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## COMMUNITY NEWS



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## Richmond School Roll of Honour

This year will mark 100 years since the end of World War 1, with the signing of the armistice on 11 November 1918. A reminder of the war and its huge toll on the Richmond community all those years ago, is located at Avebury House.

The Richmond School Roll of Honour records the names of 325 people who were connected with the school and who served in the conflict. Throughout its 100 years, the honour roll has moved several times.

The roll of honour was unveiled by the Governor-General, the Earl of Liverpool, at an outdoor ceremony at the school on Monday, 18 Feb 1918. At this time, Richmond School was on Stanmore Rd, the site that is now Richmond Green. In time the school outgrew that site and in 1926 the senior school moved to a new two-storey brick building on a new site in Pavitt St. For some years the infant school stayed at the Stanmore Rd site.

Pavitt St was to be home for the school for the next 87 years, but the brick building was demolished at the end of 1975 (the school's centennial year) to make way for modern single-storey buildings.

The photo of the roll of honour is taken from the school's 50th jubilee booklet, 1925, and shows the board with a large wooden surround and surmounted by a pediment with the title. At the time of its unveiling, the board had 230 names. By 1925 another 93 names had been added. Today the board records 325 names. Forty-eight names have a silver star beside them, indicating the person died while on service. The board has lost its fine surround and pediment, and only the 1.5 x 2 m names-board itself survives.

When Richmond School was closed at the end of 2013 the roll of honour was moved, along with a smaller WW2 plaque and the school's honours board, to Avebury House, which had just been repaired after suffering considerable earthquake damage. All three boards are now housed in the Gordon Prince room, downstairs at Avebury House.



The Roll of Honour as it appeared in the 1925 school jubilee booklet.

The roll of honour was the focus of a Beca Heritage Week display held at Avebury House in October. Over 50 people visited the house and display.

A detailed history of the Richmond School Roll of Honour is available online:

[www.aveburyhouse.co.nz/richmond-history-group/richmond-school-roll-of-honour](http://www.aveburyhouse.co.nz/richmond-history-group/richmond-school-roll-of-honour)

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## Avebury Goings-On

### *Teddy Bears' Picnic*

Book it in! Friday 23 November, 10:00 a.m.–12 noon, in the playground behind Avebury House. Natural Magic Pirates will be there as well as a bouncy castle and refreshments. This is a free community event for the under-5s.

### *Food!*

*Savour de Sel aka The Salt Lady aka Michelle, is dreaming up all sorts of interesting foodie workshops, right through until next May!*

**Food for Christmas Gifts:** Wednesday 7 November, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Join Michelle for a fun day in the kitchen making Christmas goodies, including: Lavender salted chocolate, flavoured popcorn, sweet or savoury nuts, stuffed dried fruits, energy balls. And she will even help you to wrap them up in festive fashion!

**Cost:** \$25

**To Book, email:** [mgarlicandsalt@yahoo.com](mailto:mgarlicandsalt@yahoo.com)

### *Artisan Aotearoa*

To book for these two courses, email:

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**Natural soap-making:** Sunday 18 November, 1–4 p.m.

This workshop will show you how easy it is to make your own amazing soaps and shampoo bars for a fraction of the cost of store-bought alternatives. Using only natural ingredients, these beautiful, natural soaps are super nourishing and gentle enough for all your family. They also make fantastic Christmas and birthday gifts!

**Cost:** \$110

**Vegan soft cheeses:** Sundays 25 November & 16 December, 1–4 p.m.

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**Cost:** \$120, for the 4-hour course; includes a recipe book — and you get to take the cheeses home.

### *Flowers with Maree*

**Using Oasis Foam:** Friday 9 November, 9.30–11.30 a.m.

Bring a small dish or saucer to make an arrangement.

