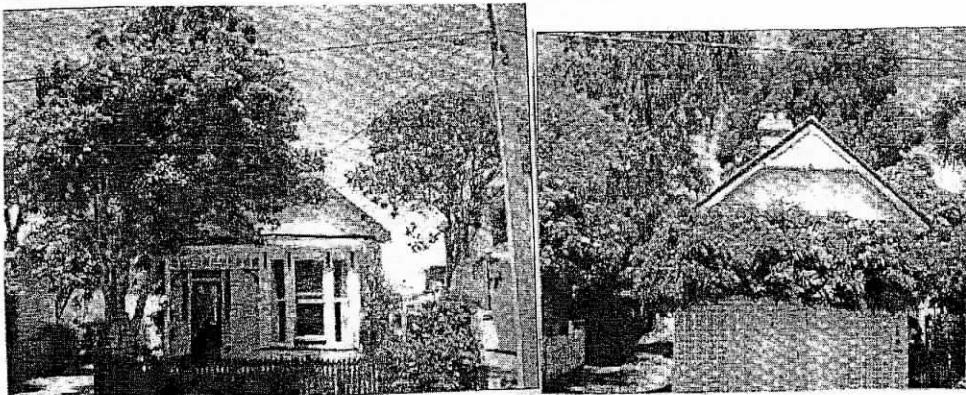


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Fortyninth in the Historical Homes of Richmond Series



20 & 22 Warwick Street

Like twins joined at the hip these two 1900 period cottages appear to have been identical when built. The style is uncommon with a front door that opens to a long hall that runs along the outside wall.

The front room is the lounge, or parlour as they were known, with a large box bay window with the old sash windows. These were windows that you could slide easily up or down, they had a cord attached to a cast iron weight enclosed in the window side to give balance. The bay window also has an unusual narrow door that opens onto a small front porch. The front room also has the original cast iron fire grate with decorative tiles.

Following down the hall are two bedrooms and through to the living/kitchen area. These houses are on a concrete foundation. Weather board, now roughcast, with an iron roof. All interior walls are lathe and plaster.

To roughcast a house became very popular in the 1940s. It was a good way to make a weatherboard house easy care, you required a permit and the weatherboards had to be in good repair. Building paper was fixed to the board and a fine wire mesh was nailed over this. A man whose trade was solid plasterer trawled concrete plaster 15 to 20 mill thick, you then had a permanent material home.

When these houses were built they probably had outside washhouses and toilets. What is unusual about these two houses is that they now have additions of toilet/bathrooms on the side and they join with a common wall. I have never before seen houses built separately then each having an addition that joined them.

It is interesting looking at these homes, trying to establish when they were built and wondering what life would have been like cooking in a coal range. Some of these early homes would not have had electricity. Gas was piped in for ovens and lighting. Most of these homes would have had kerosene lamps, no cars, even the early bicycles were expensive and not common until the 1920s. Horses and horse gigs etc would only be owned by those in rural locations or wealthy enough to have small holdings.

These early homes usually had a separate washhouse with a copper, which was a large copper bowl that sat within a brick fire box where water could be boiled for the laundry. Some of these outside rooms could contain a full sided tin bath where you could ladle water from the copper into your bath. Most of the domestic chores were done in front of the coal range or fire, washing up or even a bath. A popular bath was a hip bath-you sat in it with your feet on the floor. It had a high rounded back to keep the draught off.

Ferrymead Heritage Park has a delightful cottage from about 1860, it is called Curragh Cottage. It is fully functional and available to the public for small evening suppers and dinners cooked on a coal range and an open fire in the parlour. I recently went to one of these evenings with a group in period dress. It was an unforgettable evening. If you ever wondered what it would be like in times gone by-It's a great experience.

Warwick was formerly George Street, renamed in 1914. It was one of a number of streets renamed and given place names of the UK.

Warwick Street, along with a large part of Richmond, has been rezoned living 3 and is destined for high density housing. The future of the last three oldies in the street is uncertain.

