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## Snow White and the Almost Seven Dwarfs

The hardy Harlequin Players were not deterred by the recent bout of wet, cold weather and presented their fifth annual outdoor family show at Avebury Park from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of January this year. Only one performance had to be cancelled as the dedicated team and their audiences braved the elements to present their usual high standard of comedy, audience participation and presentation of a well loved, but slightly different version, of Snow White.

Harlequin Players, well known for their presentation of quality family drama involving both adults and children, run Junior Drama Classes (There is a course running from Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Feb to Wed 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010) which will be followed by a production of Witches, Wizards and Walnuts during the April school holidays. The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe will be presented during TV2's Kidsfest from 3<sup>rd</sup> July to 10<sup>th</sup> July in the Ngaio Marsh Theatre – Canterbury University. Auditions for this show will be held Sat 27<sup>th</sup> March from 12:30pm to 6pm and Sat 10<sup>th</sup> April from 9am to 6pm in the St. Albans Community Centre, 1047 Colombo St.. For further details please ring 331-6162 or visit [www.harlequinplayers.org.nz](http://www.harlequinplayers.org.nz)

We look forward to seeing what they will present next year.



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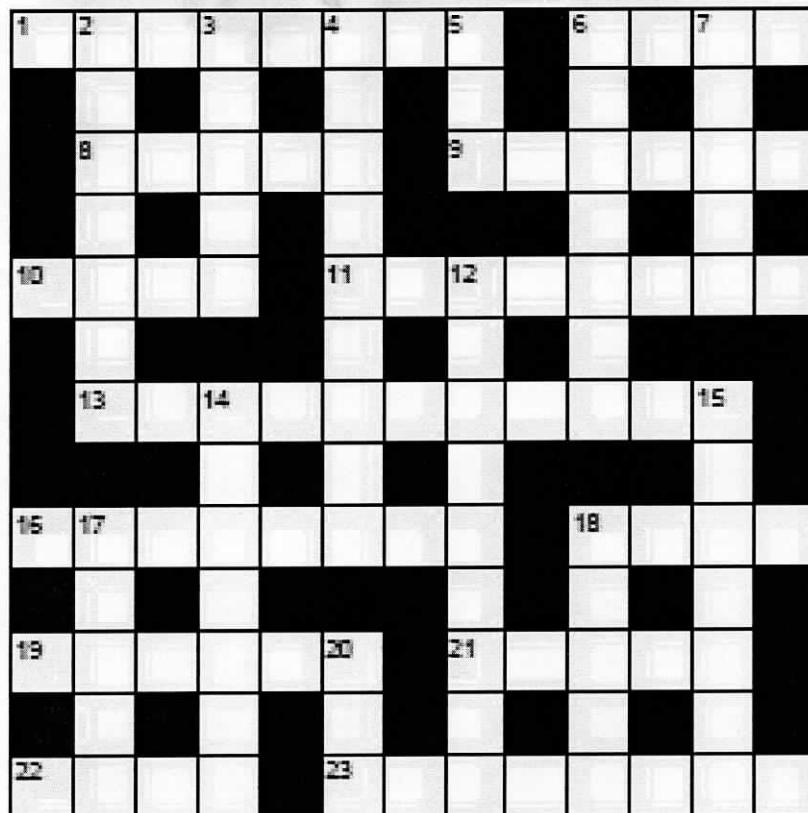
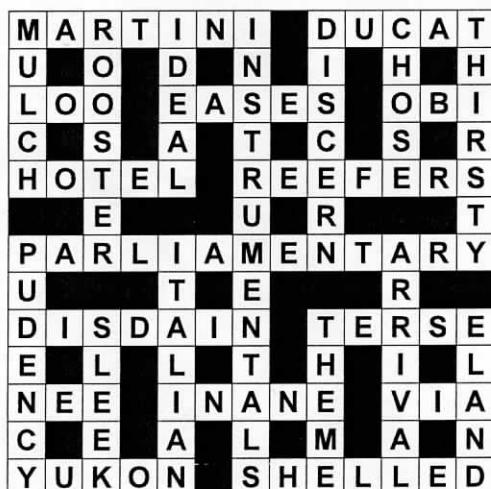
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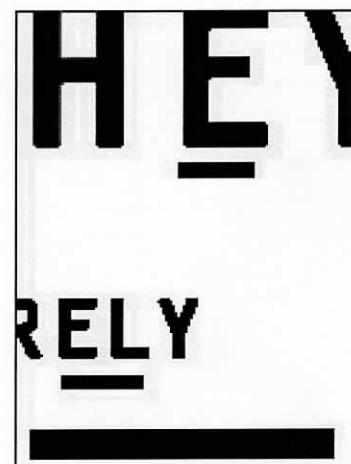
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If practice makes perfect and nobody's perfect .....why practice?



