



Celebrating Spring!

Words & Photos by Tanya Didham

24th October was a beautiful Spring day and we had a fabulous turnout for our Heritage Festival event. Andrea and her stellar volunteers served over 100 cups of tea, and the scones were a big hit! Many more people popped in to the house just for a look, or to chat with David about the property's interesting history. Biketober Christchurch stopped in for a visit too as they biked the river corridor taking in the sights. It's always such a pleasure to share the history of the house, and much of it can be found on our website [here](#).

While we were serving tea in the house, Richmond Community Garden held their Car Boot & Inaugural Spring Fair! Alongside a large and diverse turnout of stallholders, there were food vendors; buskers making music or doing circus; that brilliant Flip Out mat and the mud kitchen were busy...It was just one of those funtabulous days at the Garden!

Thank you to the team and all the volunteers who helped out - the Spring Fair is definitely going on the permanent calendar!



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The Wit of Sam

Did you know that 97% of the world is stupid? Lucky I'm in the other 5%.



Thank you for telling me the meaning of the word plethora - it means a lot.



Two cannibals are eating a clown, one says to the other "Does this taste funny to you?"

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The Natural Magic Pirates!

Honey sandwiches!

Bear bikkies!

Don't forget to bring your own bear!

Sustainable Living Workshops in November

Making Kimchi on November 4th, 6pm-8pm.

Making Kombucha on November 18th, 6pm-8pm

Fermented foods contain vitamins, enzymes, probiotics and nutrients that provide what we need to build a happy gut, a stronger immune system & a healthier you.



In the workshops, you'll learn how to make basic Kimchi, (vegan option available) or Kombucha, a 2000-year-old fermented tea drink!

Please bring 1 or 2 clean jars with screw-top lids. For kombucha you will also need a clean tea-towel. Booking is required. For more info and to book, please text Morgane on 020 4185 7862. Spaces are limited!

Suggested koha is \$10 per person. Pay in advance via bank deposit to Avebury House: 03-1355-0615105-00. Please include the workshop and your name as a reference.

Give Me A Sign!

By Lynda Burns

Kia ora tatou. Introducing the Visitor Experience Team!

What does a dog prohibited sign have to do with the correct Ngāi Tahu name for kōau-pied shag? Or crochet and The Hungry Caterpillar book? These are all topics that the Parks Visitor Experience team have dealt with



Keen crocheters knitted props for a children's trail through the Botanic Gardens. It was themed around the popular Hungry Caterpillar.

and visitors about parks in the city and Bank's Peninsula. As well as beaches, riverside areas, sports fields and cemeteries and includes natural areas like Travis Wetland. Many of the city's prime heritage buildings are also on parks e.g. Sign of the Takahe, Provincial Government

recently in our daily work.

This team, based at the Christchurch City Council offices on Hereford Street, is part of the wider Programmes and Partnerships team.

We communicate

to our residents

and children with

our natural and cultural heritage is an enriching part of our work. Regular school holiday trails in the Botanic Gardens and digital activities in other parks reach thousands of families; and the Parks Unit make regular appearances at the Walking Festival, Children's day and Kidsfest.

Buildings, so these also come under our wing.

Our primary work is to ensure the public has correct information on safe and wise use of our parks and heritage sites. As an example we installed the trail markers and maps through the Residential Red Zone for the Te Ara Ōtākaro Avon River trail.

Engaging families and children with our natural and cultural heritage is an enriching part of our work. Regular school holiday trails in the Botanic Gardens and digital activities in other parks reach thousands of families; and the Parks Unit make regular appearances at the Walking Festival, Children's day and Kidsfest.



Interpretation panels work most effectively when there are lots of first-time visitors. They are less effective where most of the users are regulars

Our sister team "Learning through action" provides learning outside the classroom to schools who visit our parks. They also run a great Civics module about local democracy and are trialling a climate change programme.

Many local communities are keen to tell their stories to visitors as well as residents. Our team cannot keep up with the requests for assistance to do this, but we do try to give advice on the what, whys and hows of different types of interpretation. Sometimes interpretation panels are best, other times artworks, digital maps, plaques, exhibitions or public programmes. There are so many ways to get a message across!

