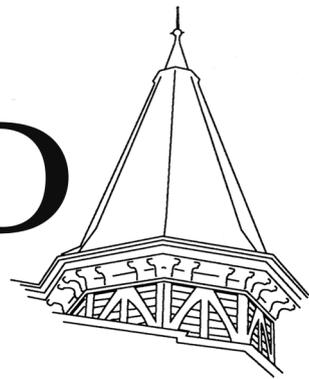


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The 'Tail' of the Purple Cow

By David Grantham

When I was an eight-year-old, Dad (Tom Grantham) was a teacher at Richmond School. Occasionally after finishing at Linwood Ave School, I'd bike to Dad in Richmond and we might do some shopping in town. On one occasion, Dad pointed out a burnt-out building next to the Village Green on Stanmore Road. I remember the incident for three reasons:

1. The building was called the 'Purple Cow' and I thought it was an unusual name.
2. The person who rented/owned it deliberately lit the fire.
3. The culprit tried to claim insurance.

Fast-forward 60 years to 2021 and The Press newspaper, from 1946 to 1961, had been scanned for the Papers Past website. The 'Purple Cow' memory came to me and I wondered - was it 1961 or prior? When I googled it, I got an instant result - 1961 it was! The first article appeared in The Press on Monday 27 February under the headline, 'Fires Investigated By Police' [see image]. However, less than a week after the fire, 'the proprietor of the Purple Cow milk bar', Gavin Kinsman aged 31, was up before the Magistrate's Court on three charges, including arson. He pleaded not guilty and elected trial by jury. Initially remanded in custody, he was later released on bail, reporting to police daily. The court case went to the Supreme Court, filling many columns of The Press over the next four months.

Kinsman was charged with wilfully setting fire to the Purple Cow, falsely declaring that no other person had a legal interest in property lost or damaged, and making a false insurance claim for £966 14s (\$47,000 today) for property supposedly destroyed in the fire. Thirty-one witnesses were called and 52 exhibits produced.

Two people involved in the trial stand out. One was a young Detective Emmett Mitten who gave evidence. He went on to have an illustrious career in the Police Force. The other was a juror who, of his own volition, went to inspect the fire-damaged building and in particular a vat containing fat. In the evening he

rang Counsel for the Crown, Clinton Roper, and asked him what would be the position of a juror in a case, where he knew of evidence that was not in accordance with what he might have heard in court. Roper replied (not thinking it was related to the current trial) 'that in such a case the juror would be bound by the evidence given in court.' The juror then admitted that it was the trial they were both involved with. The next day, Roper related this to the court as a witness, with the jury not in attendance. The jury returned to court and was addressed by Mr Justice Macarthur. He told the anonymous juror what he did was unwise, but it was not sufficient to dismiss the jury and call for a new trial. Kinsman was convicted on all three charges. He was given four years for the arson charge and one year each for the other two, to be served concurrently.

Fires Investigated By Police

The cause of the fire which gutted the Purple Cow restaurant in Stanmore road on Thursday night is being investigated by the police. Detective-Sergeant R. Smith said the fire was very fierce.

A detective is also investigating a fire which damaged an empty storage shed owned by R. and E. Tingey and Company, Ltd., at 2 Faraday street, about 8.15 p.m. on Saturday. The cause of the outbreak is unknown.

PRESS, VOLUME C, ISSUE 29449,
27 FEBRUARY 1961, PAGE 10, from
paperspast.natlib.govt.nz

In looking for pictures of the Purple Cow Dairy, or even Stanmore Rd in the 1950s, we realised what a dearth of publicly available images there is. Do you or maybe a relative have an old shoebox of photos somewhere that might feature local streets like Stanmore Rd? If so we'd love to scan them into our archives, with permission. Contact Avebury House if you can help bring the histories of our suburb to life!

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Many thanks to our team who deliver the RCN to 2800 households and businesses throughout Richmond.

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www.aveburyhouse.co.nz/newsletter.html

Contact us at: rcn@aveburyhouse.co.nz or ring Avebury House: **03 381 6615**.

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The Wit of Sam

Don't blame others for the road you are on, it's your own asphalt.



And the Lord said unto John, "Come forth and you shall have eternal life". But John came fifth and won a toaster.



I asked the surgeon if I could administer my own anaesthetic. He said "Sure, knock yourself out."

