

A Trip to Dudley Creek

By Lily and Lizzie



When our class *Awa* from Banks Avenue School arrived at the Dudley Creek site we sat down on a tarpaulin and sanitised our hands. The scientists from EOS Ecology, Siobhan, Nick and Jordan, explained what we would be doing that day. We were split into two groups – both of us were in Nick's group.

We kicked up some stones into a net and then poured the water and stones into four separate tubs. Nick taught us about invertebrates, then he poured some stones into many petri dishes. We got some pipettes and poked the stones around and found some worms. We then found out that they are called freshwater worms. We sucked them up with the pipettes and put them in some other petri dishes and found loads of

freshwater worms and a non-biting midge larva. Someone even found a leech, but the leeches in New Zealand only bite plants not people.

Another experiment we did was looking at the creek water in a *densimeter*, a see-through tube with a magnet device attached, to gauge how clear the water was. Most of us found that it was reading around 70 which meant that the stream had medium visibility.

We took random samples of the rocks from the stream and measured them - we got our feet wet doing this!

The purpose of these experiments was to see how healthy the stream was on that day. We found that overall the stream was not polluted but also not crystal clear so it was medium healthy. In the future we are going to monitor the stream as 'Nature Agents.'

Lily and Lizzie are both year 6 students at Banks Avenue School.



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Covid Restrictions Update

**Unite
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COVID-19**

The government has announced there will no longer be a legal requirement for vaccine passes from April 4th. This is a little scary for folk who have compromised immune systems or underlying health conditions, so it's important to remember not everyone wants to 'get it over with'. Fortunately mandates are still in place for health workers. High vaccination rates, hygiene, and masks are now our best defence against catching/spreading the coronavirus. Scanning in with QR codes is also no longer required. Check the official website for all updates to the traffic light system: covid19.govt.nz/traffic-lights



The Wit of Sam

In England it's called a 'lift' but Americans call it an 'elevator'. I guess they're just raised differently.

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After all these years my wife still finds me sexy. Every time I walk past she says "What an ass!"

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I can't find my 'Gone in 60 Seconds' DVD. It was here a minute ago.

Illustration by Stephanie Terris

The Little Shop is Open!

Been wondering where the Richmond Community Garden Little Shop went? It's in the Eco Hub! And at this time of the year, everything is in abundance! From just one of our team's gardens we made 45 jars of Peach Jam, 40 jars of Bottled Peaches, and 10 Jars of Julie's Very Special Quince Jelly! But that's not all, we've got loads of stock for sale including Olive Oil, Brined Olives, Jams & Chutneys, Seeds, Salves and Sauces, Walnuts & Worm Fertilizer. Even homemade Rat Bait! Just come on down to the Riverlution Eco Hub at **46A Vogel St**. Payment options are cash or bank transfer.



ANZAC WALK



The ANZAC remembrance river walk is still going ahead - but it's self-guided this year. The World War I installation will be up on River Rd from the **20th to the 27th of April**. Sadly no Devonshire Tea this year - curse you covid! Beginning at Avebury House, you can head to River Road and turn left. Once past the crosses you can turn back or continue to

Lois Place and return via the red zone.

You can download a very cute map from the facebook event: facebook.com/events/928078124442684 or on Council's What's On page.

The Landing has Landed!

Dallington Landing opened to the public on March 12th. Unfortunately due to covid restrictions, the planned-for community picnic could not go ahead, but there was a low-key gathering of invited guests. Initial feedback on social media suggests some were disappointed by the lack of kayak and/or car access. It will be interesting to see how people use/feel about it after a month or so. If you'd like to share your thoughts, contact Community Board member Bebe Frayle at bebe.frayle@ccc.govt.nz.



What's Up on Woodchester?

By Hayley Guglietta, Avon-Ōtākaro Network

If you live near Woodchester Ave you may have noticed the action taking place in the adjacent red zone, by the Medway corner. The supercool Banks Avenue School project *Adventure Ave* has been taking shape. The huts are almost finished, the large picnic table is in place, and we have lots more clean fill to make the bike track even bigger and better!

A big thank you to Heb Construction for diverting clean fill from the new bridge sites, instead of taking it out of the area. A win-win collaboration. The Richmond Community Garden has also added composting bins for a couple of the lemon trees on-site and we are seeing the results already! Special thanks also to Bryan and Colleen for their awesome mowing job, and for getting the weeds under control around the existing trees.

It's becoming a great place for the community to hang out - pop down and have a look! And watch this space for more exciting additions coming up this year. Lots of volunteers are involved, if you'd like to help out, get in touch with hayley@guglietta.co.nz

P.S. A little birdie tells us the nearby Medway Bridge will be opening early April!



