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WHEATLEY'S GARAGE

Stan Wheatley was 20 when he emigrated from Sunderland, England about 1925 with his Parents, Brother and 4 Sisters and resided in a house in North Parade. Stan had worked for a transport company in Sunderland and had some experience with trucks, driving and maintenance. His first venture into the auto business was to sell gasoline from 4 gallon tins at the side of Marshlands Road where all he needed was fuel and a measure. Before long he had expanded and moved indoors and operated a service station from a building opposite The Palms. This building was later to become Robinsons Grain Store at the same time Stan sold petrol at Chaney's Corner and advertised the cheapest petrol stations in Canterbury, for a while Stan had an auto business in the City with his brother Percy - a mechanic - before leasing an auto workshop, 13 Petrie Street, from Sam Pentecost, - a Coach Painter. In 1942 Stan purchased the Service station on the corner of Hills Road and Avalon Street, which was owned by Jack Cummings at the time the Station was closed probably due to the petrol rationing during the War years, it was used at this time as a meeting place for the Home Guard. Attached to the Service Station was a coal and wood yard operated by a Mr O'Berg. The first petrol pumps were hand operated, you pumped petrol using a long handle, from underground storage tanks into 2 glass container on top of the pump then you could release a measured amount by hose into the vehicle. In 1950 Stan built the motor reconditioning workshop where his son Graeme began his trade. By 1950 Stan was operating an extensive auto spares business and had in operation a breakdown truck on call 24 hours, it wasn't unusual to have 20 cars bought in over the weekend, there probably wouldn't have been more than 2 or 3 breakdown trucks in the city in those days. The old brick service station was demolished in 1956 opening up room for a larger forecourt and more pumps. Prior to 1947 hours were restricted from 7:30am to 6pm, plus a half day Saturday. Stan was an instigator of extended trading hours. Mauri White leased the service station in 1960 and Stan retired to Woodend. Graeme Wheatley took over in 1975, at which time he demolished the family home in Avalon street and built the present workshop.

Tony Butler worked in the spares before he left and bought a service station in Stanmore Road from Ron Challis. Tony Thompson, a motor mechanic from Avalon Street, worked for Stan at one stage as did Peter Midgley, Jeff Pentecost and Roy Burn. Roy was a motor mechanic later to join his father in a shoe repair shop.

The photo shows Stan and his wife Doris in 1946. Stan died aged 91 in 1997, his wife a few months later. Richmond wouldn't have been the same without him.

Alan Williamson.



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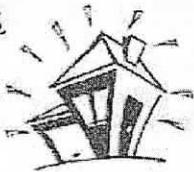
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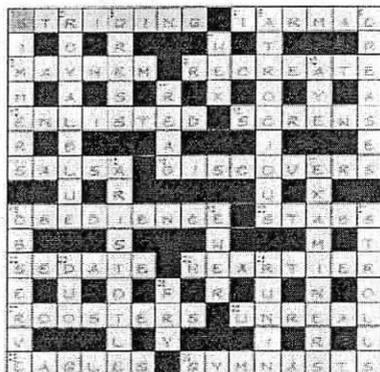
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Last month's solution