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## **Richmond's Past**

by Christine Thieme

Walking around any Christchurch suburb and noting the street names can give the interested person a wealth of insight into the history of that suburb. Street names reveal the people and events that helped to shape that area from its earliest years to the present, from the oldest streets to the newest subdivisions. An article from the Pegasus Post of 22 January, 1975 gives us some rich examples of this historic legacy right here in Richmond. The article is too long to reproduce in its entirety for this month's Richmond Community News so I will tempt you to go and look it up by offering a few interesting "snippets". The article is entitled "Richmond's past signposted" but the writer and sources are unnamed.

".....By 1890, Richmond was incorporated with the Christchurch City Council - the first suburb to acquire municipal government, as St Albans, Sydenham and Linwood did not amalgamate with the city until 1903.

....The first two representatives for the district of Richmond were J.A Flesher and George Swann who gave their names to Flesher Ave and Swann Rd respectively.

.....The Whitmore family arrived on one of the first four ships and built a home in the early years of the district. Whitmore St is named after them.

....Similarly, James Stapleton (Stapletons Rd) was one of the first settlers and a foundation member of the Stanmore Band.

....A landowner and well known builder, Mr Petrie has Petrie St named after him.

....Phillip Aldersley (Aldersley St) ran a bakery business in Richmond for many years, delivering bread from Richmond to Sydenham to Merivale, up the Styx River and home through Burwood - all with a horse and cart.

....C. Pavitt (Pavitt St) was a well known resident in the area. Pavitt St was once known as Cumberland St.

....H.B. Sorensen (Sorensens Place) had an auctioneering business in Lichfield St, and was chairman of Richmond School Committee 1898-99.

....Detective William Livingstone Chrystal died in 1923 aged 78. Although the large home on the hill where he lived has been rebuilt and the land sub-divided, his name lives on in Chrystal St....."

This article can be found by going to the Aotearoa/New Zealand Room at the Christchurch Public Library. Old issues of the Pegasus Post are held in storage off-site so you will need to fill out a request form for them - a librarian can help with this.

### **IDEA      Richmond base.**

Well, one minute we are preparing for a celebration and holidays --- now it seems the distant past and we are well and truly into 2010.

For our Christmas outing our group went to the recently opened Watford Llama Park. What a great day and what beautiful animals. Everyone really enjoyed the outing and wants to return.

Our garden has been doing well despite limited water over the break [I sneaked down to water at times]. We were thrilled to dig our potatoes and what a crop! Three potatoes planted and we had enough to have a lunch with them, plus beetroot, salad with apple cucumber and some strawberries tossed in. This fed about 12 people so we were very pleased with the crop as we have to grow everything in pots etc.

Busy planning activities for the next few months, the usual plus some new ones to try.

Each person has a personal plan each year at which goals are made for the coming year.

Cheers from everyone at Richmond Base

## **SUN NING TAKEAWAYS**

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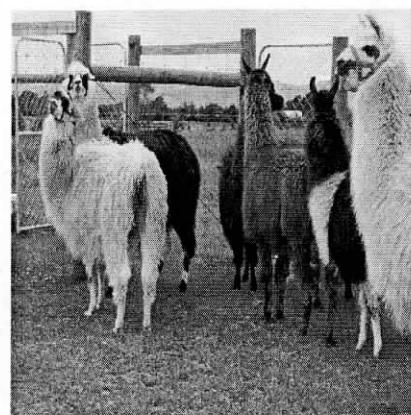


Photo of llama's at Watford Llama Park taken by Peter.

