

OLD ADDINGTON: How things have changed.

I recently found a very old photo taken by my father in India (1 below). It showed the Indian milkman milking his cow at the front of our house—no milk bottles needed. That set me thinking about changes in the way the way our daily milk has been supplied over the years.

Most of the adjacent photographs came free via the internet, but older Addington residents will perhaps remember the horse pulling a cart laden with milk churns (2), which was greeted in the street by residents carrying milk jugs into which the milk was to be ladled.

Then came the motorised milk truck with its crates of glass milk bottles. That was when milk bottles were left at the gate in exchange for pre-paid plastic milk tokens along with our empties. The milk truck usually played a short repetitive tune to alert us to the delivery (3).

In a few short years the milk trucks disappeared and we now have to go to a store to buy what we want—at first in the handy cardboard 'tetrapak', but now in a bulkier plastic flagon (see below). The plastic is said to be recyclable but round the world we see mountains of the stuff polluting our planet (4). What next, I wonder? (Ed.)



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This one is mine, but having seen the pictures of plastic pollution on line, I hope never to have to buy another. (Ed.)

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ILLEGAL CAMPING IN ADDINGTON

Before Christmas I took this photo of 'freedom campers' with tents pitched at mid-day in Addington Park. When I rang the Council, I was advised that overnight camping in our park is currently permissible, but daytime camping is definitely not allowed. Tents may be put up one hour before dusk and they must be taken down again one hour after dawn. No long-term stays are allowed.

As one who was earthquaked out of the city centre with its wonderful haven of Hagley Park and the Botanical Gardens, I regret the dearth of public open spaces in Addington and I wonder why 'freedom camping' has been allowed at all in this much put-upon suburb. While many local residents are suffering from exorbitant rents charged by get-rich-quick property-owners, I am surprised that out-of-towners are offered free accommodation. Given that so many of our retail outlets have been replaced by bars and bottle-stores that have migrated from other parts of the city, it seems unlikely that Addington locals will benefit in any way from the Council's generosity.

I understand that the park is now monitored daily and that instant \$200 fines may be imposed. If you see any untoward behaviour there, please ring the City Council on 941-8999. (Ed.)

DOGGY Dos AND DOGGY DONTs

A concerned reader has pointed out another problem that locals should be aware of: Baxter's Drain and the beautiful Addington Cemetery are in a disgusting state because dog walkers are not cleaning up after their animals.

Dog-walkers must carry plastic bags so that they can scoop up and take away the dog turds.



addington.net

Addington.net has been in the area for over nearly 15 years and the needs of this community have changed so we are changing the way we support the community.

The tools people use have changed hugely from the brick cell phones of the late 90s to the slim pocket 'do everything devices' many people carry. Whereas once Addington.net in Addington mall was one of the few public places where you could go to get access to the internet in Addington, now many cafés, libraries and other places provide it for free.

That sounds wonderful and it can be, but there are still many people who do not have access to these things. Some because they see no need to, some because they cannot afford them, some because while they may have the 'toy' they do not know how to use it or at least make the most of it. I suspect there are probably many of you in each group, so we want to support you to help you make the most of the many aspects of these very clever tools.

Ponder on this – with my 2014 phone (but it could have been an older one) I text my brother to find out where my niece is on her OE is at the moment. He texts me the address and her email address and cell phone number.

My great grandfather, Alfred Manhire, is buried in Sydenham Cemetery. I have used my phone to find exactly where he is buried via the City Council cemeteries database. I take a photo of the grave and send it via a free tool, 'WhatsApp', to my niece in Cornwall.



She looks at that picture as she visits the site at Carnkie, near St Agnes where Alfred was born. She sends me back by Instagram a picture of the site of his old house and although the site looks good now —old pictures that I find say to me 'no wonder these people moved from Cornwall to Addington!'

I send my niece's picture to my family using 'WhatsApp' again and we all feel part of the family and grateful these old family members made the trip.

My youngest daughter, who is looking at the first snow of the winter in Edmonton, feels sad she is not looking out her window at the spring growth on the trees in Christchurch, but is pleased she is part of our wide family conversation. And this all cost less than \$1.

I could then go to Addington.net and print off the pictures and add them to my Family History Collection. That would cost me

about another \$1, but the really good bit is that I have been in touch with all of my wider family and they have all felt connected to each other as we tracked Great Grandfather Alfred. They talk about other things once they are bored with Alfred and it costs them nothing.

I have been involved with helping people who are new to using computers for a long time, and I learn something from all of them.

Addington.net is going to become more mobile and hopefully more accessible and more able to support the community in Addington and Spreydon, so that everyone who wants to learn and make the most of these tools can do exactly that.

We are planning on having a small home base (see below) but to then be mobile and able to go to some of the already existing community spaces in Addington.

The new tools let us be mobile – they are no longer huge and heavy so we need to make the most of this and get out there! We will welcome you bringing your own device and we look forward to helping you make the most of those tools and to be safe while you do so. We will have some in our rooms for you to try and become comfortable with, or bring your own. We will also have some of our PCs — the big non-mobile machines — and you can use them with our help or independently. I do find though that even if you think you know quite a lot there is always more you can learn and that is wonderful!