**The solution to this month's crossword
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Crossword Clues

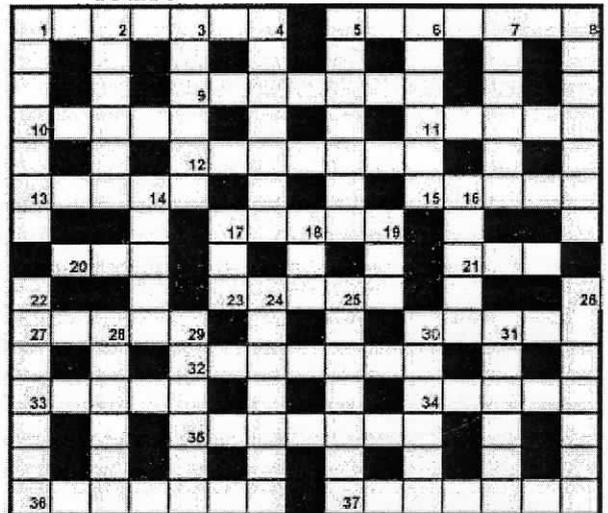
ACROSS

- 1. Woollen bed cover (7)
- 5. Unsteadily (7)
- 9. Disgraceful event (7)
- 10. Thawing ice (5)
- 11. UFO creature (5)
- 12. Camera tricks (7)
- 13. Asp (5)
- 15. Rose spike (5)
- 17. Corrosives (5)
- 20. Express disgust (3)
- 21. Yum (3)
- 23. Bullock harness (5)
- 27. Puncture repair (5)
- 30. Bible song (5)
- 32. Involve deeply (7)
- 33. Recluse (5)
- 34. Head monk (5)
- 35. Ledger items (7)
- 36. Turn outwards (7)
- 37. Tutor (7)

DOWN

- 1. Wood polish (7)
- 2. Encircling (6)
- 3. Correct Jewish food (6)
- 4. Vehicular flow (7)
- 5. Tempted (7)
- 6. Finally (2,4)
- 7. Blue-violet (6)
- 8. Gaping (7)
- 14. Moral (5)
- 16. Pawns (5)
- 17. Whichever (3)
- 18. Writing fluid (3)
- 19. Ph TXT message (1,1,1)
- 22. Goes (for job) (7)
- 24. Circled (Earth) (7)
- 25. Conceited (7)
- 26. Non-professional (7)
- 28. Xmas glitter (6)
- 29. Religious deviation (6)
- 30. Blood component (6)
- 31. Hidden attack (6)

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SUN NING TAKEAWAYS

237 Stanmore road Ph 389-311

**Chinese meals Fish & Chips
Hamburgers**

Hours

Tues-Wed: 11.30 - 2pm / 4.30 - 8.30pm

Thurs sat: 11.30 - 2pm / 4.30 - 10pm

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 \$3.00. 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 11th 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 - 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 Sue on 352-5551 for details.

Music & Movement for Babies and 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 or just come along.

Flax Weaving Courses with Ali Brown

June 21st & July 19th 10am - 4pm.

Ph Ali Brown 326-7834 for registrations.

Hugs All Round Quilt Project

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

Tai Chi Class – Especially adapted for older adults

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(Note new class) Cost \$3.00.

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

Just \$16 a Week: The Block of Cheese Budget
Kiwis have waited nine long years for Michael Cullen to deliver tax cuts. And after those nine long years he says he will give the average wage earner just \$16 a week – the equivalent of a family-size block of cheese – a few weeks out from the election.

Then, once the election is over, the average wage earner will have to wait a couple of years to get just \$6 more. It will be a very long time between toasted sandwiches.

That is National's focus. Tax cuts will be our top priority, and an essential part of our five-point plan for the economy. This plan will include:

An ongoing programme of personal tax cuts. We will put the right incentives in place to encourage people to work, save and get ahead under their own steam.

Bringing discipline to government spending. National will direct spending away from low-quality programmes that push up inflation, towards frontline services like doctors, nurses, teachers, and police.

Tackling bureaucracy and red tape, we will cap the number of bureaucrats in the core public service, and we will reform the Resource Management Act and the Building Act.

An unwavering focus on lifting education standards. We will introduce National Education Standards in primary and intermediate schools to improve literacy and numeracy. We will boost trades in schools and encourage teenagers to get the skills they need to make the most of themselves.

Boosting infrastructure to help this country grow. We will work with the private sector to substantially boost investment in roads, electricity, and water.

Our plan for the economy is focused on getting New Zealand onto a much stronger path of economic growth and opportunity, and building a wealthier future for all New Zealanders.

