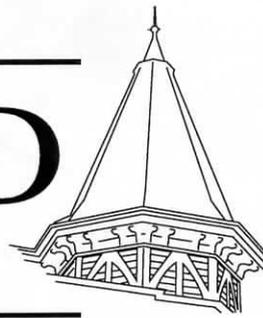


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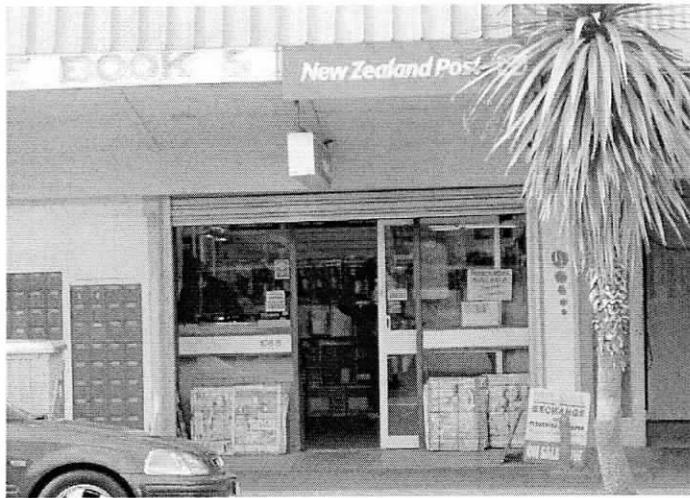
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Save the Linwood Postshop Jenny Smith.

Richmond residents are being invited to join the series of actions planned to oppose the downgrading of services available at the Linwood Postshop located at the Linwood Village in Stanmore Road.



Linwood Postshop, located at the Linwood Village

NZ Post's decision to remove the bill payment facilities and Kiwibank (effective 31 October 2009) will affect many residents from the Inner City East/ Linwood and Richmond neighbourhoods, and cause greater hardship and inconveniences especially for people on limited incomes.

These downgrades are part of NZ Post's National Retail Strategy to locate its services into malls, where it believes the majority of its customers wish to be. People will now be forced to bus, taxi, bike or travel by car greater distances to obtain these services where once they could walk.

This decision flies in the face of NZ Post's Corporate Responsibility Statement of Commitment to be a Socially Responsible Organisation which listens to its customers

and involves them in decision-making while also working to reduce their carbon footprint.

We encourage Richmond residents to help stop this downgrade of services by writing to Mr Sam Knowles, Acting Chief Executive Officer, NZ Post, PO Box 39-990, Wellington Mail Centre, Wellington 5045; or The Editor, The Press, Private Bag 4722, Christchurch 8140, or email: letters@press.co.nz, as well as participating in upcoming protests. Information about these actions will be available at the Linwood Postshop or Supervalu Supermarket. Further enquires can be made to Jenny at 379 5134 or Irinka at 389 6876.

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The City Council and Library are thinking of cutting the Mobile Library Service to Richmond as there is a Library at Eastgate and The Palms. The Bus stops opposite New World on Tuesdays.



Left: Berwyn, Right: Owen - staff at the post shop

"We encourage Richmond residents to help stop this downgrade of services"

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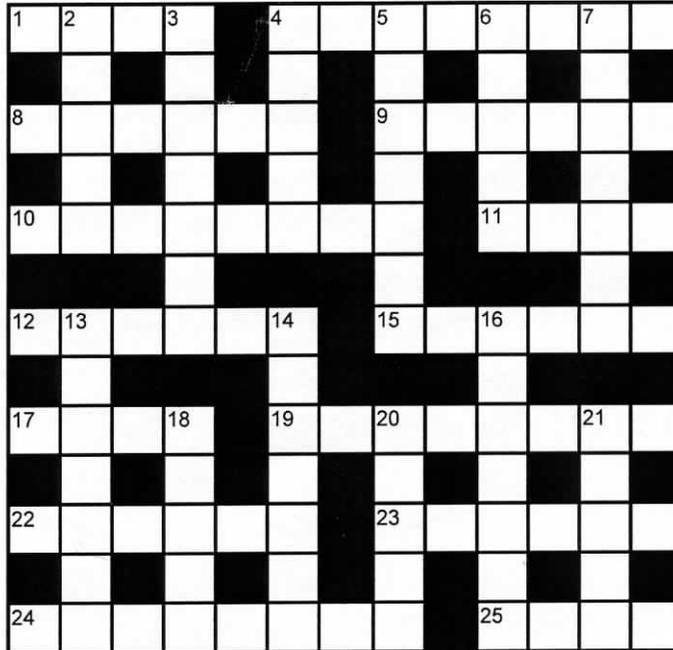
Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Opening (4)
- 4. Mechanical apparatus (pl) (8)
- 8. Vigour (6)
- 9. Spills (6)
- 10. Postpones (8)
- 11. Duck (4)
- 12. Seethed (6)
- 15. Fairy (6)
- 17. Profound (4)
- 19. Discern (8)
- 22. Thumps (6)
- 23. Grieves (6)
- 24. Quarantines (8)

