

OLD ADDINGTON: Early settlers - Joseph and Louisa l'Anson

In St Mary's Church Addington on the north wall, there is a beautiful set of three stained glass windows depicting Christ, flanked by representations of Temperance and Justice. They were intended as a memorial to Louisa, the wife of J.M.l'Anson. I decided to see what I could find out about the benefactor, by scouring the website 'Papers Past.'

On 3rd July, 1864, Joseph and Louisa l'Anson set sail from London, headed for New Zealand. As assisted emigrants, their passage on the *William Miles* cost £28. He was 26, a carpenter from Yorkshire, she 25. They arrived in Lyttelton on 22nd October 1864.

We next see Joseph mentioned in association with a parish meeting for St Mary's Anglican Church, Addington in a report in *The Press* of 17th April 1875. He was already a vestryman for the parish. On 20th August 1879, he called for tenders for an eight-roomed house to be build for him on Station Road, which was just off Lincoln Road. House plans were available for viewing at Mr Hansman's Feathers Hotel, Lincoln Road.

Joseph was also involved with school committees over an extended period and the *Star* of 30th May 1896 reported him as saying his committee was in favour of a central school of instruction and that the money voted by Government was not nearly sufficient. Speaking as a practical railway-car builder, of 30 years, he had seen about forty apprentices and only about fifteen of those had followed up the trade. He hoped practical men would be got as instructors, and that instruction should be given out of school hours.

Time passed, and *The Star* of 6th February 1904 contained the information that Louisa had died at Station Road two days earlier, aged sixty-four. On 24th February 1904 an advertisement in *The Press* announced that Tonks, Norton and Co. had been favoured with instructions to sell, by auction, the home

at Station Road, set on 1 Rood and 13 Perches of land with a well laid out garden. The house had seven rooms, a verandah, and two bay windows.

On 16th April 1904, at the parish meeting, Mr l'Anson who, it was recorded had been a member of the Church for 30 years, was leaving for a holiday trip to England. To mark the occasion, St Mary's presented Mr l'Anson with a Coronation Prayer Book.

On 25th September 1920, *The Press* contained an obituary for Joseph Moxan l'Anson, who had died at his residence at 142 Lincoln Road on the previous Thursday. It recorded that he had worked with the Provincial Government until the abolition of the provinces, and had continued as a leading hand in the car shop at Addington in the Railway Workshops until he retired on superannuation in 1903. At the time of the gold rush he had walked to the diggings on the West Coast. He had been a member of the Oddfellows Lodge since 18. He had helped to build the Selwyn and Rakaia bridges and also the Lyttelton Tunnel. It recorded him as being one of the oldest members of St Mary's Church, Addington, adding that the church contains many mementoes of his hand work.

The grave of Joseph, Louisa and at least two of their children is in Addington Cemetery, but the head-stone is suffering the ravages of time and the 'quakes. At least the beautiful windows dedicated to the memory of a loved wife, are still there for all to enjoy, over 100 years on.

Tim Redwood



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Photo: smoke over Addington pours down from the Cashmere hills 15/2/2017.

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A NOTE FROM OUR COMMUNITY BOARD CHAIRPERSON

I planned to write a paragraph about the Annual Plan but since then the fires have taken over all our waking thoughts — just for a day or two for many of us, and perhaps months and years to come for a sad and desolate few.

Yesterday afternoon I drove from Kilmore St through the centre of Christchurch to Addington with streets filled with smoke and traffic lights out for most of the way and contrary to our reputation, drivers behaved impeccably getting through the intersections with good manners and patience.

Yesterday morning, as usual, I walked the dog in Halswell Quarry with a friend. The day was blue and beautiful. The fire seemed very distant. Suddenly helicopters were overhead, very close to one another, large buckets hanging down as they headed for the small lake in the park. We joined a group of people, two with cameras, one of whom was a staff member from the Adventure Park closed for the day (everyone thought) because of the fires. It was heart-stopping as the helicopters were in their close formation and the fires, as a result more real. None of us thought right then that much worse was to come and that houses would be lost. We never do stop learning the lesson that life can change in a breath-take and nature can whack us in many ways and with ferocious force.

As I went back to the Beckenham Service Centre, I thought about the precious photographs, letters and mementos that should be in a steel tool box and aren't; the water and torches, the first aid kit, essential food for pets, the minimum clothing and medicines, the radio and phone and so on that should have been assembled. Most of us have been given another shot at putting those things together, so let's do it.

