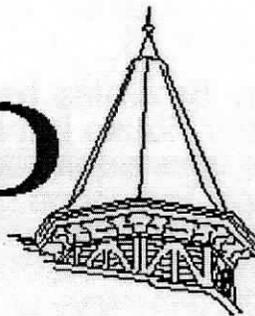


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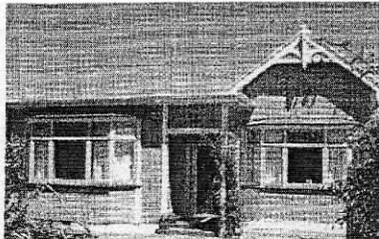
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40 Forth St 1945



40 Forth St 2006



40 Forth St Family Photo

Since I was a child, I have known 40 Forth Street from the outside, for it was the home of my grandparents, George and Ann Reddell and of their three children, Winnie, Stan and Frank. Stan was my father and he used to tell me of climbing the walnut tree that was on the property and dropping walnuts down on to passers by and of going round the corner to Richmond School, which was then on what is now the Richmond Green.

The house was possibly the first to be built in Forth Street, it was probably built in the early 1900's by David Hay, who was a carpenter and whose mother owned the section since July 1885.

George and Ann Reddell purchased the house on 5th October 1911 when my father was about 3 years old and they lived there until May 1924 when they moved to a new house they had built for them at 48 Nicholls Street.

George Reddell was a coach builder who worked for P & D Duncan & Co. He and his wife were keen Christians who worshiped at Oxford Terrace Baptist Church. George was always well dressed and on Sundays wore a flower in his buttonhole. He sang in the church Choir. For a period they assisted in the establishment of the Linwood Baptist Church. Ann was always keen to help people and regularly had folk home for meals and later had boarders. George always rode a bicycle but Ann learned to drive a car and they owned on for many years.

In 1924 the house was sold to Ada Grace Cain and her husband and it appears they owned it until 1945.

On the 11th September 1945 the property was purchased by Samuel and Dorothy Heyward who had moved to Christchurch from the West Coast. They had six children and soon Sam Heyward's mother came to live with them too so alterations had to be made to the house to accommodate everyone. A bedroom was added to the front of the house and other alterations were made to meet the needs.

The family tell us that it was a coldhouse with scrim and paper lining and mice could be heard in the walls and ceilings. They owned the house until 1954.

Like the Reddells, the Haywards were keen gardeners and it was a large property to maintain. Mr Heyward had two glasshouses and he carefully nurtured the big Blue Diamond plum tree along with others on the property.

The Heyward children who were more mature soon moved on. In February 1952 their daughter Joyce left the Forth Street home to be married to Colin Widgery and they still live in the Richmond/Shirley area.

The family were very committed Christians and were regular in their attendance and their support of the Presbyterian Church in Petrie Street. Every Sunday, there would be many visitors to the home and they would often have a sing song round the piano. Mrs Heyward lived until she was over 100 and in her latter days worshiped at the North Avon Baptist Church with other family members.

About 1970 the rear of the property was subdivided off and a new brick house built there facing Vogel Street. A small area was also taken from the front of the property by the City Council for widening Forth Street.

A number of owners have held and altered the property over the years and now the present owners are doing their part to maintain and improve the property.

By Graham H. Reddell

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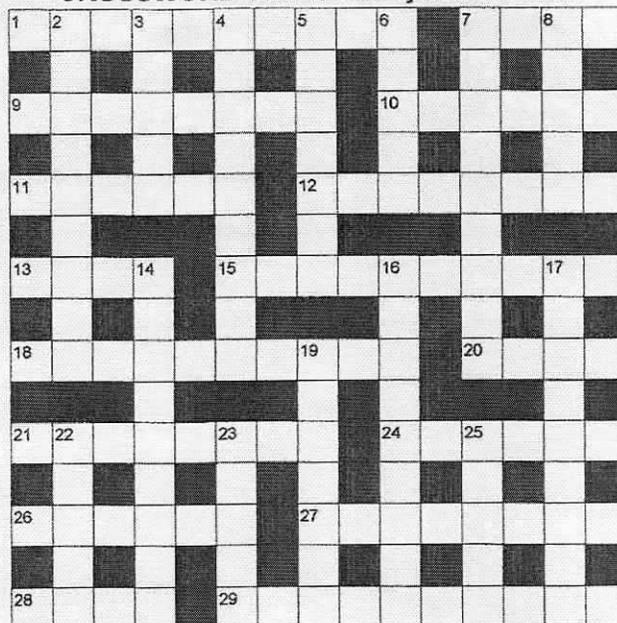
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The deadline for advertising and news stories for the August issue is July 15th

