



## Men's Shed at Avebury House

Paul Smith likes pottering around with stuff. He has a background in industrial design and is quite at home in a workshop. So, when, in late 2017 Christchurch City Council staff approached Avebury House Community Trust about establishing a men's shed in Richmond, Paul agreed to take on the job.

A garage at Avebury House was available. The shed had long been used for storage, but people agreed it could be put to better use providing a community facility. So the first task was to decide what items to keep and then find other places to store them — and otherwise have a bit of a chuck-out. Once the 6 x 3.5m shed was empty, Paul could decide what was needed to get a workshop organised and where things might fit.

Paul started off by donating some of his own tools and then put his op-shopping hobby to good use, picking up bargains here and there in the way of tools and suitable furniture. It has taken a few months to get things sorted, but a call for donations of suitable items bore fruit, and Bunnings Shirley agreed to help by donating some hand tools and a skill saw.

More recently, Maiden Electrical helped by installing the electricity supply and a few weeks ago the shed opened for business. The shed is open twice a week, Monday afternoons (12–4 p.m.) and Fridays (10 a.m.–2 p.m.).



*Paul Smith at the Richmond Men's Shed, Avebury House*

It is still early days; there is still some work to do on the shed itself. Paul hopes to put in more windows and install shelving to make a better use of the space. But the shed is up and running, offering a facility for men who would like to work together with others, or work on their own projects, to come along, use the space and facilities, and share their time and expertise.

Even if you don't have much skill or experience in a workshop environment, the shed offers a good chance to socialise and learn from others.

For more information, contact Avebury House ([admin@aveburyhouse.co.nz](mailto:admin@aveburyhouse.co.nz)) or come along to see Paul at 9 Eveleyn Couzins Ave, Monday or Friday.

# A Wee Richmond Gem

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Does anyone know anything about the small public reserve on the north-west corner of Pavitt St and Alexandra St? The space is unusual in a part of our suburb that is quite densely housed. The area includes two benches with an unusual snake design for the legs. They are quite lovely — well worth a look, if you like that sort of thing.



Was there ever a house there? If so, who lived there, when was the section cleared? If anyone knows anything about this wee Richmond gem, please get in touch; (email [rcn@aveburyhouse.co.nz](mailto:rcn@aveburyhouse.co.nz)). I would love to learn more about it and share the story; I'm sure there is a story, with our readers.

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## Beca Heritage Week 2018

Beca Heritage Week will start on 12 October. It will be a long week; over the following ten days there will be a wide range of events and displays all over the Christchurch area and beyond, celebrating our past. The earthquakes and their aftermath have shown us how fragile much of our built heritage can be, but heritage is more about community than buildings. The theme for this year's events is "Strength from Struggle; Remembering our Courageous Communities".

This celebration will offer an opportunity to mark several significant anniversaries: 125 years of women's suffrage and 100 years since the armistice ending WW1, and the subsequent influenza epidemic. The programme for the week is available online (<https://ccc.govt.nz/culture-and-community/heritage/heritage-week>) and at Libraries and City Council offices around the city.

On Thursday 18 October, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Avebury House will host a display as part of the Heritage Week programme, remembering the armistice and the people from Richmond who served in WW1. "The 11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th month" will highlight the Richmond School Roll of Honour, which records the names of more than 300 people from the school who served in the war. We will be telling the story of how the honours board has come to be at Avebury House and featuring the lives of some of the people remembered there. There will also be Devonshire teas available and a chance to tour the house and view the facilities, including the Richmond Room, which houses the Richmond History Group's collection.

## A Little Stall of Goodies...

Richmond Community Garden has a little stall of goodies available to the public during our Wednesday and Saturday morning volunteer sessions. Here you will find seeds, our very popular Kale powder, produce when available, worm wee and other home-made goodies. Everything is locally made or sourced in Richmond. The stall can be found at the River Rd entrance to the garden beside the Community Garden sign.

Come along and check us out.

## MacFarlane Park Centre Now Open



A new centre to house community activities was opened recently at 19A Acheson Avenue. Despite the miserable weather on the big day, a large crowd filled the new facility with warmth and excitement to celebrate the opening.

The building is tucked behind the Kidsfirst Kindergarten and existing community centre, and has wheelchair access, includes two meeting rooms, a small kitchen and toilets. A range of furniture and other equipment is available. Nearby is a playground and basketball court, and the building overlooks the MacFarlane Park rugby league grounds to the north.

