

## OLD ADDINGTON: The Baptist Church

In the early days, the only Baptist church in Christchurch was in Lichfield Street, so Addington residents, Thomas and Janet Jeffcoate, approached Mrs Charlotte Twigger, wife of a wealthy local landowner for help in finding a local meeting place. Mrs Twigger, herself being a Baptist, was more than willing to help out. She told the Jeffcoates that there was an old sod house north of Lincoln Road in a fifty-acre tussock paddock where cattle grazed and if it was any good they could have it rent free. The one-roomed building was roughly 6ft wide and 12ft long.

Within a few weeks the building was ready for the first service, which was held on the afternoon of Sunday, 17 September, 1865. The service was led by Pastor W.W. Davey and the room was filled with men, women and children. During another service, it is said that a cow pushed its head and horns through a portion of the mud wall of the house-turned-church. However, this can't be right—it must have been through a window, because the walls of a cob or mud cottage are between two and three feet thick. Alas, one does not know who was most surprised, the cow or the congregation.

It was not long before both morning and evening services started, and on Wednesday 12 December 1866, it was decided to establish a church. Membership kept growing and a section for a larger building was purchased on the South side of Lincoln Road in Spreydon near the junction with Lyttelton Street. The new church opened in November 1881. It cost £549, and had seating for 100 people. This building still exists and until recently was used as a grocery barn. By the 1920s a new building was needed for the growing congregation and the Spreydon Baptist Church was built in Lyttelton Street. This is now known as the South West Baptist Church.

**Mike Burdon.**



*Photos below: left, Mike Burdon's model of the first Baptist church in Addington; centre, the food barn building in Lincoln Road; right, the present day Baptist church in Spreydon.*



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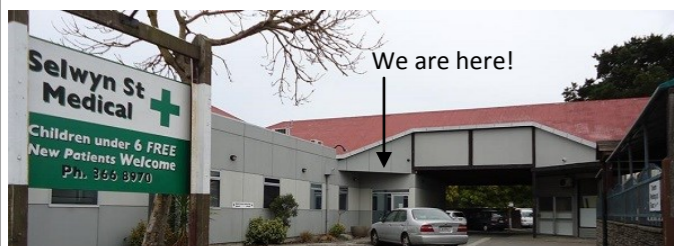
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**ST MARY'S IN CHURCH SQUARE, ADDINGTON, AS SEEN BY A DRONE CAMERA**

As you probably know by now, Manuka Cottage/Addington Community House is currently being hosted by St Mary's Church, so on Mondays to Thursdays sundry members of the community are on hand to keep an eye on things. One day recently, Cherylan Davies, our Community Development worker, rushed out because she heard a startling noise overhead. She explained, "I came out of Manuka Cottage to see Maikara Crosado operating his drone. This is one of the photos he snapped".

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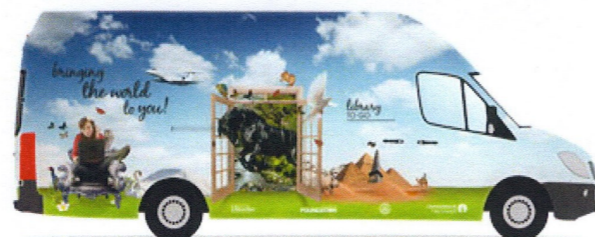
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ANA's new trailers (see page 6)

**TUNE INTO RADIO ADDINGTON AT 107.5 FM.**



## Library to go

USE IT OR LOSE IT!!!

Do you want to borrow books but find it hard to get to the library? Then *The Library to Go* is for you! Every Thursday 9.30 – 10am the mobile library arrives in Addington and parks up at Poulson Street near the Harman Courts entrance. You can't miss it because it is a very large van covered in blue sky, clouds and ... well you will have to come and see for yourself!

**Cherylan Davies, Community Development Worker, Addington.**

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## IRENE CLEARY—Keeping positive and enjoying life.



Addington has more than its fair share of interesting people in interesting houses in interesting streets. Irene Cleary is one such Addingtonian.

The words “free spirit” came to mind while Irene and I chatted about her life. The room was cosy, the dog slumbered and kids came and went. While we talked, numerous of pairs of eyes looked on. Their expressions were friendly, but fixed.

We were being watched by some of Irene's many dolls. She belongs to the Christchurch Doll Club and is proud of her large and growing collection. Irene is something of a doll historian. Her oldest example dates from 1900, the most recent is from the 1970s.

Irene laughs readily. “I thought I would be the only one who was silly enough to collect dolls but there are lots of us.”

