



Thank You Beth!

By Tanya Didham

Beth Rouse is the chairperson for Avebury House Community Trust. As a neighbour she was displaced by the red-zoning of her property, but she maintained her strong connection to the house. Along with others she put in a massive effort to save Avebury House from the wrecking ball. Twice.

Beth helped form the trust back in 2002, and has worked diligently since then to bring this heritage property back to life. Along with attending regular trust meetings, Beth never fails to turn up to events and pitch in - hauling chairs, pitching gazebos, serving food etc. When financial trouble struck the trust not long after the quakes, Beth went into her own pocket to make sure staff got paid.

Linwood Councillor Yani Johanson presented the award, noting that one of the first actions of the outgoing Community Board was to help save Avebury House from the wrecking ball all those years ago.

The Richmond community owes a debt of gratitude to Beth for her passionate and dedicated service to maintaining Avebury House, not just as a piece of



Yanni and Beth at the last ever prize-giving ceremony for the Linwood-Heathcote-Central Community Board. Following the Representation Review and re-drawing of boundaries, all of Richmond will be in the Central Ward, and our new Community Board is Waipapa/Papanui-Innes-Central. See p8 for details

Christchurch heritage, but as an active hub for the community.

Thank you Beth!

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our tamariki to connect with the community, care for the environment, and value learning, as we support their transition to school life.

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www.kidsfirst.co.nz/christchurch/richmond



Election Pull-Out! Meet the Central Candidates Running in October

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Want to Get More Active?

Avebury House has a comprehensive schedule of exercise classes to suit any ability or fitness level. We ask for a koha of \$8 for Pilates or yoga, but we won't turn you away if you can't afford that much.

We also have 10-click concession cards for \$70. Our Tuesday morning Tai Chi is \$10/session, while our Monday Gentle Exercise class is just \$5. If you want to find out more, contact the teachers directly on their numbers below.

Monday 10.30am - Gentle Exercise with Dakota - **022 012 5005**

Tues 9am - Yoga with Alison - **021 150 0163**

Tues 10.30am - Tai chi with Roger - **021 208 9196**

Tues 6pm - Pilates with Dee - **027 251 5475**

Weds 11am & 6pm - Pilates with Dee - **027 251 5475**

Thurs 9am - Yoga with Timea - **021 295 0037**

Thurs 11am - Pilates with Dee - **027 251 5475**

Thurs 6pm - Yoga with Dakota - **022 012 5005**



HAVE YOU 'RETIRED', OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO?



On the corner of Stanmore and Avalon, Richmond Electrical is fenced off for demolition. While the developer hasn't gone public, the consent application indicates it is for housing with 2 shops!



When you cease paid employment you find yourself in a new space, how you spend your time is suddenly your choice. No matter how well you planned for this, the reality of no longer having a workplace can be lonely and isolating.

In July 2021 a group of us formed 7Plus. We meet at least fortnightly. We've adopted a programme from the Third Age Foundation and we do a series of other interesting stuff with learning, growth, sharing and laughter.

Saturday, October 1st is International Day of Older Persons. At Avebury House in Richmond from 10:30am to 12 noon and again 1:30pm to 3:00pm

7Plus is celebrating our successful first year. Join us at either session as we share what we've accomplished and what we might do next.

Contact us anytime at: sevenplusfg@gmail.com



The Wit of Sam

What do you call a detective who just solves cases accidentally? Sheer Luck Holmes.

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My wallet is like an onion. When I open it, it makes me cry...

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My wife left a note on the fridge for me: 'This isn't working, I'm leaving.' Don't know what she was on about, the fridge is working fine!

Illustration by Stephanie Terris



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

Call him on 027 756 2718.

Mental Health Awareness Week

26 Sept - 2 Oct



This year, the Mental Health Foundation is sharing Five Ways to Wellbeing. Extensive research has shown that introducing these five simple actions into our everyday lives can really improve our mental outlook! Avebury House, Richmond Community Garden, Delta Trust and The Richmond Club are among many welcoming local places that can help you get your 5+ a day!