The building has an interesting story; it was donated to the city by Lions Clubs International Foundation following the earthquakes. Before being moved to its present site the building served for five years as the temporary St Albans Community Centre, when the old St Albans building was damaged in the quakes and subsequently demolished.

The building is owned by the City Council and will be managed on its new site by the Shirley Community Trust, who have been very active in the area for some time. Until now the Trust have been basing most of their activities in the ex-Plunket rooms on Acheson Ave, but that tiny building has been bursting at the seams most days. The new facility will offer more options and greater flexibility for the Trust and other groups and organisations in the area.

The new centre is available for hire by outside groups, which is great news as this sort of facility has been in short supply in our part of town since the quakes. To find out more about the facilities available and hire charges, look up:

[www.shirleycommunitytrust.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/MPC-Hire-Brochure-V3.pdf](http://www.shirleycommunitytrust.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/MPC-Hire-Brochure-V3.pdf)

Email: [bookings@shirleycommunitytrust.org.nz](mailto:bookings@shirleycommunitytrust.org.nz) or ring the office on 03 981-5521.

## Richmond Community Fridge & Pantry

We are looking at designs for our new pantry. We are considering several options: single-room portable cabins, garden sheds and other pre-fabricated structures. We also need to factor in that the pantry must be easily relocatable, as Delta have major building works planned for the future.

If you are able to assist with the design or offer us a discount, please get in touch with Rachel Thwaites (email: [coordinator@ricmondcommunitygarden.co.nz](mailto:coordinator@ricmondcommunitygarden.co.nz)).



Delta Community Support Trust have an exciting new Young Adults Programme starting in October for 18–36 year-olds with physical and intellectual disabilities. Young adults will be engaging in fun activities out and about in the Christchurch community.

**When:** Friday Nights, starting Friday 12 October.

**Where:** Meet at Delta Community Support Trust, 105 North Avon Road.

**Time:** 6 p.m.–10 p.m.

We are seeking expression of interest from young people, their families and caregivers.

Register your place as spaces are limited to 8 young adults.

If you or a young person you support might be interested please contact Natalie Hughes, Ph: **027 894-2062**.

Email: [Natalie@deltasupporttrust.org.nz](mailto:Natalie@deltasupporttrust.org.nz)

## No such thing as a FREE LUNCH?

Yes there is! If you are:

- Interested in people,
- Want to give back to your community,
- Enjoy activities like crafts, bingo, or outings, etc.
- Can make a good cup of tea, and put a tea towel to good use...

Delta Trust runs an engaging 'Evergreen Club' for the elderly every weekday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., and we are looking for Volunteer Activities Assistants to help our members. These fun roles are non-paid, but every volunteer receives a FREE cooked lunch on the days they come to help. And if English is not your first language, this would be a great place to get some practice.

Please call Kathryn on **960 3228** to discuss what times or days you could contribute.

## Community Fair — Save the date!

**Holy Trinity Avonside** will hold its annual community fair on Saturday 3 November 2018, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. There will be a great variety of stalls; barbeque, books, cakes, children's books & toys, cordials, dessert stall, mission stall, morning teas, plants, raffles, trash'n'treasure. There will also be a car boot sale.

**Where:** 168 Stanmore Road, Avonside, wet or fine! Come and listen to the ukulele band and get some bargains!

If you wish to join us in selling some wares (no food), or know anyone else who would like to, please contact the office;

email: [office@holyltrinityavonside.nz](mailto:office@holyltrinityavonside.nz) or phone Colleen: **(03) 389 6948**.

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# Petrie Park

The reserve we call Petrie Park was set aside as a public reserve in 1925, when 51 residential sections were sold along Shirley and Stapletons roads. At this time Petrie Street only ran as far as Randall Street so the reserve would have opened on to farmland to the east. Much of the area north of North Avon Road was only developed for housing after WW2.

The reserve was given the name Petrie Park in 1948. George Petrie was an early resident and built a number of houses along North Avon Rd. By 1954 Petrie St had been extended north to Shirley Rd and the park was surrounded by housing.



*The bowling club in its heyday. This view, looking south, shows one of the greens and clubhouse.*

## Bowls

For much of the last sixty years the southern portion of the park has been occupied by a bowling club. After WW2 the Christchurch Working Men's Club took a lease with the Christchurch City Council to use the southern portion of Petrie Park for a bowling club.