Illustration by Stephanie Terris

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Gentle Exercise: 10.30am - 11.30am with Dakota (022 012 5005)

Yoga: 6pm - 7pm with Robyn (027 459 2553)

TUESDAYS:

Yoga: 9am - 10am with Alison (021 150 0163)

Tai Chi: 10.30am - 11.30am with Roger (021 208 9196)

Pilates: 6pm - 7pm with Dee (027 251 5475)

NEW ON WEDNESDAYS:

Pilates: 6pm - 7pm with Dee (027 251 5475) *from Weds March 9th*

THURSDAYS:

Yoga: 9am - 10am with Timea (021 295 0037)

Pilates: 11am - 12pm with Dee (027 251 5475)

Yoga: 6pm - 7pm with Dakota (022 012 5005)

All our yoga and Pilates classes are \$8 casual, or you can buy a 10-trip card for \$60.

Tai chi is \$10 per class (10-trip cards are \$90); and Gentle Exercise is \$5. Payment can be made in cash or by bank deposit: WPac: **03 0859 0356982 000**, please use your name and '10-click' as references. Sorry we don't have eft-pos at the house! Drop in, call, or email Avebury House to sort your concession card: **381 6615 - admin@aveburyhouse.co.nz**

Please note: masks and vaccine passes are required for all our exercise classes.

Are You Covid Ready?

With Omicron making its way around the country, we expect there to be times when people will be at home isolating for a week or two, either because they have caught the virus or because they are household contacts of those who have. Most people should be able to recover ok at home, so to help prepare for these times we can:

- make sure we can still access groceries and supplies e.g. have family members or friends who are ready to help out, or setting up supermarket delivery
- thinking ahead regarding work/school and medical appointments
- having a 2-week supply of medicines such as any prescriptions, paracetamol and ibuprofen which can help with symptoms

Omicron is less likely to bring severe symptoms, but it can still be serious. If you feel you are getting worse, you can seek advice from your GP or call Healthline on **0800 358 5453**. If you are having difficulty breathing, just call **111**.

Busy Bees in Avonside

By Vicki Buck

Junior bee-keeping courses started last month at the Climate Action Campus in Avonside, and will continue each Friday for the rest of this term. Kathryn Jer of Clever Little Bees teaches several groups throughout the day, with each class going for about an hour and 15 minutes. Currently they are being run for primary students from Ao Tawhiti, as part of their Nature Play Day at our red zone site; but there's lots of room to expand the programme! The bees are there so if others are interested make contact through our Facebook page Climate Action Campus, Otautahi. All schools are eligible to apply for time at the Climate Action Campus!



Other programmes now underway include water research, and tuna (eel) study in the nearby Ōtākaro-Avon, plus learning to Grow Your Own Kai in conjunction with Cultivate Christchurch.

Meanwhile in Shirley



Macfarlane Art Park Murals:

Have you been along to see the 3 fabulous new murals at Macfarlane Park? Check them out, and if you feel inspired, the Shirley Village Project still has funding to create 10 more panels! They'll provide the materials for any Shirley residents/local groups who have a plan. Contact Steve on **021 186 3645**.

Shirley Tool Shed:

Open every Wednesday 4pm to 6pm at 33 Briggs Road. A year's membership is just \$20 and there are now over 300 tools available to borrow!

New Featured Item: A Food Dehydrator! Perfect for storing all that summer fruit, this has six trays to make your own tasty, dried snacks. Only \$5 for members to borrow and cheap to run.

In the mood for DIY? You'll find a skillsaw, drills, levels and all the tools you need to build your own fence, decking or outdoor furniture.

To find out more on how to get borrowing from the Shirley Tool Shed, phone Steve, 021 186 3645 or visit <https://shirleytooshed.myturn.com>



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New Eatery 'Mexigrill' on Stanmore!

By Tanya Didham

Feel like something fresh and tasty? Mexigrill have all your Mexican cravings on stand-by - soft-shell tacos, quesadillas, and of course nachos - all made fresh, including their delicious guacamole and housemade corn chips.

So what are two friends from Jordan doing setting up a Mexican restaurant? Back in their homeland Amin trained with a Mexican chef, and after coming to Christchurch in 2013 worked at Mexicano's in Victoria St for 8 years. Ahmed had arrived in 2012 and soon noted the lack of Mexican takeaways in Christchurch. "I thought it was a good idea for a long time, making fresh Mexican food to take away," Ahmed says, "and we wanted to serve a local community, outside the city".

Both live on the east side, so an opportunity in Richmond was perfect. They opened their doors in January. Friendly and customer-focused, they are serious about serving good, fresh food. Let them know how spicy you like it, find your favourite, and try their falafel taco - a delicious nod to their Middle Eastern heritage. Current lunchtime special is **3 tacos for \$20!** Highly recommend a visit!

