

## OLD ADDINGTON: A Spencer Street House



According to notes made by A. Ross, 2001, Thomas Noris purchased a parcel of land in Spencer Street in 1880 and six years later he divided it between his two sons. This house was built in 1886 by George Noris, a bricklayer from Sussex in England.

The construction of the house is said to be unique in Christchurch. Its appearance reminds me of the flintstone cottages in southern England, but instead of flint, it has rows of greywacke river stones embedded in what was perhaps originally cob or plaster. The building has one and a half storeys, a gabled roof and a verandah. This side view shows the river stones on the original building next to a generous later extension at the rear. This beautifully presented home is one of the gems of historic Addington (Ed.)

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## The Voice of the Addington Community

### Addington Times

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### ON YOUR BIKE!

Photo above: Transport Minister, Simon Bridges, and Christchurch Mayor, Lianne Dalziel, cut the tape to open Addington's section of the Little River Cycleway.

The cycleway that now runs through Addington linking the Central City with the Southern Motorway, then runs on to Little River, was opened in Addington on Thursday, May 28, by Transport Minister Simon Bridges, and Christchurch Mayor, Lianne Dalziel.

Cherylan Davies, Addington's Community Development worker, congratulated all those involved in this exciting initiative: the New Zealand Transport Authority and Christchurch City Council for the vision to support a shared funding partnership; the Cycleway Project Team from CCC who were willing to come to and consult with the Addington Community and listen to our affirmation of the project and our concerns; Isaac's team who connected well with affected residents as they worked along the cycleway; and last but not least, the Addington Community — a shining example to other communities of what can be done when a community moves together towards a common goal.





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### IT KIDS' PROGRAMME

Addington.net's IT Kids Programme launched Term 2 with a special Star Wars themed day on Thursday, May the fourth (may the fourth be with you)! The children used their coding skills to design a Star Wars game and we had a fun and a challenging time playing the resulting games.

We continued the Star Wars theme during May and the children produced a Star Wars themed stop-motion animated movie. The skills the children utilised and developed included coming up with an idea for the movie; developing a story board; digital photography; and using software to turn their photographs into a movie.

Lastly, we celebrated completion of the movie project. No new movie is ever complete without a premiere screening and popcorn!

**Lynda Sawyers**



*Photo above: Our 3D printer produced these great Star Wars characters.*

### CAN YOU GUESS WHAT'S COMING?



You may have noticed that 322 Lincoln Road (formerly Addington Print) now has a very smart new coat of paint outside.

There are no signs up yet, but I've had a sneak peek inside, and a lovely renovation has taken place. (Ed.)

**TORU**



TORU reignites a 25 year musical association between Denny Stanway, James Wilkinson and Davey Stuart from Rua, The Two Jimmies, Hampster, String Wizardry and Claddagh respectively. They are joined by one of Australia's best known accompanists Lindsay Martin on fiddle and mandolin.

<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>MAY 31st</b> <b>7.30PM</b> <b>NAVAL POINT</b> <b>YACHT CLUB</b> <b>LYTTELTON</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>JUNE 14TH</b> <b>7.30pm</b> <b>ST MARY'S</b> <b>CHURCH</b> <b>ADDINGTON</b>
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ADMISSION FOR EACH SHOW (cash only)  
\$20—waged \$15—unwaged/seniors



Autumn in Church Square, Addington

## New Zealand General Elections are Coming

Every 3 years New Zealanders 18 years and over get to vote on who should govern our land and people for the next 3 year term. This is a privilege and a right. There are many countries around the world where people cannot vote and have no say about who should serve their country in a governance roll.

In New Zealand it wasn't that long ago that women were not allowed to vote. This is a democratic country where we can have a say, where MPs are publically accessible and so much more. In upcoming issues we will explore the details and information regarding the elections, potential candidates and electorates. Now is a good time to begin a robust discussion with your spouse/partner, children, work buddies, friends, neighbours, etc., about what each Party stands for. Do their values best reflect what you consider to be important? Who are the candidates in your electorate? How do you meet them? — and so much more.

### Election to do list

- Enrol or update your details:** To vote in NZ you must be enrolled. This can be done online at [www.elections.org.nz](http://www.elections.org.nz) or you can call 0800 36 75 56, drop in to a Post Shop or txt your name and address to 3676. If you are 18 or over, a NZ citizen or permanent resident, your details must be current on the Electoral Roll. You can do that now and it has never been easier to do so.
- Which roll should you be on?** If you are Maori, you can choose whether you want to be on the Maori or General Roll. Voters enrolled on the Maori roll have one vote for an MP representing Maori electorates and one Party Vote. Everyone else is enrolled on the General Roll and has one vote for an MP in their electorate and one Party vote. After you have enrolled you can then begin the next process.
- Know your Electorate.** You are in the Christchurch Central electorate if you live on the Addington Cemetery side of Selwyn Street, Antigua Street, Hazeldean Road between Selwyn and Antigua Streets, Fairfield Avenue, Braddon Street, Burke Street, Ruskin Street, Kipling Street, Barrie St, Disraeli Street, Crohane Place and York Tong Place. Everyone else in Addington is in the Wigram Electorate.