<https://www.mhaw.nz/explore/five-ways-to-wellbeing/>

NEW Late Night Gardening



Beginning Thursday Sept 29th the Richmond Community Garden is hosting Late Night Gardening with Cathy! This will be a very casual, sharing environment; whatever your knowledge level you are welcome. Get the seed-to-plate bug, and hang out in the garden with friends.

Thursday evenings at Richmond Community Garden, 6pm - 8pm through Spring & Summer! Any questions, contact Cathy on **0210 248 7149**.



Delta Community Migrant and Refugee Programs

We offer an international playgroup and ESOL class specifically catered to migrants and refugees. Both programs aim to foster community and connection in our migrant population.

Our international playgroup is every Friday from 9am-12pm and ESOL/English classes are every Wednesday from 10am-12.30pm (we also have a play area available for children while parents participate in the class). Address is 105 North Avon Road. Feel free to pop in or contact me at **0223258060** or preethi@deltatrust.org.nz



"Promise me you'll always remember — you're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." — Christopher Robin to Winnie the Pooh

Chronicle

By Elise M.

Clouds of grey
In shades of grey
Fill my days;
And nights
Are dark,
Black, dark, long,
And darker still.
While each day
Is grey, grey,
Until even
The hope of hope
Is a dream
Only a dream.

Tears are grey
Sighs are grey
Words are grey
Love is grey
And even the hope of hope
Is a grey, grey dream

As people come
And people go
Spinning
Beyond reach
In their glittering garments
Feathered with colours
Spangled with cheerful word
And smart bright smiles
Then even the hope of hope
Is a grey, grey dream

And the sun shines
But not on me
And music lives
But not for me
Men smile
But not to me
The women chatter
But not with me
And the hope of hope
Lives -
But not for me
For the hope of hope
Is only a grey, grey dream.

*Elise graciously shared this poem with us specifically for Mental Health Awareness Week. If you'd like to talk to someone about feeling low or anxious, it's free to text or call Need To Talk? on **1737**. There is also the Depression Helpline **0800 111 757**; Lifeline **088 543 354**; Youthline **0800 376 633**; and Samaritans **0800 726 666***



Richmond Community Garden and Avebury House are bringing back the Spring Fair!

It will include the Heritage Festival event at Avebury, Vintage Market @ Avebury, Community Garden car boot, Repair Revolution, buskers young and old, local vendors, seedlings, bric-a-brac, mud kitchen, games and plenty of activities.

To book a space for the car boot, email the RCG at coordinator@richmondcommunitygarden.co.nz \$10 per car.

Or maybe you have a budding talent you'd like to share? Sign up for the Busking Board. Magic, dance, circus art, wanna-be buskers of all types, and all ages welcome. To get your name next to a 10-20min slot email Morgane at admin@richmondcommunitygarden.co.nz

To book a spot at the Vintage Market @ Avebury, call Maree at **027 328 9242**.



Christchurch Heritage Festival - Richmond in the News

Christchurch has a long newspaper history, and thanks to the riches of the PapersPast website, much of this material is now readily available online. Our heritage display will include material from this public treasure trove, recording the notable events, people and places in and around the suburb of Richmond.

Of course our famous Devonshire Tea will be served fresh from the house kitchen, and we're really excited to have the Vintage Market joining us on the front lawn this year!

This free event coincides with the Spring Fair celebrations being held in the Richmond Community Garden. Join us between 10am and 2pm on Sunday October 16th!



The Repair Revolution is having a Spring Fair Repair weekend in celebration of International Repair Day on October 15th and 16th.

As well as two days of repair cafes, we will be holding workshops around repair and some upcycling and upskilling workshops.

If you can't wait, the next Repair Revolution is on the 20th of September at the EcoHub, 46A Vogel St.

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Local Elections 2022 - Who's Standing?

Phil Mauger [Mayor - Let's Get Stuff Done]

I am running for Mayor because I want to regain people's trust in Council and get stuff done.

Born and raised in New Brighton, I have lived in Christchurch all my life. My wife Chrissy and I have five children between us, and nine grandchildren. Prior to joining Council, I successfully ran Maugers Contracting, a third-generation family business, building subdivisions and infrastructure all over the city since 1970. I've resigned to focus on becoming Christchurch's next Mayor.