Nicky Wagner- National MP

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The New Zealand Historic Places Trust
Conservation advice and advocacy

Providing advice about the conservation and protection of heritage buildings and their sites is a core activity of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust (NZHPT) and is established under the *Historic Places Act 1993 (HPA)*. Buildings and sites can be registered with NZHPT as either Category I or II, depending on their assessed cultural heritage significance. These registrations are often protected as listings in the Councils District Plan.

Owners of heritage buildings are likely to be required to apply to the local Council for a resource consent when proposing to alter or make additions to listed heritage buildings, and as part of that process NZHPT can provide advice as to the most appropriate solutions that will have the least impact on the cultural heritage values of the building or site.

NZHPT supports the conservation and adaptive re-use of heritage buildings, both commercial and residential, and supports owners finding contemporary uses with minimum loss of heritage value. NZHPT can provide funding assistance to the owners of Category I buildings in private ownership for conservation works http://www.historic.org.nz/heritage/funding_nhpif.html.

Your first port of call for obtaining advice about your heritage building or site (whether listed or not) is to call the office Ph: (03) 365 2897 or refer to our website guidance documents: http://www.historic.org.nz/publications/SustMgt_guidance_series.html

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Dr Matt Morris

**Chair Greenspace Traffic Works Committee
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GARDEN RECOLLECTIONS SOUGHT

I am currently working on a book about the history of home gardens in New Zealand and am keen to talk to older people in the Richmond area who might have recollections about the gardens of their childhoods. I am not necessarily looking for memories about large gardens or unique gardens, but very ordinary gardens. As we know, what used to seem very ordinary in our homes and gardens is rapidly becoming a thing of the past. We see the loss of heritage throughout our city day by day and so histories of this kind will become increasingly valuable.

I know this all too well as Chair of the Shirley/Papanui Community Boards's Greenspace Traffic Works Committee and as someone with a doctorate on our city's social and environmental history.

If you are willing to be involved in this project, please do not hesitate to contact me. Written recollections could be sent either to matt.morris@ccc.govt.nz, or to 14 Harrison St Shirley Christchurch. Or you could phone me on 386-1025

AVEBURY HOUSE POSTCARD

A postcard featuring Avebury House has recently been produced for sale.

Printed in sepia tones, it pictures a garden party which was held in February 1910 on the lawn in front of the house, when James Flesher – the son of William Flesher who purchased the property in 1871 – was living there with his family.

Those attending are wearing Edwardian clothes of the period, with the ladies in long gowns and hats, the gentlemen in suits, and the children dressed in frocks. The house is shown with the tower, bay windows and open balcony that were added to the two-storey wooden dwelling around 1907.

A brief history of the house and its occupants is printed on the back of the card.

These postcards are a convenient way of sending a note through the mail (perhaps to a friend overseas), or an attractive souvenir and pleasant reminder of a party, wedding or other function held on the premises.

They will be available from the Avebury House office upstairs for \$2 each from mid April.

Wednesday Cafe for Older People, a light lunch following a talk on health and well-being held monthly. Next Cafe will be held on Wednesday June 11th

11.30-1pm: topic this month is Winter Fun
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RICHMOND SOFTBALL CLUB 1960.

Larry Johnson (coach) Les Day (coach)
 Arnold Hall Ken Hansen Bill Davis Don Lew Eamon Noonan Bob Hall
 Brian Barkle Bob Gleeson John McLeod Geoff Woods Mike Nalepa
 Mark Malone.