Mexigrill is at 249 Stanmore Rd. They are open from 11am every day except Monday (closed). Sun, Tues, Weds open til 9.30pm, Thursday open til 10.30pm and on Fri & Sat, they serve lunch til 1pm. Find them on facebook or ubereats, or call (03) 926 0369.



Children's Imagination Yoga!



Is your 6-12 year old in need of a peaceful, positive space to relax, learn about mind-body awareness and give some aroha to their whole self.

Come to Imagination Yoga! We also do loads of stretching, games and imagination exercises too. A place to make new friends :)

Spaces are now available at our new venue in beautiful Avebury House.

We invite you to come along and give your tamariki a golden opportunity for self care in these times. Especially great after a challenging day at school!

Class time is 3.30pm-4.30pm Mondays. \$10 a class.

You can find out more at www.imaginationacademy.nz/yoga. Drop us a line to book your child's space at hello@imaginationacademy.nz



Foraging Workshops

Saturday 19th March 2022, 11.00 am Foraging Corner @ Riverlution Eco Hub, 46a Vogel St

Saturday 16th April 2022, 11.00am Foraging Corner, start @ Fungi Garden, end of Eveleyn Couzins Ave.

Wednesday 11th May 2022, 11.00am Foraging Corner, start @Riverlution Eco Hub, 46a Vogel St



From The Small White Teapot

onion skinned
under a layer of loss
there are tears

Kay Wise

winter's day
dairy stop
even the coins are cold

Rosemary Scott

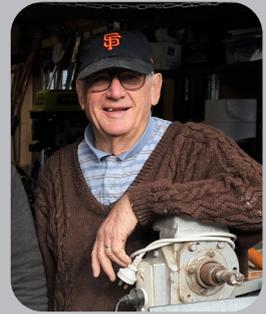


Avon River
in lamplight
a petal falls

Judith Walsh

The Small White Teapot haiku group meets at Avebury House every **4th Tuesday of the month, from 12pm - 2pm**, to talk about and share their love of haiku-style poetry. If you're interested, call Barbara on **021 171 8622**.

Men's Shed Project?



Our lovely Men's Shed volunteer, Ian, is looking for odd-jobs! Do you have any broken wooden items or maybe need something made? Ian loves fixing things and working with wood, so feel free to get in touch with him if you have a project you need help with. You can call Ian directly on **027 555 8368**.

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THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
5:00PM - 7:30PM



Please Note: the Repair Revolution is now every **3rd Tuesday of the month from 5pm - 7.30pm**, (no longer the 2nd as in the previous issue). Come down to the Riverlution EcoHub at 46A Vogel St with your broken stuff and it's likely someone can help you fix it!

Mind Yer Language: Say It With Flowers

By Tanya Didham

Flower names often have clearly descriptive origins, like Bottlebrush or Bluebonnets, but some descriptions have been lost to changing pronunciation and disused dialects.



For example the humble daisy, whose descriptive name was shortened from 'Day's Eye' - because its white-lashed, yellow eye opens at dawn, and

closes at dusk. Did you know the cottage garden gladiolus is related to Rome's gladiators? Both come from the Latin for 'sword'. Pliny the Elder named the plant 'little sword' referring, not to its flowers, but to its leaves. The geranium is named after a bird. It comes from the Greek geranion, meaning 'little crane', because the seedpods look like a crane's bill. In fact the Old English name for the plant was 'cranebill'. Lupins were somehow thought to be 'wolf-like', named from the Latin for wolf, *lupus*, perhaps because of their fang-like inner petal.

Foxgloves have the Latin name *digitalis*. This is a modern translation of the German name of the plant: '*fingerhut*,' which is the German word for 'thimble', literally 'finger hat'. A good description of the flower's shape.



How they became *foxes glofa* in Old English is a hotly debated topic, but the flowers do look like they could neatly accommodate a little fox paw. More like fox mittens!