**Bouquets:** Saturday 1 December, 1–3 p.m. & Friday 7 December, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

**Cost:** \$5 per course. You are welcome to bring favourite blooms or foliage. Flowers will be supplied.

To Book, email: [mareemc5@gmail.com](mailto:mareemc5@gmail.com)

## Christmas Night Market — 30 November

Avebury House & Richmond Community Garden will hold a Xmas night market on Friday, 30 Nov. from 4:30–8 p.m. There will be Xmas carols and vendors selling gifts, food and produce and Xmas-themed goodies. Contact Avebury House for more information.

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# Grow Your Own Free Lunch

By Mary Tingey,  
Delta Community Trust



*"Coming to Grow Your Own Free lunch always inspires me to cook great meals at home full of nutrition." S.S*

*"I learned how to experiment with different ingredients from the garden." M. L.*

*"An excellent course which teaches us how to plant veggies, when and how to harvest, and cook them as well. I feel nourished after coming on this course." A. D.*

*"I have been learning how to incorporate fruit and vegetables into my diet." C. G.*

**Grow Your Own Free Lunch is a fully-funded organic gardening and cooking course — so it's free!** This 5-session course will be held at Avebury House, starting Thursday 8 November. Sessions will start at 9:30 a.m. and finish at approximately 1 p.m. on the following dates: November 8, 15, 22, 29, December 6. We can have up to nine students on each course. Phone Delta Community House: **389-2012** or **022 699-4143** to join.

*"I learnt to sow carrots and make a seed drill for mesclun as well as a new technique for planting garlic." M. I.*

This is a hands-on course for home gardeners and cooks. In the first hour we work in the beautiful Richmond Community Garden behind Avebury House. Over each course students learn gardening skills such as seed sowing, weeding, transplanting, harvesting, growing with the seasons and creating alive organic soil.

*"I learnt how to plant beetroot seeds as well as what things to grow at this time of year such as dwarf beans and*



Photos by Mary Tingey

*spring onions. I also learnt how to prepare the soil." A. M.*

In the second half of each course we go into the kitchen and make ourselves a delicious shared lunch from the veggie box from Affordable Fruit and Vegetables.

We supplement this with fresh herbs and salad crops from the community garden. Imagine growing salad crops by your own back door step; the delight of filling your salad bowl with delicious herbs, crispy lettuce and tomatoes.

**Where:** Avebury House,  
9 Eveleyn Couzins Ave.

**When:** 9:30 a.m. – 1'ish, Thursdays  
from 8 November to 6 December.

**Cost:** Free!

**Contact:** Delta Community House,  
Ph: **389-0212** or **022 699-4143**.

## Heritage Award for Avebury

Avebury House Community Trust has been recognised for its long-standing support for Christchurch's heritage. The Trust was presented with the Beca Heritage Week Ambassador Award for 2018. The presentation was made by the Mayor, Lianne Dalziel, to members of the board at the opening of Beca Heritage Week on 12 October. Andrea Grieve, who unfortunately was unable to attend the ceremony, received special mention for her involvement with heritage work at Avebury over many years.

The Ambassador Award acknowledges the services of individuals and groups who have made a significant contribution to heritage education and advocacy through Heritage Week events.

This year Avebury House hosted a Beca Heritage Week event on Thursday 18 October. More than fifty people visited the house and grounds during the day. They were able to enjoy a Devonshire tea, explore the house and view a display about the Richmond School Roll of Honour, celebrating the people from Richmond who served in WW1.

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# “House Muschamp”



George Barker Muschamp, stonemason.

Many Richmond locals will remember the Muschamp house, which stood for a century at 19 Forth St. The house was built in the early years of 20th century by George Barker Muschamp and his son Lorenzo De Castino Muschamp. Both men were stone masons; George was clerk of works during the final construction stages of the Anglican Cathedral (completed 1904).



The Forth St house as it appeared before deconstruction.

Photos supplied by Gaby Van Den Boom.