Over the years many members of the bowls section of the Richmond Working Men's Club joined the club at Petrie Park and in 1972 the groups combined to form the Christchurch-Richmond MSA Bowling Club. By 1978 the club had two outdoor greens, an indoor green and extensive facilities for more than 150 members.

All this changed after September 2010 earthquake caused major damage to both greens and the February 2011 quake finished the job. The club members were able to use the lounge and other buildings until October 2011 when the buildings were declared unsafe and the club were given three days to vacate the site.

The following year saw the club lose half of its members as people moved away from the area. The club moved from the site and went through several shifts and amalgamations until it combined to form part of the Canterbury Bowling Club 2017 Inc., which is currently based at St. Albans Park.

The Petrie Park buildings were demolished and the greens cleared in 2013 and the site was returned to a grassed state; in fact, better than when the club had taken over the site! Previously the area had been used as something of a rubbish dump and before the club could extend its facilities in earlier times, several working parties were needed to clear rubble and other rubbish from the site.

## The Top Half

For much of the time after WW2, the rest of the park area remained fairly well hidden with only two narrow driveways from Stapletons Rd and Petrie St, leading to the grassed northern part of the park. The boundaries of the park were planted and in time this part of the park became ringed with mature trees and shrubs. Playground equipment was installed north of the bowling club, which was screened from the rest of the park by more planting.

Before the quakes the CCC had acquired a property at 88 Petrie St which they demolished to improve physical and visual access to the park from the east.

New playground equipment was installed on the Petrie St section which freed the rest of the park for free play and other recreation. Now that the bowling club has moved on, the park is back to something like its original shape, but the southern portion is still effectively screened by planting from the north and lacks the edge planting that softens the northern park's boundaries so effectively.



*The entrance to the park on Petrie St.*

It is unclear what plans, if any, the City Council has for the southern portion of the park. Perhaps this is an opportunity for local residents to make suggestions and encourage the council to develop a plan for the whole park. In the meantime, Petrie Park is still somewhat hidden away, certainly from Stapletons Rd. But it is worth a visit, whether to take children to enjoy the playground and open space, or just to find a secluded and peaceful oasis at the northern end of Richmond.



# Mind Yer Language

*Anagrams are fun — any cryptic crossword fan will tell you that. Take the letters of one word or phrase and recombine them to make a different word or phrase — and that's a granma...I mean anagram!?*

It's even better if the resulting word or phrase makes some kind of sense, like a synanagram, where the two words sharing the same letters have a similar meaning. For example:

*Angered — Enraged*

Even better: *Eleven plus two — Twelve plus one!*

Sometimes the resulting anagram means the opposite of the original word:

*Misfortune — It's more fun*

*United — Untied.*

And sometimes the whole thing just makes a whacky kind of sense, e.g., *Elvis Lives!*

If you are not used to playing with letters in this way, you might need a pen and paper to work things out, but many people can do these things in their head. You can make anagrams from any words — people's names offer great scope.

E.g., *Britney Spears — Presbyterian* (a connection probably unpopular with both parties),

or *Gillian Anderson — No aliens, darling.*

Men's names can work just as well: *Clint Eastwood — Old west action.* And so on...

If you're wondering "Why bother?", that's a fair question. Well, you'll need some facility with anagrams to complete any cryptic crossword — like the one on this page. The trick with a good anagrammatic crossword clue is to figure out which letters to play with. If a clue includes words like "confused" or "mixed up", this is probably a good hint an anagram is involved.

## Emz Nook at the Richmond Club

New faces, new menu.

*Thursday club night roast and dessert \$17.00.*

*Full menu, snacks, light meals, mains & kids' meals and blackboard specials.*

**\$12 Lunch menu:** *Fish & chips, Soup & chips  
Cottage Pie & chips, Small Roast*

Come down and see Emma and the team.

