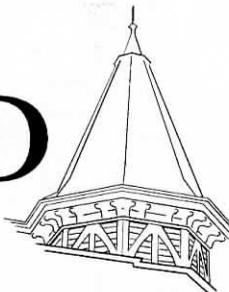


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COMMUNITY NEWS



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Together WE can get thru! Well done to everyone

Our amazing community spirit has been highlighted by people like Mr Patel in Lincoln Road who gave away milk and batteries on the day of the first quake and also to the young man from Darfield who brought out containers of water to people in the Bexley / New Brighton area.

If you have a building that has been damaged in the quake that is pre-1945 and is not covered by the Historic Places Trust it COULD be covered by the City Council's 'City Plan' as a place of historical significance. So please check with the Council to see if you are covered and what help they can offer.

If you have any problems in general then please contact your local MPs or City Councillors for advice.

Avebury House is still open for business - we did lose our chimneys and have a few cracks in the lath plaster and interior walls but have been given the all clear from the Council.

Thanks to all the local MPs, Councillors and telephonists for doing such an amazing job dealing with the after effects of the quakes.

"Lets keep talking to each other!" Brendon Burns.

A recent volunteer talks about Avebury House

Some months ago, when I was out walking, I was intrigued to see this gracious old house set in rather beautiful and extensive grounds. It wasn't until recently that I found out that it was the community house for those living in the Richmond area, as well as being available as a venue to the general public. I became one of several volunteers in this heritage building and thoroughly enjoy working somewhere that lends a hand to others; putting people first. Its fresh air rather than air-conditioning; a wonderful garden setting rather than a lot of concrete; a home away from home. Those in the Trust know the value of a jewel like Avebury House to a community: sometimes you need somewhere other than your home to be able to gather and do something creative, to hold a function to celebrate something special, to meet others who like the same things that you do. So, if you haven't yet visited Avebury House, know that you can do this during its hours of business, and experience this special place we have in Richmond.

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Labour Day will be
celebrated on Monday
27 October 2010.

Christchurch will be going ahead with its annual **Heritage Week** from 21st - 31st October 2010. Avebury House **may** have its Open Day on 23rd of October from 10am until 4pm. All welcome to come and inspect a Grand Old Lady that serves Richmond well.

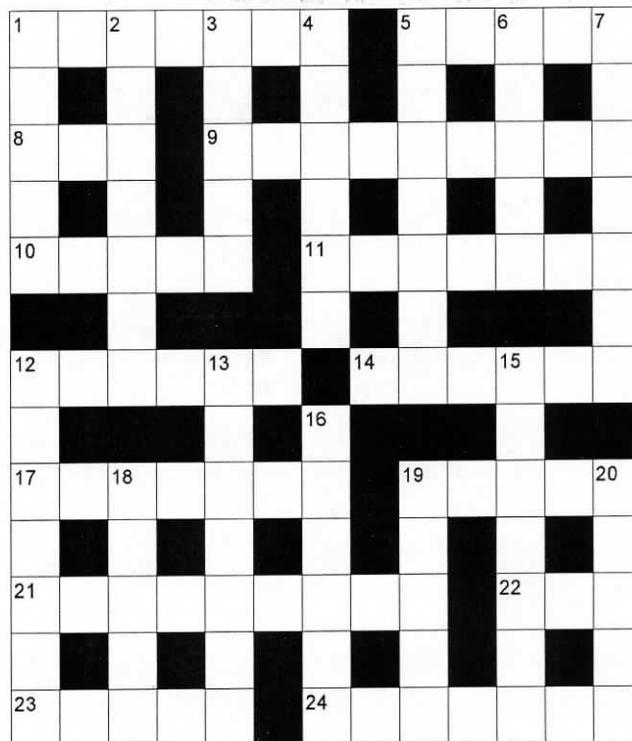
Volunteers are needed to help fold and/or deliver the Richmond Community News or general office work. For further information please ring Colinette on 381 6615 or call into Avebury House, 9 Eveleyn Couzins Ave, Richmond. The Office is open Monday to Friday 9am - 4 pm.