For the last three years I have been Councillor for Burwood. I've built good relationships with all my fellow councillors and see one role of Mayor as being a facilitator and enabler, ensuring all councillors have their say. One strength I bring is my ability to work collaboratively with people from all political persuasions.

It's disappointing overall satisfaction with Council's services has dropped to just 42%. We got the message loud and clear: residents want us to get the basics right, as well as continuing to make Christchurch the best place to work, live and play. I'll keep pushing to make sure we provide the right budget to fix and maintain our roads, footpaths, sewers and water mains – they are our core business.

Council needs a solution-focused, can-do attitude. We must be open to innovative thinking and trying new things. We need practical leadership – which I can deliver.

I am not a member of any political party, and have supported ideas from across the political spectrum. Support for my campaign is coming from all walks of life – teachers, nurses, farmers, business people, and mums and dads who just want to see stuff get done.

There are challenges ahead: impact of inflation, three-waters reform, and the review of local government. We need common sense leadership to help make the right decisions.

Citizens need to feel they are heard. If elected Mayor, I will continue to spend time every fortnight meeting people and community groups across the city, listening to concerns. We are on our way to becoming a world-class city, but we must get the basics right.

Email: phil.mauger@outlook.co.nz



David Meates [Mayor - Listens, Leads and Gets Results]

Christchurch is made up of so many wonderful neighbourhoods, each with their own character. Places to gather, gardens to nurture, groups to engage, to learn and to support each other.



One of my priorities is to reconnect with all our communities – and to enable them to have more of a voice in Council. The east has often felt let down by the Council - the fire at Bromley, as well as the ongoing issues of the compost plant, coastal hazards, difficult decisions regarding climate change, the grief over the loss of communities in the Red Zone, road and footpath maintenance. I am keen to pilot new engagement processes such as participatory budgeting where local communities get to discuss and decide their priorities for spending. I would like to see this piloted in the east.

I am so excited by the potential of the river corridor, formerly known as the Red Zone. We can see this land come alive with wetlands to absorb water, corridors of native bush, walk- and cycleways re-connecting the city through to the sea at New Brighton, and community-led projects along the way.

Collaboration is key for me – not just listening to and engaging with our villages, but also ensuring Council works actively with the arts community, with business, with tangata whenua, with universities and social enterprises – together we can do so much more.

This is our future – working together with communities to empower them, to work with them so that Christchurch is a city of villages connected to the beating heart of a city where exciting events and opportunities draw us together. My promise as Mayor is to listen, then having listened, to lead and get results.

Email: david@davidmeates.nz

See pg 8 for a list of other Mayoral candidates.

Alexandra Davids [Council - Independent]



I'm running to become your Councillor for the Central City Ward - the heart of our city - when it thrives, we all thrive.

I believe in community and have been proud to serve in my home ward for the last nine years, first

the old Hagley-Ferrymead Ward, and most recently as Chair of Waikura/Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board.

I also serve on several other boards including Whitau School, and as Chair of Keep Christchurch Beautiful. My day job is as an advocate for the Women's Refuge Crisis Line.

I'm a team player because it's clear to me that working collaboratively gets stuff done quicker and makes more people happy. I do not believe in working in silos. I was disappointed but sadly unsurprised to read a recent resident's survey showing a general lack of trust in Council. I want to be part of changing that view. Having engaged extensively with our communities at a community board level I now have the skills to bring that engagement to the council table.

In Central, we need more green spaces and increased tree canopy, especially with the intensification we are expecting. We need to get our basics right - roads, footpaths, infrastructure and maintenance. And we need to stop digging up newly laid roads and footpaths for infrastructure work that should have been done first! We need a city that is safe and affordable for our rangatahi/youth and our kaumātua/elderly.

I'm standing to ensure you are strongly represented. I am truly independent and solely here for the betterment of our city. I will continue to listen to and work with our communities. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss anything.

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Jake McLellan [Council - Labour]



Three years ago, I asked for your support and was humbled to become your Councillor for Central. Our ward runs from Phillipstown to Richmond, Linwood to Hagley Park. It's where I grew up and went to school. Originally from Invercargill, I moved here at ten years old with my mother and brother. I'm 30 years old now and have bought my first home in the Central Ward.