**Who are the incumbent MPs?** The current MPs are Megan Woods (Labour) representing the Wigram Electorate and Nikki Wagner (National) representing Christchurch Central.

Be active. Be vocal. Participate in your civic duties. Be a good role model to the future generations!  
**Cherylan Davies, Community Development Addington.**

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





## ADDINGTON TIMEBANK

Our members exchange their time helping others in order to 'purchase' the help that they themselves need. Members don't have to make a one-to-one exchange. Just advertise what you can offer and/or the help you are looking for, and see who responds.

You can join us either on-line at [www.addingtontimebank.org](http://www.addingtontimebank.org) or come to our community centre, Manuka Cottage (currently based at St. Marys, Church Square), 11am to 1pm on a Wednesday, and have chat to Chrys.

### ADDINGTON TIMEBANK GLUTEN-FREE BAKING WORKSHOP Sat 3rd June 9am -12noon at St Mary's Church in Addington

Menna will be taking a session doing a range of baking - from muffins, pastry to pancakes and things in between. She will have recipes and there will be discussion around what others eating gluten free do.

The cost is \$15 (for materials etc.) and 2 time-credits for timeBank members, or \$45 for those who are not TimeBank members. There is a limit of 6 people in this workshop, so please book in.

If you can't make that date but would be interested in coming another time, then please also get in touch with Chrys: e-mail [addington.timebank@gmail.com](mailto:addington.timebank@gmail.com) Phone or text 0272 86 86 53

If more than six people are interested we could run a second workshop.



Last month's TimeBank dinner was enjoyed by all.



It was great to see former Addington TimeBank Co-ordinator, Gen de Spa, back for last month's TimeBank dinner. In the photo above, Gen's mother, Margot, is on Gen's right and our chef, Chris Russell, is on the left.

## Addington OSCAR

**After School Care and Holiday Programme**  
High quality and low cost care for your child  
A variety of activities including sports, games, toys, art, crafts and cooking

**After School 3pm - 6pm**  
\$14 per session

**Holiday Programme**  
Long Day \$35 (7.45-5.30)  
Short Day \$25 (9-3)

WINZ assistance available and supported by the OSCAR network and MSD

Addington OSCAR  
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### 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** 10am Walkie Talkies Walking Group  
10am-1pm Coffee n Chat—10c per cup  
11am Parlour Games, cards, etc.  
11am-1pm Art Group (limited places)
- Tues** 10.30am- 3pm **Women only Day**  
Morning tea, Bits and Bobs Projects, Bring and Buy  
12 noon Shared lunch  
1pm Craft Group - gold coin donation
- Wed** 10.30 -11.30am 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 \$13 for the next
- Thurs** 10am Addy-venturers Walking Group  
10.30am-12 noon Writers' Group  
10am-12 noon Café 10c per cup, 20c biscuit  
12.30am-2.30pm 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.*

Cherylan Davies, Community Development Worker.

### ADDINGTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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### ADDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

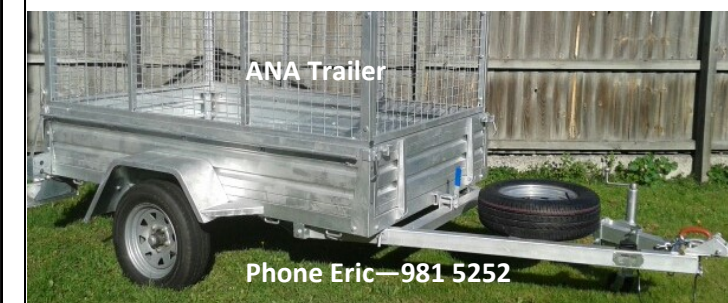
John Wilson came and spoke to us in May, about the publishing of his Addington History book.

Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings, with any concerns within the Addington Community.

We meet on the last Wednesday of every month at St Mary's Church in Church Square, at 7pm.

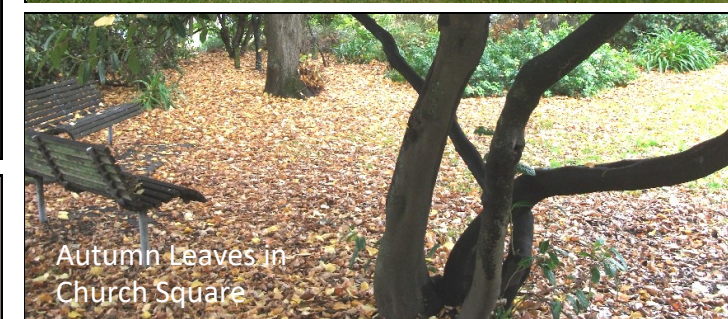
Don't forget that we have a trailer hire. Contact Eric in the evenings to book the trailer for community rates.

