



## Trees Go To School!

By Tanya Didham



Spearheading a planting drive at Pareawa-Banks Avenue School, local miracle-worker Hayley Guglietta mobilised the community muscle of the Food Resilience Network, We Are Richmond, and the Avon-Ōtākaro Network. More than 700 native trees were supplied by Trees That Count to plant out a back field of the school, leading into an already-planted stormwater swale.

On Wednesday October 19th the seedlings were laid out by ecologist Colin Meurk. Council rangers and the Community Waterways Partnership brought tools and skills. Student representatives from Shirley Intermediate were welcomed with song. They were there to symbolically pass on the stewardship of their old stomping ground, and sang a moving waiata in return, to the some 400 Pareawa students gathered on the lawn. Following some instruction from Colin, volunteers, teachers and rangers helped kids dig in and get planting.

Says Guglietta, “This is the first of many biodiverse plantings we would like to facilitate in the wider area, providing safe corridors for birds and wildlife to thrive in an urban setting.”

Principal Toni Burnside is excited about the new future forest and told me she overheard one of the kids say to their group, “Come on guys, let’s work together - it’s all about teamwork!” After some hard yakka with the spades, a well-deserved sausage sizzle was ready to fill hungry tummies! Ka rawe!



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## The Wit of Sam

I'm leaving my job at the chemical factory - it's a toxic workplace.

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Two years ago my doctor told me I was going deaf. I haven't heard from him since.

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My wife was slightly drunk, yelling at the TV: 'Don't go in there! Don't go in the church you moron!' She was watching our wedding video again...

*Illustration by Stephanie Terris*

## Local Body Election Results for Richmond

Congratulations to our new mayor, Phil Mauger.

Councillor for Central Jake McLellan retained his seat.

On the newly created Papanui-Innes-Central/Waipapa Community Board we continue to be represented by Sunita Gautam, and new to the role is John Miller.

You can find full election results online here:

[ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/public-notice/show/994](http://ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/public-notice/show/994)

For Environment Canterbury election results, look here:

[www.ecan.govt.nz/about/your-council/engage-with-us/elections/2022-local-elections](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/about/your-council/engage-with-us/elections/2022-local-elections)

**There's lots happening at Avebury in the next month, and we have your Christmas shopping sorted!**

## Last Vintage Market for 2022! - Sunday November 13th - 10am - 2pm

All your favourite Vintage and Retro stalls back on the Avebury House lawn, with Christmas in mind! Jerry and his mellow guitar will be providing the atmosphere, bring a picnic or try one of the food stalls. **The market opens at 10am on Sunday November 13th.**



## Teddy Bears Are Picnicking - Friday November 25th!

Bring your little ones and their teddy friends down to the playground behind Avebury House for our fantastic Teddy Bears' Picnic! The Natural Magic Pirates will be putting on their classic puppet show and will bring their ever-popular parachute too. We'll be sharing honey sandwiches and

Carol's signature teddy bear bikkies from the Avebury kitchen - not to be missed!

*Come down to the Avebury playground on Eveleyn Couzins Ave, 10am on Friday November 25th!*



## Avebury Xmas Night Market - Friday December 2nd - 3.30PM - 7.30PM



Local crafters and makers return with all sorts for the Christmas stocking. Along with food, fundraisers, live music and fun stuff to do, it will be a great

evening out. Our Santa's Corner Selfies will have the perfect yuletide backdrop - and we hear Santa will be there in person from 4pm til 5.30pm! Make Christmas Shopping Fun Again!



# Avon Hub is Humming!

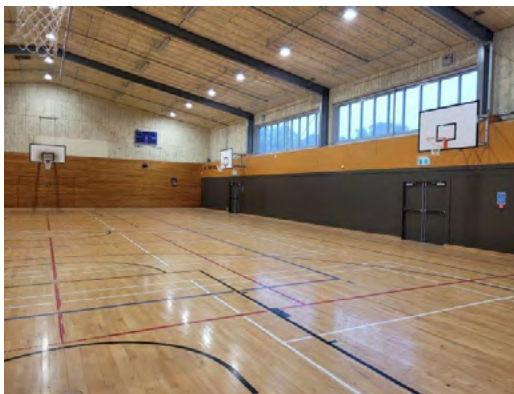
By Kate Latimer

Operated by Eastern Community Sport & Recreation, the Avon Hub opened in May this year and quickly found some regular users – Mixx Korfbal Academy, Canterbury Wheelchair Rugby, Dead End Rollerderby, Volleyball, Basketball and Futsal/Football. We are currently looking for expressions of interest from fitness and health practitioners who are keen to run classes at Avon Hub. We're interested in Pilates, Yoga, Zumba, Boxfit, Dance and Hip Hop instructors. Please email [kate@easterncommunity.co.nz](mailto:kate@easterncommunity.co.nz) to apply.