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Crossword Clues

ACROSS

1. Major community (4)
7. Murder (4)
10. Indictment (US Pres.) (11)
11. Body powder (4)
12. Religious image (4)
13. Spike (drink) (4)
15. Pledge (4)
17. Feminine pronoun (3)
18. No... or buts (3)
20. Irish group (1,1,1)
21. Cloth remnant (3)
23. Hippy city ... Francisco (3)
25. Worry needlessly (4)
26. Flows up (of tears) (5)
28. Unsightly (4)
30. Warty creature (4)

31. Told falsehood (4)
32. Three blind (4)
34. Bend down (5)
35. Wading bird (4)
37. Raw material (3)
39. Neither this ... that (4)
40. Wet soft earth (3)
41. Astern (3)
43. Elderly (3)
45. Writer, Blyton (4)
48. Castle's defensive ditch (4)
50. Threesom (4)
51. Cut (wood) for fire (4)
52. Make necessary (11)
53. Back of foot (4)
54. Sledge (4)

DOWN

1. Quotes (5)
2. Rudder handles (7)
3. W/wide hostel group (1,1,1,1)
4. I was you (4)
5. Neck fashion accessory (5)
6. Bullets (4)
7. Hand-make (jumper) (4)
8. Needing a scratch (7)
9. Country Sri (5)
14. Gearwheel tooth (3)
16. Commercials (3)
18. Chilled beverage (4,3)
19. Full-house (event) (7)
22. Daisy like flower (5)
24. Of hearing (5)
25. Giants threat Fe, fie, fo, ... (3)
26. Used to be (3)
27. Drink slowly (3)
29. Yea (3)
33. Strong headache drug (7)
36. Sex parlour (7)
38. Record label (1,1,1)
39. Non-commissioned officer (1,1,1)
40. Sporting contest (5)
42. Banquet (5)
44. Deceived (5)
46. Xmas carol, The first ... (4)
47. Fight of honour (4)
48. Distribute, out (4)
49. Performs (4)

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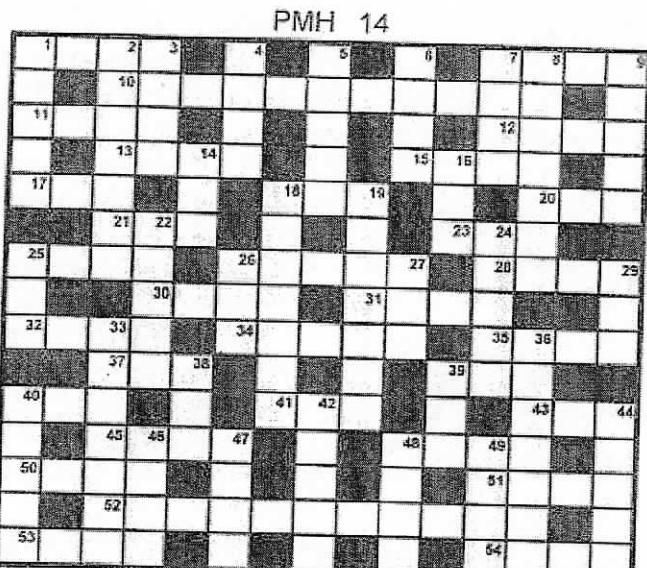


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Last month's solution

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The solution to this month's crossword
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What's on in April

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Gentle Exercise Class - Mondays 1- 2pm

(Wear comfortable clothing). Suggested donation \$3.00. This Sit and Be Fit class is a fun and healthy way to retain mobility, independence and meet new people.

Richmond History Group

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

Next meeting Wednesday 8th April 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.

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Shirley Brownie group

Meets at 6pm every Tuesday at Avebury House, excluding school holidays. Contact Sue on 352-5551 for details.

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Every child deserves a great education

The school year is well underway and hopefully parents will be seeing their children busy and learning well. The new Government is absolutely committed to ensuring that every child receives a quality education and that schools have the right tools to help their pupils succeed.

Before the election, we promised to set National Standards in literacy and numeracy and have since passed legislation to do this. The law also includes tougher penalties for parents whose children are not attending school.

Setting national standards in reading, writing and maths will give parents a clear picture of how well their child is doing. Every student will be regularly assessed and schools will report on their learning progress to parents in plain English. We want parents to have the knowledge to have a real input in the education of their children.

Poor attendance at school is a big problem across the country. The new Government has made penalties for truancy stiffer to send the message to parents that a child skipping school is a serious issue. Prior to the law change, fines for truancy were less than fines for not registering a dog.

Parents who don't enrol their kids at school now face a fine of up to \$3000. The maximum fine for a first truancy offence has risen to \$300, and to \$300 for a second or subsequent offence. These measures are designed to target parents that are wilfully letting their child skip school.