RICHMOND SOFTBALL CLUB est. 1945

Taken from the 50th Jubilee Book prefaced by an article written by Eamon Noonan

The formation of the Richmond Softball Club began with a conversation between Les Day, Norm Jones, m Ivrr Harrison and Ray Davies at the (now defunct) Richmond Rugby Club. Les suggested they get a team together and play baseball (softball). That summer it came about, with Les Day becoming the first coach for Richmond, and in the years to come he filled every position on the committee from President to dogsbody. He and his wife were always on hand to help, from raising funds to collecting gear. Their home was open to anybody, parties at the drop of a hat, late night card evenings; likewise the Davis household, if one was out the club would inevitably proceed to the other home in London St and on many occasions there was still a team partying at breakfast time. Success on the field was not until 1950-51 when Richmond won their first Senior Championship, really a secondary consideration - for on the field as well as off, it was a ball! Richmond's reputation for having a good time held sway right through to the 1970's. In the mid-1950s Richmond lost senior status for a couple of years due to a number of talented players, who had played through the grades successfully, deciding they would prefer to play as a complete unit in senior grades. The club thought differently and would not enter two teams, so the players formed their own club called Ohio which eventually won the senior competition, the South Island Club Championship and competed creditably in the Nationals. Richmond returned to senior competition due to the enthusiasm of players such as Don Lew, Brian Barkle, Ken Hansen and Frank Grimes and gradually those players who left to play for Ohio returned and Ohio was disbanded. The nucleus of the team were all Canterbury representatives, Alan Ballantyne, Mike Nalepa, Don Lew, Bob Hall, Arnold Hall, Geoff Woods, John McLeod and Eamon Noonan (these included two New Zealand reps as well as five South Island reps) The fifties and sixties was a great period for Richmond. During the early years, the clubrooms were in Worcester Street, next door to the Transport Department, not the ideal setup, as the number of kegs rolling into the bar

under the noses of the Ministry was staggering. A shift to a house in Stanmore Road near Richmond Park was the next base, but this became too available for the younger members who lived close and handy. What a sight to see on a Sunday evening, when for some reason more beer was spilt than drunk. If one was wearing jandals they became glued to ones feet and very few were game to go home to bed without washing feet-wearing shoes or jandals. Vacating these clubrooms, the decision to use Tattersalls Hotel became popular. It was still six o'clock closing and countless times club members were locked in the kitchen while the police checked and received their shout from the proprietor. From there the club went to one of the member's establishment the "White Swan" which could tell some interesting tales.

Today in 2008 the Club (now called Richmond Keas) is part of the Linfield Sports Complex (formerly Linwood Rugby Club Building) in Kearneys Road merging with squash, touch and soccer groups. The club is thriving, but would not have got off the ground without some great players, coaches, teams and some outstanding people in administration, who devoted so much time and effort to establish the club in 1945.

Additional information thanks to Tony Hansen and Brian Barkle.

Historic Shirley

Shirley Boys High School enters its 51st year in 2008. What are the most historic parts of the School? There are some original classrooms, distinguished by the external red brick and white pointed walls. Inside, of course, they have been upgraded several times over the past five decades. There is also the swimming pool, constructed in the late 1950s, as well as the trees lovingly planted by the Board, PTA and staff members with student help. For example, the 1950s groundsman Jim Wilkinson had been offered a fairly mature elm tree but it would have to be transported on a contractor's truck. When it arrived, it was ring-barked by the wire lifting strop. Jim cleaned the wound, wrapped cow manure inside a poultice, tied it over the damage and saved the tree. It now spreads across the entrance to one of the staff carparks off North Parade, the wire strop line still visible. With a story like this, it's a real survivor from the mid-20th century. So is the Schools sundial on the raised lawn by the music suite. Donated by School Board of Governors member the late G.F.C. Ashdowne in 1960, it was concreted in position but somebody soon stole the brass gnomon! Fortunately it was returned and if the clocks failed, at least period changes could be made by consulting the shadow of the sun. Now the gnomon has been pinched again. We'd like it back! Then there's the boiler room at the back of the Assembly Hall. Originally coal-fed with an automatically-stoked boiler, it had been completed before the 1957 winter so that reticulated waterheating would improve frosty classroom conditions.