Lynda Burns heads the Visitor Experience Team, part of Christchurch City Council's Parks Unit. You can contact her at Lynda.burns@ccc.govt.nz

It's a balance – following best practice tells us positive messages are more effective than negative ones, yet the regulations are needed for enforcement.

A Stall for Christmas?

Coming up quick on Friday 4th of December is Avebury's Xmas Night Market. If you'd like to have a stall or find out more, please get in touch with us on admin@aveburyhouse.co.nz or give us a call on 381 6615.



"I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights."
— Maya Angelou

Never a Dull Moment with My Father

By Wendy Bruning & Lois Daly

My father, William Morris (Morrie) Jones, was born in 1915. His mother, our Nanna, told us that he was born at home and was 2lb something. She was bleeding a lot, so they attended to her first and left him on a table, not expected to live. He had rheumatic fever three times when he was young. It was thought at that time that you would not survive if you got it more than once. From the word go he was tough.

He married my mother Rosie Williams in 1940. I was born in 1941 and my twin sisters (Pam and Pat) in 1944. From 1939 until about 1954 we lived at 38 Forth St, Richmond, where Morrie had grown up.

My father recognised early on that people were starved of entertainment after the depression and war, and there was money to be made in that area. He was quite entrepreneurial in this way.

He bought a Chocolate Wheel and some bargain boxes of Winning Post Nestlé chocolates to use as prizes. It turned out that there was an ingredient missing from the chocolate and some lost colour. We were all roped in to open these boxes and take out all the faded ones, replacing them with good ones.

All these chocolates were stored in a small shed, which we called the office. It was locked, but we kids found a way in. We would take our favourites out and eat them. I remember having lots of chocolates. We would take them down to land (we called the paddocks) in the middle of the block behind us. The land belonged to a Mr Richardson, who kept a cow called Molly.

As kids we nearly lived in these paddocks. They started behind our place and went behind the houses in Vogel St, down to Warwick St, then behind the houses on Stanmore Rd where a small creek ran along. A home for boys (which we called the bad boys home) was situated on what is now the New World site.



Wendy (centre) with Pam and Pat

We had great fun in these paddocks - milking the cow, eating chocolates, eating walnuts from the big tree, as well as fruit which the boys working in the gardens of the home would throw over to us. We had a club called 'The Secret 4' (Enid Blyton influence) and built huts amongst the old willows along the creek.

I used to play with a girl called Margaret Woods, who lived at Avebury House. There was a very large bamboo hedge along the Vogel Street side of the property with tunnels that ran through. Great fun was to be had there. Another friend, Nola, and I once dressed up as a horse and went to a fair at Avebury House and won first prize. I was the back end!

Wendy's childhood memories were compiled and edited by Lois Daly. We hope to receive at least two more articles on this fascinating local character! Lois facilitates our 'Writing Your History' group every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 10am. Get in touch with her on 980 5114 if you are interested in joining in.



Community Board By-Election Results

Sunita Gautam was voted onto the Waikura/Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board, taking the place of Sally Buck. She won 998 out of a total of 3663 votes. Voter turnout was 24.41%

Public meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 3.30pm, and the third Wednesday of each month at 9am.

For more info go to ccc.govt.nz and search 'community boards'.

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Who Speaks for the Trees?

By Greg Partridge

Sir David Attenborough has been outspoken regarding the damage humanity is doing to our environment.

Aged 93, and not slowing down, he is internationally recognised, enormously respected and has had the most extraordinary life.

Global air travel was new when he first began his work some 60 years ago as a young documentary maker. Since then he has travelled the world for decades, documenting life on earth, bringing it to our TV screens for generations, and showing us how rapidly our planet is changing.

He describes his most recent documentary **“David Attenborough: A Life on Our Planet”** (streaming on Netflix), his “witness statement” for the environment. It traces his career as a naturalist, mapping how steeply the planet’s biodiversity has degenerated before him.

“The living world is a unique and spectacular marvel, yet the way we humans live on earth is setting it into a decline - Our planet is headed for disaster”. Sir David Attenborough

Astonishing nature photography accompanies his retrospective, illustrating the loss of rain forests, the natural wildlife within them, and is showcased through the stark cut-off between flourishing vegetation and uniform rows of oil palms planted for profit.