The new Government is also focused on boosting trades training. The economic downturn has highlighted New Zealand's need for more trades people, and at present, there aren't enough trainees to replace trades people that are retiring. We will make sure that the curriculum at all schools includes the need for students to make and do things, and we will work with schools, tertiary organisations, businesses, and Industry Training Organisations to give schools more flexibility to run trades training outside the school gates.

Before the election we announced plans to fund and open five specialist Trades Academies across the country in the next three years. These academies will give students who are great at practical work the option to become apprentices or take up a trade.

If New Zealand is to have a great future our young people must have every opportunity to learn and achieve! National is committed to working closely with parents and the community to make this happen.

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THE LEDSHAM FAMILY HISTORY

These recollections were written by
EDWIN FOX SCOTT
WILLIAM LEDSHAM 1830-1908.

An early Richmond resident

" William Ledsham was the maternal grandfather of my late wife and was born about the year 1830 in Ledsham Village in Cheshire on the Welsh border (only a few miles from the City of Chester) He was the son of Peter Ledsham, whose wife was Anne (nee Armitage). The Ledshams were market gardeners in quite a big way and yearly recruited labour from Ireland to assist with each harvest, particularly hollow crown parsnips for the Liverpool market. William would thus bring a good knowledge of horticulture with him to New Zealand, to prove of good value to him later.

Little is known of his early years, except that he arrived in Lyttleton a batchelor in 1862, twelve years after the founding of the Canterbury Settlement. He here met his wife and at the time of his marriage was described as a boatman. His bride was Charlotte Kerr, who arrived in Lyttleton on the ship MERMAID (Capt. Rose)on February 16th 1864 with her parents and a stepsister Lizzie Kerr. Charlotte and William were married in the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Lyttleton on 10th June 1865 by Rev. Francis Knowles. The Kerrs came from Northern Ireland, where Elizabeth Kerr and a girl named Carleton were playmates together in County Antrim and kept up a great affection between the families when the Carletons also emigrated to New Zealand and settled on Ilam Farm in Upper Riccarton, Christchurch, even though Charlotte and William Ledsham went to reside in Teddington, at the head of Lyttleton Harbour and there took up farming.

William Ledsham was a tall man, while his wife was shortish in stature but a great walker. She regularly walked from Teddington to Christchurch by what was then only a rough track from Governors Bay up over Dyers Pass and down the hill to Colombo Street, thence to her parents home in Cumberland Street, Richmond. She is on record that although heavy with child she arrived in Richmond by 9.0am to hear the school bell ringing for the start of lessons and in spite of her having risen so early she walked back to Teddington the same day.

The most notable event during their residence at the head of the harbour was the "tidal" wave (realy a seismic wave or tsunami) following the big earthquake in Peru on 13th August 1868. This earthquake generated a great sea wave which reached Lyttleton early on 15th August. At about half past three in the morning the water began to retreat in a singular manner from the port, until the whole of the harbour bed was left absolutely dry and remained so for about twenty minutes. Then the water was seen returning like a wall of foam 10 to 12 feet high, which rushed upon the port with tremendous noise and which swirled round the wharves snapping the moorings of vessels and causing

other damage. At the head of the harbour it inundated the paddocks and the boat which Mr Ledsham used for carrying produce to Lyttleton was deposited in one of the paddocks.

Towards one o'clock the water retired very slowly as before not reachin its lowest ebb till six. According to Frazer's magazine of July 1870, it was an hour later that the second hugh wave inundated the port. Four times the sea retired and returned with great power at intervals. Afterwards, the oscillations of the water were considerable but gradually reduced till normal ebb and flow was established on 18th August.

This tsunami was of great concern to the dwellers of the flat at Teddington and Mr Ledsham had to cary the children up to the homestead of Mr Gebbie which was on the higher country, until the danger was over.

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The Story of the Poppy

Information provided by RNZRSA Historian Dr Stephen Clarke

*"In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row"*

The association of the red poppy with battlefield deaths as symbol of remembrance stems from the fact that poppies were the first plant to grow in the churned up soil of soldiers graves on the Western Front during the First World War most famously recalled in John McCrae's poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

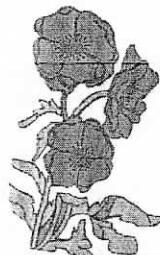
It was Moina Michael in America who promoted the poppy as a symbol of remembrance and French woman Madame E. Guerin who conceived the idea of widows manufacturing artificial poppies in the devastated areas of northern France that then could be sold by veterans' organizations worldwide to assist their own veterans as well as destitute French children. It was as a result of the efforts of Michael and Guerin – both of whom became known endearingly as the 'Poppy Lady' that the poppy became an international symbol of remembrance.