At 77 North Parade the former SBHS Gym is open with PLAY in mind for tamariki.

**Basketball Drop-in is every Wednesday during term-time, from 3pm** - it's free to play, shoot hoops and test your skills. Suitable for ages 7+

Our meeting space is available for community groups at community rates, it seats up to 20 and is available during the day and evenings. And we can also hire out for



kids' parties! There are no cooking facilities so ready-to-eat catering is best. Book the gym for a basketball party, and use the meeting room for snacks and cake; or book the turf for a football-themed event. Great to burn off that party energy! Get in touch to find out more.

*Kate is the manager at Avon Hub, for more information or to get a quote, please email her at:*

[kate@easterncommunity.co.nz](mailto:kate@easterncommunity.co.nz) or visit [www.easterncommunity.co.nz/facilities/avon-hub](http://www.easterncommunity.co.nz/facilities/avon-hub)

## Funding to Bring the Birds and Bugs Back!



Restoring native wildlife in urban areas across Aotearoa is gaining momentum.

The Richmond Community Garden volunteers have recently been awarded funding from Predator-Free NZ to continue their mission of regenerating the red-zoned river corridor.

Bringing community together through their stewardship of a one-hectare section beside the Ōtākaro-

Avon, what started as a community garden has expanded into a fungi farm, community composting, berm restoration, and now predator control!

The Richmond Urban Trapping Group is ideally placed as a community hub to provide traps and support to residents. With this funding, and help from the Avebury Workshop, they can build more boxes, buy more trapping materials, and train residents on how to get started.

Want to get involved? Check out the Richmond Community Garden website. <https://richmondcommunitygarden.co.nz/project/trapping-project>

Or get in touch with Morgane at [admin@richmondcommunitygarden.co.nz](mailto:admin@richmondcommunitygarden.co.nz)

## Got it covered?

Want to learn how to reupholster furniture?

Master upholsterer Phil Matenga is hosting a workshop at the Riverlution Eco Hub, home to Richmond Community Garden, The Repair Revolution, The Green Lab, and other sustainability-minded organisations. Phil will take you through the process and help you recover your favourite piece of furniture.

If you're interested in learning this fantastic skill, you can find out more or book with Phil on **021 524 454**.

**When: Saturday November 17th, from 9a.m.**

**Where: EcoHub, 46 A Vogel St**

**Cost: \$200 for the full day**





# ***Spring Fair 2022 is a Wrap!***

October 16th was a brilliant day under the Spring Fair umbrella. At Avebury House, the Vintage Market set up on the lawn, with some food stalls, and live music! All new and excellent additions to the event. Inside the house, a crack team of volunteers served our signature Devonshire Tea, with scones baked fresh in the Avebury kitchen. In the recently renovated Gordon Prince Room, for the Heritage Festival, volunteer David Hollander curated a display on Richmond's fascinating history in the news, and gave tours of the upstairs archive room.

Behind Avebury, in the Richmond Community Garden, the carboot sale was chokka with 75 cars; DJ Cazza was in the fedge, and buskers played throughout the day; there was garden produce and preserves; community stalls; woodfired pizza; plus the incredible Repair Revolution! Thank you to so many people who took part and to everyone who came along, to our organisers and volunteers. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, but even so, we are already working on how we can make it even better next year. It's just so good getting together again!