In the last three years I'm proud of what we've achieved together and I'm asking for your continued support. I've secured a much-needed refresh of the area around the Stanmore Road shops, and a well-deserved Living Wage for city council workers and contractors. I'm now working on free pool access for children - because water safety is important - and I've championed the crack-down on land-banking in our central city. I know there's still more to do and I've got a long list of things to crack on with, including getting our shuttle bus back and investing in light-rail.

Recently I held a series of community clinics across the ward, including one at the wonderful new Richmond Club and it's clear the next term will require a focus on the Richmond Village similar to what's been achieved at Linwood Village. I'm more committed than ever to ensuring the Central Ward continues to have a strong voice at the Council table, alongside a good team at the Community Board. I know we can do a lot more.

To keep up with local news from Council follow me on Facebook or contact me anytime using the details below.

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Stephen McPaike [Council & Community Board - Independent]



I have been volunteering as a community advocate for the past few years and discovered that I have a passion for it and can get results.

I advocated for the installation of over 2,300 heat pumps in our council social housing.

We got \$16 million dollars and put a massive amount of pressure on the rental market to also lift its game. This has benefits for everyone in our community. Warmer homes cause less winter illnesses, reducing our health costs and keeping more doctors free to help people who have unavoidable problems.

You can often find me behind the scenes. I helped build the sewercrisis.nz social media platform, to put real pressure on Council to allocate a million dollars to help the Bromley residents get to the doctor. I am the guy behind the camera in the live stream we did, connecting over 450 residents to public meetings that they couldn't get to.

You may have seen me on TV or heard me on the radio. Making good use of the media to raise community concerns is important and not just the role of the Mayor. Making sure Central has a strong voice that is heard is important.

Email: stephen4chch@gmail.com



Candidate: Sunita Gautam [Community Board - Labour]



My name is Dr Sunita Gautam and I am grateful to you all for putting your trust in me in the last election. As a community board member, I have shared some wonderful moments in our area, including meeting people at markets, presenting awards, the opening of Medway bridge,

and even enjoying a Devonshire Tea at Avebury House!

Since October 2020 I have championed the Greening The East project and uplifting Linwood Village. I engage regularly via the Korero Clinic, and have worked with residents on traffic safety, and heritage protection in the Chester East St area. Alongside Cr Jake McLellan, I advocated for Cranmer Square residents during the disruption created by protesters.

I am a qualified early childhood teacher, and recently completed a PhD. I currently work as a Business Lecturer at ARA. I also serve as a Justice of the Peace, marriage/civil union celebrant, and local business mentor. I am on the board of trustees for the Rose Historic Chapel and Edgeware Pool. I have two teenagers and a supportive husband.

I'm committed to working hard for the Central Ward. My priorities are People, Place and Planet. To help Christchurch to go from the City of Parks to the City in a Park. All our decisions must regard 'climate and ecological change', as the number one threat to ourselves and future generations. To know more get in touch:

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Who's Standing for Environment Canterbury?

Richmond is still split between the Ōrei-Chch North and Ōhoko-Central ECan wards. You can find out which area you are in, and who is standing there on [ECan's website](https://www.ecan.govt.nz).

Alternatively you can email:

elections@ecan.govt.nz or call 0800 324 636

Simon Kong [Community Board - Independent]

This is my first time running for a local governance role. I have a long-standing background in event management and also spent five years working for Waimakariri District Council looking after community facilities. Working for a council gave me an awareness of the importance of local government and how they can function to support communities. This experience gave me the drive to continue to support my local community, particularly as we face the effects of climate change. I also recently re-trained as a bicycle mechanic as a way to practically support mode shift. I live in the Central Ward and want to be a part of building the resilience of our diverse urban community.

Email: simon.kong@gmail.com



Kevin McDonald [Community Board - Freedom Independent]

Kia ora, my name is Kevin. I live in Linwood, a retired businessperson and social worker. I have 4 adult children and 1 grandchild, so far.

I am standing for Community Board in Christchurch Central because I want to contribute to our community. I have worked for an MP on social issues and spent many hours volunteering on campaigns to get local body and national politicians elected. I was happy to support people I believed had integrity and compassion.