Colin Amodeo

The Woodchester Estate

Continued from last month

To the east of the old village of Richmond and the new suburb of North Richmond the countryside remained more open. Avebury, the estate of the Flesher family, with its avenue, flower gardens, lawns and paddocks occupied a large area. The Fleshers had lived there since 1871 and although they sold off some of their land piece by piece over the years they remained into their third generation, until Hubert de Rie Flesher finally sold land to the Government for State Housing in 1945. In the meantime the Avebury homestead, designed by James Glanville, built about 1885 and with a tower also designed by James Glanville, added, in 1907, dominated the landscape. Hubert transferred the deeds for Avebury to the Christchurch City Council on July 1951 for the use of the community.

River Road had been a legal thoroughfare for many years. As early as 1852 the Canterbury Association had reserved from sale a strip of land 'twenty five feet wide . . . along the Bank' of the Avon from the city to the Sea, and had given it the name 'River Avon Road'. By 1910 the section of River Road from Fitzgerald Avenue to Avebury had become a rather elegant avenue, with large houses on one side, weeping willows on the other, and carriages plying to and fro. Five large villas clustered in a group between Stanmore Road and Avebury. Belonging to merchants and professional men, they sat on lawns sloping down to boat landings on the river, and their owners participated in the water parties, lawn tennis and tea dances which amused the 'big house' families along the river.

From Avebury to Dudley Creek, however, River Road was a rough dirt track, with a thicket of willows on one side and paddocks on the other. Four cottages, whose exact location is now unknown, had been built along this stretch of the road. Two of the cottages belonged to carters, one was the home of a dairy farmer and the fourth was the property of Edith Tree, a widow whose husband seems to have been a labourer.

After Dudley Creek the road lost itself in swamps, sand dunes and a scatter of farmlets and market gardens. The families living in the swamps and dunes were mostly very poor, making a living by selling vegetables, fruit, milk and eggs to carters from the city. A new suburb appeared in the middle of this district after the subdivision of Woodchester. Sale day was 12 January 1910, and the estate was offered in thirty-seven blocks. Along Dudley Creek the blocks were large, but in the old paddock with walnut trees along River road the blocks were much smaller - each less than an acre in size. Four of the small River Road blocks, together with parts of another two, were bought at the sale by John Gordon Bannerman, a Christchurch estate agent.

Bannerman held onto his River Road block for a

short time, then subdivided once again and in 1912 put sections up for sale as suitable sites for 'genteel villa residences'. Sales were not particularly brisk. Two sections, now known as 371 and 373 River Road, were sold to a bricklayer and a jeweller, but no other buyers were found and on 10 October 1913 the unsold land was mortgaged by Bannerman to the richest landowner in the district, James Arthue Flesher of Avebury. On the same day Flesher as mortgagee sold another section 'Lot 4', to a young dentist, John Joseph Ardagh.



Richmond Base
277 Stanmore Road
Hi, my name is Pete and I would like to tell you a bit about myself. I live in an Idea Services home and do lots of activities during the week, especially from Richmond Base.

On Monday I go to the gym at Crighton Cobbers in the morning. In the afternoon, once a month, I go out with the 'coffee group' and we try different cafes etc.

On Tuesdays, I have a volunteer who takes me out every 2nd week in the morning and I go to Delta, to cultural group, in the afternoon.

Wednesday, I do different activities at the base and may sometimes go out as well.

Thursdays I go to woodwork group at another base and on Fridays I am with the conservation team at Travis Wetlands.

On Monday and Wednesday afternoons, I do a voluntary job cleaning up rubbish and I have a support person with me.

As you can see I have a very busy life which I enjoy a lot

Star Christchurch January 12 1886

This morning a trap containing a party going to New Brighton races, came to grief on the Stanmore Road, close to the bridge, through the horse shying. All the occupants were thrown out and one of them appeared to be somewhat badly, the others escaping with a few bruises and a shaking.