Before building the Forth St house, the Muschamp family had lived in London St and had a work-yard behind the Working Men’s Club. In his book *Richmond — a Regional History*, George Walsh remembers “watching with some astonishment Mr Muschamp sawing stone in the yard alongside his home behind the Club. It would appear that this was Oamaru stone with which he built his home in Forth St.”

The house in Forth St was built as a part-time project over a 4-year period, 1910–14, by father and son, a fact recorded on a plaque on the house. Although modest in size — 120 m<sup>2</sup>, the 3-bedroom house was unique; the walls were all solid stone.

The house’s red-and-white striped facades were particularly eye-catching, and were topped by a Marseilles tile roof. The house contained fine examples of the stonemasons’ skill inside and out, in the form of various decorative carvings. The house interior incorporated beautiful native timbers, marble and fine glass, and had pressed tin ceilings at a stunning 3.4m height.

Suffice it to say, the house stood out amongst its neighbours. There was a separate garage and the masons added an outbuilding at the rear of the house, all built in Oamaru stone. It appears the men continued the practice of using their section as a mason’s yard as the property was littered with blocks of stone, many intricately carved.

George Muschamp died in 1926. According to Stone’s Directory, Lorenzo Muschamp lived at the Forth St house at least until 1939; he died in 1962.

The house was damaged in the earthquakes and its unique design and construction methodology meant no insurance company was interested in the difficult and expensive task of repair. The house was subsequently sold ‘as-is’. In the meantime, another interesting character entered the story.





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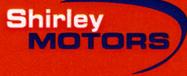
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Gaby Van Den Boom trained as a structural engineer and architect in the Netherlands before moving to New Zealand in 2012. He fell a ‘little bit in love’ with the house when he saw it before the sale. Despite the apparent neglect the house had suffered over a number of years, he appreciated the house’s unique design and the craftsmanship involved in its construction. He was appalled at the thought that this beautiful little house was going to be demolished. He then had what he calls a crazy idea. He researched the idea to ensure it was practicable; perhaps not so crazy after all — and then made an offer to the new owners to de-construct the house, garage and outbuilding for free in return for the materials. His offer was accepted and conditions were agreed to complete the process.



*With the roof and walls gone, the foundations show the layout of the rooms.*

Fortunately, it was summertime; in January 2016 Gaby set up camp on site and arranged to start his day job at 6 a.m. and finish at 3 p.m., so he had quite a few hours of daylight each day to carry out the complex task of deconstructing a solid stone building. He had developed a method of identifying each stone and each piece of timber so that they could be numbered for reconstruction on a new site at a later date.

There is no manual for this kind of project, so every stage in the deconstruction had its own challenges. Temporary bracing was required throughout the whole deconstruction process to make sure work was safe at all times and that no further damage was done to the house by ongoing earthquakes.

Gaby got to know neighbours on Forth Street, who were happy to know the house was being saved. He says, “To me architecture is not about buildings. It is about people and about how people connect to places and buildings.” He enjoyed the support and encouragement from the people in the area. The better he came to understand the house during the deconstruction process, the more respect he developed for the work of the Muschamps, father and son. Even though the house will be his own after the rebuild; he came to call the project “House Muschamp” in their honour.

By mid-June 2016 the deconstruction phase was complete. Gaby had arranged for space to store all the materials off site and it was then time for a demolition crew to clear the site of all remaining structures. In an odd twist so typical of post-quake Christchurch, the section at 19 Forth St is still empty two years later.

A career move has taken Gaby to Nelson, but, like the Muschamps a century earlier, he is working on rebuilding the house in his spare time.

This article is a brief overview of a remarkable project to save a unique piece of Richmond’s heritage. For people who wish to learn more about the house and Gaby’s involvement, he is recording his journey on a wonderful website (<https://housemuschamp.nz/>).

Like the house itself, his connection and involvement with this building is surely unique. It’s only fitting that Gaby should have the final word: “I very much look forward to rebuilding the house. I enjoy the work a lot; it is a privilege, and working on House Muschamp makes me a richer man.”