She has an unusual new pastime: she's a motorbike sidecar girl. Her neighbour and friend, Gareth, rides the bike and she sits alongside. They belong to a sidecar

motorcycle club. Irene says aficionados refer to sidecars as “outfits”. She and Gareth have had great fun travelling to the West Coast and The Coromandel.

Irene has four children and is clearly proud of them all. One, Jessica, is intellectually challenged and Addington's closeness to Hohepa Canterbury was a drawcard. Jessica is able to go there for respite care.

Irene likes the way Addington is “a small village within a city”. She is happy to support the local community. Her day-to-day activities include growing vegetables, helping with the Addington Neighbourhood Association (ANA) craft group, delivering the *Addington Times* and time as a housekeeper and accredited visitor for Age Concern Canterbury. These are all governed by the needs of her family – particularly those of Jessica.

Irene is a people person who loves to sing, and she is creative. There have been years of rest home and community carer work. “I started in a rest home when I was sixteen.”

She first married at nineteen but it didn't last. “He knocked me about so I kicked him out. I had to learn from quite a young age not to become a victim. I have learned to be comfortable in my own skin.”

Her late husband was Steve Cleary. *Addington Times* readers may remember “the wind chimes man” from the Christchurch Art Centre. After Steve died of an embolism in 2007, Irene moved to Christchurch from Golden Bay, where they were living and running the wind chimes business. It was a bit of a leap into the unknown but has worked out well.

**Di Boyd**

*Photp below, right: Irene and Jessica .*



## ADDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Addington Neighbourhood Association will be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 29th July at St Mary's Church in Church Square.

This will be the last meeting before the AGM in August. If people have any special requests or want to change something about the ANA this is the meeting to do it at. Changes to the constitution are called remits, so bring your ideas to the July meeting. I will be standing down as chairperson so there will be a vacancy for that job. There will be no correspondence read at the AGM.

We still have on going issues with traffic on Selwyn Street and Brougham Street. Hopefully by July the new pedestrian crossing and turning arrows will have been installed at Brougham and Selwyn Street intersection.

The new traffic target for the ANA's attention is the intersection of Harman Street, Disraeli Street, and Selwyn Street, where quite a few accidents have been happening. I have rung a traffic engineer at the City Council and asked if a study can be done on the intersection. Initially we wanted two stop signs installed to make motorists stop, but now the idea of a roundabout has been mooted.

Residents who live on Brougham Street have reported that they have great difficulty exiting their driveways

at peak times because of the heavy traffic flow and because there are cars parked on the shoulder of Brougham Street making it impossible to see whether is enough time to get on to the road. I have contacted NZTA about this problem and they would like to know where exactly on Brougham Street the residents with the access problem live.

Parking and traffic flow in Burke Street is also a big problem.

ANA has some very good news for residents of Addington: with a donation from the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board we have purchased two trailers which will be available for Addington residents to hire for taking stuff to the dump or moving house. (It has been two years since our original trailer disappeared.)

There will be a further notice about the cost and conditions of renting the trailers in a future issue of the *Addington Times*.

We owe a big "Thank you" to Blair Kenton for organising quotes, plus purchase and registration of the trailers.

Julie Derrick, ANA Chairperson.

### Gauging concern/interest for the partitioning of Collins Street from the motorway

As an Addington resident, I am becoming increasingly concerned with the amount of traffic using local streets as a thoroughfare, particularly those looking to divert from the motorway using the Collins Street and Church Square routes. I have a child attending Donald Duck day-care and feel residents are at risk after experiencing a number of near misses.

The narrow streets of old Addington were never intended as a raceway for frustrated motorists, therefore I would like to gauge support for a proposal to partition off Collins Street from motorway traffic in the interest of public safety.

The recent push for high density housing following the earthquakes has seen a good many townhouses and apartment style complexes being built with little or no parking being allocated. This, combined with the fact many of the older Addington homes have no parking assigned to them, sees those navigating Collins Street and the square weaving intricately between parked cars on either side of the road and contending with speeding motorists. These factors coupled with the locality of schools is simply a disaster waiting to happen.

If you are in agreement with this proposal, or simply want to talk about your concerns in regard to this matter, please attend the Addington Neighbourhood meeting (29 July) or text or email me.

Krystal Paix 0210 737 805 or klp62@uclive.ac.nz.

## Addington TimeBank

### Project of Manuka Cottage

#### Report on our June Timebank Film & Discussion Night

About 12 people came along to see Juliet's selection of short films about the problems with our current money system and how timebanks can help alleviate them. Also there were Margaret Jefferies, from Lyttelton, who introduced timebanking into New Zealand and Rex Verity who is part of the New Economics Movement. Here is a wee bit of what we heard.