Poppy Day in New Zealand

One of Madame Guerin's representatives visited the New Zealand Returned Soldiers Association (as the RNZRSA was originally known) in 1921 and an order for some 350,000 small and 16,000 large silk poppies was duly placed with Madame Guerin's French Childrens' League.

Unlike in United Kingdom, Canada and Australia, the RSA did not hold its inaugural Poppy Appeal in association with Armistice Day 1921 (11 November). The reason for this is one of the quirks of history: the ship carrying the poppies from France arrived too late for the scheme to be properly publicized, forcing the RSA to postpone its campaign until the day before ANZAC Day 1922. However this decision established an historic precedent whereby the poppy became forever associated with ANZAC Day, thereby

setting New Zealand apart from the rest of the world where the poppy is associated with Remembrance Day. Today after 85 years the now New Zealand-made RSA Poppy is a national icon. It is a fitting symbol of the RSA promotion of the welfare and remembrance of those who have served their country.

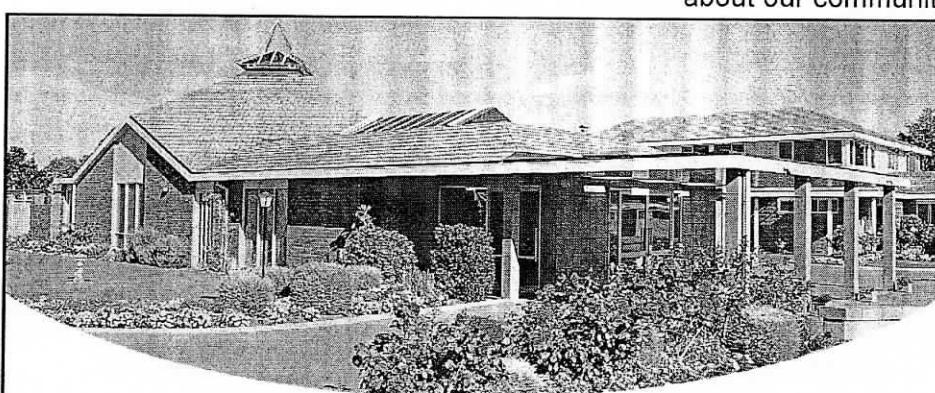


Richmond's Past

Hi, my name is Christine Thieme. I am a Historian and have been working away quietly at Averbury House for over a year now looking after the archives and recording the oral histories of some of our long-time residents.

At the moment I am doing research with the plan of producing an updated booklet about the history of Richmond. This is a fascinating job that often raises as many questions as it answers and I would welcome some help from all of you out there especially if you have old photos or family records of the early days of settlement. This month: Does anyone have any information about **Joseph John Anderson**? He married Ellen Hockley at St Lukes Church in 1869 and they had a son named James John. He lived in London Street for many years before his death in 1921. Please get in touch with me at Averbury House. If I am not there a message can be left for me at the office.

Watch this space in future issues to read some of the interesting bits of history I managed to dig up about our community.



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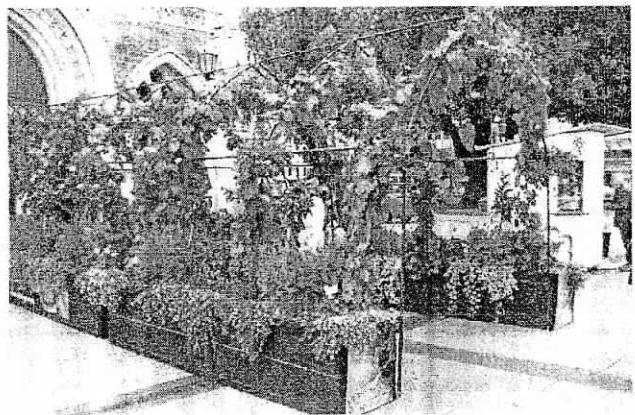
Phone Tony, Andrea or Marlys on 389-0212 or 389-0219 for more information or to enrol.

