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History with a touch of today.

Quanton cottage at 84 Vogel Street stands as an example of a hundred-year-plus workingman's cottage. Most were built from a similar plan around 1870 - 1880.

The present owner, Anne Noonan, bought the property in 1985 and named it Quanton, after a village in Buckinghamshire, England. Anne visited and stayed in Quanton several times and loved the old cottages. She named her cottage as a reminder of those happy visits.

'The name on the gate today is not intended to signify similarity to English cottages. They are much older and more beautiful than ours,' Anne comments wistfully.

The outside of the cottage remains the same as the historic original, apart from some recent changes. These include French doors opening onto the garden on the north side. These doors replace a small window, resulting in an increase in sun, light and warmth. A new bathroom has been repositioned on the south side of the cottage. Alterations inside over the years include the removal of a narrow hallway and a coal range and replacing an outside toilet with one inside. The most recent interior renovation created one comparatively large living room with more comfort and light.

Little is known about the earlier history. Library records show that in 1887 there were only five houses on the east side of Vogel Street. It seems likely that Quanton Cottage was one of them. Existing records show two elderly sisters, Harriet and Ann Sibbald, purchased the house at 84 Vogel Street in 1942 and lived there until 1956. Between that time and the purchase by the present owner in 1985, several owners are identified on the Certificate of Title. According to anecdotal information there was a time in the 1940s when an orchard covered the whole section behind the cottage - apples and greengages tempted children nearby to sneak in and enjoy these goodies. Today there are four apple trees at the back of the cottage which were planted by the present owner. A white rose climbs through one of them and the fences and cottage walls are covered with roses and clematis. Delphiniums look tall and serene - it's a real cottage garden - a bit unruly but much loved by the family.

The cottage shows rough sawn timbers and stands on stone piles. The family would appreciate knowing when it first became a tiny speck on the Richmond horizon. If anyone has more exact information, or stories about the cottage, please phone Avebury House (381-6615) or Anne Noonan (381-0051).



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

**Crossword
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- Satan (5)
- Register (6)
- Inverted (7)
- Pastoral (5)
- Lair (3)
- Change to (6)
- Musician (6)
- Caper (6)
- Determine (6)
- Idiot (3)
- Hut (5)
- Fuss (7)
- Earlier (6)
- Incident (5)

DOWN

- Obstinate (4)
- Outlook (4)
- Hosiery faults (7)
- Whirlpool (4)
- Bulky (5)
- Encompass (8)
- Rail support (7)
- Behaviour (7)
- Powerful (8)
- Reinstate (7)
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- Capable (4)
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RCN CROSSWORD No. 1346 by GWP

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What's on in November

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:

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(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 14 November 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

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please contact: Lesley McMillan,
Community Development Worker:
Ph 381-6615.

Local schools struggling to make ends meet

As a parent and ex-teacher I am really concerned that many schools are struggling to make ends meet. I know how difficult it is for families when schools have their hands out all the time just to deliver the basics.

According to figures from the Ministry of Education, there are currently 105 state schools throughout the country with an operating deficit of more than \$100,000. This is compared with 69 schools in 2005.

Even more amazingly, 72% of schools have been in deficit at some stage in the past three years. When schools go into deficit they have to cut their costs and, as we know, they have to rely more on fundraising and parent contributions. Inevitably, for some schools the quality of the education they provide suffers as they cut back learning resources to save money.

This belt tightening is made worse by recent funding cuts as a result of Government changes to the decile system.

Secondary schools that had an increase to their decile rating had around \$2.5 million shaved from their budgets, while primary and composite schools combined lost \$8 million.

While the Minister says that such cuts were compensated for by increases in funding to other schools that had a decrease in their decile rating, this is cold comfort for those schools that lost out and are faced with cutting budgets. And the Minister continues to rule out National's calls for a 12-month transition period for schools to manage the impact of these cuts.