Crossword Answers 1502

Across: 1. Sweating, 5. Assert, 9. Leniency, 10. Grotto, 12. reception, 13. Intro, 14. Lung, 16. Iceberg, 19. Yielded, 21. Push, 24. Aisle, 25. Equipose, 27. Inrush, 28. Victuals, 29. Endure, 30. Playgoer.
Down: 1. Sultry, 2. Eunuch, 3. Twerp, 4. Nicking, 6. Strainers, 7. Thorough, 11. Anti, 15. Undresser, 17. Dynamite, 18. Censured, 20. Duel, 21. Pluvial, 22. Virago, 23. Teaser, 26. Potty

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Meddled (10)
- 7. Absent (4)
- 9. Medium amounts (8)
- 10. Decapitate (6)
- 11. Small flower (6)
- 12. Sent back (8)
- 13. Bathing beach (4)
- 15. Bloodsucking mammal(7,3)
- 18. Apparent (10)
- 20. Tense (4)
- 21. Outline of plot (8)
- 24. Large antelopes (6)
- 26. Counterfeits (6)
- 27. Reckless (8)
- 28. Parody (4)
- 29. Revolving platforms (10)

CLUES DOWN

- 2. Unusual items (9)
- 3. Mistake (5)
- 4. Runaways (9)
- 5. Orator's platform (7)
- 6. First public appearance (5)
- 7. Repugnant (9)
- 8. Lessen (5)
- 14. From dusk to dawn (9)
- 16. Clumsy (9)
- 17. Great quantity (9)
- 19. Relative (7)
- 22. Conceal (5)
- 23. Set differently (5)
- 25. Spontaneous (2,3)

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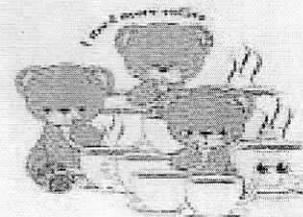
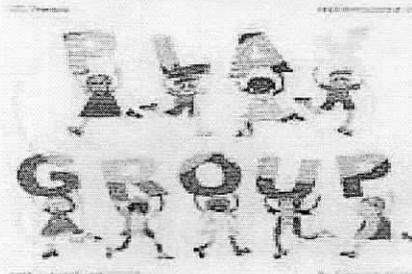
Mothers' & Children's Play Group

Wednesday mornings
10.30 am – 11.30 am

Avebury House

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Morning tea provided
A gold coin donation is appreciated



Hello Richmond Community

Rachel here from Richmond mother's coffee/playgroup, just a wee note to say we will take a break on the 8th and 15th July with the next group being on July 22nd after the holidays. During this time I will have a chance to clean and disinfect all toys ready for play next term.

On Tuesday 22nd of June we got the news from the Christchurch City Council that they have voted and Avebury paddling pool will be repaired as part of phase two of the facilities rebuild programme that starts July 1st. This is a great outcome thanks to all of you who supported us by signing the petition and putting in submissions. Our combined effort has had a positive effect for our community. A special thanks to Nicole and Cathy for their work on this and support for the deputation to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board and the hearing at the Council. We would also like to thank the Hagley/Ferrymead Board for their support.

Keep warm over the Winter break and catch you in two weeks time.

Group Facilitator
Rachel Curry

Delta Community Support Trust We are a Christian community-based organization located at 105 North Avon Road, Richmond. We engage in community development through a varied range of services, initiatives and activities. In particular, these seek to uplift people who are facing personal hardship, experiencing disability, isolation or other disadvantage.