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Crisis? What crisis?

Given the scope and scale of the world recession, as a new MP I had imagined that Parliament would quickly be dealing with some big and bold ideas. Instead we are getting a rolling maul. There is, regrettably, no broad-based plan that gives New Zealanders the confidence that this is a Government that really understands the scale of the crisis; one that will take the steps truly necessary to help vulnerable Kiwis and also to reposition New Zealand so we can take advantage of the upturn, whenever it comes. Reserve Bank governor Dr Alan Bollard recognises what we face. He has reduced the official lending cash rate to just 3 percent. He knows inflation is no longer the economy's major enemy. And yet, the Prime Minister was recently telling the Wall Street Journal that his biggest fear is rising inflation! He should tell that to the thousand New Zealanders who each week are losing their jobs. Inflation is not an issue for them. Holding on to their jobs is what is important. Where is the stimulus that New Zealanders can look towards from this Government? We look, by way of contrast, to the United States—a NZ\$1.2 trillion stimulus package. Australians have a NZ\$67 billion package. Those responses are taking place because the Australians and Americans acknowledge that we are facing the most severe financial crisis since the Great Depression. We have the International Monetary Fund chief economist advising governments around the world to commit to taking whatever steps they can to avoid a Depression. Be bold and decisive, is that advice. We are ignoring it.

What is the National Government's plan? Well, scrapping the research and development tax credit, gutting KiwiSaver and trashing the Fast Forward Fund, which would have created \$2 billion of expenditure for our primary sector. We are seeing cuts to the contribution to the Superannuation Fund, which will endanger future superannuation entitlements. We are seeing a manufactured crisis around the ACC, so that New Zealanders will no longer have the accident compensation entitlements they once relied on. Within 1 week of the Government's Job Summit, TVNZ was told to go ahead, cut up to 150 staff, and pay the dividend to the Crown. We have a tax cut programme that simply will not deliver to those most in need; those low-income Kiwis who would have spent every last cent of their extra \$700 million in tax cuts if implemented as under Labour's programme. It is not just Labour that is advocating a re-think. Air New Zealand chief

executive Rob Fyfe got it right when he said that this crisis is so big that all the bets are off, that we need to stimulate this economy, and that there are more effective ways to do that than by having broad-brushed tax cuts. That is the big picture; we need a real stimulus package – but don't hold your breath.

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Letter to the Editor

As a new resident to New Zealand and Christchurch, and temporarily in Richmond, I really do love so much about this place. But I have to say, I have NEVER seen in all the cities I've lived in in the States or Europe, so much broken glass and bottles thrown around a place as I have seen on Fitzgeralds Avenue.

Doesn't the city have a clean up service for that? It's bad enough to walk around, forget about riding my bike! I've gotten more flat tyres than ever.

If the city won't do it, why not set up a community volunteer day in Richmond to beautify your area of this mess? I would gladly (and I think many other residents too) take a couple of hours to make the neighbourhood a better place.

Thank you
Juliane.



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HOME & SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

Last Thursday we held a community hui in our school hall to address the findings of the Education Review Report. It was an opportunity for much needed open communication. Parents, caregivers, and whānau have an extremely important part to play in their children's learning. Clearly the challenges of education are ones which neither schools nor families can meet alone; they must support each other. When families and schools cooperate, our children reap the benefits - they learn more, they enjoy school and the learning process, and they experience a consistent sense of commitment and support from the important adults in their lives. However fostering home-school cooperation requires time, effort, and an investment of both human and financial resources. Research shows that parents, families, and whānau who support and encourage their child to learn can make a huge difference to their future. We appreciate the support we are seeing from our whānau community.

IT'S NICE TO BE APPRECIATED

A great deal has happened in just a few short weeks. We are glad our ERO report consultation with our community has finally started. Our first priority though, had to be to ensure everything is in place to give our children the best possible start to their school year. Thanks to incredibly hard work from our talented and dedicated team, this has happened.

Among all that has been happening at our school this year we have yet to acknowledge all the fantastic helpers who have supported our kura this term and made the beginning of this year a great success for the teaching and learning of our tamariki. Renee - Dodgeball choices. Shaun - Cooking choices. Shirley, John, Jan - Reading support. Wal - Powhiri and Kapa Haka support and all the whānau. Kia ora koutou - Thank you.

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