Meanwhile, more and more money is being spent on back-room bureaucracy. Last week startling figures for the period from 2002 were released showing not only increased staff numbers, but that the Ministry of Education's payroll has skyrocketed by \$95 million. Imagine if this sort of money had been spent on schools and children instead!

This massive increase in the cost of our education bureaucracy is hard to understand when parents and teachers are working hard to keep their schools afloat in the face of rising inflation and tightening school budgets.

It is essential that the Government stay in touch with schools, to know whether they are struggling, and what level of fundraising parents are forced to undertake to cover the shortfall.

National will do more to focus education spending on where it can do the most good. We will trust those in the schools, actually working with the pupils, to know what's best for their communities and students.

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Michael Stevenson from Richmond Base helping in the district with Meals on Wheels. Exciting news coming up next month.

Peter Judge with a card produced from one of his photos. Cards will soon be available for sale at Avebury House.



Come and see us at Bunnings Community Day
10th November.
Cheers
Janice and the Team

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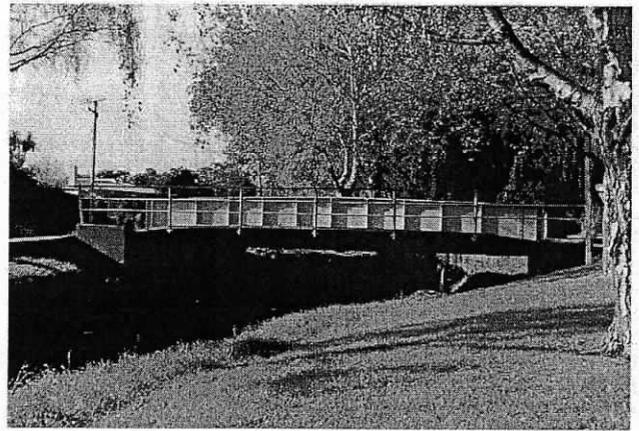
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The old iron span from the Heathcote and Swanns Road bridges now crosses the Heathcote River at Bowenvale Avenue.

Bridge with a history

by Colin Amodeo

If you look across the Swanns Road bridge railing, you may wonder why there is a hefty lump of concrete slightly downstream of the present bridge. The answer goes back nearly a hundred years.

The first Swanns Road bridge was constructed about 1910. It used the iron swinging portion from the Heathcote Bridge at Ferrymead. This had been built on a central pivot in the Heathcote River to allow small coastal vessels and steamers to proceed upstream to the Radley landing stages in the 1860s. When a new drawbridge was built over the Heathcote, the iron span of the old swinging bridge was dismantled. Apparently it was sold to the Heathcote County Council for some fifty pounds in 1909.

Installed a year later at Swanns Road, the narrow carriageway created traffic flow problems even though it had a pedestrian walkway attached on the downstream side. Nor was the bridge aligned well from Swanns Road to Retreat Road since it created an awkward approach angle to the River Road corner. The onset of World War II prevented its replacement although test bores for a new bridge site were drilled in 1939.

In 1954, the concrete bridge was constructed but this alignment has also created some traffic flow problems, especially on the nearly-blind bend where Avonside Drive meets the bridge approach.

In 1956, the old iron girders were relocated to become the Bowenvale Bridge over the Heathcote River. In 1986, this was raised further to avoid upstream damming during peak floods and a new footway was attached which increased the width of the carriageway.

In one sense, after about a hundred years, the original Heathcote bridge had come back to its own river.

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Some tasty recipes that were published in *The Star* - Christchurch on 17 May 1886.....

RECIPES FOR COOKING OYSTERS

At this season, when oysters are so plentiful and cheap, a few directions for variety in serving them will be acceptable to readers:

OYSTERS ON TOAST. - To one dozen oysters pour a quarter of a pint of milk, a little mace, a teaspoonful of anchovy, and a little cayenne. Boil one minute. Mix 1oz of butter with a tablespoonful of flour, stir it by degrees into the oysters, and, when nearly boiling, pour it over the toast and serve. A little lemon juice may be added the last thing, but it must not be allowed to boil in the sauce, or it will curdle.