CLUES DOWN

- 2. Marked with lines (5)
- 3. Uproar (7)
- 4. Civic dignity (5)
- 5. Directions (7)
- 6. Inlaid (5)
- 7. Recruit (7)
- 13. Burdensome (7)
- 14. Sediment (7)
- 16. Male roe-deer (7)
- 18. Body of jurors (5)
- 20. Sloping passage-ways (5)
- 21. Planet (5)



Last Month's Solution



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For further information about the facilities and classes please contact:
Lesley McMillan
Phone: 381 6615

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For more more information please ring

Allison on 388-9377

Shirley Brownie Group

Tuesday 6 pm excluding School Holidays.

Contact Jess on 388-7437.

Hugs All Round Quilt Project

Wednesday 1 – 4 pm

Enquiries to Avebury House 381-6615.

We make quilts to give away to children in need.

Richmond History Group

Meets the 2nd Wednesday each month

Next meeting 14th October and 11th

November, 4 – 5 pm.

The History Group meets to share resources and research on items of Richmond's heritage. The Richmond Room is a resource room with displays, magazines and items of interest which has been set up at Avebury House. These resources are available for public viewing at no charge.

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School Holidays

Start 28th September

End weekend of 9th October

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Saturdays 10 am to 3.30 pm

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THANK YOU!

The Avebury House Community Trust would like to thank the following funders for their support:

**Christchurch City Council,
Strengthening Communities Fund,
\$11,000 for wages and security.**

Small Projects Fund, \$1,000 for older adults recreation.

Canterbury Community Trust, \$16,000 for wages, volunteer expenses and Hugs All Round Quilt Projects.



Richmond Base

IDEA Services

277 Stanmore Road

Phone: 389 1213

Sports Day: We have just had a very successful sports day for all bases at QE11.

Teams from all bases enjoyed different activities supported by staff and young people from the Sports Academy. These were tired but happy people at the end of the day.

Meals On Wheels: This continues each fortnight, with an enthusiastic crew delivering meals around Richmond.

WANTED! Picture frames.

It is hoped to mount an exhibition of photos (from our Camera Club) and paintings locally later this year. We will need a lot of photo frames, so anyone who has frames, preferably with glass, you do not need and are willing to donate, we would love to have them. Phone us at the above number or bring them to us at 277 Stanmore Road (next to the Richmond Green). Thank you.

MURAL: Is there anyone with an artistic bent who could help us with a mural for the wall by our front door? We cannot have plants because of the lack of space and possible theft

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Richmond of yesterday

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Fire at Bingsland 13 March 1879

(From the Christchurch Star)