Cinematic juxtapositions are persuasive: A dying planet is an ugly one, while healthy ecosystems please the eye and the earth.



It could be argued that this is happening overseas, that there is no rain forest here in Richmond, nor Christchurch for that matter: sadly, that is true, so what is this article all about you ask.

For those of us who have been walking around with eyes wide shut, seemingly aware

but uncaring of the consequences, there have been numerous trees in our suburb that have vanished. Many have been the victim of profit-driven developers. They seem hellbent on destroying the long established “urban forest” that peppers older suburbs such as ours, so as to cram in as many ‘townhouses’ as they possibly can. Equally alarming is the number of trees that have vanished from our landscape due to decisions of property landlords and home owners.

Within a two-block radius of my home I can count over 25 trees that have fallen victim to the screams of chainsaws in the past 18 months. There has been a dramatic decline in early morning birdsong as a direct result. I work shift work, so a lack of dawn chorus means I am not woken as early, but as a greenie who loves trees, I would much rather look out of my bedroom window at neighbourhood trees, than a barren landscape dominated by tin roofs.

It would be wrong to publicise the property owners and neighbours who have done this, and that’s not the intention of this article. Quite

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the contrary - it is to encourage everyone to give some thought to what Sir David is telling us: that a dying planet is an ugly one, whereas a healthy ecosystem has natural beauty and restores us.

Attenborough’s documentary sends a message that life cycles on, and if we make the right choices, ruin can become regrowth, so please, prune your trees rather than chop them down, and if they must come down, plant more in their place.

Mind Yer Language: The Devonshire Way

By Tanya Didham

In the year 997 A.D. Vikings raided and damaged the newly-built Tavistock Abbey. When Ordulf, Earl of Devon gathered a team of workers and repaired it, the monks thanked them with bread, clotted cream and fresh strawberry preserves. Layered in that order!



They were so popular the monks continued to serve them to travellers, and so the Devonshire Cream Tea was born, (though of course tea was not added until the 16th century when travellers brought it from China).

The controversial Cornish Tea, puts the jam directly on the scone and the cream on top! However both should be served with clotted cream - laboriously made by boiling raw milk for many hours until the cream rises and 'clots' on top. Incidentally, this means you can never have an authentic Cream Tea in the US, as it is illegal to use unpasteurised milk!

An Afternoon Tea included other dainties, cakes and sandwiches and was originally the preserve of those wealthy enough to get bored between lunch and the evening meal. Queen Victoria got into the trend and began hosting 'tea receptions'. Dinner was often not served til around 8pm, so Afternoon Tea bridged the gap.

Ironically a High Tea had much lower class beginnings. Tea itself was still relatively expensive for working class folk and formed part of the main meal of the day along with bread, boiled vegetables, cheese and sometimes meat. This is what we might now call 'dinner', but for many of English descent, they will be familiar with the call home for 'teatime'. The 'high' part is theorised to refer to sitting 'high' at the table, as opposed to the more informal 'low' sofa setting of Afternoon Teas. Of course the upper classes soon made High Teas their own too - an easy meal that could be made when the servants were off.

National Cream Tea Day is celebrated on the last Friday in June - a summer affair in its country of origin - and taken very seriously at Powderham Castle, the 600-year-old seat of Devon's Earls.