**Sarah McKenzie ANA Chairperson**



ANA Trailer

Phone Eric—981 5252



Autumn Leaves in Church Square

### We want You! We need You!

We urgently require people who would like to deliver *Addington Times* to residents in Addington. This occurs once a month and is Addington based. The deliveries are broken into small local delivery areas. This position is a voluntary position and you will join a number of people who serve their local neighbourhood. For further details please txt, leaving your name and contact details to:

**Cherylan Davies 0220175478 or leave a message on 3381613.**

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**Labour**

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## CYCLEWAY OPENING

(Editor's photos)

Everyone gathered in St Mary's Church grounds before the ceremony. It was a cold and wet morning, so the coffee-cart was most welcome.

Photo left (L-R): Community Board members, Helene Mautner, and Lee Sampson flanking, Councillor. Phil Clearwater (centre).



Above. Isaac Construction's Sean Walsh, chats with Pauline Cotter, Chair of the CCC Infrastructure, Transport and Environment Committee.



Above: Wigram MP, Dr Megan Woods, introduces Duncan Webb, Labour's Candidate for Christchurch Central in the next General Election.

(People in the East of Addington will be voting for a Central City Candidate in September, so Duncan is keen to know more about our community.)



Sandy, with her safety-cone hat, snapped during the speeches, was first to ride through the cycleway after it was opened.



Above: Kaumatua, Kaharoa Manihera of Tuahiwi Marae, recognised the ancestors before the speeches began.



Above right (with camera in hand): Cherylan Davies, our Community Development worker, snaps the morning tape-cutting ceremony.

Cherylan has done Addington proud by working so positively with the various agencies and rallying locals to ensure maximum satisfaction with cycleway outcomes. The focus on Addington for the cycleway opening was largely due to Cherylan's positive efforts. She was invited to be a key speaker at the indoor ceremony.



Below: Isaac's staff put on a great barbecue for locals and visitors at the end of the morning ceremony. (They were on hand again later to feed the evening commuters after work.)

## CHRIS RUSSELL – Volunteer Chef

Addington TimeBank will welcome your garden vegetables with open arms. That's the word from chef and TimeBank organiser, Chris Russell.

Your donations will be used to make frozen 'ready meals'. They are another of Manuka Cottage's fabulous community projects. The meals are delivered but the service is not intended to substitute for Meals on Wheels.

Chris says TimeBank organisers Dr Chrys Horn and Jen de Spa conceived the idea of temporarily supplying meals to locals and he joined in. 'It's for people who are unwell but not involved with Meals on Wheels. For example, they may need help with meals after having an operation or if they have heavy flu. Payment is by koha — typically about \$5.'

'Donations of vegetables are always welcome' says Chris. 'Cauliflower, onions, broccoli, root vegetables, spinach, beans, silver beet are all ideal. I blanch and free-flow freeze them. The silver beet I free-flow freeze in balls much like those you can get from a supermarket. I can do the same with spinach. I cook and Chrys co-ordinates. TimeBank. Ready meals have been going about seven months. It's a great concept.'

Chris has first hand experience of how well TimeBank works. 'I did some pruning and painting and I had some clothing altered in return. It had been sitting in my closet for years, unworn, but I got it done for nothing.'

He has had a varied working life including fourteen years as an Air New Zealand 'flight steward' — as they were called then. He has also worked for many years in the hospitality industry including work as a chef, restaurant manager and catering company owner.

Chris has contributed his considerable cooking talents to local Addington occasions including the 150th Anniversary of St Mary's Church earlier this year.

In the early 90s, Chris was living in Auckland when he started to hanker to be in Christchurch and is settled here now. He was rubbed out of his home

in the February 2011 quake, but found temporary accommodation in Addington — and stayed. Chris really likes the place and is very positive about St Mary's Church and Manuka Cottage and its projects like TimeBank and the Manuka Fruit and Vege Co-op.

'St Mary's is a home to me now. I have belonged to Anglican and community churches over the years. The people here are more mature in years and in their attitudes, and there's an acceptance here. [In the congregation] there are many nationalities and experiences. I enjoy that.'

Life is pretty good now. It was not always so, and depression and Bi-polar disorder have been part of Chris's life. 'I was properly diagnosed with the disorder in 2006 and, as well, have been treated for depression since my early twenties. The anti-depressants sent me manic. Drugs and alcohol are a very fine way of self-medicating. Work as a chef goes hand in hand with substance abuse and I certainly fitted into that.'

Those days are behind him now: the Bi-polar is well controlled, he keeps good health and is happy. He says, 'If there's a message for anybody with mental health problems, just helping someone else can help. If there's an opportunity, take it. I can see the value in exercise and eating well.'

**Di Boyd (Text and photo)**

Photo below: Chris Russell at the kitchen bench in St Mary's Church, Addington.



NB: to donate vegetables, contact Chris first on 021-2583489 or 339-7356