Lindsay Jago

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# AGHS at 90

by Margaret Lyons, AGHS

**Avonside Girls' High School celebrates 90 years of girls' education this year.**

To commemorate this special anniversary the school held a birthday party on Friday 28 September. This party started in true party spirit with a carnival style celebration at lunch time. The students enjoyed party food, music and activities, such as visits from Party Ponies and stilt walkers. There was a bouncy castle, face painting and games.

This party was followed by a commemorative assembly on the front lawn. Guests included Beryl Newman who was a student here in 1931. She is one hundred years old and she cut the birthday cake with the head girl, Emma van Grinsven. The students listened to stories from old girls Patricia Turner, Patsy Wardell, Vicki Summerfield and Sandy Kent. Reihana Parata, the ex-principal of Te Wai Pounamu talked about the lives of the students who boarded with her and attended Avonside. The assembly ended with a fashion parade of past uniforms and a slice of birthday cake. Avonside Girls' High School is proud of its 90 years of supporting and educating Christchurch girls.

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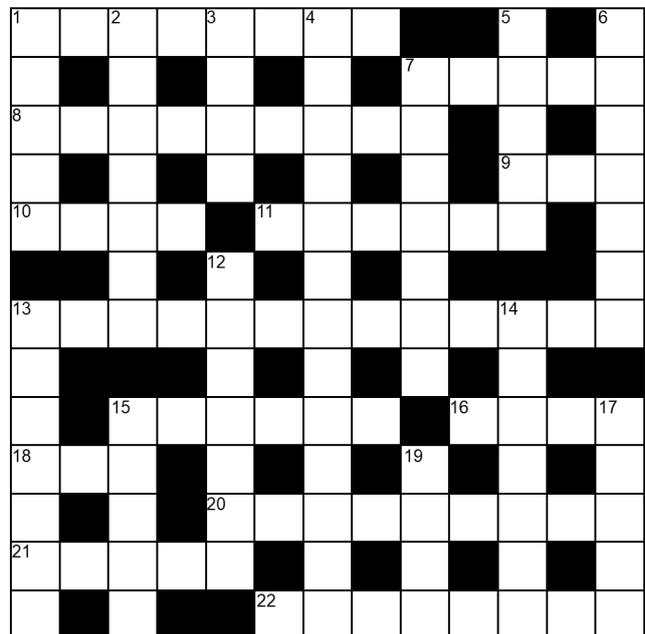
# Puzzle

## Across

1. Cleaner. (8)
7. Equals. (5)
8. Interest-bearing bond. (9)
9. Astrological sign. (3)
10. Carry. (4)
11. Cliffs. (6)
13. Type of cloud. (13)
15. Small earthquake. (6)
16. Seven \_\_\_\_ of Man. (4)
18. Abbreviation denoting alias. (1,1,1)
20. Take apart. (9)
21. Leaves the stage. (5)
22. Type of sailing vessel. (8)

## Down

1. Military student. (5)
2. Judge. (7)
3. Pine. (4)
4. Traitor. (6-7)
5. Ringing objects. (5)
6. Diffusion of liquid. (6)
7. Scent. (7)
12. Is present. (7)
13. Powered vessel. (7)
14. Small boat for transferring goods ashore. (7)
15. Unspoken. (5)
17. Rear of a boat. (5)
19. Placid. (4)



## Solution to last month's crossword:

Across: 1. Instructive 8. Faction 9. Crest 10. Sash 11. Onerous  
12. Run 13. Apse 15. Stew 17. Use 19. Emotion 20. Gaga 23. Copse  
24. Elation 25. Retaliation

Down: 1. Infuse 2. Sacks 3. Rail 4. Canyon 5. Increase 6. Eyesore  
7. Attest 12. Resident 14. Prosper 16. Reacts 17. Unwell 18. Cannon  
21. Amici 22. Lama

## 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.

# Richmond Residents & Business Association

By David Duffy

The association continues to be involved in a number of meetings with City Council staff and the community. Recent discussions with Council have begun the conversation about how to formulate an urban plan for Richmond, and consultations have begun with residents. Some ideas to come forth have included the installation of bike lanes on some local streets, the building of some public toilets, development of walking trails, picnic tables, street calming initiatives, a blanket 30-kph speed limit in our streets, more rubbish and recycling facilities, erection of heritage boards, installation of skate/scooter ramps, and more community events.

