

OLD ADDINGTON: An update on Enfield Villa, Burke Street.

A LOCAL RESIDENT WRITES:

The reason for getting in touch with you today is rather sad. The Enfield Villa at 26 Burke Street that you have already mentioned in your October 2015 issue is very likely to be lost. The Villa was sold last summer from one investor to the next and now the new owner has signalled that the house will be pulled down to make room for more town houses. I supplied the known history of the 152 year old house to the owner (plus an old photograph) and pleaded to the owner to spare the house. It looks rough on the outside but it is a well-built house, surviving all earthquakes with nearly no damage. It would make a lovely family home or a fabulous community house once restored. The owner kindly answered my letter but not with positive news and referred to the house as 'old stuff' that needs to go.

The neighbours in Burke St, Brent (the current tenant), and everyone knowing the house, is very sad to hear about the house that is doomed and my thought was that maybe the whole community would like to know what is happening. I have attached the history that we have of the house and also an old photograph. Gudrun Judy Frings.

In March 1864, Henry Bull, a market gardener, bought 1 acre, more or less, of Aikman's 7 acres, paying £100 for it. The price suggests that today's villa, 26 Burke Street, was already standing on the land when Bull bought it. A date of about 1862-63 for the building of the early cottage is confirmed by the use of newspaper, dated December 15, 1862, to paper the walls of one of the upper rooms. (The paper was discovered by the present owner.) The original style is also compatible with its having been built in the early 1860s. For a property owner and speculator like Aikman to build on, and subdivide, larger areas of land on what were then the outskirts of Christchurch was a quite usual business practice of those times.

It seems almost certain that Henry Bull and his family were the first to occupy the cottage as neither LeCren nor Aikman, the two immediate previous owners, appear to have lived in the area. The one reason to think that the cottage could perhaps have been built in the 1870s is that in 1876 Henry Bull took out a mortgage of £200 to the Trust and Agency Company of Australasia on the property. This may have been to finance the construction of a larger house than was already standing on the property, but with all the other evidence pointing to a date of 1862-63 for the construction of the cottage it is more likely that some other turn in Henry Bull's affairs had made necessary raising his mortgage on his family home. Certainly, when he died in August 1891 and left 1 acre 5 perches 'with dwelling house and outbuildings in his occupation' to his wife and sons, Bull was referring to the present cottage. The will left the property to his wife, Martha Sarah Bull, for her life. On her death it was to pass to his five surviving sons and the children of a sixth son already deceased. (Photographs below show that the cottage has been substantially extended over time. It is currently known as Enfield Villa.)



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The Voice of the Addington Community



R.I.P ENFIELD VILLA

The garden of this historic Burke Street villa was partially destroyed on Thursday, April 14. The house was due to come down on the following Monday, but there was a hold-up in the proceedings. It is now expected that the house will be taken down soon after this Addington Times is printed.

We have a brief history of the building on our back page, and you may be interested to know that Mike Burdon, our resident historian, is currently working on the construction of a plan and model of the iconic home.





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For bookings or more information,
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PHONE PALS—A free service at your local community internet hub

Phone Pals is a group run out of addington.net where both android and apple users meet up to share and learn more about using their phones and tablets.

Recently we learned about using Google Photos to utilise the cloud for permanent storage so we don't lose our photos if our device dies or is misplaced. Most devices now come with this app installed. However, it is also available free from the Google Play Store (the Google Photos logo looks like a windmill toy). It was very easily installed and it automatically uploaded all the existing photos from my tablet. When I went to a desk-top computer (and signed in to google using my gmail address) I then typed 'google photos' into the web browser and there were all my photos ready and waiting.