OYSTER RAGOUT. - Open very carefully about two dozen oysters, strain the liquor, and put altogether into a stewpan. When quite hot, lift out the oysters and add to the sauce quarter pint of cream, a little anchovy, mace and cayenne. Stir in 2oz of butter mixed well with a tablespoon of flour. When this sauce is thickened, put in the oysters for a minute or two. They will then be ready to serve. Fried or toasted sippets should be placed round the dish. N.B.- If the oysters are large, they must be bearded.

RUMP STEAK STUFFED WITH OYSTERS. - The steak must be cut very thick, so as allow of a slit being cut in it to form a bag of a size large enough to receive the quantity of oysters required to be used. For a steak of 3lb or 3½lb, use about a dozen and a half oysters, with a little mace, cayenne, and a good lump of butter. Sew up the slit very carefully, so as to confine the oysters. Broil the steak in the usual way, and serve quite hot, with a little bit of butter added the last thing.

TO SCALLOP OYSTERS. - For two dozen oysters take half a pint of new milk, two tablespoons of flour, and two ounces of butter. Mix the butter and flour well together in a stewpan, add to this the milk with a little anchovy sauce, mace, and cayenne. Stir until thickened, then add the oysters, and continue stirring for a minute or two. Put this mixture into scallop shells, strew fine bread-crumbs over the top, adding little bits of butter; then brown in an oven, or with a salamander, and serve quite hot.

ANOTHER RECIPE FOR SCALLOPED OYSTERS. - Butter the insides of some scallop shells, and cover them with a layer of bread-crumbs; then fill up the shells with layers of oysters and bread-crumbs, adding little bits of butter and a seasoning of a little mace and cayenne. Strain the liquor from the oysters on opening them, and pour a little of it into each scallop shell. After this, cover the tops with bread-crumbs and bits of butter; brown in

an oven, or with a salamander; and serve hot.

POUNDED OYSTERS ON TOAST. - With this recipe a very few large oysters will go a long way. Beard about one dozen, pound them in a mortar, add a little cream, cayenne, mace and a very little lemon juice. Then spread the paste on some nicely-cut pieces of buttered toast, put them into the oven for a few minutes to get quite hot, and serve.

OYSTER MACARONI. - Boil some macaroni in milk till quite tender, put it into a deep dish, fill the dish with oysters seasoned with a little lemon juice and cayenne; cover the whole with bread-crumbs, put little pieces of butter all over the top, and bake a light brown colour, a sauce piquante may be served with this.

TO CURRY OYSTERS. - Cut one large or two small onions into thin slices, fry them in butter a nice brown, add a tablespoonful of curry powder, a teaspoonful of curry paste, and rather more than a teaspoonful of flour; stir these well, then add the oysters and the liquor, which should have been well strained, stew three or four minutes, and serve with boiled rice on a separate dish.

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In the eleven years I have been an MP, we've heard more and more about issues like climate change, carbon footprints, and sustainability. So what's it all about? And what does it mean for Richmond?

I don't pretend to be an expert - many Richmond residents will know much more than me about the science - but there's some clear information on a new website the government has recently launched at www.climatechange.govt.nz.

It explains climate change in simple language such as this. Human activities like driving cars, farming, burning coal and cutting down forests produce greenhouse gases: carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide.

These gases gather in the atmosphere, wrapping around the earth and trapping the sun's heat. The more greenhouse gases we emit, the thicker the gas blanket, and the faster the world's climate heats up. The result is more extreme weather events - floods, storms, cyclones, droughts and slips - and rising sea levels and coastal erosion.

International scientists now agree the global climate is changing. It's projected the world's average temperature could rise by 0.2 degrees c. per decade over the next two decades. That could have major effects for New Zealand as our big export earners - agriculture, horticulture, forestry and tourism - rely on a stable, predictable climate.