There are a few problems with our current money system: the system needs constant growth to keep functioning, which isn't good when we live on a planet that is not growing; it creates "losers", who through no fault of their own, miss out, because the need to pay interest means that there is not enough money to go around; money trickles up to people who already have money rather than down to those who need it, because they can lend and get interest; the system undervalues the everyday things that we all need – caring, cleaning, gardening, food preparation, pet care, home crafts, and so on.

Timebanking is one answer to this problem – essentially it creates a local currency (time credits), which provide a way for people to get what they need.

Want to learn more? Then check out our Facebook page for some links to film clips, come to the next film and discussion night on July 8th, email [addington.timebank@gmail.com](mailto:addington.timebank@gmail.com) or ring Gen on 021 134 5802 or Chrys on 027 286 8653.

We will be running some orientation sessions to help people get started on timebanking from August, so watch this space!

**Addington Timebank**

**FILM & DISCUSSION**

**EVENINGS**

July Topic :

**Bringing People Together**

July 8th 7.15 -9.00pm

Harmon Courts Community Room, 85 Poulson St.

[www.addington.timebanks.org/welcome](http://www.addington.timebanks.org/welcome)

### Manuka Cottage Addington Community House

#### Incorporated

Operating from St Mary's Church  
Activities Manager: 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** 10.30am—3pm **Women's only Day -ALL FREE**  
10.30 morning tea and good company  
Bring and Buy  
12pm shared lunch  
1pm Crafts, card making, etc

**Wed** 10.30 -11.30 Pop in for a cuppa! 10c per cup  
12-1pm Community Lunch *Gold Coin Donation*  
11am-1pm Manuka TradingPost  
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 10c per cup 20c biscuit  
10.30-12 Ideas & Action  
12.30-2.30 Mothers' Community Programme

**Unless stated our activities and groups are free.**

What would you like to see be made available?  
Our goal is to help you to have a sense of belonging and connection in your neighbourhood. **Everybody is welcome.**

Cherylan Davies, Community Development Worker,  
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### Sunday Evening services at St Mary's, Church Square.

Taizé (pronounced The-ZAY) worship is an ecumenical, peaceful way to pray, using (easy to learn) musical chants, silent meditation, scripture readings and a meditative, common prayer. Our services include candlelight, prayers, readings, silence, and music with repetitive words. Next services are on 5th July and 6th September (7-8pm) followed by a cup of tea/coffee. All welcome.

The **Poetry and Prayer** service is held on the third Sunday of each month at 7pm till 8pm, followed by a cup of tea/coffee. (Next one 19th July.) It is a contemplative worship experience based on sacred and secular poetry organised around a monthly theme. All welcome.

For other details and church history, see website:  
[stmarysaddington.com](http://stmarysaddington.com)



**A POST SHOP IN ADDINGTON**  
Citywide florist, at the city end of Lincoln Road now incorporates a post shop. This means that Addington residents no longer have to make their way to Barrington Mall or to Tower Junction to post a parcel or to access any of the other postal services hitherto denied us.

In the photo left, owner/manager, Gina Parker, is clearly happy with her extended role at Shop 2/342 Lincoln Road, (Ed.)



Photo, right: this clothing outlet has recently opened at 301 Lincoln Road.

## VOLUNTEER WEEK

The 21st – 28th of June is Volunteer Week. Volunteers are like gold, very precious. We salute you and the work you do. Well done!

Cherylan Davies Community Development Worker Addington.

*The following poem is in recognition of the many volunteers who are involved in their community. It has been written to honour a specific person who has played a major part at Manuka Cottage.*

### Thank you, Mary

Like fragrant Manuka  
Infuses the Cottage with her  
warmth and friendship  
Engaging in conversation  
Reading the paper

Picking up snippets of news  
Particularly the columns on  
Politics  
Reading for a good banter  
and challenging the status quo

Dusting and cleaning  
Hands in the sink  
And never a task undone  
Joining in groups  
Always meeting the challenge

On the Core Group  
Trust is a must  
Wise words spoken

Dedicated to the cause  
Gentle spirit  
Culturally sensitive  
A mother's heart  
Grandchildren  
In first place

Like an actress on life's stage  
Mary plays a major part  
in a production

Raewyn (Win) Whittam



## Selwyn Street Shops

Above: the corner of Selwyn Street and Rosewarne Street is ready for development.



Photo left: Pies and Coffee has opened at the Spreydon end of Selwyn Street. They make all food on the premises and are open from 6am.



Photo right: next door to Pies and Coffee, the Selwyn Superette is up and running.