Two years ago, the messaging from our politicians changed to one of fear and uncertainty. In this atmosphere, decisions were made that overlooked and ignored personal rights and freedoms, something that we take for granted. I believe even at local government level our rights and freedoms must be considered in every decision.

Linwood is characterised as a lower socio-economic suburb with subsequent social challenges. Many social issues can be addressed and alleviated by funding decisions at Community Board level. Traffic movements will become key as Linwood undergoes the greatest housing intensity in recent history. Old villas are being bowled and replaced by as many units as possible.

If elected, I will make all decisions in consideration of the principles of Truth and Love. Thank you, nga mihi, Kevin.

Email: kevy52@gmail.com



John Miller [Community Board - Labour]

Great things grow from people in the community. Christchurch's inner city east suburbs are peppered with interesting people and projects, doing amazing things for their neighbourhoods. These people-driven initiatives help create highly livable communities.

25 years ago, my first Christchurch house was in Patten Street, Avonside. An hour after moving in I was invited for tea and scones, and found myself active in a vibrant streets' association. A few years later I moved 1km south-west and have stayed in the inner-east ever since. I became a local 'go-to person', helping others solve council-related issues and start local projects. So many people in our communities have ideas, they're just not sure where to start. I want to provide that connection from residents to Council and like-minded groups.

Four years ago I joined a group of local volunteers who worked with Council to develop a Revitalisation Plan for the inner city east, (between Latimer Square and Linwood Avenue). We canvassed residents to identify the issues and formed motivated working groups to address them. There's much work to do. I'm particularly interested in easy-to-use public transport and innovative ways to improve public safety. As your community board member I want to help expand and encourage the connection between Council and local residents.

Email: john@johnmiller.co.nz



Jamie Hoffman [Community Board]

Hi, Jamie Hoffman is my name. For 43 years I've lived with cerebral palsy, my mobility dependent on a motorised wheelchair. This gives me a level of independence as I can travel a considerable distance. I live on my own with the assistance of carers. On Saturday mornings I attend Bowlings Special Olympics New Zealand, held at Time Zone's bowling alley. I have a genuine caring interest in others and freely speak out on behalf of others to address their needs. Since early 219 I have attended the Disbald Person Assembly as the chairperson's right hand man. More recently meetings have been by zoom in response to the dictates of covid. It is my hope to be a member of the Community Board to allow me to be an advocate for the disabled.



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Who else is running for Mayor?

Unfortunately we didn't have space for the many other Mayoral hopefuls. We have listed them including contact details they shared online if you have questions.

Carl Bromley (Independent) carlbromley@gmail.com

Mark Chirnside (Chirny for Mayor) mayor@chirny.com

Tubby Hansen (Economic Euthenics) [no contact given]

Stephen Jelley (Stop the Stadium) Jelleysteve@gmail.com

Drucilla Kingi-Patterson (Independent)

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Nikora Nitro (Independent) nitro2i@yahoo.com

Sam Park nzcosmos@yahoo.com

The Wizard of NZ (Independent) jack@wizard.gen.nz

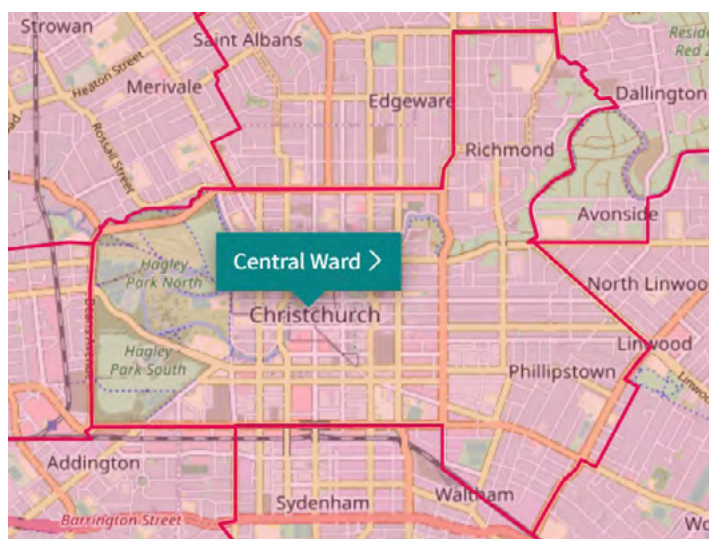
Peter Wakeman (Independent) [no contact given]