# Puzzle

## Cryptic Crossword

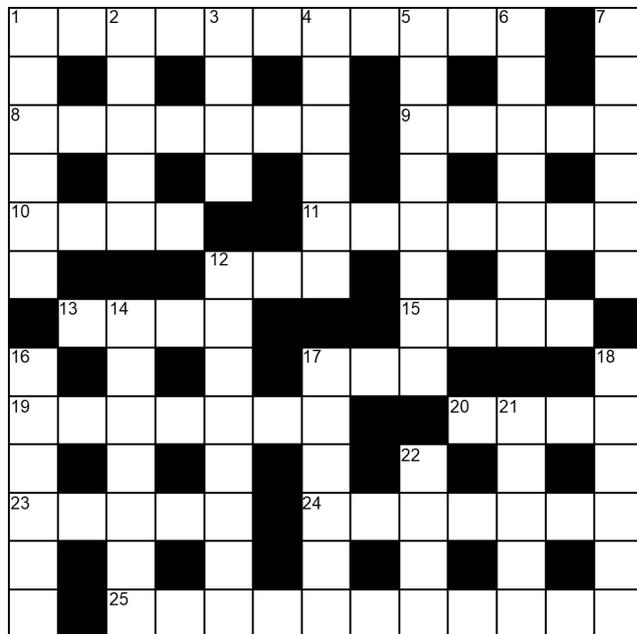
By *Richie Mondo*

### Across

1. Curviest tin may turn out to be educational. (11)
8. Fat icon gets mixed up with political group. (7)
9. 100 take it easy at the top of the hill. (5)
10. Type of window ribbon. (4)
11. Our ones get mixed up and become burdensome. (7)
12. Politicians stand first, in order to do this, so they can sit. (3)
13. Father goes back to the south-east part of church. (4)
15. West possibly, maybe Irish. (4)
17. Employ Sue, perhaps. (3)
19. Feeling electronic movement. (7)
20. Lady makes no sense. (4)
23. Police head east, to the wood. (5)
24. Uncle or aunt perhaps, lacking a start, share great joy. (7)
25. Getting your own back may entail a riot. (11)

### Down

1. Use fin perhaps, to make the tea. (6)
2. Rifles bags! (5)
3. Lair confused with transport system (4)
4. Tin over there, in the deep valley. (6)
5. Where batsman can grow. (8)
6. Looks at mineral deposit that is very ugly. (7)
7. Swear one was present for international match. (6)
12. Trump's office lacks leader — he lives there. (8)
14. Shakespearean character lacks nothing to do well. (8)
16. Responds to confusion about crates. (6)
17. International organisation is healthy — or maybe not! (6)
18. A big gun in the church by the sound of it. (6)
21. Our Italian friends. (5)
22. Tibetan monk may heal a man, partially. (4)



### Solution to last month's puzzle:

Across: 1. Revolutions 8. Regimen 9. Edits 10. Ties 11. Needles  
12. Wit 13. Scar 15. Test 17. Bus 19. Arrange 20. Chat 23. Babel  
24. Verdant 25. Understated

Down: 1. Rarity 2. Vogue 3. Lime 4. Tenant 5. Overeats 6. Shields  
7. Insist 12. Wrangled 14. Caribou 16. Carbon 17. Beaver 18.  
Stated 20. Heart 22. Brat

# Shirley Village Project

Steve Jones-Poole is a community development worker with a mission; to do himself out of a job. He would like communities to be strong vibrant places where his services are not needed. He is currently working with residents and organisations in Shirley to set up the Shirley Village Project, that aims to find local solutions to local problems with a focus on what is important to residents.

Steve has learnt a thing or two about community development. After thirteen years as a front-line policeman, in 2012 Steve became involved in a neighbourhood policing project in West Riccarton, one of thirty-four neighbourhood policing teams throughout the country. Steve saw first-hand what can be achieved when the underlying causes of crime and social issues are tackled by the local community. Over five years, there was a 24% reduction in crime in West Riccarton along with reductions in anti-social behaviour and traffic issues. All this occurred amidst the growth of a strong, connected community; the team was successful in bonding with the community and empowering the local residents to come up with solutions to local problems. So successful in fact, that the team was able to transition from the community because the local people had taken ownership of the community development initiatives.

Reflecting on his experiences in this work, Steve was keen to take the lessons he had learnt and help develop community in another part of town. Amongst those lessons has been the 3 H's:

**Hello** — talking to people builds connections and relationships that are needed to create solutions to community issues. How simple is that?

**Help** — this works two ways; giving and receiving help, with whatever issues or problems people may have. Help may involve getting people in touch with others in their community. Or it may involve outside agencies,

where that is appropriate, but the goal is for agencies and a local community to build partnerships where parties work together as equals.

**Hooray** — celebrate success.

There is of course, more than this to building strong communities and Steve is a passionate advocate for this type of work. Such work involves recognising residents as experts in their neighbourhood, and valuing their resources and strengths, and combining these with resources and support from organisations. The goal is to treat the causes of crime and social issues rather than merely react to the symptoms. At best, this approach can stop problems before they happen.