Food Store Providing Food Parcels for those in our area. Open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10am-2pm.

Budget Advice If you would like help with budgeting and finances, we are able to provide support & advice. Talk to Andrea (03) 741 1634.

Delta Inn Come and enjoy our community meal with friends and neighbours. Fridays 11am - 1pm (meal served at 12 midday). \$3 donation

Footprints Café Relax with a coffee, toastie and muffin in our friendly cafe. Monday & Wednesday, 10am-1pm.

We run a **Social English Language Class** for those wanting to learn in a relaxed environment. Children under 5 welcome. Wednesdays 10:00am - 12:00pm. \$2

International Play Group also meets on Friday mornings, 9:30am-11.30am at Te Puna Oraka, 69B Briggs Road. English class for mothers and free play for children. \$2. Our cultural worker is also available to assist former refugees & migrants. Contact Shauna on **389 0219**.

Delta Friendship Link provides opportunities for those with intellectual disabilities to form friendships and socialise with their peers. A wide range of group activities are on offer with the aim to encourage participation, learning and interaction in a fun and relaxed environment. Friendship Link hosts groups that include both social events and a variety of skill-based activities. To find out more, contact Sue on **389 0273** or sue@deltatrust.org.nz

The Evergreen Club A dynamic day club for older people (65+). Open Monday to Friday, 9.30am - 3pm. Meal & Transport included. Contact Kathryn on **960 3228** or at kathryn@deltatrust.org.nz



WHEATLEYS GARAGE

Stan Wheatley was 20 when he emigrated from Sunderland, England about 1925 with his parents, Brother and four sisters and resided in a house on North Parade. Stan had worked for a transport company in Sunderland and had some experience with trucks, driving and maintainance. His first venture into the auto business was to sell gasoline from four 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 into two glass containers on top of the pump then you could release a measured amount by hose into the vehicle. By 1950 Stan built the motor reconditioning workshop where his son Graham began his trade. By 1950 Stan was also operating an extensive auto spares business and had in operation a breakdown truck on call 24 hours, it wasn't unusual to have twenty cars brought in over the weekend, there probably wouldn't have been more than two or three 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 Ray Burn. Ray 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 1977, his wife a few months later. Richmond wouldn't have been the same without him.

Alan Williamson.

Do you have any old bottles or stone jars lying about gathering dust and want to get rid of them? A local Historian and bottle collector could be very interested. If you have anything of that nature, then please phone Alan Williamson on 980-2169 and have a chat.

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BUT we need YOU.

**What will it cost you?
Who can come along?**

Just some time, as much as you can spare, no more
Anyone who likes to garden, or who would just like to meet others from the community

**When is it?
Who to contact?**

On a Wednesday at 9.30am (weather permitting) Mike Gibbs on 0275055811
Cathy Allden on 980-7127 or 02102487149

<https://www.facebook.com/RichmondCommunityGardenAvebury>

Come along AND give it a go

A community garden is currently being created behind the historic Avebury House and Park, and peaceful location beside the Avon River. So far our garden volunteers have cleared the site, constructed vegetable beds and put down pathways. Our next project is to build composting bins so we can recycle our green waste. We welcome members of the community to visit the garden, to volunteer their time and help in any way, from general gardening to basic carpentry or to donate garden resources from home such as compost, manure, seeds, pots, plants etc, so we can create a beautiful organic garden for all to enjoy. So come along and meet your neighbours for a chat, bring along a flask of tea or coffee and a picnic. Children will enjoy the playground and exploring the grounds. Currently our garden volunteers meet on a Wednesday from 9.30 - Midday. Although anyone can visit anytime they wish.

An experienced local gardener is available for work in the Richmond area. Please contact Christine on 03 381-6947 to discuss costs etc.

Debt Collectors Powers Limited By New Act

From 6th June 2015 debt collectors / re-possession agents and their employees will be required to have a licence and be registered if they want to repossess goods from people who have got behind with or are unable to pay bills.