There will be a FREE Rock Concert in Hagley Park from 12pm - 8pm on Saturday 25 October 2010. Rock on Christchurch!

There were 32000 people at the recent free rugby game held at AMI Stadium



If you need a local Handyman to do odd jobs around the place, like lawns, clearing gutterings, small painting jobs etc and who charges realistic prices, then please call Wayne on 381 4393.



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- 1. Unite (7)
- 5. Courageous (5)
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- 12. Agree (6)
- 14. In truth! (6)
- 18. Pushes (7)
- 19. Historic period (5)
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- 22. Tavern (3)
- 23. Praise highly (5)
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- 1. Pessimist (5)
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- 3. Country (5)
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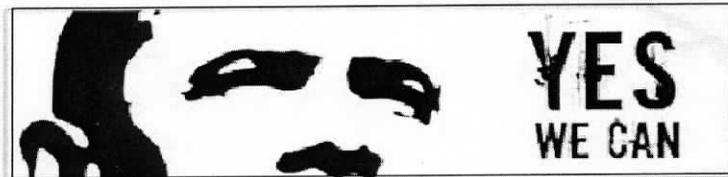
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 Did you hear about the guy who lost all of his left side in an accident? He's all right now.

Richmond CAN (Richmond Community Action Network) is a network group focused on action within the Richmond area. This network is for community groups, churches, schools, businesses and other stakeholders keen to see Richmond reaching its full potential. We meet bimonthly to discuss ideas and work together on projects that benefit the Richmond community.

Two of the major projects we have on the go are the community gardens and the Richmond Gala, which is set to happen in March 2011.

If you would like to find out more about being a part of Richmond CAN, please ring Shauna on 389-0219 or email shauna@deltatrust.org.nz.



If Obama can, then Richmond CAN

Photo taken by G C Searle



It may be hard to believe - but this car, which is from Flesher Ave, is still able to be driven!!

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 - 7:30 pm excluding School Holidays. Contact Rebecca 359 5248

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 12:15 to 1:15pm

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

Flax Weaving with Ali Brown

Saturday 30th October, 10am - 3.30pm
Saturday 27th November, 10am – 3:30pm

Phone Ali Brown on 326-7834
for registrations or visit:
www.alibrown.co.nz

Richmond History Group

**Meets the 2nd Wednesday each month
13th October, 2010, 3 - 4 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, database and items of interest which has been set up at Avebury House. These resources are available for public viewing at no charge.

Music Together of Christchurch

Tuesday 9:00 - 10:00am excluding School Holidays.

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Contact Jennifer on 328-7787 or director@musictogetherofchristchurch.com or www.musictogetherofchristchurch.com

Chit Chat Club

Meet every Tuesday between 1 - 3:30 pm at Avebury House. It is for people with time on their hands who would like to get together with others to play cards, listen to or play music, do arts and crafts in the company of others, or just sit and chat. Cuppa provided. **NO COST.** Any queries please contact Lesley on 381-6615 (Avebury House.)

Support meeting for sufferers of pain/tiredness

Welcome on Friday, 29th October 2010 at Avebury House, 9 Eveleyn Couzins Avenue, Richmond. Also a chance to meet people coping with symptoms of fibromyalgia/ chronic fatigue and share ideas towards feeling better.

Contact Judy, Community Worker,

Ph: 365 5887 and leave message, Ph: 332 3455 or email mecfs1@gmail.com.

FIRST FOR A WHILE - RICHMOND COMMUNITY GALA DAY

to be held on The **RICHMOND GREEN** on **12th March 2011** as Children's Day will be held on Sunday 6th March 2011. There will be: Activities, Food, Entertainment and more... Anyone interested in having a stall or volunteering to help please contact **Lesley McMillan** at Avebury House on **381 6615**

While out walking along the river the other day a person was noticed whitebaiting. When asked if he knew that the river was polluted he replied "Its only polluted on the other side of the river...."