What's on in June

Meditation & Buddhism Classes

A set of four introductory classes called "Living in Harmony" will run from June 18th to July 9th at 10am on Wednesdays at Avebury House. In each class there will be guided meditations as well as a practical teaching on how to apply Buddhist principles in our everyday lives. Come to any class, no need to book. Suggested donation \$5. All welcome. **Kalpa Bhadra**

Advt

House cleaning job wanted by reliable, efficient and honest lady. I'll vacuum, wash floors, dust, clean bathrooms/loo. \$25 p.w. Excellent references. Phone Nicola 386-1118.

Sarah, a 15 year old girl lay sprawled on the pavement in Colombo St on a recent Saturday night. Traces of her vomit marked the pavement. The police officer I was with managed to get her name and details before she lapsed into oblivion. He rang her parents. Neither was able to drive and collect their daughter. I hailed a taxi and police put her into it. None of Sarah's six mates would agree to go with her.

I think most Richmond residents would agree we need to have a comprehensive review of our liquor laws. I do acknowledge what the police are doing and plan to do to reduce inner city violence and vandalism, not to mention the harm and injuries that mount up every weekend. But until we address the root cause, the improvements most of us want to see will be very difficult to achieve.

We currently have 24 hour liquor availability, no constraint on pricing, little restraint on liquor advertising and a push going on to sell even more alcohol, more often, more cheaply to more people. Some people are beating the crime drum and parading Arizona chain gang solutions. I am focused on bringing about changes to the Sale of Liquor Act 1989 to deal with our city's issues. There have been huge change in the availability and promotion of alcohol in 20 years. We now have three times more liquor outlets in Christchurch than 1990 – and the push for even more. The legislation is manifestly failing its main objective - to reduce the harm associated with the sale and supply of liquor.

On our Saturday night tour of the inner city I accompanied Associate Justice Minister, Lianne Dalziel. She is responsible for the Sale of Liquor Act and has agreed to speak at a public forum I am organising on Tuesday June 3 at 7pm at St Michaels and All Saints Church, 84 Oxford Tce. Canterbury police will also speak, as will health and other agencies who have to deal with the mess that excess alcohol can create.

I am wanting to hear community views. I am also promoting consideration be given to changes including:

- Listening to community concerns when granting and renewing licences

At present, community concerns don't carry any weight. Essentially, if you aren't a criminal and you provide enough car parks, you can get a licence to sell liquor.

- An end to the 24 hour availability of takeaway alcohol

Currently people can be turned away from bars on the Strip or Litchfield Street for being intoxicated at 3am; they can then access alcohol at nearby convenience stores.

- A ban on supermarkets being able to sell spirits and spirit-mix drinks within the confines of their

stores or nearby

Countdown on Moorhouse Ave is leading the charge here, seeking to establish a full liquor store alongside its supermarket. I made a submission to the



Liquor Licensing Authority against this application. This can only ultimately end with vodka and cornflakes together in the same store.

- Controls on loss-leading sales and similar promotions

Outlets including supermarkets sometimes sell alcohol at near cost or below to encourage people into their stores. Alcohol is treated in exactly the same way as bread and milk, when it is in fact our number one drug problem.

- Ensure those who operate party buses taking people to licensed premises obey the law and don't deliver grossly intoxicated people.

There are 30 or more buses operating in Christchurch alone. They regularly deliver people into the inner city late at night who are too intoxicated to gain entry into licensed premises. Inevitably fights and other problems break out.

- Stricter controls on liquor advertising

Brendon Burns is Labour candidate for Christchurch Central. He lives in Richmond and can be contacted on 381 6522 on bb@brendonburns.co.nz

Labour's Canterbury MPs
We are keen to hear your views

From left: Tim Barnett, Christchurch Central MP; Hon Clayton Cosgrove, Waimakariri MP; Hon Lianne Dalziel, Christchurch East MP; Hon Ruth Dyson, Banks Peninsula MP; Hon Mahara Okeroa, Te Tai Tonga MP.