Steve has taken two years' leave from the Police and has teamed up with the Shirley Community Trust and 20 other community groups and organisations in the Shirley area. They are working on the Shirley Village Project, which is based on the idea that it takes a village to raise a child. This involves helping to build a connected community that looks out for and cares for each other.

The next stage will be learning from local residents what are their concerns and issues, and then, with those residents, working out the base causes of the problems and developing local solutions.

This is very much a community-based approach to local lives; people working together to identify issues and develop solutions. By the end of the

year they will have a community development plan in place — a sort of road map to help the community get from now to a better future that has been identified by the local residents.

Steve's work is based on building personal relationships with people, which starts with "Hello". Steve is a good talker and a good listener, and above all, a passionate advocate for local solutions to local issues.

If you want to find out more about the Shirley Village Project, get in touch with Steve or others at the Shirley Community Trust:

Steve Jones-Poole —  
Ph: **021 186-3645**,  
email: [steve.jonespoole@gmail.com](mailto:steve.jonespoole@gmail.com)

Shirley Community Trust —  
Ph: **03 981-5521**,  
email: [office@shirleycommunitytrust.org.nz](mailto:office@shirleycommunitytrust.org.nz)

The Shirley Community Trust is based in the Briggs Road shopping centre and have a new community building in MacFarlane Park (see article on p3 about the MacFarlane Park Centre).



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# What's on in Richmond

**AVEBURY HOUSE,**  
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The **Avebury Community Library** is open every day, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. in the Margaret Deakin Room at Avebury House.

## **Monday**

**Chit Chat Club:**  
10–10:30 a.m.

The Chit Chat Club is for the older adults (55+) in our community to get together and have tea and a catch up.

**Gentle Exercise:**

10:30–11:30 a.m.

Gentle exercise class. Now with a new tutor, Dee Owers, who guides you through an exercise routine designed to keep those muscles moving! \$5/session

## **Tuesday**

**Yoga:** 8:45–9:45 a.m.

Join us for a good stretch! Beginners welcome. \$6/session. Also Thursday evening.

**Men's Shed:** 12 noon–4:00 p.m.

**Art Class:** 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Bring a project along or work on some skills. Drop in anytime. \$5/session.

## **Wednesday**

**Richmond Community Garden:**

From 9:30 a.m. onwards.

We welcome volunteers, be they seasoned gardeners or newbies, to help create a beautiful veggie garden for our community to enjoy!

**Avebury Tots Storytime:**

10:15 a.m.–10:45.

**Hugs All Round Quilting Group:**

1–3 p.m. We make quilts for children who need an extra hug. Join us to learn more about quilting; this includes machine and hand-sewing.

**Shake and Relax:** 6:30 p.m.

8-week course. Practice calming your body and mind in a supportive group. Check facebook for details & dates.

## **Thursday**

**Yoga:** 6:00–7 p.m.

Join us for a good stretch! Beginners welcome. \$6/session. Also Tuesday morning.

## **Friday**

**Men's Shed:**

10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

**CHRYSAL PALACE,**

12 Chrystal Street

*Come belly dance with Soul Star Tribe: all ages, backgrounds, and fitness levels welcome! All classes \$10 casual. For more information, contact Sam: 027 6525 993.*

## **Friday**

Intermediate Skirt, 6:30 p.m.

## **Saturday**

Gypsy Caravan Beginners,

11 a.m. Gypsy Caravan

Intermediate, 10 a.m.

**HOLY TRINITY AVONSIDE,**

168 Stanmore Road,

Ph **389-6948**

## **Services**

**Parish Eucharist:** 9:30 a.m.

every Sunday.

**Prayer and Praise:** 11:00 a.m.

on 3rd Sunday.

**Quiet Eucharist:** 10:00 a.m.

every Thursday.

## **Tuesday**

Every 6 weeks: **Foot Clinic**

— start with a cuppa. Our registered nurse will clip your nails and then you will have a foot massage. Cost \$10. Next date is 23 October. Bookings essential. Ph: **389 6948**

## **2nd Wednesday of Month**

**Wednesday Café:** From 11:30 a.m. Come enjoy friendly company, listen to a speaker or take part in an activity and join us for lunch. Small charge.

## **Thursday**

**Exercise Group:** 11:00 a.m.

All abilities catered for, sitting and standing, cost \$6, followed by light refreshment.