Photos from Pexels

Puzzle Cryptic Crossword

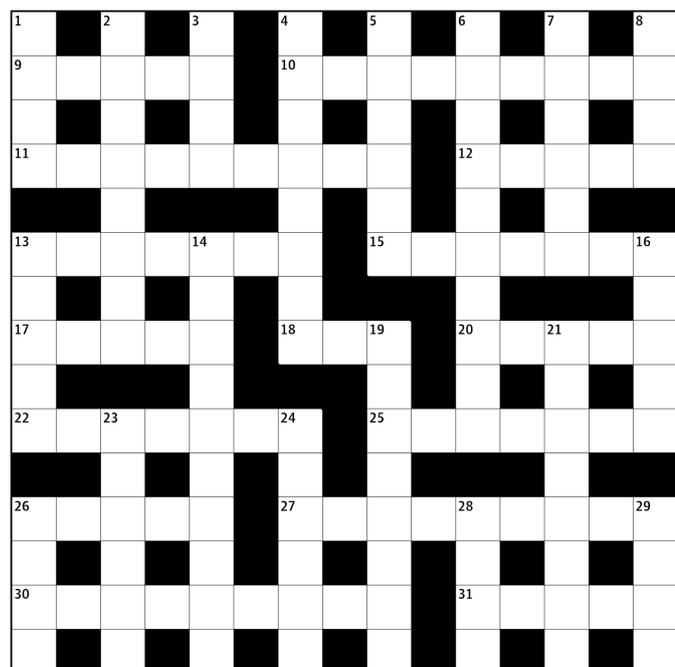
By Dirty Harry

Across

9. All right surrounded by a feeling of wonderment — then stopped sleeping (5)
10. Ginger hat may be passed around assembly (9)
11. Apple I can get confused about — this may be useful (9)
12. In short, Susan is possibly the item at dispute (5)
13. In addition, Sid surrounded by bees (7)
15. Sh! Carol may be a diligent student (7)
17. Backwards parts may be good to hold on to (5)
18. Homer's note of frustration (3)
20. See 19
22. Direction of nurses going to work (7)
25. Fete possessed the epitome of chivalry (7)
26. Melee part of mollusc rumble (5)
27. Unwell? For example, bile may be confused with communication problem (9)
30. Near land, I may feel a hormonal surge (9)
31. Permit required, in part, to wear this (5)

Down

1. Priest appears before noon, surrounded by the French (4)
2. Cor! — poems may be assembled by one who makes music (8)
3. Initially John, Eric, Donald and Ian were galactic guardians (4)
4. Is Da gone crazy? ...certainly struggled (8)
5. Place accent on pressure situation (6)
6. Duel about flight? Sounds enchanting (10)
7. Al goes after young lady — by sending her a letter? (6)
8. Feeling vaguely unwell? This might be part of the reason (4)
13. Prepare beets to be surrounded by trouble (5)
14. Term pedant confused with a section of something bigger (10)
16. Very cold — not loud, but still inflexible (5)
- 19 & 20. A casual affair in Scotland. (8,5)
21. Where nun lives (8)
23. Cautious about Roman Catholic? This may rally the troops (6)
24. The French fist may cause suffocation (6)
26. Southern sailor has a leading role (4)
28. Ready to take a chance and play (4)
29. Sheep in all directions? Not north (4)



Solution to February Crossword

Across: 1. Alps, 3. Perceive, 8. Mint, 9. Spammers, 11. Television, 14. Expert, 15. Stucco, 17. Chaperones, 20. Euphoria, 21. Aria, 22. Minister, 23. Moon.

Down: 1. Admitted, 2. Penelope, 4. Expose, 5. Comforters, 6. Item, 7. Easy, 10. Overthrows, 12. Scenario, 13. Coxswain, 16. Sprite, 18. Beam, 19. Spin

* Job Opportunity *

SEEKING NEW TEAM MEMBERS for The Children's Imagination Academy

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Are you passionate about Wellbeing & Creativity Education? Do you love working in a dynamic team environment? Are you a caring, kind, energetic and all round excellent human being who would like to find meaningful and positive work?

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Richmond Residents' and Businesses' Association

Meeting Minutes

The Richmond Residents and Business Association set the following issues to address in 2022

The following areas were targeted for action:

- Richmond Road repair programme
- Establishing a monthly community weeding programme
- Developing the role of the capacity builder
- Better utilisation of our core brand by developing better communication networks
- Supporting local schools with community support and in-school programmes
- Creative learning environments in Richmond
- Contributing towards the development of the commercial heart of Richmond
- Developing the Wayfaring project

Current Activity Reports included:

- Roading Repair programme
- Wayfaring trail.
- We Are Richmond Capacity Builder. Rachel Crawford has been contracted to We Are Richmond as our new Capacity Builder.
- LiVS programme
- Weedathon
- Richmond Village Sign.
- Dudley Street bird problem
- Local crime incidents

Council Reports: Both P. Cotter and A. Davids answered a range of questions about a number of local and national issues and many of these will be followed up by the R.R.B.A members.

For a more detailed set of minutes go to our website: <https://wearerichmond.co.nz/>. Correspondence should be addressed to secretary@wearerichmond.co.nz to PO Box 26-097, Christchurch, 8013

"Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel."

- Socrates



Alan the Appliance Guy will collect *for free* scrap metal, old appliances, computers, dvd players etc.

Call him on 027 756 2718.

What's on in Richmond

CONTACT EACH VENUE FOR THEIR COVID GUIDELINES AND UPDATES.