Richmond Residents' and
Businesses' Association

Urban Development in Richmond

By Craig Given, *We Are Richmond*

In December the government (with unanimous support from the National party) passed the National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD) Bill, to allow for increased housing density across Christchurch. While this bill generally promotes intensification, it has a mechanism called 'qualifying matters' which means local governments can create exemptions based on factors like heritage and character.

The CCC will decide at the end of March if it will consult with the Christchurch ratepayers on the various intensification exemptions, including heritage and character. This will be of particular interest to a large proportion of Richmond residents given the Dudley Character Area designation that has controlled development activity in a portion of the suburb.

To get updates on this consultation if/when it happens, follow the We Are Richmond facebook group - or sign up for the We Are Richmond email here: wearerichmond.co.nz/contact/

The following CCC Newsline article has more information: newsline.ccc.govt.nz/news/story/plan-changes-ready-christchurch-for-future-growth

Have Your Say: All of the City Council's consultations are in one place on their website. Go to ccc.govt.nz and just click on the 'Have Your Say' box. Currently Council are also seeking feedback on the Draft Annual Plan.

This month we have our working group meeting at the Richmond Club, on **Tuesday April 26th @ 7pm.**

Current working groups consist of Roding, Richmond Village, Communications, and Arts & Parks. We'd love to hear your views - the more the merrier!

Anyone is most welcome to come along to any of our meetings and get involved! If you have any questions contact: secretary@wearerichmond.co.nz For more detailed meeting minutes please visit our website: wearerichmond.co.nz

Eco Hub Recycling Update

From the Riverlution

We have awesome news regarding our community collection station at the Riverlution Eco Hub on Vogel St: We are partnering with Chip Packet Project New Zealand!



The Chip Packet Project takes clean, dry foil packaging, like that which crisps and biscuits come in, and creates survival sheets for people living rough on the streets.

One chip packet can take 80 years to decompose in a landfill, but each survival sheet uses 44

chip packets - that's 3520 recycling years!! Reducing waste and providing comfort to those in need. Win-win.

So please start rinsing and saving your foil packaging to bring down to the Eco Hub, and we'll make sure it gets a new lease on life! Plus we're planning an upcoming event with the CPPNZ team soon, so watch this space or jump on our FB page: www.facebook.com/riverlutionhub

In Other Recycling News...

Facemasks: If you have the time, please remove the elastic ear strap and the metal nose strip. These cannot go through our shredder and it will save our team a lot of processing time. Don't forget you can wash your facemask a few times before disposing of it inside the Hub.

Plastic Bottle Tops: Ideally, cleaned thoroughly with any labels or inside seals removed. The types of plastic we want are HDPE (small lids: chasing arrows 2) and PP (large lids: chasing arrows 5).

PLEASE NOTE we no longer accept SOFT PLASTIC at the Eco Hub as this can be taken directly to your nearest participating Countdown or Warehouse. E.g. Eastgate have the collection bins. Or find another store here:

www.recycling.kiwi.nz/store-locator

If you'd like to know more, or get involved in any of the Riverlution Projects, contact Morgane at admin@richmondcommunitygarden.co.nz or call 027 232 3116



Rekindle The Craft



Rekindle came to Christchurch in the aftermath of the quakes, with their focus on sustainable use of resources, upcycling what we have around us, and development of craft. Through April they are running many of their courses at reduced rates including an Eco Printing workshop on Thurs April 7th in conjunction with the Riverlution Eco Hub! Bookings for all their workshops are essential, for info check their website www.rekindle.org.nz or on FB: facebook.com/rekindlenz

Tai Chi at Avebury House

Come along to Tai Chi every **Tuesday morning from 10.30am**. Outside on the lawn if fine, upstairs in the house if not. Call Roger on **021 208 9196** for info, or just pop along on a Tuesday morning. \$10 per class. Experience not required!

Red-Zoned Art Heritage Gets Category 1 Listing

20 Templar Street in Richmond - the red-zoned home of artist Bill Sutton - is Christchurch's very first artist residency. Now, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga have recognised its national significance and awarded it a Category 1 heritage listing, alongside other notable artist's homes that offer residencies: the Rita Angus Cottage in Wellington, the Colin McCahon Cottage in Ttirangi, and Brian Brake House in Auckland.