**Activities at 1 p.m.:**

Knit, embroider, paint, play cards or board games.

## **4th Saturday of Month**

**Association of Anglican Women**

**(AAW):** 10:30 a.m. We start with a hot drink before listening to a speaker or undertaking some activity together. Everyone is welcome.

**SHIRLEY LADIES FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

We meet on 2nd Wednesday of each month (Feb–Dec), in the All Saints Church Hall, 305 New Brighton Road at 10 a.m. New members welcome.

Contact Sandra: **381-7129.**

**SHIRLEY RECREATIONAL WALKERS**

**Mondays & Thursdays:** Meet at Shirley Community Centre site, cnr Shirley Rd & Chancellor St, 9:30 a.m. Walks around Christchurch. All ages welcome. For more information and a copy of the programme, contact Sue **(03) 981-7071** or **027 775-4635.**

**DELTA COMMUNITY TRUST,**

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Ph: **(03) 389-0212**

**Delta's Food Bank is generously supported by 'Z' petrol station Shirley.**

Free bread, Monday–Friday:

10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.,

as available.

## **Monday**

**Food Bank:** 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Free, some criteria apply.

**Footprints Café:** Coffee, rolls & toasted sandwiches, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Items as priced.

**Craft Group:** 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Addington Net:**

Computer & tech help for all.

10 a.m.–12 noon.

## **Tuesday**

**Budget Advice:** 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

by appointment

## **Wednesday**

**English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL):** Wednesdays,

10 a.m.–12 noon. \$2 at 103 North Avon Rd (next door to Delta). Pre-schoolers welcome.

**Food Bank:** 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Free, some criteria apply.

**Footprints Café:** Coffee, rolls & toasted sandwiches,

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Items as priced.

**Fruit & Veggie Co-op:** \$12/\$6

a bag. Pay weekly in advance each Wednesday, great value.

## **Friday**

**Delta Inn:** 2-course community

meal. Every Friday 12 noon, \$3.

**Food Bank:** 10 a.m.–12 noon,

& 1–2 p.m.

Free, some criteria apply.

**Second Hand Goods/Clothes**

**store:** 1 p.m. Goods as priced.

**Shirley International Playgroup:**

9.30 a.m.–11.30 a.m. at the

Shirley Hub, 69B Briggs Road.

For mums & under 5's from

refugee & migrant backgrounds

– playgroup & English class.

\$2/session or \$10/term.

**Gardening:**

10:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Mary

welcomes interested volunteers

to help her in the Delta

vegetable garden.

**NORTH AVON BAPTIST CHURCH,** 101 North Avon Road  
**Sunday Services:** Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m., Delta Community Trust building (cnr of North Avon Rd and Chrystal St).

**Spiritual lunch — feeding your spirit:** Join us for a friendly informal re-energising time.

**When:** Wednesdays

1–1:30 p.m.

All are welcome.

Senior Pastor Mary,

North Avon Baptist Church.

**SHIRLEY LIBRARY,** 36 Marshland Road (by the Palms Mall).

Phone **(03) 941-7923**

## **Monday**

**Book Discussion Group:**

10:30–11:30 a.m. Second & fourth Monday of the month. \$60 for year.

**Activity Zone:** 3:45–4:45 p.m.

After school club for 6–10-year olds. No charge.

*Not available 1 and 8 October.*

## **Tuesday**

**J.P. Clinic:** 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Weekly. No charge.

**Storytimes/Wā Korero:** for over two-year-olds. 10:30–11 a.m.

Weekly during term time.

No charge.

**Reading to Dogs:** 3:30–4:30

p.m. For age five plus.

No charge, but book in advance.

## **Wednesday**

**Scrabble:** 1:30–3:30 p.m.

No charge.

## **Thursday**

**Babytimes/Wā Pepi:** for under

two-year olds. 10:30–11 a.m.

Weekly during term time.

**Shirley Library's Culture**

**Exchange:** 3:30–4:30 p.m.

A friendly group where you can make new friends, practice English and learn about

New Zealand. Free.

**Book Discussion Group:**

6–7 p.m. Second Thursday

of the month. \$60 for year.

## **Friday**

**Card Club:** 1.30–3.30 p.m.

No charge

## **Saturday**

**Super Saturday Storytimes:**

2–7-year olds. Weekly during

term time. 11–11:45 a.m.

No charge.

**Magic: The Gathering:** First

Saturday of the month. For

8–18-year olds. From 1 p.m.

No charge.