*The carboot in full swing.*



*DJ Cazza in the fedge.*



*Amazing kitchen volunteers Lynda, Angela, Beth and Mary.*



*Join the Repair Revolution!*



*All set up for the Vintage Market.*



*A view from the balcony.*



*Jen, Ashley and Julie at the Richmond Community Garden table.*



*Jerry the music man.*

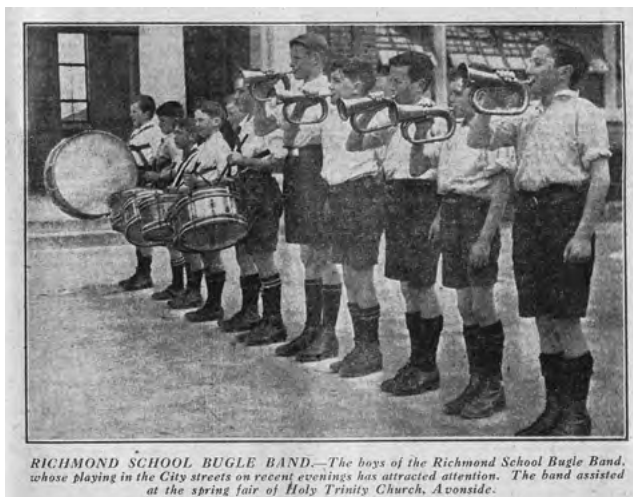


# Heritage Festival at Avebury

By David Hollander

Our Heritage Festival event ran on Sunday 16 October, part of the Spring Fair at Avebury House and Richmond Community Garden. It was great to see so many people come through the house, keen to learn about the history of the house and the surrounding suburb, as well as enjoying a Devonshire Tea in the Flesher room. I am still surprised by the number of people who say they have never heard of, or been into Avebury House; the house is really one of Christchurch's hidden gems.

For the display I created four panels highlighting old newspaper photos featuring Richmond over the years. Old photographs of Richmond are hard to come by. One of the few reliable sources of photos is old newspapers, which often featured local news when other stories were in short supply. For our display, I identified the images using the Papers Past website ([paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/](http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/)) — a treasure trove for anyone interested in our past, or indeed, anyone for any reason at all.



*Richmond school bugle band\_Press-1931-09-11-p13*



*Old Richmond School-Canterbury Times\_1901-06-12-p36*

Unfortunately, the reproductions on Papers Past, while good for text, are not great for images. We were able to get high quality copies of the newspapers from Christchurch City Libraries, who have back issues of local newspapers in their archive.

We are continuing to work on our material in the history collection. Recently the two name boards from Richmond School have been moved to new locations within the house. I have prepared background material to accompany both boards: the WW1 School Roll of Honour and the school's Honour Board, which records the names of people who achieved academic success at the school between 1909 and 1952.

We have also had some exciting donations of material recently. As we work through this material, we will add items to our website:

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

## Avebury Workshop - It's Not Just For Blokes

We are re-branding the 'men's shed' in the Avebury carpark to the Avebury Workshop. It has never been affiliated with the official NZ Menz Sheds, and we want to acknowledge that it is a welcoming space for everyone. Feel free to say hi to John, Matty or Ian if you see them working away - they are happy to share their knowledge, help out on projects, sharpen tools, and generally fix stuff! Matty is also making raised garden beds on request.



*Matty, Ian and John*

You can get directly in touch with John on **022 589 1141**, or Ian on **027 555 8368**.

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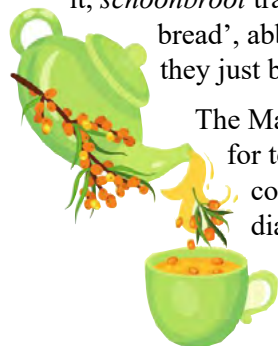
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# Mind Yer Language: Tea and a scone?

By Tanya Didham

How do you say 'scone'? Described as a flat soft cake, and introduced by the Scots from the early 1500s, the word is believed to have originated with the Middle Dutch 'schoonbroot'. In the original move to Scottish it would have rhymed with 'alone'. The English accent turned it into a word that rhymes with 'don'. However you say it, *schoonbroot* translates to 'beautiful bread', abbreviated to 'scones' they just became 'beautifuls'!



The Mandarin word for tea, *ch'a*, and the corresponding Amoy dialect *t'e*, took different routes to English. The first via Malaysia and the Portuguese ended up as

'chai' in the 1550s, but just 50 years later it was supplanted by the Dutch East India Company's massive drive to supply western Europe with 'tea' (generally pronounced 'tay' until the 1700s). In the east, where the tea came straight from China, 'chai' became the more common word.

Cream came to English from an Old French term, 'chrisim' which essentially meant a holy oil or ointment in Church Latin, from the Greek '*khrisma*' meaning 'to anoint'. It was precious stuff. And in a Devonshire Tea, it's cream before jam...

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the word 'jam' means to 'press tightly' or 'to be wedged'. Spotted in the English language from unclear origins in 1719, just 10 years later it was a neat word for fruit preserves. More surprising are its many other applications - you can have a machine jam (from circa 1890s), you can be in a jam (or a pickle, from 1914), from 1929 you could have a jazz jam at a sweet jam session, then we have traffic jams, paper jams, door jamb? That's a different story.

"Don't sweat the petty things,  
and don't pet the sweaty  
things."