Born in Christchurch in 1917, Bill taught at the Canterbury College School of Art from 1949 until his retirement in 1979. When he bought the Templar St property in 1963 a previous colonial cottage had been demolished and the site was clear. He asked friend and School of Art colleague Tom Taylor to help him design his new home. While Taylor never qualified as an architect, he did design several homes, including Margaret Mahy's in Governors Bay, and a house/studio for artist Doris Lusk on Gloucester St.

The Templar St house was perfectly designed for a bachelor artist and the big open studio gave Sutton space to create larger canvases. His 40-year love affair with Canterbury's landscapes inspired his best-known works, and extra studio space allowed him to accept more formal portrait commissions. He even installed an antique Albion press on which he printed under the name Templar Press. The house and garden - in which he planted some 30 trees - became a beacon of hospitality as Sutton regularly invited colleagues and students for social events.



Bill Sutton *Te Tihi o Kahukura and Sky, I. Watercolour, 1976.*
From the Christchurch Art Gallery collection.

After Sutton's death in 2000, the property was purchased by Christchurch Art Gallery senior curator, Neil Roberts who had long thought Christchurch would benefit from an artist-in-residence facility. A protective covenant was arranged with Council, and it was Roberts' intention to gift the property to the city in his Will. However the property was red-zoned following the quakes and Roberts reluctantly sold it to the Crown in 2014. "I knew that

if I let the property get overgrown, someone would say it was derelict and pull it down" says Neil. He requested weekly access to maintain the garden.

Some theft and vandalism were sadly inevitable but dedicated volunteers, and the prescient 2002 protective covenant, meant the house was not demolished.

When Land Information New Zealand took over the property the house underwent a significant renovation, including cladding and paint, and the addition of a wheelchair ramp.

"Sutton House holds a special place in Christchurch's art history," says Christchurch Mayor Lianne Dalziel, "and deserves its Category 1 listing. Bill Sutton was an extraordinary artist and a

proud Cantabrian, and you can still feel his presence at the property, even after all these years. It is great the property is now accessible to the public and able to be used by visiting artists."

*As there is usually an artist-in-residence, Sutton House does not have regular open hours, visits are by appointment, or on one of their open days. Find out more on their website: www.suttonhouseandgarden.org.nz
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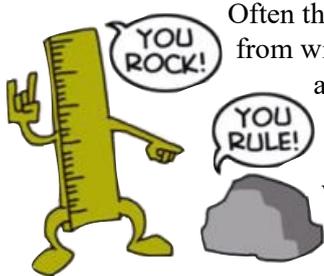


Mind Yer Language: Delete if Not Aloud

By Tanya Didham

Homophones are words that sound the same - from the Latin *homo* meaning 'same' and *phone* meaning 'sound' - but have different meanings. Common examples are write/right, days/daze, holy/holey, draw/drawer and earn/urn. When we hear these words in a sentence they don't confuse us - context is everything. We know a horse-drawn carriage isn't a picture of a carriage drawn by a horse. If someone says, 'They're over there, they're going to their car,' it makes perfect sense. It's only when written down that mixing up homophones can become confusing, such as, 'I like holy cheese!' or 'Walking aloud on path only' or 'There great!'

Some words sound *and* look the same, but have different meanings. These are called homonyms. This time the suffix *-nym* is Latin for 'name' so, same name. Classic examples include bark (of a dog, or a tree); lie (to fib, or recline); ball (for sport, or a fancy dance); and bat (a flying mammal, or something to hit that ball.)



Often these words have come from wildly different beginnings and just ended up in the same place. For example 'wake'. The verb 'to wake', as in be awake, comes from the Latin root word *weg*, which means to be lively and

watchful. It is also the root of such words as vigour, vigilant and watch (another homonym!). On the other hand, the 'wake' a boat leaves behind, comes from the Old Norse *vok*. It originally meant a hole in the ice - those Viking boats had some chilly waters to navigate! Incidentally the type of wake you have after someone's death is also from the *weg* root. It comes from a tradition of 'keeping watch' over the deceased, until their burial/cremation/send-off.

There is yet another member of the lookalikes family - the homograph. The suffix *-graph* means writing - so they are written the same, but they sound different. The difference between a bow (of a ship) and a bow (a knot). The buffet of the wind, or the buffet car on a train. To entrance someone with your charm, or show them the entrance.

Underpinning puns and lost-in-translations since dot, these double- and triple-duty words can make us chuckle too. Because 'seven ate nine'; German sausage is the wurst; and well, well, well, looks like three holes in the ground.