A little before 1 o'clock this morning Sergeant Wilson saw a strong reflection of fire in the direction of the North-East Belt, and immediately sent a constable to ring the Lichfield Street bell, while he proceeded to the scene of the fire. On arriving at the Stanmore Road he found that the store and home of Mr W.G. Woodford were enveloped in flames, and it was impossible to save anything. Mr Woodford stated that when he went to bed at half-past ten he looked round and saw everything all right. About half an hour afterwards he was aroused by hearing a crackling noise in the shop, with a strong smell of fire. He hardly had time to awake the wife and children before the flames were coming into the bedroom. After getting them out safely he aroused the neighbours next door and a person who lives some short distance away immediately came to Mr Woodford's assistance, and helped him to get out some furniture and wearing apparel, but before they could rescue the bedding the whole place was on fire. The Fire Brigade and Constabulary now arrived, but nothing could be done but prevent the fire extending to a bakery some short distance

away. Mr Woodford was insured in the London and Liverpool office for £200, and he had only recently laid in a large stock, he estimated his loss at about £400. The shop and premises, which belonged to Mr A. McGill, were insured in the New Zealand office for £250. No cause can be assigned for the origin of the fire. There was only one tin of kerosene in the shop, and that was unopened.

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Richmond's Past

by Christine Thieme

Did you know that on old maps of Christchurch parts of what is now the suburb of Richmond were once called Ellengowan and Avonglade? Regular readers will remember me talking about the time it was called Bingsland and how it was included in the very large area known as the Avon Road District. It came to be known as

Richmond largely due to the efforts of one very motivated early resident by the name of Joseph John Anderson. Joseph Anderson lived at number 18 London Street and worked for many years as a civil servant at the Department of Lands and Survey in Christchurch.

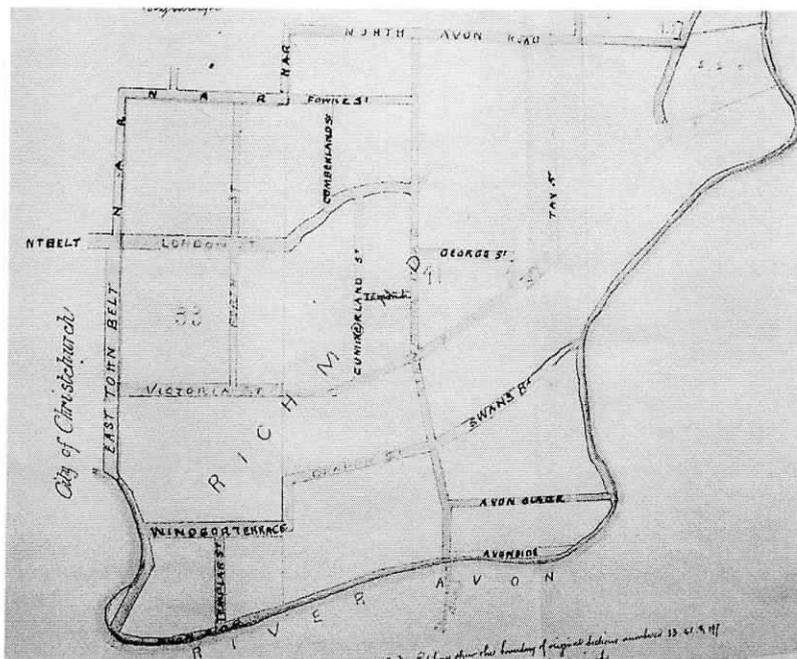
According to LINZ (the modern version of the DLS), surveys of early Christchurch were done at various

times, for various reasons, and any name changes would be made at those times. As an employee of the DLS, Joseph Anderson was in a good position to influence the naming of his suburb when a survey was done in the 1880s, and it was subsequently given the name of his birthplace of Richmond in London.

There is no formal record of the actual name change in the Christchurch City Council minutes or the minutes of the Avon Road Board but the suburb was definitely known as Richmond, and recorded as such in the CCC records, when it amalgamated with Christchurch City in 1890.

Joseph Anderson also served as a custodian of the Provincial Council Buildings. He died at his home in London Street in 1921 at the age of 88. Some of the older residents of Richmond might remember their parents talking about "old Mr

Anderson" or may have gone to Richmond School with the Anderson children. If so, you may have some old photos around of social groups of the time that would include him or his family. If you do please contact me as I would like to do a feature about him for our board at Avebury House and a photo would be great to have.



"Caption"

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of same, but would love to brighten up a dull frontage. It is not a large space, but enough to make a difference. A painting of a Kowhai tree, bush, ferns and birds would be preferred, but come and talk to me anyway.

Next month is clean-up month around the city and we will be clearing rubbish, leaves etc and enhancing the Richmond Green next to us.