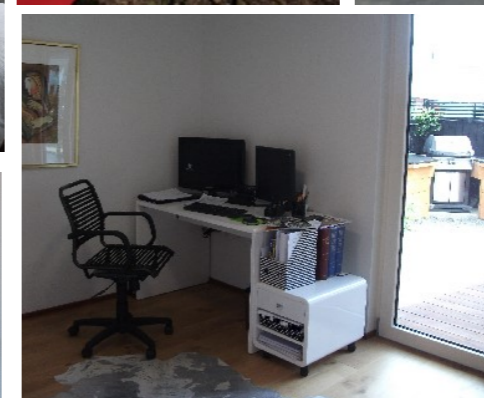
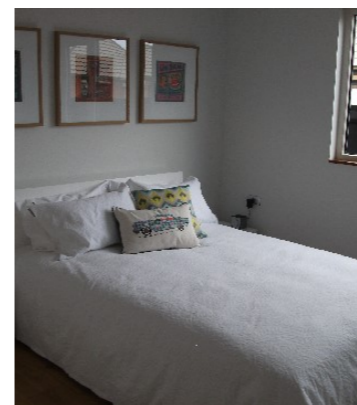
Everyone is welcome and if you have some suggestions about places we could visit, and ideas for ways we could help you, please let us know.

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New Show Home Opens in Addington



This Addington show home has a sunny living area, two bedrooms and an office (or third bedroom), a bathroom and ensuite. Outside decking and paved areas offer space for relaxation, and the small garden area is packed with edible plants.

There are a lot of house builders claiming they are green, however 10 Star Homes are a new brand in the market place making a big impact.

CEO, Dr Gregory Chawynski, is excited about the new range of eco-friendly homes offered by the company.

'One of the big differences about a 10 Star Home is that each one is designed and built to target zero energy costs for the year. All our homes are solar powered. In fact if you have an electric car, it can be powered from a 10 Star Home not your pocket. How good is that!'

'As a newly formed, class-leading residential building company, we are proud to be associated with architect Bob Burnett to deliver homes that are kind to your pocket

and the environment.'

'Homes need to be healthy to live in, have low or no energy bills and be constructed from quality materials and most importantly be affordable. 10 Star Homes incorporate the very best in energy-saving ideas and passive design principals as standard to ensure buyers get New Zealand's most efficient green home.'

'The display home at 9 Church Square has over 20 innovations not common in New Zealand. In simple terms, the house was designed holistically by melding new and existing technologies and systems. One major feature of a 10 Star Home is that the entire floor is heated, not just the bathroom. What's more it is heated for free by the sun.' (Ed.)

TUNE INTO RADIO ADDINGTON AT 107.5 FM.



Timebanking can be a way to help organisations and their volunteers. Our community organisations can earn Time Credits but in general, community organisations go into debt by giving Timebank hours to the people who work for them. After all, community organisations wouldn't exist without the hard work people do to keep them running. In a way, Timebanking might be seen as a way to spread the load to keep these organisations running. For example, Ngaire might coach netball at a local club and get Time Credits for doing it. With those Time Credits she might then request help through the Timebank to clean windows or mow the lawn or cook a meal.

Android Phone Pals, for example, has been set up by Elaine to help people swap infor-

mation about how to use their smartphones and tablets. People who attend get time credits if they belong to the Timebank, since everyone who attends helps everyone else in some way.

Addington Timebank also offers time credits to those who help out the Timebank - like the people who helped us out with our stall at the fair, for example.

Gen and Chrys

Below: Chrys and Hazelle on our stall at the fair.



Summer of Fun Community Event Church Square, Addington Tuesday 9th February, 5.30—7.30pm

Community fun and games (for all ages) will be held from 5.30 till 7.30pm in the lovely and historic setting of Church Square, on February 9th, 2016 - Shrove Tuesday.

Free BBQ sausage and salad. Drinks will be provided, plus pancakes and baked items. Free Bouncy Castle and face painting, with musician Neville Barrie, and Adam All Sorts providing the entertainment and laughter.

The Beth Hodgson Memorial Pancake Race will be held at 6.15pm with a cup and voucher provided to the winning team of six people. Also the 'Oddfellows' Cup will be presented to the best dressed team. Interspersed with this will be other

carnival games including tug-o-war, parachute, quoits, etc. We hope for a great turn-out from the local community who will enjoy the chance to gather as a group, have fun and relate to one another. Anyone who would like to send in an early team entry should email Allan (ajhud@clear.net.nz), or for others who may like to participate in the race, just arrive on the day and we will put you in a team.

Event supported by Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust. Also attending will be Bob Henderson, originally based at Eastgate Hub, who will talk to any homeowners who need help with their earthquake claim, repair, or rebuild.



Manuka Cottage Addington Community House Incorporated

Operating from St Mary's Church
Activities Co-ordinator: Dianne Fitzgerald

A warm and friendly place for you to enjoy, run by the community for the community.