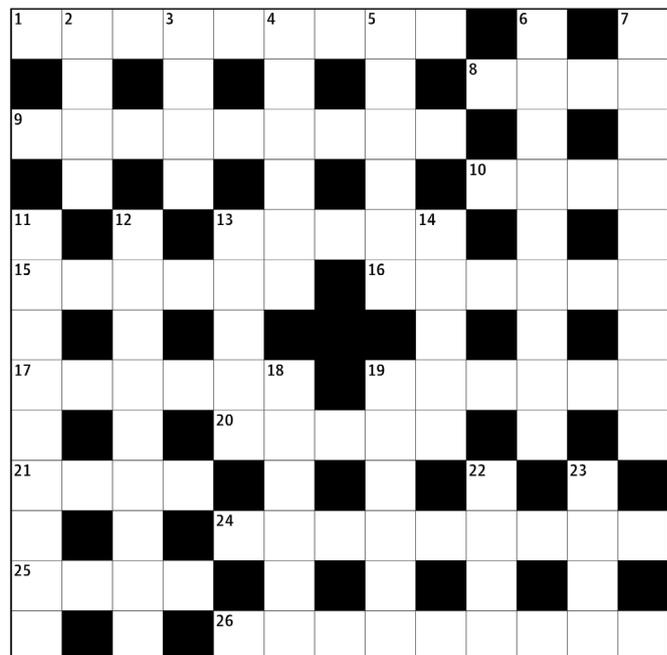
Puzzle Crossword

Across

1. Printed symbol (9)
8. Speak indistinctly (4)
9. Joy (9)
10. Network (4)
13. Heredity units (5)
15. Passion (6)
16. Run fast (6)
17. High principles (6)
19. North polar region (6)
20. Rising agent (5)
21. Destiny (4)
24. Four times a year (9)
25. Resentful longing (4)
26. Theatre (9)

Down

2. Warmth (4)
3. Enthralled (4)
4. Horse's motion (6)
5. Follows (6)
6. Offer relief (9)
7. Building designer (9)
11. Contented (9)
12. Part of speech (9)
13. Ravine (5)
14. Athletic pastime (5)
18. Follow-up (6)
19. Lost (6)
22. Nought (4)
23. In addition (4)



Solution to March Crossword

Across: 9. Awoke 10. Gathering 11. Appliance 12. Issue 13. Besides 15. Scholar 17. Strap 18. Doh 20. Fling 22. Towards 25. Galahad 26. Scrum 27. Illegible 30. Adrenalin 31. Mitre

Down: 1. Lama 2. Composer 3. Jedi 4. Agonised 5. Stress 6. Delightful 7. Missal 8. Ague 13. Beset 14. Department 16. Rigid 19. Highland 21. Inhabits 23. Warcry 24. Stifle 26. Star 28. Game 29. Ewes

Plunket Baby!

By Tanya Didham



Walking is a great way to keep fit, and Avebury House gets its fair share of walking groups passing through to the river red zone. Some even pop in to say hi, which we love! Last November a group came into the house for a tour. One of the members had grown up in Richmond and not only did he remember visiting the house as a child, but even more incredible, he remembered being weighed there as a baby. Central government had bought Avebury House with 8 hectares of land after World War II, but having no special plans for it, gifted it to Christchurch in 1951. Plunket then used the building through the 1950s. When the man from the walking group went into the upstairs sunroom, he immediately said ‘Oh yes, I remember this room.’ He said he could remember being put into a metal bucket to be weighed!

Regrettably I did not note this man’s name, but if anyone recognises him from this picture, I’d love to get in touch for more of his Richmond reminiscences. And if you have some memories to share, feel free to contact Tanya at Avebury House on **381 6615** or email admin@aveburyhouse.co.nz

Haiku from The Small White Teapot

weeping elm
its black twisted branches
torture my soul –
received her email today
tears overflow ... again

Nola Gazzard



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CHRISTCHURCH**

We have been donated various fabric from Christchurch International Airport Limited that we will be using to create various upcycled works of art!

Richmond Community Garden

LOOP
Litter out of Ōtautahi Project

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

We meet each **Tuesday at 7.30pm** at **Scottish Society Hall, 136 Caledonian Road.**

Come along if you want to take part in some fun activity. All you need to bring is soft shoes.

For more information Phone Shirley **0273527821** or Maree **0272989894.**

“You can’t use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have.”

- Maya Angelou



Allan 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



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. Please call to confirm.

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.

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 & Friday Inn

Community Meal: Currently closed. Please check our website or Facebook for updates.

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: for mums and children under 5 of refugee and migrant backgrounds. Fridays during the school term 9am-11:30am at the North Avon Community Centre. \$2 for the session. Please bring your own morning tea for your child. NO shared morning tea. Vaccine pass and face masks to be worn.

Music and stories at 10.30am.

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.

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