AVEBURY HOUSE,
9 Eveleyn Couzins Avenue.
Phone (03) 381-6615
The office is open Mon to
Fri from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday

Men's Shed: Contact John at 022 5891141 or Ian at 027 555 8368.

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 a catch up.

Gentle Exercise:

10:30–11:30 a.m. Gentle exercise class with a tutor who guides you through an exercise routine designed to keep those muscles moving! \$5/session.

Richmond Community Garden:

From 9:30 a.m. onwards. We welcome volunteers 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. \$8/session.

Tuesday

Yoga: 9:00–10:00 a.m. Join us for a good stretch! Beginners welcome. \$8/session.

Tai Chi: 10:30 a.m. \$10/session

Small White Teapot Group: Haiku group meets every 4th Tuesday of the month at 12pm.

Pilates: 6:00 p.m. \$8/session.

Wednesday

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

Stress Release: 7:30pm. Let go stress. Relax the body. Calm the mind. Also on Fridays at 10:30am

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.

Pilates: 6 pm. \$8/session. Starts 9th March.

Thursday

Yoga: 9:00 a.m. Beginners welcome!

Pilates: 11 a.m. \$8/session.

Yoga: 6–7 p.m. \$8. Evening yoga. Join us for a good stretch!

SOUL STAR TRIBE: beginner belly dance classes 5:30pm Tuesdays (CWEA, 59 Gloucester Street, City Centre), and 10am Saturdays from (The Chrystal Palace, 12 Chrystal Street, Richmond).

\$10 casual, concession cards available. For more information, please phone Samantha on **027 6525 993**.

CROSSWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

North Avon Community Centre. 101 North Avon Road (entry off Chystal St)

Sunday Services: Every Sunday at 10am Family friendly with children's programmes.

For more information you can find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/crosswaych/

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

Shirley Library Book Discussion Group:

10:30am. Held on the second Monday of the month. Bookings essential. Please phone or email to enquire about availability and cost.

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. Weekly. No charge.

Wā Kōrero: Storytimes: 10:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Recommended for over 2s.

Reading to Dogs: 3:30p.m. – 4:30p.m.

Bookings essential. During term time.

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.

Knit 'n' Yarn: 1:00p.m. – 3:00p.m. Enjoy time with other crafters. Share skills and be inspired in our friendly, relaxing environment.

Friday

Card Club: Just come along and join the fun.

Free. No bookings required.

Saturday

Family History Help: 10a.m. A member of the NZ Society of Genealogists will be available to help with your family history questions. Free.

Mahjong Group: 1:00 p.m. For beginners and advanced players alike. If you have your own set, please bring it along, otherwise come along and join in a friendly game.



DELTA COMMUNITY TRUST,
101 North Avon Road
(Entrance off Chrystal St)

Ph: (03) 389-0212, Free phone 0800233582

Foodbank: Contactless delivery until further notice - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10am-2pm . Please phone first.

Monday café: Currently closed. Please check our website or Facebook for updates.

Friday Inn Community Meal: More details to come in 2022.

Free Budgeting advice & Advocacy support: Please ring for an appointment.

North Avon Community Centre

English class: Currently closed.

Please join the Delta English Class

– Online on Facebook for updates

and online classes.

Delta International Playgroup:

Currently closed. Please join Delta International Playgroup on Facebook for updates, live stream videos and parenting help.

Delta Playgym: Currently closed. Please follow Delta Community Playgym on Facebook for updates.

Ladies Craft Group: currently closed. Please check our website or Facebook for updates.

Call Shauna (03) 389-0219 or email shauna@deltatrust.org.nz to register for limited courses or for more information about the English Class and playgroups. t

HOLY TRINITY

AVONSIDE,
168 Stanmore Road,
Ph 389-6948

Parish Eucharists

– Weekly, Sundays 9.30am,

Thursdays 10am. **All Age Church** –

Monthly, 2nd Sunday, 11.15am.

Prayer & Praise – Monthly, 4th

Sunday, 11am.

Study Group – Fortnightly in

person and at 7pm on Zoom.

Elder Care – Every Thursday 1pm,

contact the Vicar.

Exercise Groups Thurs at 11am.



Foot Clinic – Tuesdays (about every six weeks)

Mission Stall – Monthly, 3rd Sunday after 9:30 service.

Parish Lunch with Vicar – Monthly, 4th Sunday, midday.

Vestry – Monthly, 2nd Thursday, 7.15pm.

Wednesday Café – Monthly, 2nd Wednesday, 11.30am.

Association of Anglican Women – Monthly, 4th Saturday, 10.30am