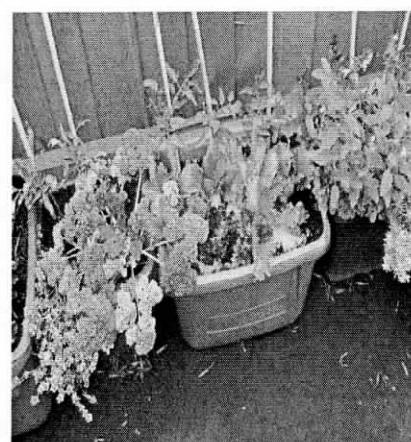


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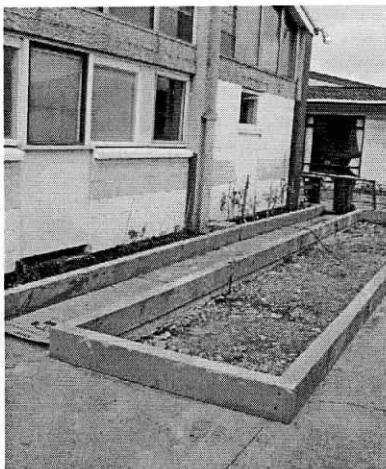
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## **DELTA FOOD BANK TO FOOD STORE**

Why change something that has worked for years and worked well. As we are all aware, change is something that is constantly happening within our lives. With the recession and negative media about hard times finding things to be positive about can be a challenge. Added to this a forced life style change that finds you having to access a food bank can be one of those difficult decisions many have to make. With that in mind Delta looked at our procedures and questioned a couple of our processes. The first was about sustainability. It came to our attention that using plastic bags for bagging parcels was not effectively sustainable or environmentally sound. Expanding our thoughts further we decided that handing someone a pre-packed parcel was not terribly empowering or friendly as we never got to really talk and share with those coming into the food bank.

Our thinking then turned to how can we match up what we know and what is beneficial for all concerned. This was not about reinventing the wheel but more allowing us to use the wheel more effectively. Delta works on empowering people encouraging them to utilise their strengths which they already have, adding to their self esteem, while building relationships and connections within the local community.

So with combining the above The Delta Food Store was birthed. Over a course of three months we advertised the fact that we were changing our process. All Staff and Volunteers were asked for their input, thoughts and ideas. We then started to ask people to start thinking about bringing their own bags when they came to the food store, making the change as smoothly as possible to allow people to get used to the idea.

September 25<sup>th</sup> 2009 we opened the revamped Food Store where people come into the store and now choose the items they previously had to take in the once pre-packed parcels. Having now run for nearly two months we couldn't be more excited about the changes. The interaction within the Food Store is wonderful and as a team we are getting to know those within the community in a more relaxed and empowering environment. People coming into the store now choose items as well as choosing not to take items. We have discovered that with our previously packed parcels some items were not used or not wanted, not because people are ungrateful but sometimes due to the fact that they did not eat these products or may have had plenty of those at home but lacked other items to work with.

Making these changes has increased the time it takes to access a food parcel however this also allows opportunity for those coming into Delta to stop, have a coffee and a chat. Those of us here at Delta are enjoying the opportunity the Food Store allows us to interact and get to know those within the community better, while providing a vital service in a new and more uplifting way.

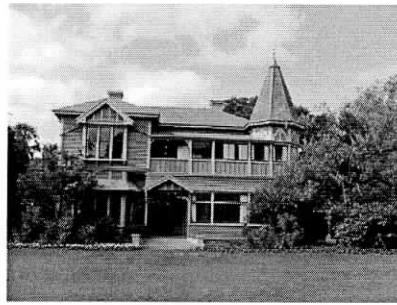
However, the food store is only as good as the food within it and we would like to take this opportunity to ask for donations for the food store. Food can be dropped off directly at Delta on 105 North Avon Road, or you can utilise the food bin at New World on Stanmore road, or alternatively the food bin at Pak n Save on Moorhouse Avenue. Donations of money can also be made. We would like to thank all those who have given so generously throughout the year. Your generous support has enabled us to empower and support many within the local community.

**Please remember to bring your own bags.**



# EVENTS CALENDAR AT AVEBURY HOUSE

**Situated at 9 Eveleyn Couzins Ave, Avebury House is a community-run, low-cost facility that has rooms available for hire. Situated in the midst of Avebury Park, the House runs several open days and social events throughout the year. In addition to the amenities for hire the following classes and activities are available:**



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

## Gentle Exercise Classes

Mondays 1 – 2 pm

This Sit and Be Fit Class is a fun and healthy way to retain mobility, independence and meet new people. Suggested donation \$5. Wear comfortable clothing.