[You can find out who's standing in all city's wards, and their contact details here.](#)

New Ward and Community Board boundaries for the 2022 elections

North Richmond joins Central Ward this year, and we form a new Community Board with the Papanui and Innes wards. [You can view the old and new boundaries on the Council website.](#)

Ballots will come in the post. Voting begins Friday 16th September and closes at midday on Saturday 8th October. If you don't receive your voting papers in the mail, you can call **0800 36 76 56**, or text your name and address to **3676** by October 7th.



Clean Up Week 2022

Registrations are OPEN for Clean Up Week 2022! Get your friends, family, school, business or local community group together between 17-23 September, and be part of New Zealand's largest tidy up! By registering you'll gain access to our Clean Up Week resources and be able to dispose of your litter for FREE at selected refuse transfer stations across the country, thanks to Waste Management New Zealand, EnviroWaste and local councils. FREE clean up kits are thanks to the Mars Wrigley Foundation and are available on request. Find out more and register here, and help Keep New Zealand Beautiful!

<https://bit.ly/Clean-Up-Week-2022>



Bugs, Paint & Candidates!

Saturday Sept 10th, 1pm - 3pm

Come and help beautify our area and meet some Mayoral candidates at the same time!

This is our 3rd event to brighten up the alleyway that links Forth & Vogel Sts with Eveleyn Couzins Ave.

We're nearly finished our mural! We'll be adding more butterflies, dragonflies, ladybirds and bugs, and we've invited the Mayoral candidates to come along and help!

Bring the whole whanau and make sure to wear paint clothes!

We'll also have a sausage sizzle, and so far candidates Phil Mauger, David Meates, and Carl Bromley have said they'll be there!

A beautifying initiative by We Are Richmond, in conjunction with Richmond Community Garden and Riverlution Eco Hub. You can reach the alley via Eveleyn Couzins Ave, or Vogel Street.



Come along to the informal We Are Richmond (Richmond Residents and Business Association) meeting at The Richmond Club on 27 Sept at 7pm.

Learn about and share local issues, discuss and create solutions together, and get involved! We welcome residents and new members at any time, all are welcome.

Shirley Candidate Evening

Come ask the local candidates some questions.
Thurs 22 Sept 5:30-7pm at Shirley Primary.

A Message from Toni Burnside Regarding The Old Banks Avenue School Site

From the 13 April Newsletter: Many people have asked me what is going to happen to this site once we leave. The Ministry has confirmed that the buildings will be demolished quite quickly, probably within three months of us leaving; this is to stop vandalism and remove a danger hazard. There is a process for disposing of crown land so this will be worked through. At this moment in time there are no plans for its future use.



LITTER CLEAN-UP + EDUCATIONAL GAMES

CLEAN UP CHRISTCHURCH WITH US!

This event is fun for the whole family! We will start from the Christchurch Envirohub and litter pick through the Richmond Community Garden and along the Avon River.

After, feel free to stay for educational games about rubbish and recycling!

Please wear comfortable closed-toed walking shoes, weather appropriate clothing, and the rest of the PPE will be provided.

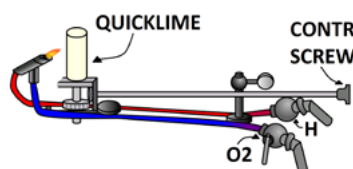
September 24th, 2022
10AM-3PM
Riverlution Eco Hub
46A Vogel St.
Richmond, Christchurch



Mind Yer Language: Setting the Stage

By Tanya Didham

'Limelight' was discovered in the 1820s. It's a very bright, directable light, created by pointing oxygen and hydrogen flames at a block of quicklime. Engineered for use by surveyors and ships, they were too high maintenance, each requiring its own



A 'limelight'. Diagram from wikipedia

personal minder to keep it alight and shining in the right direction.