This commonly occurs when people get behind with time payment plans for the new car, entertainment systems or appliances.

There is growing evidence that government departments such as WINZ, ACC and Inland Revenue are more likely to use debt collection services than they used to be. Collectors will only be allowed to re-possess an item if it is listed on the credit contract. You should read the contract carefully.

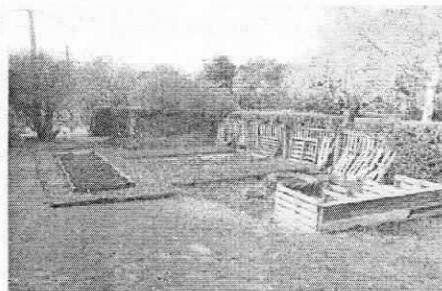
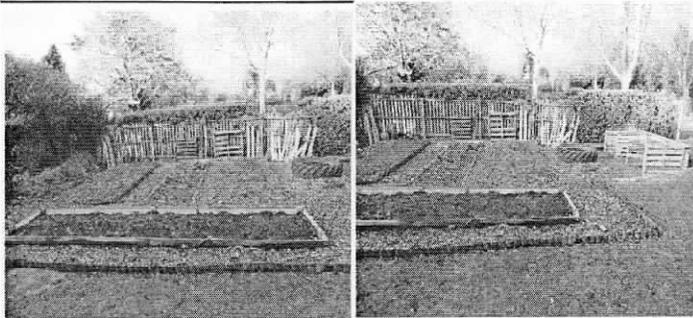
Debt collectors are no longer able to take certain essential items such as beds and cooking equipment.

There are very stiff monetary penalties in place for Creditors, Debt Collectors and Repossession Agents who breach the Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Amendment Act 2014. The Courts are likely to view the use of un-licensed persons for debt collection / repossession work as a very serious breach of the act.

For the reputable collection / repossession agents this legislation is good news, it lifts the bar not only for standards of service provided but improves the overall integrity of the collection industry.

The Commerce Commission will be enforcing the rules, for further information, contact the Commerce Commission.

Bill Cornelius



Pictured are three views of the new Community Garden just established at the back of Avebury House as mentioned on Page 5. More work is yet to be done but a lot of progress has already been made.

THE TRAM THROUGH RICHMOND GOOD FOR PROPERTY VALUES

Thank you to those readers who responded to my article on property values published in last month's Richmond Community news.

This month we take a look at the Real Estate Institute's latest statistics report which is for May 2015 sales.

The suburbs of Dallington, Richmond, Shirley, St Albans form the North Inner urban zone for the collection each month.

The zone recorded 60 sales during May at a median price of \$387,500. Volume was up 5 sales on April but the median price dipped from April's \$400,000.

Looking at Richmond property values on their own, the REINZ statistics record 11 sales for May 2015 and the median sale price was \$345,000. This was a good lift from April's disappointing median of \$310,000.

It's going to take time for Richmond property values to climb up to the city's median sale price of around \$420,000 but there are good things happening..

Property rebuilds and remediation's many tastefully completed are beginning to flow onto the market and these superior properties will drive property values up.

Richmond is also beginning to recover more and more of its social and business infrastructure with more clubs, groups and businesses getting back on their feet. Somehow though Richmond needs to develop a focal point, a reason for people to come over and see our place.

There is already a great range of restaurants, cafe's and takeaway's available in Richmond, it would be great to see a food strip develop in Richmond similar to Brunswick Street in Melbourne.

Sometimes for things to happen you have to dream a little, but imagine what a lift it would be for Richmond if the tram came from Cathedral Square up Colombo Street, right into Bealey Avenue, left into Whitmore Street, right into North Avon Road, right into Stanmore Road then straight down through Cashel Street and onto the inner city tram loop.

Picture in your mind, tourists hopping on and off the tram, shopping, dining and dining in Richmond. What a boost for business and the community as a whole.

Avebury House has a role to play and it will, with good community support. The Richmond Community Garden is a wonderful community initiative with good health benefits for participants.