## Embroidery Group

Mondays 1 – 3 pm

Beginners to Advanced. Tuition available from a patient, experienced tutor. For more information please ring Allison on 388-9377.

## Shirley Brownie Group

Tuesdays 6 pm excluding School Holidays. Contact Rebecca on 388-7437

## Hugs All Round Quilt Project

Wednesdays 1 – 4 pm

Enquiries to Avebury House on 381-6615. We make quilts to give away to children in need.

## Tai-Chi Class

Friday's 12:15 to 1:15pm

Especially adapted for older adults. New members / Beginners welcome Suggested donation: \$5.

## Gentle Exercise and Tai Chi End of year function

It was a drizzly, windy Monday on the 14th December 2009 when the Gentle Exercise and Tai Chi groups got together for a mystery bus trip. They ended up at Rossendale Restaurant on the Old Tai Tapu Road – next to Landsdowne Winery. Thank you Michael for organising the outing.

With Lillian playing her mouth organ they were lucky to have their own music– to which they all sang and enjoyed. Thanks to Heather and all the staff at Rossedale Restaurant who made them so very welcome. The Restaurant is the original Gatekeepers Lodge built in 1874 from a Benjamin Mountford design.

Also thank you to John from Ritchies Bus Tours for driving us – they were able to get a bus which had a lifting ramp to load wheelchairs and was able to kneel for easier access. A fun and social time was had by all.



People enjoying the Carol Service on the Richmond Green on 13th December 2010, and some of the entertainment.

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Attending the dawn ceremony to open the Deans Stand at AMI stadium brought home to me how our quality of life is what makes living in the Mainland special.

The stand is named after our pioneering farming family who cut a farm out of the bush at Riccarton. Even back then, some of the bush was retained and to this day contributes to our quality of life.

After Christmas I visited the Mackenzie Basin. As Labour's spokesman on water, I wanted to see the area where three 'factory farms' housing 18,000 cows are proposed. The mega-farm site is above beautiful Lake Ohau. There is only one way for the effluent and nitrate fertilizer to flow. Some quality of life for cows and locals! If these new mega dairy farms are approved in the Mackenzie Basin, much more than the environment will be put at risk. Fonterra is among 3000 public opponents. It knows that putting cows in stalls will put at risk our \$10 billion grass-fed dairy industry. Why put so much at risk?

Already, industrial scale dairy farming has been a major contributor to most of Canterbury's lowland streams being unsafe to swim in, let alone drink the water. Dunsandel has had three outbreaks of the nasty E-coli bug in the past year. Part of having an unrivalled quality of life in Christchurch is enjoying the best untreated drinking water in the world. We can no longer take anything for granted.

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Brendon, right, at the Deans Stand opening with Phillipstown School principal, Tony Simpson.

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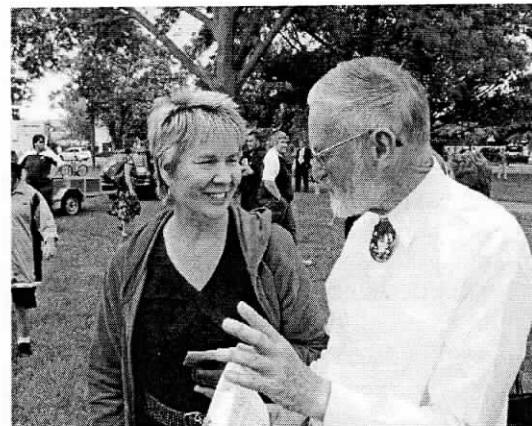
Christmas is a time for communities. It is a time of celebration, a time for kids and a time of goodwill to all. And the "Christmas on the Green", family-friendly Carol Concert on the Richmond Green just before Christmas was all this and more.

The afternoon was organised by the local Richmond churches and lead by Lay Minister Bruce McCallum. The programme included both classic and modern carols by the music team of the Korean Presbyterian Church and a performance by the Handbell Ringers of the Richmond Methodist church.