However

its value to performers at night was noted. The first show believed to be lit by limelight was on a pier in Kent in 1836 - a popular Cornish magician, Ching Lau Lauro, aka Professor Ching. He is also believed to have been among the first of many western conjurers who made the odd choice to adopt an Asian alter-ego.

When an actor moves 'upstage', they move away from the audience. It seems counterintuitive then to use it as a synonym for 'stealing the limelight'. However, by moving to the back of the stage to deliver lines, an actor forces their on-stage fellows to turn their backs to the audience - all eyes are now on the upstager!

The ironic well-wish to an actor, 'break a leg', is often attributed to pure superstition. A belief that requesting good luck is a sure way to attract bad. It is used in this way. However there is an interesting contender for its back-story, a similarly ironic German phrase used to generally wish someone success: *hals und beinbrech*, literally 'neck and legbone break'. It translates into English as 'break a leg!' The German phrase comes from a tongue-in-cheek transliteration of a Yiddish one: *hatsloche un broche*, which really does mean 'success and blessing', but which to Germans sounds like an invocation to break your neck. 'Break a leg' came into usage in the US in the late 1940s, coinciding with many German refugees entering the entertainment industry.

'Claptrap' has a modern meaning of gibberish or nonsense, but was first used in the 1730s to describe a gimmicky gag or speech to get extra applause out of an audience. A trap to catch some more claps!

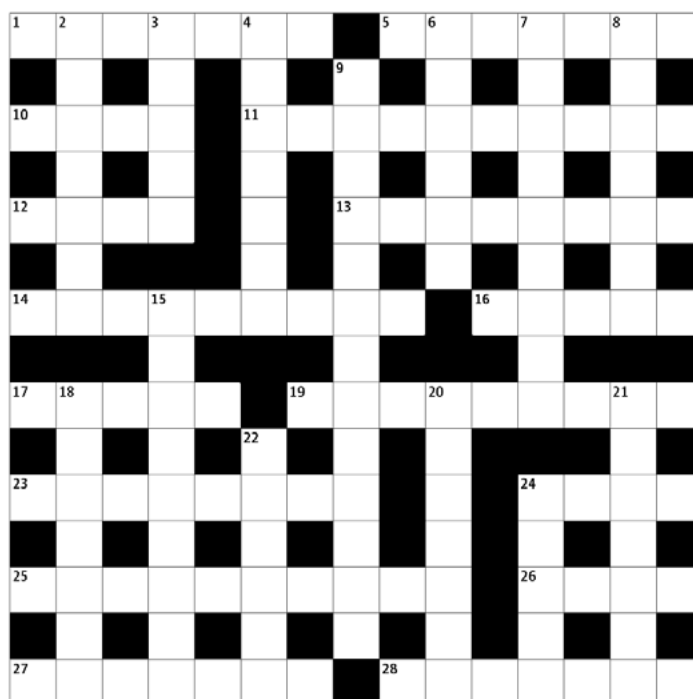
Puzzle Cryptic Crossword

Across

1. Clue involves eastern sprite? Give me a break! (7)
5. Writing about patch is not the whole story (7)
10. At first, Stravinsky had owed everything to the last production (4)
11. Blue water of the sea (10)
12. Prepare text when the tide goes out (4)
13. Worker may get poor rate (8)
14. Health worker involved in epic drama (9)
16. She's not worth a lot!? (5)
17. Deal broken by quiet foot-lever (5)
19. Are stag icons real? They don't know! (9)
23. Mere heap of stuff that comes and goes (7)
24. LSD for a police department? (4)
25. The French may be pathetic — with ESP? (10)
26. Eisenhower followed him initially on a trek. (4)
27. It takes poise to change element (7)
28. I'd go into English river with spear (7)

Down

2. This Australian is a prickly customer! (7)
3. Fold a damaged sheepskin (5)
4. Apprentice railway worker (7)
6. Interfere with basket (6)
7. Parent? Me? Not to begin with... no end in sight (9)
8. Ancient grain sounds like a German cereal (7)
9. Sounds like the story of a car's development (13)
15. Last word about puzzle before intersection? The result is astonishment (9)
18. State train (7)
20. Soldier could be getting warmer-r. (7)
21. Yellow bird (7)
22. Ed and Charlie initially find themselves in damp situation — get out of there! (6)
24. Spilt tea over journalist? That hurt (5)