28 October 1890 - First Labour Day Celebrated

The first Labour Day celebrated the struggle for an eight-hour working day. Parades in the main centres were attended by several thousand trade union members and supporters. New Zealand workers were among the first in the world to claim the right to an eight-hour day. As early as 1840 the carpenter Samuel Parnell famously won an eight-hour day in Wellington. The tradition was soon extended to other centres, but these rights were a custom, not a legal entitlement, and only applied to some groups of workers. Labour Day was first celebrated in New Zealand on 28 October 1890, the first anniversary of the formation of the Maritime Council, an organisation of transport and mining unions. Although the event was held during the dying days of an ill-fated trans-Tasman Maritime Strike, several thousand trade union members and supporters attended parades in the main centres; a highlight of the Wellington event was an appearance by the elderly Parnell himself. Government employees were given the day off to attend the parades.

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THE CLOSING DATE FOR RICHMOND COMMUNITY NEWS ADVERTISEMENTS AND COPY IS THE **15TH** OF EACH MONTH

An Obituary – 34 Vogel Street, Richmond, Christchurch

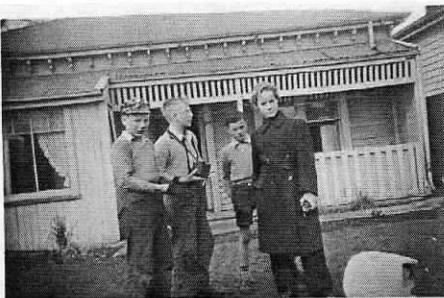
It was with a degree of sadness that on my way home from Richmond School one afternoon that I saw that No. 34 Vogel Street was no longer there, the bulldozers had been in and cleared the section and 2 townhouses were now being built in its place.

I believe 34 Vogel Street was built sometime in the 1880s. From about 1939, this was the Evans' family home for about 40 years, it was the home of my father Jack, mother Catherine, sister Nancy and myself.



Life in the 1950s was not easy, we had just been through the 1951 waterfront strike, my father was a wharfie at Lyttelton. This was a tough 6 months but we still managed to eat well and keep warm. Flour bag singlets were de rigueur. My mother was one of the instigators in starting the Friendly Wives Club, along with Peggy Burke and Lena Karaitiana and many others; they used to put on concerts to raise funds to support the striker's families. I believe it was an offence to be seen to support the strikers or their families.

In those days we were fairly resolute and if you wanted a bike, you would find the bits and pieces and build it yourself, we made our own carts and played lots of cricket and football in the street and down on Richmond Green we had our own swimming baths, Mrs Wulff was in charge, the Scout Den and the Richmond Working Men's Club Library. We were a working class area, around us we had widows, solo mums, divorcees, de factos and regular families, nothing has really changed.



This photo shows Helen Freeman (right) and I (2nd left) with two other friends taken sometime around 1953/54 - I would be around 10 or 11 years old here. Sadly on 1 June 1955, Helen's father was killed in an accident at Ward's Brewery, this happened where Crichton Cobblers Club now stands in Chester Street.

We were fairly active in earning ourselves pocket money, from a young age I used to deliver newspapers, at the speedway I sold Cremorne pies and worked for Ian Satherley selling photos of drivers and riders and also was a pusher for 88 Jiggs Alexander's TQ, that is a car – NOT drugs. On Stanmore Road there was Parkers Bike Shop and Roy Burn's Shoe Store, I worked for both of them as a delivery boy. I used to receive 2 shillings a trip, picking up bike parts or shoes to be mended. While at High School, I delivered telegrams after school, so we always had a bob or two in our pockets.

Richmond is an area going through a metamorphosis and many of the old residences are being replaced by townhouses and blocks of apartments but for me it still holds many happy childhood memories.

John Evans
10 August 2010

Neighbourhood week is from 30 October - 7 November 2010.

Neighbourhood Week is a week dedicated to getting to know the people who live close to you. It's about bringing people together – whether it's a small get together of a few households or a larger neighbourhood gathering.

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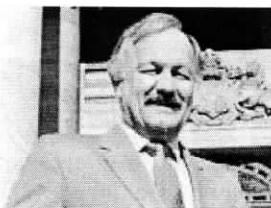


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GST HAS GONE UP ANOTHER 2.5% ON THE 1ST OF OCTOBER 2010. HERE IS A SHORT HISTORY OF GST FROM www.nzhistory.net.nz:

1 October 1986 Goods and Service Tax Act comes into force



Initially adding 10% to the cost of most goods and services, GST was a key part of the economic reforms of the fourth Labour government that were dubbed 'Rogernomics'. Minister of Finance Roger Douglas had the opportunity to implement his 'new right' reforms after Labour won a landslide victory in the snap election of July 1984.