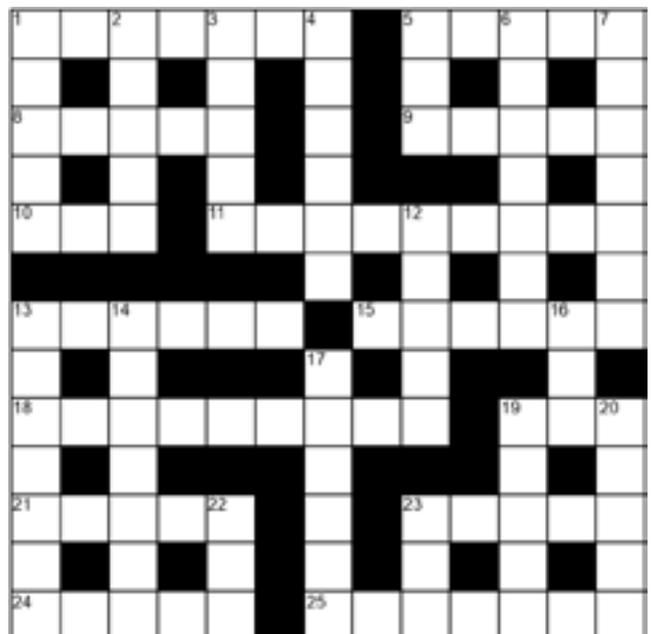
Puzzle Crossword

Across

1. Sated (7)
5. Pays attention (5)
8. Conscious (5)
9. Weapon (5)
10. Attachment (3)
11. Impermanent (9)
13. Latex-based material (6)
15. Inspire affection (6)
18. Reckless (9)
19. Large flightless bird (3)
21. Wear away (5)
23. Rented (5)
24. Water vapour (5)
25. Empire ruler (7)

Down

1. Cook in oven (5)
2. Location (5)
3. Choose (5)
4. Disinter (6)
5. Possesses (3)
6. Raise (7)
7. Atomiser (7)
12. Unit of weight (5)
13. Reparation (7)
14. Made to order (7)
16. Intention (3)
17. Procession (6)
19. Mistake (5)
20. Beneath (5)
22. Tree (3)
23. Jump (3)



Solution to October's Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1. Bungalow Bill 9. Scrap 10. Thespians
11. Humbler 12. Suspend 13. Astronomer 15. Asks 18. Sort
19. Renditions 22. Iceberg 24. Concern 25. Chaperone
26. Avast 27. Working model

Down: 1. Barometer 2. Napoleon 3. After 4. Overspend
5. Bypass 6. Leave 7. Asthma 8. Asides 14. Overgrown
16. Stonewall 17. Standard 18. Switch 20. Sanity
21. Bedeck 23. Erato 24. Cream

"Make tea, not war"

- Graham Chapman, Monty Python

Keeping Cool at Delta

A heartfelt THANKS to the Foodstuffs Community Trust for our new Fridge and Freezer!

By Audra Given

We understand this year has been a tough one for many people, and here at Delta we have seen a significant increase in the number of people coming to use our Foodbank. Before the lockdown we always had bread and some other grocery items donated to us from Stanmore New World, along with food donations from other groups. But the growing number of people needing our help started to put quite a strain on our food supplies.



Ian Burn, General Manager of Delta Community Support Trust, with Greg Boock, Owner of Stanmore New World and representative of Foodstuffs Community Trust

Thankfully, we recently began receiving some new, very considerable, food donations. For example, the Foodstuffs Distribution Centre in Hornby now donates a truck load per week of various grocery items, and the Meat the Need charity provides us with boxes of frozen premium quality mincemeat each month. This not only saves us a lot of money, but it means we can help significantly more people than we have been able to in the past. BUT, it also meant

we ran out of fridge and freezer space! We certainly weren't going to turn down free food, so we had to resort to storing the meat offsite in some of our staff members' own freezers - not a good long term solution...

So, with the support of Greg Boock from our local Stanmore New World, we applied to the Foodstuffs Community Trust for two new fridge and freezer units. The Trust generously agreed to donate them and they are amazing!! The glass fronts mean people coming to our Foodbank can see the meat and produce that are available and choose what they would like to take home.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Greg, and his team at Stanmore New World for getting behind the work we do at Delta. And give an especially heartfelt thanks to The Foodstuffs Community Trust for donating our brand new fridge and freezer. It is an honour to serve our community, and we are so grateful to have the community-minded support of Stanmore New World and the Foodstuffs Community Trust to help us do that.

If you, or anyone you know, has been finding it hard to make ends meet and you would like some assistance with a free food parcel or want to know more about our free budget advice service please call us on **0800 2 DELTA (0800 233 582)**. We would love to help you.

Delta are at 101 North Avon Rd, you can also contact them on 389 0212 or email: reception@deltatrust.org.nz



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Monday

Men's Shed: from around
9.30am til 4pm, and he is
starting up a workshop for
kids on Saturday mornings
between 10.30am and
12.30pm. Also on Tuesdays
and Wednesdays.

