame that a few people spoil it for the rest of the community. The Board of Trustee elections were held at the end of last term and we congratulate the new members: Ihaka Moke, Maire Kipa, Tracey Taia, Ginny Bowden, Tui Amohanga (Chairperson), Matua Ruawhiti Pokaia and Annie Bowden. We held our first Board meeting on Saturday 20 April. This was a productive meeting with all Board members having completed their induction programme. We have a very enthusiastic, energetic Board ready and willing to face all the challenges and exciting projects that they will undertake in the next three years. Matariki (Maori New Year) will be held this year on Friday 15 June. We invite our Kaumatua (elders) of the community to share with our tamariki a day of pampering and fun. If you would like to join us please contact Tania on 03 389-7168 during school hours. To all the Support Staff of schools have a wonderful Support Staff Day on Wednesday 13 June. If it were not for all your hard work and dedication schools would struggle to function. We value and love you all.

Reading with our tamariki: A huge thanks to our Richmond Community who have enquired about reading with our children. It is awesome that you have taken the time to enquire and even come in for a visit. Thank you to Sue Hensley who has started reading several times a week with our tamariki. All are welcome to visit.

Resene Paint Wise Programme: We would like to acknowledge and thank Karen Warman of the Resene Paint Wise Programme. We have received loads of seconds and end of the line paint to utilise in our school.

School Connection: *Have you made the connection yet?* If you would like to join our connection and help us to purchase products and pay for the use of the internet please contact Tania in the school office for a form which we will be happy to forward on. We thank you for your valued support.

Public Meeting: Give Life - Organ Donation. Nicky Wagner MP invites you to a public meeting. *'The proposed legislation currently under discussion - what will it mean for you?'*

Presented by Dr. Jackie Blue MP, Associate Spokesperson for Health; Andy Tookey, Give Life NZ; Nicky Wagner, Christchurch MP. Thursday 7 June 2007 at 5.30pm - St. Albans School Hall, Sheppard Place, St. Albans.

The Longest Docket: Last year was a resounding success. Hundreds of schools entered and we would like our school community to support us again this year. Please start collecting the New World docketts. As this promotion is for a limited time, please feel free to drop your docketts in at any time.

Friends and Family PTA: Friends and Family is Richmond School's Parent Teacher Association group. We are seeking some new members to support this group in assisting the school with fundraising for much needed resources. If you are interested in being involved with this exciting group, please call the office during school hours. A heartfelt thanks to John Evans for all the wonderful work he has done.

Library Celebration: A huge thanks to the staff, whanau and tamariki who dressed up and played their favourite book character for the reopening of our library. A special thanks to Dianne Mason from Aranui Primary School, Tania Ward, Ginny Bowden and Jaqualene Maindonald for working so hard to get our library back into order. The tamariki had a wonderful day.

Fire Station Visit: We would like to thank Christchurch Central Fire Station, especially Richard Hurst-Long, our adopted Fire Fighter. It was wonderful to see and hear the skills that are involved with the job. The tamariki enjoyed every minute of the visit.



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