The new government inherited an alarmingly high budget deficit and overseas debt, an inflated dollar, and rocketing inflation. The economy was in crisis, and Rogernomics was a ready-made solution – or so it seemed to many.

It was the days of Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher, and 'new right' policies were the latest craze worldwide. But nowhere else were they implemented with the speed and zeal shown by Douglas and his supporters. New Zealand was quickly reinvented as one of the most free-market economies in the industrialised world. The agenda came thick and fast: deregulation, privatisation, state asset sales, and the removal of subsidies, tariffs, tax breaks and price controls.

GST was added to the mix in 1986. Opponents called it a 'regressive' tax – one that hits the poorest the hardest – because people on low incomes tend to spend the greatest proportion of their money on goods and services.

The reforms had come as a surprise to the electorate and the media. A long period of zero or negative growth increased public concern, and tens of thousands of people lost their jobs. Worried that things had gone too far, Prime Minister David Lange put the brakes on after winning re-election in 1987, calling for a 'pause and a cup of tea'. Lange forced Roger Douglas to resign from Cabinet in 1988, but he was voted back in by the Labour caucus the following year. Lange himself resigned shortly afterward.

GST was increased to 12.5% on 1st July 1989 and remains at that level. There is disagreement to this day about whether the reforms were a failed experiment or a necessary step towards a stronger future economy.

Image: Roger Douglas on steps of Parliament ([Timeframes](#))

From the Christchurch Star of 19 November 1898.

The Stanmore Brass Band will play a programme of sacred music at Victoria Lake, at 2.30p.m. to-morrow. A collection will be taken up at the gates to assist in defraying the expenses of the band at the forthcoming contest at Dunedin.



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Well our first car park sale for September was put on hold due to unforeseen circumstances.

We are all feeling a bit like a James Bond martini, shaken [but not stirred]

Friday 15th October will be our next date for our car park sale and we have been busy potting up plants. Sadly we are a bit behind with seed planting so donations for community gardens will be a bit late this year. If anyone has china mugs bowls or suitable containers they do not want we would love them for plants.

A planned calendar for sale is also now on hold until next year. This earthquake has a lot to answer for.

Otherwise life is proceeding as normal as possible, although we are wary of the fish and chip shop next to us, lots of cracks and does not look too good. Luckily our building did not suffer too much, except a few cracks and bumps etc and a broken T.V. Our thoughts are with those around us who have not fared so well. Our motto for now;

"Stay strong.....Keep the laughter going"

Richmond Base Team



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Tears for fears

Out of nowhere, Peter suddenly burst into tears. He'd been talking about a particularly big aftershock and how worried he was about his missing cat.

Kiwi men of a certain age don't do tears very often. At least, not with strangers. I gave him a semi man-hug, told him it was ok, we were all feeling the stress. Isn't that the truth.

Office volunteer
Pauline and I ran my caravan to various points of the electorate



offering quake advice. Opposite our part of the river in Avonside, a steady stream of constituents trickled in out of the light rain. Don whose house has had its back broken but been declared habitable. Alison, who fled her home on Saturday and sent her rattled kids away. She wanted the house inspected to confirm if its safe. Graham, who still hadn't got water on. And Peter, who like many people is feeling very frightened.

Later, on my nightly visit to the now closed Linwood Welfare Centre, it was as busy as ever. Many are older people who simply want to be with others. I take a bucket of daffodils to thank the volunteers turning out by their hundreds. Students rang me from Banks Ave School raring to go. I collect seven of them, all bearing shovels. We find a woman in River Rd who is grateful for help clearing tonnes of silt out of her back yard. Our own home nearby has been made inhabitable. Last Thursday at my first community meeting to provide information about the quake, people from Fleisher Ave tell how they are still without sewerage connections. One has a pond outside the front door. Others have moved out.