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.

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through an exercise routine
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muscles moving! \$5/session.

Loopy Tunes: 11:30a.m.
Loopy Tunes Music and
Movement returns in term 4!
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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! Also meets
Wednesdays and Saturdays.
Yoga: 6–7 p.m. Join us for
a good stretch! Beginners
welcome. \$6/session.

Tuesday

Yoga: 9:00–10:00 a.m. Join us
for a good stretch! Beginners
welcome. \$6/session.

Tai Chi: 10:30 a.m. See page 2.

Pilates: 6:15 p.m. \$6/session.

Wednesday

Write Your Own History:
Every 2nd and 4th Wed of the
month. 10 a.m. –12 noon.

**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.

Thursday

Pilates: 1 p.m. \$6/session.

Yoga: 6–7 p.m. \$6. Evening
yoga. Join us for a good
stretch!

Saturday

Yoga: 10:30 a.m. \$6/session.

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Mondays & Thursdays:

Meet at Shirley Community
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Book featuring a wide range
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Holy Communion: 10am -
Each Thursday

All Age Church: 11am 2nd
Sunday of each month - An
informal service for all ages.

Morning Praise: 11am - 4th
Sunday of each month - A
time of prayer interlaced with
songs of praise.

Activities Group is held every
Thursday at 1pm. Come
along and knit, cross-stitch,
do some form of craft, play
a board game or just chat.
Everyone is welcome.

**Association of Anglican
Women (AAW)** meets every
fourth Saturday of the month
at 10.30am. We start with
a hot drink before listening

to an interesting speaker or
undertaking some activity
together.

Foot Clinic every six weeks
we run a Foot Clinic. You start
with a foot spa and cup of
tea/coffee. Our registered
nurse will clip nails and give
any advice on the care of
your feet. Then you have a
foot massage, just \$12.

Wednesday Cafe meets every
second Wednesday of the
month from 11.30am until
1pm. Everyone is welcome
to come and enjoy friendly
company, listen to a speaker
or take part in a fun activity
and join us for lunch. There
is a small cost for lunch and
raffle tickets are available.
For any further information
phone the office on 389 6948.

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**Free Bread, Monday – Friday:
10am – 2pm, as available
Monday**

Advocacy: 10am – 12 noon

Food Bank: 10am – 2pm.

Free, please phone first, and
some criteria apply.

Tuesday

Budget Advice: 9am – 3pm,
by appointment.

Wednesday

**English for Speakers of Other
Languages (ESOL):** 10am –

12 noon during term time.

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Food Bank: 10am – 2pm.

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Fruit & Vege Co-op:

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Friday

Food Bank: 10am – 2pm.

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**Friday Inn (Community
Meal):** \$3 for hot main and
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a ticket at reception before
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**Shirley International
Playgroup:** 9.30am –

11.30am during term time.

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Monday

Activity Zone: 3:45–4:45
p.m. For 6–10-year olds. No
charge.

Tuesday

J.P. Clinic: 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
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Wā Kōrero: Storytimes:

10:30 a.m. –11:00 a.m.

Recommended for over 2s.

Reading to Dogs: 3:30p.m.

– 4:30p.m. Designed to
provide a relaxed, non-
threatening atmosphere
which encourages children
to practise their reading
skills and develop a love of
reading. Bookings essential.

Wednesday

Scrabble Club: 1:30 p.m.
to 3:30 p.m. No obligation,
just come along and join our
friendly group. All materials
are supplied. Free.

Dungeon Delvers: 4:00–

5:30p.m. Tabletop roleplaying
campaign for ages 12 to 18.

Booking required. Fortnightly.

Thursday

Babytimes/Wā Pepi: for

under two-year olds. 10:30–

11 a.m. Weekly during term
time.

Friday

Card Club: Just come along

and join the fun. Free. No
bookings required.

The Zone @ Shirley: 4:00p.m.

– 5:00p.m. For ages 12-19.

Hang out to go head-to-head

on the PS4, mix music with

Garage Band, get creative

with green screen, play some

classic board games or just

chill and chat.

Saturday

Family History Help: 10 a.m.

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Magic: the Gathering: 1:00 –

4:00 p.m. Play, swap cards or

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