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Helpful Hints for Hard Times.....

With the increase to the price of food, petrol and other necessities, making it harder to make ends meet any hints that make things go further is always appreciated - here are a few for starters,

Drain Cleaner: a little baking soda down the drain and then some malt vinegar helps clear the grease from drains.

Fabric Softener: a little splash of white vinegar (about 1 teaspoonful) in the final rinse will remove soap residue from your clothes and keeps your blacks black.

Throat Lozenge: 1 or 2 disprin mixed with a little honey and lemon juice is wonderful - if you are really chesty you *can* add a very small amount of whiskey - this cuts the phlegm.

Any other ideas would be gladly accepted. "Spread the Word!"



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KIA ORA WHANAU

Well it has certainly been a busy and eventful month. I have much pleasure in announcing the birth of Jim and Anna-Lisa's new baby girl, Clara Elena Bowden!! On Thursday 15 May, Murray and Tatiana Parsons and I became the proudest grandparents in the world! Clara weighs 1.3kg and is currently in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit but doing fantastically. Noelene and Bill Bowden are thrilled to meet their fifth great grandchild! Im not sure if life will ever be the same. I wake up every day and it feels like Christmas. Thank you for all the good wishes, txts, cards and love. I can't wait for my next mokopuna (grandchild). We welcomed ERO, the Education Review Office, to our kura this coming Monday. Cassidy Tangaere, Gerard Direen and Marg Wong are joining us for the week. We will welcome them with a powhiri on Monday 26 May. The key focus of the review will be Literacy, Maori Achievement and Professional Development. We are proud to have an opportunity to show case our wonderful growing kura.

We would like to thank our support staff this month as they are the powerhouse behind our school. Support Staff Day will be celebrated with lots of fun and laughter.

NEW WORLD - LONGEST DOCKET

The Longest Docket competition is back and our school could have a chance to win one of 10 prizes of \$10,000.

It's as easy as this: Between **26 May** and **15 June 2008**, we are asking our community to collect as many New World till docketts as possible. At the end of the competition, we will join them all together and make one

l-o-o-ong docket. The schools with the longest docketts at the end of the competition win the prize. Remember this competition starts next Monday 26 May and finished Sunday 15 June. Just drop them off to the office during this period. Thank you for your continued support.

JUNIOR SCHOOL TEACHER



Liam Chadwick (Teacher of Room 2 Junior Class)

Kia Ora Koutou

Ko Liam Chadwick toku ingoa.

No Manawatu ahau.

Ko Ngati Kahungunu toku iwi .

I came to Christchurch from Europe after living and playing rugby there for five years. I returned to New Zealand in 2002 to start a teaching degree and completed it in 2004. I have been teaching now for four years having taught years 5, 6, 7 and presently teaching years 1, 2, 3. I am now enjoying my second year at Richmond School. We have a great learning and nurturing environment and it is a great place for tamariki to learn and develop new skills and knowledge. We are a friendly staff and are very supportive of each other and our extended whanau. Our doors are always open for you to view and participate in your tamariki's learning and development.

No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena toutou katoa.

TE MANA MAHI OSCAR PROGRAMME

Te Mana Mahi Oscar Programme is operating from Richmond School hall. Our hours are 3.00pm - 5.30pm Monday - Friday. We offer care for children aged 5-13 years of age. We are CYFS approved and can offer WINZ subsidies to qualifying families (which can cover up to 90% of fees). Our fees are \$10.00 per session with a one off additional payment of \$10.00 per family for administration costs when you first enrol. We also run a school holiday programme during the first week of each term break. If you are interested or are in need of care for your child/ren for either of these programmes, please feel free to come and visit us in the school hall, alternatively you can pick up a Information pack from the school office or ring Tui Amohanga, senior supervisor on 389-6610 or (027) 313-8241.

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