In the meantime do the Red Cross and our local Civil Defence need volunteers? Can we put a dollar in the collections, whether on 'Give a Little' or to the person standing at the supermarket door? Have we door-knocked our neighbour and said 'hello'? Are we familiar with our local residents' associations, community cottages, friendship groups, sports and service clubs? And of course cheers to the rural, city, volunteer and service fire brigades, police, civil defence, fellow citizens and city council staff who turn up to emergencies in our city and for our neighbours, whether in Kaikoura or Selwyn. Most important, our deepest, quietest thoughts and shared sorrow for the losses people have suffered, especially that of the life of a very brave man, helicopter pilot, soldier, husband, son and dad, David Stephen Askin (Steve).

And cheers for you too. We Cantabrians go on to battle another day as we have done so often before.
Karolin Potter (Chairperson, Spreydon/Cashmere Community Board).

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

With the very recent fires bringing the tragedy of loss of life, property, forest and bush, we have seen human nature at its best. The kindness, caring, working together, and comforting shown by people on the ground, the Facebook pages offering help, community groups getting involved, neighbours checking in on one another – these are all things remind us of how it was in the early aftermath of the earthquakes here in Canterbury. It is in these times that people pull together and reach out to one another.

Many people have said that they want this close knit community experience to continue and be built upon. But as life returns to normalcy and routine, how do we build a sense of community and connectedness here in Addington?

We must start with ourselves through simple things such as making eye contact with a smile, greeting neighbours with positive comments, giving a cheerful wave when conversation is not an option. We must become engaged with the world around us, even if we feel a bit uncomfortable, until it becomes a habit. It requires effort to see people in a positive light and to let go of fear and preconceived ideas about people, but as Rudyard Kipling said, 'I always prefer to believe the best of everybody, it saves so much trouble'.

It is also great to make good eye contact with teenagers, peppered with a 'hi' or a smile. Did you know isolation is a problem for teens too? They are not

scary big/little aliens but grown-up versions of the toddlers you may have once known. They need your encouragement and acceptance to help them develop a healthy world view. And so what if they respond in a less than desired manner? They are learning about what is acceptable and what is not on their journey.

Addington is a very diverse community and we need a diverse approach to build a stronger sense of community. We all have our peculiarities, some just more prominent than others. They make us unique and human. Empathy is seeing how things are for another person through their eyes, rather than being sympathetic about how hard their life must be. We experience greater wellbeing when relationships are developed to make stronger social interactions within the local community. Feeling a part of a community deals a blow to loneliness. Experiencing greater life satisfaction due to good relationships enhances physical and mental health.

Being involved in local decisions encourages a healthy pride in our neighbourhood and knowing who lives in our community helps us to feel safe and encourages us to look out for one another. We need to be connected, be involved, enjoy good relationships and love ADDINGTON: A Great Place to Live, Work and Play!

Cherylan Davies
Community Development in Addington

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info@addington.net**

The Addington.net IT Kids Programme is underway and we are excited to have welcomed and be working with a group of young people who are all enthusiastic to learn. More so than any generation before them, these children's lives will be dominated by digital technology making it essential that they learn the skills to be confident and capable technology users.

In week 1 the children tackled coding. Coding tells a computer or other digital device how to do the tasks that we want it to perform. For example, how a phone will find a contact or how a supermarket scanner will scan your groceries. At IT Kids the children put together simple commands to get a game character to do tasks such as walking, jumping and finding treasure.

They are all looking forward to week 4 when they will write code to give instructions to a robot.

In week 2 the IT Kids used computer-aided design software to create designs to be 3D printed. We were delighted to see the level of engagement and creativity the children showed in creating their designs and, of course, seeing the final product emerge from the 3D printer.

The IT Kids programme is currently full and we have opened a waitlist. Please contact Addington.net to add your child (8-12 years) to the waitlist.

Lynda Sawyers

ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY?

The area of Addington between Lincoln Road and the railway was once an active and highly productive part of the city, but it declined after the closure of the railway workshops and the livestock saleyards alongside the railway, and the Wood Brothers' flour mill in Clarence Street.

There were plans for redevelopment of the area, but when the February 2011 earthquake struck Central Christchurch, many of the old buildings crumbled, and the area became a wasteland – a challenge to death-defying graffiti addicts.

Addington proved a handy home for business refugees from the central city, but many have already left Addington, or plan to go back to the CBD again. We are told that the Court Theatre will eventually be included in the central city's planned cultural centre, but we have an update below about their current Addington site.

The latest news is that once again, a developer has come up with a plan for the Wood Brother's Mill site, and the City Council has offered a grant for its redevelopment. Whether or not this time development plans will reach fruition, is a matter of speculation—but here's hoping! (Ed.)