Scary! but we are also looking at additions to our Christmas Cards for this year. Don't forget our cards, \$1 ea.

Cheers, from Janice and Team
@ Richmond Base.

"parts of what is now the suburb of Richmond were once called Ellengowan and Avonglade?"

Mid Week Tennis at Shirley Tennis Club

Tuesdays:
9:00am-12:00pm. Richmond Park.
Contact Ching Evans for more details on 3855829.

Shirley Tennis Club offers all year around play. New members or mums with a young child are welcome! Morning tea provided.

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A: Tuesday:
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Dates: 13/20/27 October,
3/10/17 November

B: Saturday:
6:30pm-8:00pm.
Dates: 17/24/31 October,
7/14/21 November

C: Sunday:
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Dates: 18/25 October,
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An optimistic future

Spring is here, and the promise of warmer weather has lifted spirits around the country. Signs that we might be emerging from the global economic recession couldn't have come at a better time.

This is encouraging for all of us in Christchurch. The National-led Government is determined to help businesses recover, create more sustainable jobs, and build a stronger economy. We'll base this on investment and exports rather than the borrowing and spending of recent years.

We have been working hard to protect New Zealanders from the sharpest edges of the recession and secure a brighter future for them. We have boosted spending on frontline services in education, health and justice.

We've maintained income support entitlements like New Zealand Superannuation and Working for Families. And we cut personal taxes in April.

Now the worst of the recession appears to be over, we will help communities recover, and boost the economy of tomorrow.

We know most people will judge our recovery on whether they have a job, and we're doing everything we can to boost job opportunities. Unfortunately unemployment is likely to continue rising for the next few months along the road to recovery.

We are also working hard to give our next generation the opportunities they need to

Cutting services is not what KiwiBank promised

Some of you attended the meeting at Linwood Community and Arts Centre, called to save the Linwood Post Shop from service cuts. From next month, the Stanmore Road facility is poised to lose its KiwiBank and bill payment facilities.

NZ Post and KiwiBank appear to have lost the commitment to serve the very communities they were established to serve. Chief executive Sam Knowles came to my Parliamentary office at short notice recently so I could hand over the petition of 2144 people. (Many more have signed it since.)

I outlined to Mr Knowles how the Linwood area has the highest percentage of people on sickness and invalid benefits in the country, as well as many elderly.

For NZ Post to suggest there are alternative services available at Eastgate Mall shows ignorance of this demographic fact. I don't think they realise it is a two-bus journey to get to Eastgate from Stanmore Rd. That's too much for many people who rely on their friendly local NZ Post/KiwiBank branch.

Younger people are also seeing the value of being able to buy or rent within walking distance of the city centre. Further up Stanmore Rd, some enterprising businesses like Piccolo cafe and its neighbours have rejuvenated the area.

I offered to move my family's own bank accounts to KiwiBank and would move my post box account to Linwood and encourage others to do the same if it helped. The corporate line is that there is not enough patronage in the Linwood area now or in the

"For NZ Post to suggest there are alternative services available at Eastgate Mall shows ignorance..."



Brendon handing over the petition to Sam Knowles

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succeed. Young people were particularly hard hit by this recession. We recently announced our Youth Opportunities Package, which invests \$152 million to help create work, education and training opportunities for young people.

Last weekend I was part of a ceremony to celebrate the success of a group of young men who had completed the first part of the Blue Light Canterbury Youth Fresh Start Programme at Burnham Military Camp. Some of them came from this part of the city, and I was so proud to see what they have achieved. Investing in young people now will benefit them and the whole community in the long-term.

We are optimistic that New Zealand can emerge from the recession stronger than ever. We believe our country can be a powerful exporter, with a much stronger economy and better job and income prospects for New Zealanders.

Delta Gardening Project

Yes, Delta Community Support Trust is climbing on the community gardening bandwagon! Not just because it is the latest craze but because it is a good idea. Community gardening will allow us to form connections within our neighbourhoods. Growing and sharing our own veggies and fruit will save us money. More than this though, it will teach us means for living sustainably and working together and the enjoyment of doing so. Through gardening we can fill our bellies, enrich the environment, strengthen relationships and renew our spirit.