The public meeting at Shirley Primary School on 2 October was well attended. Lynette Ellis from the City Council presented the latest plan for the improvement of the roads within Hills Road, North Avon Road, North

Parade, Shirley Road block. The degree of repair and the costing structures were explained, and residents had the opportunity to ask questions about the work. If you would like to see the graphic presented, please contact me — see email address below.

While this association was not directly involved in the organization of the recent Boot Sale, some committee members in their roles as part of the Avebury House Trust and the Richmond Community Garden were very much involved. The success of this project suggests that more such events could well be planned for the future and the organizing team should be congratulated on their efforts.

If you want to join our mailing list, or have any ideas or comments about this report, please don't hesitate to contact us at: [david.f.duffy@gmail.com](mailto:david.f.duffy@gmail.com)

## North Avon Baptist Church Deconsecration

By Mary Allan

North Avon Baptist Church and Delta Community Trust are planning major redevelopment work of their buildings on North Avon Rd between Chrystal and Petrie Sts. The first step in this process will take place on **Sunday 4 November at 2 p.m.**, when the North Avon Baptist Church building at 101 North Avon Rd will be deconsecrated.

The earthquake-damaged building will be demolished and a new church and community facility built on the site.

The service will be a joint collaboration between the North Avon Baptist and the Crossway Community Church communities. It will be a farewell to the building and a great chance for people to get together and tell stories of their connection to the building and its role in the life of the community. We welcome people from the neighbourhood to join us on this special occasion.



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## Good Enough to Eat

The **Edible Garden Awards** seek to encourage people to establish a garden, either by themselves or with others. Entry is free and open to individuals, groups, organisations and schools within the participating community board areas. The awards are an opportunity to recognise all types of food gardens great and small, and the work and care that goes into creating them.

There are several categories and special awards. The organisers hope the school and preschool categories will inspire school communities to develop, grow and celebrate their gardening achievements, while promoting a lifelong connection with the natural environment and improving student learning, health and well-being.

Nominations close **8 February 2019** and garden judging will take place later that month. An award ceremony will be held on Thursday 7 March 2019.

To enter, or for more information, contact:  
Rosie Carroll, CCC Linwood Office, phone: **941-6631**.

# What's on in Richmond

**AVEBURY HOUSE, 9 Eveleyn Couzins Avenue.**  
**Phone (03) 381-6615**  
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.

**DELTA COMMUNITY TRUST, 105 North Avon Road.**  
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**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.

**Gardening:**  
10:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
Mary welcomes interested volunteers to help her in the Delta vegetable garden.  
**Young Adults Programme:**  
Ages 18–36 with disabilities. 6–8 p.m. **Contact Natalie:** [Natalie@deltatrust.org.nz](mailto:Natalie@deltatrust.org.nz)  
**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.

## 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 Ann McRobb, Ph: **355-0457**

**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.  
**Where:** North Avon Baptist Church, 101 North Avon Road.  
**When:** Wednesdays 1–1:30 p.m. All are welcome.  
*Senior Pastor Mary, North Avon Baptist Church.*

## CHRYSTAL PALACE, 12 Chrystal Street

*Come belly dance with Soul Star Tribe: all ages, backgrounds, and fitness levels welcome!*  
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## 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 11 December. 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 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.**

## 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.

## Tuesday

**J.P. Clinic:** 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Weekly. No charge.

**Storytimes/Wā Koreero:** 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.