Like all good community events there was something for everyone. A bouncy castle, donkey rides, and a lolly scramble for the kids. A traditional sing-along for the keen singers, and everyone enjoyed a beautiful afternoon catching up with local friends and soaking up the Christmas spirit.

It was great to see so many locals there getting into the spirit of Christmas. Special thanks to everyone who contributed to a really friendly community afternoon at such a busy time of the year.

Nicky Wagner, National MP



Nicky with Bruce McCallum - one of the organiser's and handbell ringer.

# Situations Wanted

## RICHMOND METHODIST HANDBELL RINGERS



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You would need to have some understanding of music, but you would be taught the techniques involved in ringing bells.

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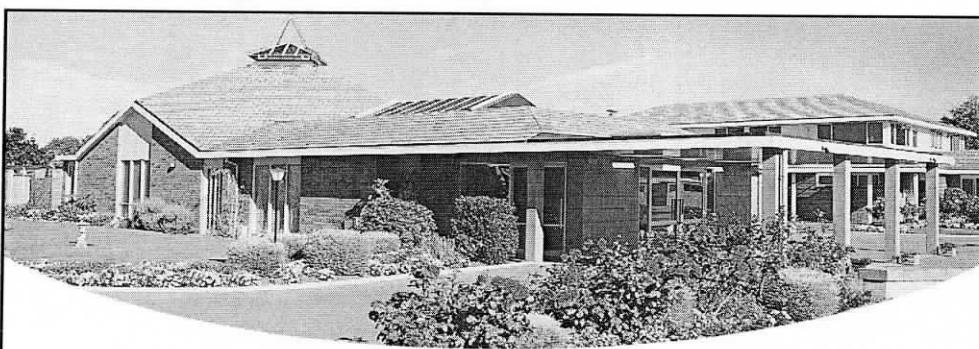
## Results from Questionnaire at Carol Service 13.12.09

It was suggested at a recent Richmond Community Meeting that we hold a Gala Day or Community Day for the Richmond area. With this in mind a questionnaire was conducted at the Carol Service on Richmond Green on Sunday 12 December 2009.

From this 96% agreed that a Community Day or Gala Day was a good idea. The preferred date is February or March on a Saturday as an all-day event.

Things that people would like to see were Food Stalls, Art and Craft Stalls, Music and Family entertainment like: Animal Rides, Bouncy Castle, Races (eg: Egg and Spoon, three-legged races etc). Where this event is to be held has not yet been decided.

Now is your chance to have your say on what you would like to have at this event. Please email (avebury@xtra.co.nz) or write to Avebury House, PO Box 26097, North Avon, Christchurch 8148.



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**Explore**

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**Starts:** 10 March  
**Time:** 10-2pm Wednesdays  
**Length:** 10 weeks

**Healthy Living**

A beginner course for people who want to take the first step towards making significant changes in their lives to improve their health. There is a particular focus on eating well, being physically active and having self-confidence.

**Starts:** 9 March  
**Time:** 10am-1pm Tuesdays  
**Length:** 15 weeks

**Stop Smoking**

Want to reduce and stop your smoking? This Healthy Living course is designed for people who would like to start the journey towards quitting their smoking habit.

**Starts:** 11 March  
**Time:** 10am-12 midday, Thursdays  
**Length:** 12 weeks

**All these Empowerment Courses take goal setting and group activity based approaches to learning and personal growth.**

**There is a maximum of 8 people per course, so be quick to secure your place today!**



**Location of Courses:** Delta Community House  
105 North Avon Road  
Richmond, Christchurch

**Enquire to Tony or Lesley at:**

**Delta Community Support Trust**  
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[tony@deltatrust.org.nz](mailto:tony@deltatrust.org.nz)  
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**Children's Day at the  
Groynes on 7 Mar 2010**

Come along to the PSIS Children's Day at the Groynes. on the 7th March. The event runs from 11am - 4pm. Create some fantastic family memories enjoying all the free activities. All activities are free! There will be bouncy entertainment, performing arts, boat rides, soap and stone carving, face painting, water activities, sports and much more.

This year the event includes the Teddy Bears' Picnic at The Breeze Teddy Bears' Picnic Lawn with entertainment for preschool and primary aged children.

Stage performances throughout the day will highlight the diversity and skills of Christchurch's talented young performers. Come down with your picnic lunch and enjoy a fantastic day!