We are not sheltered from global climate change. New Zealand has already started warming. The latest forecasts are for more frequent droughts and floods (drier in the east and wetter in the west), rising sea and snow levels and changing rainfall patterns. What can we do to change this?

A famous mountain climber was once asked: 'How do you climb Mount Everest?' The answer came back: 'one step at a time.' The big steps that Labour is taking to meet the challenge include:

- Putting a price on polluting greenhouse gases.
- A long-term strategy for developing a secure, renewable energy supply, with a goal of 90% renewable energy generation by 2025.
- Helping homes and businesses become more energy efficient through support for home insulation, clean heat and solar hot water upgrades (to 180,000 households over the next 8 years)

The smaller steps that everyone can take include using less electricity and using our cars less. Thanks to the foresight of Richmond residents who lobbied hard for a local supermarket, many residents are able to walk or drive shorter

distances for their groceries.

The best way to reduce our 'carbon footprint' is create some footprints of a different kind. When we walk or cycle, rather than take the car, we make a small difference, and small differences add up.

It's also a great way of enjoying the wonderful environment we have here in Richmond, alongside the river.

If you see me out walking, or on my bike - do say hello and let me know what you think.

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We have all returned to the kura and already it is busy busy! Term 4 has many exciting up and coming events. In two weeks our Year 6 pupils travel to Wellington for a Leadership camp. They will get to meet with Tim Barnett and several M.Ps, hopefully even the Prime Minister.

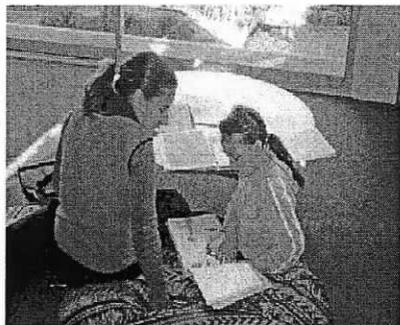
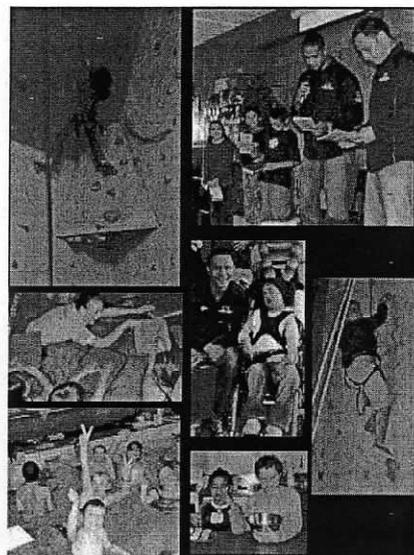
Tara Hayward aged 10 cannot wait to attend camp. 'I have never been to Wellington Zoo before and I'm really looking forward to it. Going to the Beehive is really exciting. I imagine it is really big! I am looking forward to seeing Tim again as he comes to our kura a lot. I'm also looking forward to going swimming and going to Capital E. I read about Capital E in a school journal. We have been washing staff cars and helping teachers to raise more money. Thank you to Richmond School for letting the Year 6 kids go to Leadership Camp.'

Anthony, aged 11, had this to say, 'I am really looking forward to Leadership as I have never been to Wellington before in my life. I'm really excited about Capital E and making a news clip. I can't wait to go to the Beehive. I think it's going to be a fun trip to go away with all my friends and it will be one of the trips of my lifetime! We have done fundraising and I did work for my grandad and he gave me money.'

This term we have Duffy Books in Homes scheme, Yakkety Yak dance company, a visit to the AMP Show, 'Can Sail' around the harbour and a family day at Waltham Pool. We are busy but very excited about the great summer activities we have planned. If you would like to donate some time to come and help our tamariki with reading then please contact the office 03 389-7168 or email Tania Te Karu at office@richmond.school.nz

We have three wonderful committed grandparents that kindly donate half an hour a day to read with our children and it is magic just watching the richness of their relationships as many of our children have little or no contact with great grandparents.

Kia Ora
 Annie Bowden



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