Photo above: The Wood Brothers' mill after the February 2011 'quake.

THE COURT THEATRE IN ADDINGTON

If you're quick you may still be able to see *Ropable* at 'The Shed' here in Addington. The comic thriller is the Court's first production for 2017. *Ropable* is in the last few days of its successful world premiere run. It will no doubt be followed by a busy calendar of other Court productions showcasing national, and international, theatre talent.

Addington has undergone huge change in the six years since the earthquake. The Court Theatre was one of the first transplants from the inner city and Addington has benefited from its presence. It has been positive for The Court Theatre too.

The Artistic Director, writer and director of *Ropable*, Ross Gumbley, says, 'Since we have relocated and found ourselves in Addington, The Shed has become a hub for creativity, and *Ropable* is a product of that. Addington is such a great place to create. *Ropable* was largely written in many of Addington's great coffee shops. Since the quakes it has become an exciting and vibrant community which has created and supported growth. We're thrilled to be a part of that.'

Di Boyd

Photo left: The Court Theatre in Bernard Street Addington is a magnificent theatre within a shed.

Its post-quake productions continue to be of an excellent standard and it is surrounded by plenty of free parking.



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 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.

How Community Organisations can benefit from Timebanking

Community organisations are critical to the function of the TimeBank and we're keen to get more of our community organisations signed up and using the TimeBank.

We work on the idea that community organisations should be in time debit. This is because timebanking can be a way to recognise and record the volunteer time that is gifted to them by the Addington community. For organisations, the TimeBank platform can help keep a record of the hours that volunteers put in (something that funders often want to know). On top of that, the TimeBank can provide a way for community groups to find the skills that they need.

Using the TimeBank this way also offers the opportunity to spread the volunteer load more widely across the community and to recognise that some community members contribute by helping out those who volunteer for community organisations. So for example, Addington.net might recognise its volunteers and those volunteers can then spread their time credits out by finding ways to get help from others. Some community groups also give credits to others in the community as a way of recognising the help that they get from people who might not be in the TimeBank.

Eventually we'd like to see time credits flowing around the community as people help each other out. The biggest issue we find is that people who run organisations are worried about being in time debit and can't think of ways in which they might earn time credits. We'd like to encourage groups to let go of this worry and to just understand that our community groups will always be in debit because they rely on the voluntary work of people in the community to make them run – and that is the way it has always been. The benefits that they confer to the wider community more than make up for this debit! **Chryst.**

A Talented Parishoner

Recent visitors to St Mary's Church, Addington, will have noticed a magnificent set of banners that appeared before the church's 150th. These were designed and created by Marnie Barrell some years ago.

Vicar, Diane McEvedy (below, in white) says that Marnie also designed and created the vestments she wore at her ordination.



Laureen admires the banners

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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.



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ADDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

At the first meeting for the ANA this year and we had John Wilson join us. John is writing a book on the history of Addington. We are getting to the end of this journey and looking at hopefully publishing the book next year. It's been interesting learning things about Addington.

The CCC held a drop-in session last year for the streetscape of Selwyn Street from the Medical Centre along to the corner of Coronation Street. We are waiting to hear how the submissions went. The CCC wanted to remove over half the parking from this area which isn't a good option for the businesses along Selwyn Street.

It's been great to see the Little River Cycle Link starting to take shape down Collins Street and Church Square. Don't forget we have a trailer hire for the Addington community to hire at a good price.

Meetings are held at St Mary's Church, Church Square, on the last Wednesday of the month. From April, the time will change to 6.30pm for the winter months.

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ADDINGTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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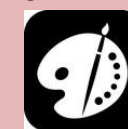
If you are an Addington business-person, don't forget that City Council decisions about the abolition of parking and the re-configuration of roads, etc, will affect your business, your customers and your employees.

Submissions made by a Business Association will carry more weight than those made by individuals. Join us on-line now! (There is no cost)

MANUKA ART GROUP 2017

Our second year of art has been eagerly awaited. We are a group of friendly people who enjoy all sorts of art-related interests. We meet at 11am to 1pm on Mondays at St Mary's, usually trying out a different medium or style, and going on an occasional off-site visit.

Limited vacancies. Rosemary.
(Contact Manuka, ph.3382591)





ST MARY'S CHURCH, ADDINGTON CELEBRATES ITS 150th. ANNIVERSARY

February 19, 2017



MANY THANKS TO: Addington Brass, Simon Hart and friend, the Christchurch Faeries Circle, Adam Allsorts, The Papanui Heritage Group, and the many kind people who donated goods, as well as the wonderful volunteers who ran a very successful picnic.