Solution to August Crossword

Across: 1.Transactions 9.Evoke 10.Thistle 11.Tote 12.Backdrop 14.Employ 15.Beagle 18.Plectrum 20.Amah 22.Oregano 23.Amiss 24.Fiddlesticks

Down: 2.Rooftop 3.Need 4.Actual 5.Trickled 6.Otter 7.Steeplechase 8. Weatherproof 13.Contrail 16.Gimmick 17.Jurors 19.Emend 21.Nazi

A Grand Entrance

This fantastic photograph was shared to the Richmond History Group from the Flesher family archives. It shows Avebury House's reception area, as it was when the family still lived here in the early 20th century.

This and other items will make their way onto the history page of our website, care of amazing volunteer, David Hollander. If you have old pictures or stories of the neighbourhood, or would like to come and check out the archive room, drop us an email, phone us, or pop into Avebury House 9am - 1pm weekdays.

We have recently added a 'search' function to the homepage of our website, making it easier to find specific people, places and articles.

www.aveburyhouse.co.nz/



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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.

Children's Imagination Academy: one-day school from 9am.

For more info email:

hello@imaginationacademy.nz

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.

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: 11am & 6pm. \$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**.



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

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

Foodbank: Contactless deliveries and car pickups only are now available. Monday, Wednesday, Friday (except public holidays) 10am-2pm. Please phone first.

Monday Café: Now open. \$2 Hot Toasties and 20 cent Tea and coffee. Every Monday except public holidays. 10am-12.30pm

Friday Drop-Inn café: Every Friday except public holiday. 10am-12.30pm. Hot Soup and scone or fried rice only \$2, tea and coffee 20 cents.

If you are isolating at home with Covid and need assistance please call the Covid Welfare line 0800 512 337.

North Avon Community Centre

ESOL/English Class: Now running every Wednesday 10am-12.30pm (except Public & School holidays). \$3 Fee.

Delta International Playgroup: for mums and children under 5 of refugee and migrant backgrounds. Fridays during the school term 9am-12pm at the North Avon Community Centre. \$2 for the session, \$10 per term. Please bring your own morning tea for your child. NO shared morning tea. Face masks to be worn inside.

Music and stories at 10.30am.

Filipino Playgroup: Every Wednesday 9:30am-12:30pm (Except Public & School holidays)

Ladies Craft Group: currently closed. Please check our website or Facebook for updates. For more info call Preethi at **0223258060** or email preethi@deltatrue.org.nz

SHIRLEY COMMUNITY TRUST,

Ph: **(03) 981 5521, 77c Briggs Rod.**

MacFarlane Park Neighbourhood Centre: 17 Acheson Ave

Park Centre: 19 Acheson Ave.

Community Hub: Mon & Wed at Neighbourhood Centre. 10am - 2pm during term time. \$1 barista coffee & hot drinks.

The Listening Post: Mondays at MacFarlane Community Garden (off Jebson St.) 2:30pm - 4pm.

After School Gardening Club: Tuesdays during term time, for primary school-aged tamariki. 3:15pm - 4pm. At Macfarlane Park Community Garden (off Jebson St). MacFarlanes on the Park

Café: Friday mornings, 9:30am - 12pm during term time.

Friday Night Fun: Last Friday of every month at the Park Centre. 7pm - 9pm. Fun games, good food & great company! \$2/person, \$5/family.

SHIRLEY LIBRARY,

36 Marshland Road (by the Palms Mall). Phone (03) 941-7923

Monday

Shirley Library Book Discussion Group: 10:30am. Held on the 2nd Monday of the month. Bookings essential. Please phone or email to enquire about availability and cost.

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.

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.

Thursday

Manga Club: 3rd Thursday of the month. 3:00pm. Enjoy all things manga? Come share your favourites, find a new one, or just have a chat! Free, no bookings required.

Babytimes/Wā Pepi: for under two-year olds. 10:30–11 a.m. Weekly during term time. Free.

Friday

Card Club: Just come along and join the fun. Free. No bookings required.

Saturday

Family History Help: 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month. 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.