- Mon** 10.am Walkie Talkies Walking Group
11am Parlour Games, Jigsaw Corner, etc.
12-1pm Coffee n Chat - 10c per cup
- Tues** 10am—3pm **Women's only Day**
Bits and Bobs Projects
Bring and Buy
12pm shared lunch
1—3pm Craft Group - gold coin donation
- Wed** 10.30 -11.30 cuppa n chat
12-1pm Community Lunch - gold coin donation
11am-1pm Manuka Trading Post Timebank
11am-2.30pm Manuka Fruit and Vege Co-op
Collect your order and pay \$12 for the next
- Thurs** 10.am Addy-venturers Walking Group
10-12 noon Café 20c per cup
10.30-12 Ideas & Action
12.30-2.30 Mothers' Community Programme

New activities and groups will arise from time to time. Our goal is to help you to have a sense of belonging and connection in your neighbourhood. **Everybody is welcome and accepted.**

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ADDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

The ANA meets monthly on the last Wednesday of the month at 6.30 pm at St Mary's Church, Church Square, Addington.

The February meeting will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday, February 24th.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Sarah Pullman, ANA Chairperson.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM MANUKA COTTAGE

We are still operating from St Mary's, but watch this space for news of an exciting prospect for Addington.

Cherylan Davies, Community Development Worker.

The beautiful Linden Tree below was photographed by Sue Gorton in Church Square, Addington. Sue says you can be surprised and amazed by what you see if you just look up.



CONGRATULATIONS!

The winning ticket for a \$50 meat voucher offered by Everybody's Butchery was won by Tam.



ANYONE FOR A CUPPA?

The Ideas and Action group operates at Manuka Cottage (St Mary's) on a Tuesday, and the photos above are of a recent tea party with a difference.

In my day, there was only one choice of tea—often very brown and somewhat stewed as I remember. But there was an art to making tea. You used a china or metal teapot which was first warmed with boiling water. Then you added loose tealeaves—one spoonful for each person and one for the pot. Next, you waited a little while for the tea to 'brew' while the pot was kept warm under a knitted tea cosy. Finally you decided whether to pour milk into the cup first or after the tea.

At the tea party with a difference, participants sampled all manner of modern-day fruit and herbal teas while re-enacting the conventions of the past. (Ed.)

With many thanks to Sue Gorton for the photographs.



CAFE PRAGUE

You may recognise the above picture as the site of the former Vanilla Bean Café at 359 Lincoln Road. Now under new management, it has changed its name to **Café Prague** as a reflection of the European cuisine offered by its chef. Evening meals are now on the menu, and we understand that a liquor licence has been granted.

OUT AND ABOUT IN ADDINGTON

STOLEN BAGELS

Local residents are delighted that the shop at 263 Lincoln Road (near the Whiteleigh Ave/Lincoln Rd junction) has now been transformed into a very acceptable café. 'Stolen Bagels' sells all kinds of bagels, coffee, and other delicacies. (See photo below.)



RADIO LOLLYPOP Finds a home in Addington

An Addington business is helping Radio Lollipop bring joy to children in Christchurch Hospital. The 'Z' petrol station on the corner of Barrington Street and Lincoln Road is home to the charity's van when it is not being used at the hospital. Craft equipment and toys are stored in it until they are needed. The van is also the Radio Lollipop studio.

Barrie Cooper is a director of Lollipop NZ. He says, 'Radio Lollipop is all about a one-to-one relationship with children in hospital. It brings care and quiet time after the parents have left [the hospital] and the children want company. Radio Lollipop has been going internationally for 35 years, in New Zealand for 25 and in Christchurch for two years. We have over 45 volunteers here in Christchurch. We always wanted to expand down into the South Island. After the earthquakes there was no space at Christchurch Hospital so we came up with the van concept. It's temporary until we have space in the new hospital.'

'We are also looking at starting up a Radio Lollipop branch in Dunedin, which would mean we would broadcast from Christchurch or Dunedin – or both. We want to reach every child in hospital in New

Zealand.'

Andrew Mulligan is chairperson of Radio Lollipop Christchurch. He says they are very grateful that 'Z' in Addington let them park the van there. As well as storing the craft goods that the volunteers use with the children, it is a full radio station heard through the televisions in the children's rooms.

'The two dee-jays sit at the equipment and run the radio show from the van. There's a direct link to the hospital but it's not "broadcast", as such. While volunteers are in their rooms, the children like to engage with a person, but when we aren't there they can still have entertainment.'

The volunteers all meet at the hospital about 6pm. The van delivers the things they will use and the radio station operates. At about 8pm the toys are cleaned and the van goes back to 'Z' We are always dressed in our uniforms of white polo shirt (with logo), blue jeans, white shoes, and our ID lanyard around our necks. We don't represent anything medical; we are just there to make [children] smile and forget they are in hospital for the time we are there.'

'The parents are always giving us good feedback. Sometimes they say it's the first time the child has smiled in several days and that's very encouraging. The nurses are very enthusiastic as well. It helps them too. It's good to get the positive feedback from everybody.'

Di Boyd

Photo above right: The Radio Lollipop van parked at the 'Z' service station in Lincoln Road.

left: L-R Andrew Mulligan with Radio Lollipop volunteers - Mel Haines, Tracey Young and Guneet Kaur.