Take this message to heart dear Richmond News reader. We are all doing pretty darn well considering what we have all been through. We can all thank God, or good luck if you wish, that no-one lost their life. That is the first and major miracle. We may need a few minor ones to get us through the next days, weeks and months. And there's nothing wrong with shedding a tear or two or sharing a hug as we all get through this together.

Brendon Burns
MP for Christchurch Central
If you need advice/assistance about the quake or other issues, please contact me at our relocated office 232 Armagh St, (opposite Centennial Pool. Phone remains 377 8840

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Our City: Positive, Determined and United

Hasn't the past month shown the very best of our good people of Christchurch – and Richmond especially!

I visited Avebury House early after the quake and it looked so lonely and empty with a green sticker but I'm so pleased to hear the lovely building has come through with a big tick.

Lesley indicated there would be huge demand for Avebury's services in the aftermath of the quake and I wish them all the very best for the coming weeks and months as they help many locals in need.

Indeed, everywhere in our area, I saw acts of kindness and goodwill in the wake of the earthquake and the widespread havoc and hardship it has caused.

Many at the Delta Community Support Trust had had a very tough time but they seemed clearly grateful for the opportunity to relax with good food and friends.

Richmond schools were largely undamaged but it was healing for families to be able to have a few days at home together to recover.

It was sad to see the number of buildings that were damaged down Stanmore Rd - I truly hope Henry Africa's Restaurant survives and opens again soon.

I would like to make special mention of the aged care homes whose residents showed such humbling stoicism in spite of having no power or water for a prolonged period.

How proud we can be of the way Cantabrians just mucked in and got on with it, and showed the rest of New Zealand our can-do Cantab spirit!

Wishing you all the very best for the recovery and rebuilding period and please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need assistance.

Nicky Wagner
National MP



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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER ...

School Update

Our staff have worked extremely hard this year and we have made a lot of progress on the 2009 Education Review Office (ERO) recommendations.

We have had a number of focuses we have been working on this year, and they all hold similar importance.

1. Rebuilding our school culture using the 'Habits of Mind' and integrating these values through everything we do, especially literacy, numeracy, and behaviour management.
2. Professional development for staff to help raise the literacy and numeracy levels throughout the school.
3. Introducing standardised national testing to assess our children's achievement and this term analysing the data to inform how well we are doing and what our next teaching focus is.
4. This term ERO returned to our school to see the progress we have made over the last 12 months.

The ERO process included observing classroom teaching and learning, discussions with staff and children about what they are learning, knowing how well they are doing and what their next learning step is.

They also look at all paper work, planning and assessments, policies and procedures, employment and property - no stone is left unturned.

It has been an intensive and busy year for all staff and children, however they have made us all proud.

We look forward to their full report in term four.

Jacqualene Maindonald
principal@richmond.school.nz

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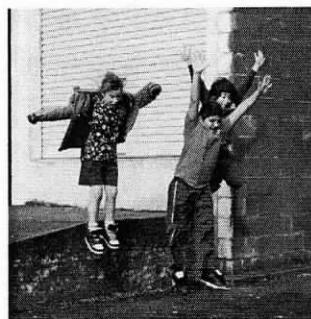
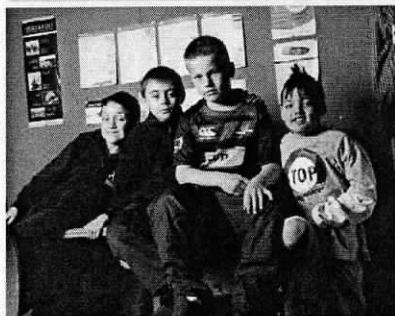
Twelve senior children had the opportunity to work with a university photography lecturer in a series of photography workshops over three sessions.

On day one they were introduced to the project. They viewed example images, learnt basic camera handling techniques and practiced taking photos.

Day two they worked in pairs taking photos for their project.

Day three the children learnt how to download their images onto a computer. They reviewed, edited and printed their final images.

These are a few of the final images. Wow they look so professional.



After School Care Needed

Can you provide after school care for a friendly 6 year old boy who attends Richmond Primary School.

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