Richmond Community News also makes a valuable contribution in keeping us all informed on important local community matters, it is important that we all support the publication's advertisers so that they can continue to support the publication so it can continue to grow into a leading local community based publication.

So how do you feel about the tram coming through Richmond

Just one more property matter before I close, some readers have asked me. "is now a good time to go to the market?", the answer is simply yes it is...This time of the year there are fewer properties on the market, you do not have as much competition.

Catch you again next month.

Bill Cornelius AREINZ

Rugby Reunion

On 22 May the inaugural Old Boys First XV Reunion was held in the Shirley BHS Assembly Hall. An enthusiastic group of 75 former players and coaches gathered for a night of reliving past glories and telling tall stories as well as rekindling old friendships. Participants ranged from **Terry Marshall** who was in the 1957 team, through to **Reuben Spicer** who captained the 2014 team. Many travelled a long way for the event, notably **Ross Thomas** (1976) from Auckland, **Damon Monks** (1992) from Greymouth and **Greg Gass** (1963) from Queensland.

This was a successful evening which generated considerable interest in future events as well as for separate First XV reunions for specific year groups.

-John Fox, Shirley BHS Rugby Administrator



The Keats Brothers, Jamyn and Tyson Tane Norton



Phil Holstein John Robbins and Steve Crotty

nicknames that were duly bestowed on them. There were tales of dalliances with Avonside girls, hair-raising antics in various cars and motorbikes, tales of teachers falling off the stage, punch-ups, rugby games and parties.

A great time was had by all and our greatful thanks to School Archivist Colin Amodeo for his tour of the School and his great memory.



Former First XV players examining the memorabilia from the School Archives in the Assembly Hall.

These scrapbooks and photograph albums stimulated a range of almost-forgotten stories.

The Class of '65

Arising from the nucleus of a small collection of SBHS Old Boys that meet once a year on the first Thursday in December for a drink, some 36 Old Boys recently celebrated the fact that it had been 50 years since they first started their secondary schooling at Shirley Boys High. As Steve Sharman explains:

'A resolute committee, (**Steve Sharman, Jerry French and Owen Grace**, assisted at times by whoever turned up at the pub on committee nights), armed only with the class lists from the 1965 school magazine, spearheaded the hunt to find as many Old Boys as they could. And find plenty they did, all over the world and all over New Zealand, in all sorts of occupations including CEO of a Canadian Uranium mining company and the chief defence lawyer in the Lindy Chamberlain Trial.

A Saturday night function at the Gardens Restaurant (the site of the former Shirley Lodge lounge bar) was followed on Sunday by a tour of the School. There was much reminiscing about the teachers at the time both good, bad and gorgeous, and the

Gentle Exercise Group

With the cooling of the weather and a decline in numbers in attendance over this chilly time of the year, the decision was made to return to Avebury House at the start of June.

The participants of the group are delighted to be back in the House and really love the beautiful view out of the window from the Flesher Room. Unfortunately, some weeks we are forced to move to the Gordon Prince Room due to previous bookings and we lose some of our majestic view. This, however, has not deterred the regular attendance of group members.

We are always keen to welcome more members to our group and anyone can come and participate here at Avebury House on a Monday morning. Please come and join us for morning tea at 10am and then some gentle exercise with Janet



The New Zealand Historic Places Trust
Conservation advice and advocacy

Providing advice about the 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 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_nhpif.html



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The Vinnie shops are an important source of revenue for the Society which use the proceeds to help those in need. Any good saleable items, that are donated, are recycled through the store to help us to continue distributing welfare to those who find themselves in need of a hand up.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is an International Catholic lay organisation inspired by the Gospels of Jesus Christ. To achieve the mission of the Society -

"Vincentians work in a caring and practical manner to promote human dignity and justice through personal contact with those in need."

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Vinnie members visit up to 150 families and individuals per week, assisting mainly with food parcels, but also with clothing, furniture, firewood, budgeting advice and importantly just offering a compassionate ear.

Anyone wishing to join us as a volunteer and or become a member of the Society, please make contact through the shop.