As a ministry of North Avon Baptist Church, Delta Trust has for 14 years now been developing services and initiatives in response to the social, physical, relational, educational and spiritual needs and aspirations of people living in Richmond and wider Christchurch. Today Delta has a whole range of activities and services particularly catering for those experiencing hardship, disability or isolation. The Delta Community Garden is one of a cluster of new projects we are developing to engage with the local Richmond community more generally as we seek to grapple in practical and meaningful ways with the global economic and environmental issues facing our world today.

Good things take time. It was at a dreaming meeting of the Delta Board, staff and North Avon Baptist leadership team in May 2008 that the idea for Delta's community gardening initiative first came about. Discussion began as to how to use what limited space was available between the adjacent properties of the Trust and the Church. Showing that concrete and space are no barrier, during the course of the last year Delta and North Avon Baptist have been chipping away at the project. So far a 30 metre six foot brick wall has been removed, plans have been drawn up to cut garden beds out of a concreted courtyard and funding has been sought. Momentum was provided during Autumn this year by Mary Tingey, a local resident mad keen on teaching permaculture. With her inspiration a garden layout plan was developed and a small winter crop of broccoli, beans and lettuce were planted into already available garden space as a 'seed' of things to come. Just recently the Christchurch City Council has generously donated \$4,000 for the installation of raised boxed garden plots. We are now looking for more keen gardeners (experience not essential) to get the garden up and running over Spring.

Once fully operational, we hope to integrate the community garden's use into all of Delta's activities and services. The vision is for people to have the opportunity to learn how to grow veggies in their own backyards and for excess produce to be made available for community meals and donating through the Delta food bank.

As the word "community" suggests, Delta Trust can't do it alone. Through the recently initiated Richmond Community Action Group of local organisations, schools, businesses and residents it was found that both the Richmond Primary School and Avebury House are also working on garden projects.

If you are interested in being part of the gardening initiative ring 389-0219

"We are now looking for more keen gardeners (experience not essential) to get the garden up and running over Spring."



"Digging the first Delta Garden plot"

Picture 1:
Rebecca Roper-Gae
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and Mary Tingey (Volunteer)

Picture 2:
Rebecca and Mary plus
Phil Eden (Volunteer)

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Thank You to: Gary Kramer and team from Trellis Warehouse, 300 Cashel Street, 03 366 1998 for helping us get a new wedding arch as the old one got kicked to bits by local vandals.... A volunteer painted the Arch for a Wedding on Saturday 26 Sept - an hour before it was required.....



The new Avebury House wedding arch.



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Friends and Family is a Committee consisting of Parents, Teachers and People from the Community who want to support Richmond School.

We get together every 6 weeks to discuss things that have been happening at School and to make decisions about Funding Applications.

At the end of each School Term we try to organise a fundraiser, like a sausage sizzle or a disco for the Children.

We can always use Parent help for those activities!

We also have several subcommittees that work on different projects.

There is a subcommittee for Public Relations, one for the Community Garden and one for the Year 6 Camp.

If you would like to be involved in one of the subcommittees or would like to come to one of our meetings, you are most welcome.

We also welcome any feedback, tips and donations (since we are a Registered Charity, those donations are tax deductible).

You can contact us too if you like to address a School or Teacher issue, but don't know how to go about it.

We are here to help!

John Evans – Joint Coordinator and Treasurer. Phone (03) 385 9139

Liesbeth van Bruchem – Joint Coordinator and Secretary. Phone (03) 381 4253

Or contact the School Office

“Nou te rourou, Naku te rourou, ka ora ai nga Tamariki.”
“With your basket and my basket, Children will prosper.”

Above: A letter about Friends and Family of Richmond School who support the school in a variety of ways

Upcoming public meeting on addressing alcohol in our community

An upcoming public meeting on addressing alcohol in our community, hosted and chaired by Christchurch based National List MP Nicky Wagner.

Date: Monday 5th October

Time: 7.30 pm

Location: Christchurch Town Hall

Any queries can be directed to the Christchurch office of Nicky Wagner on 365 8297