- George Carlin

# Puzzle

## Cryptic Crossword

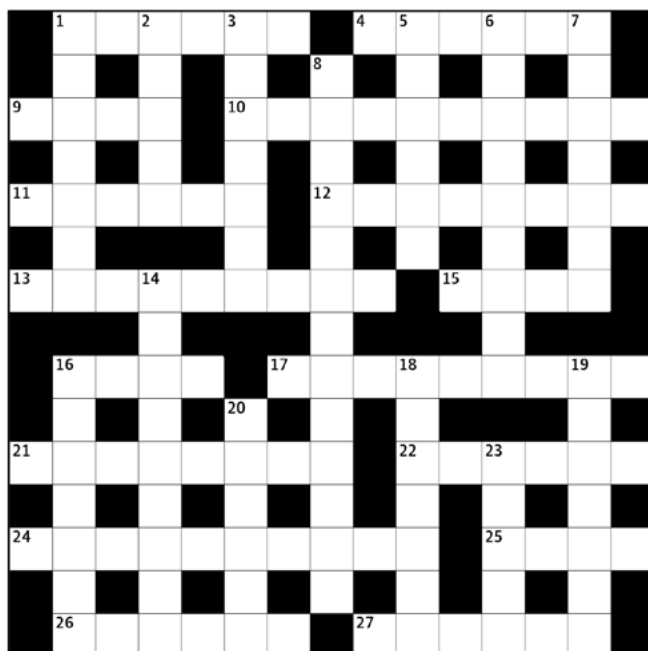
By Dirty Harry

### Across

1. Comment about the Gospel (6)
4. Gold lace manipulated by the fortune-teller (6)
9. Send pots back? Desist! (4)
10. 100 blame a sin for lack of equilibrium (10)
11. Keep still and keep cool...keep very cool. (6)
12. Begin tennis match in red... sounds shy. (8)
13. Evict Jade for part of speech (9)
15. Bugs eating armchair? Partly. (4)
16. Sounds like a sense of location (4)
17. Supports broken gate behind the scenes (9)
21. A radio pioneer switched to pasta. (8)
22. Asian biscuit (6)
24. Anne crept about the East — showing remorse. (10)
25. Rewind spool? Not completely... oh dear! (4)
26. It follows that bungled census includes Eric at first, but drops Charlie. (6)
27. DIY Lee makes cover for iris. (6)

### Down

1. Stopped working and went to bed. (7)
2. Tree an ample source of syrup? (5)
3. Ran time ragged in old clothing. (7)
5. Enjoyment found in condiment. (6)
6. Grunt once, perhaps, to be agreeable. (9)
7. Nickel, for example, may be found on table. (7)
8. E.g., M.A., B. Sc., etc. (13)
14. More fishing gear required for IT solutions (9)
16. Eastern mesa is...or once was, from SE Asia. (7)
18. Yank reverend, in short, is up to no good. (7)
19. Dr pages for update...got it! (7)
20. Courage required to belt about. (6)
23. Snarl at old king — a night bird. (5)



### Solution to October Crossword

**Across:** 1. Repeat 4. Strait 8. Llama 9. Approve 10. Transit 11. Canoe 12. Encircled 17. Steep 19. Airport 21. Imitate 22. Salsa 23. Eating 24. United

**Down:** 1. Relate 2. Placate 3. Amass 5. Topical 6. Acorn 7. Themes 9. Alternate 13. Captain 14. Droplet 15. Aspire 16. Strand 18. Evict 20. Resin



# Beautifying the Landscape

By David Duffy for We Are Richmond



Another of the Richmond Residents' and Business Association's projects to improve the landscape in the Stanmore Rd precinct was completed late in September. Along with the wonderful mural, there is now a water garden with many native plants in the vacant section next to the Tattoo Parlour.

We Are Richmond had a 'Guess the Number of Lids' challenge at the Spring Fair. And it turns out there were 300 exactly! Congratulations to Kate who guessed right and won a \$50 voucher to The Taproom at The Richmond Club!

Remember you can bring any-sized #2 and #5 plastic lids to the Riverlution Eco Hub to be shredded, melted down, and moulded into new products! Check out their site to find out what other items can be diverted from your red bin!

[www.facebook.com/riverlutionhub/](http://www.facebook.com/riverlutionhub/)



Come along to the formal We Are Richmond (Richmond Residents and Business Association) meeting at Avebury House on: **Tuesday, Nov 22 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.



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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 pm \$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.

**Stress Release:** 7:30pm, guided relaxation & tension release.

Contact Kathy **022 6507896**.

## 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/](http://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@deltatrust.org.nz](mailto:preethi@deltatrust.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.