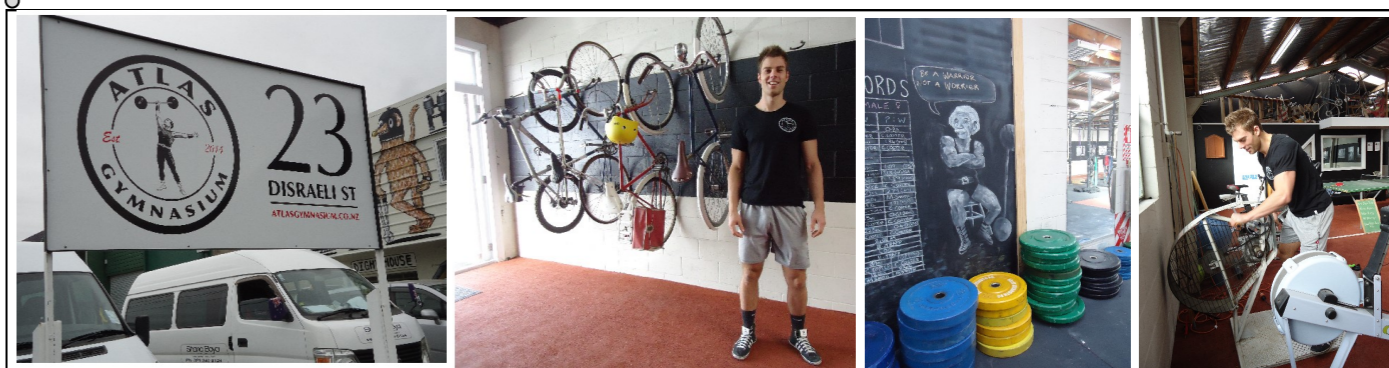
Google Photos comes with a number of interesting features such as using albums to catalogue photos. There is an animation feature which utilises similar photos to create a short animated sequence. Google Photos can be used to store the videos that you make. It has also has a feature that permits sharing with others.

With Google Photos you do not need to worry unduly about privacy. You are protected because you sign in using your own password. There is also the option of utilising the Google two-factor authentication process for added peace of mind.

Phone Pals meets at addington.net on the first and third Mondays of the month starting at 7.00 pm. Meetings in May are scheduled for the 2nd and the 16th of May and new members are very welcome. addington.net is located in the St James Presbyterian Church building on the corner of Barrington and Bewdley Streets, Spreydon.

We are on Facebook, 'Android Phone Pals' group, and for further details about Phone Pals or the services of addington.net please contact us on 962 7244 or email info@addington.net.nz.

Lynda Sawyers,
Community Liaison Coordinator Addington.Net



Atlas Gym in Disraeli Street

When it comes to this gym, forget the screens and the electronic gizmos. Atlas Gymnasium in Disraeli Street is unashamedly retro. It's run by business partners James Schroder and Richard Barnett and is dedicated to old-style get fit. They both have thoroughly modern degrees in PhysEd in exercise science and exercise prescription from the University of Otago.

The gym's vintage logo and the ping-pong table, give a clue as to how quirky this gym really is. Even the water cooler is retro; its colour hints at the 70s. Whimsy aside, the men undoubtedly have a serious purpose.

I went along and met with James at Atlas. He says: 'You are able to keep in shape without big fancy electronic equipment. If you are taught properly you don't need those things. We wanted to show exercise history with things like barbells, gymnastic rings, a peg board and a sprint track. It's a very different style — a functional playground you could call it.'

'Richard was the Canterbury Bulls' trainer a couple of years ago when they won the national title, and he coaches the Girls' High rowing team. His background is in rugby league and rugby union and rowing. Mine is more in powerlifting, hockey, tennis and squash.'

'Originally we worked together but decided to open a gym in our own style. This was an old warehouse. It was never going to be a super flash gym because we try to keep to a budget. We only paid for essential things like sparkies, but they were all friends anyway.'

'In time spent, it was expensive but not really otherwise. We went to salvage yards, used Trade-me, improvised. A lot of the stuff here we built ourselves. Friends and family were a huge help. The ceiling lights we got for \$5 each

and the Astro Turf floor coverings are from the Cashmere Tennis Club. The indoor sprint track is a big drawcard. I do the accounting and paper work and Richard is the handyman, the builder, he's very good at making things. We literally try to do everything.'

James' brother-in-law, Paddy, a fourth year Fine Arts student, is responsible for the artwork throughout the business and his creative flare is evident everywhere.

Atlas isn't open 24/7 but with a swipe card you can get in seven days a week, 5am to 10pm. Either Richard or James is there 6am to 8pm. 'It's a very friendly atmosphere here' says James. 'People come to work out and enjoy themselves. Everyone has an individualised programme.'

Di Boyd.

Photos above and below, taken by Di Boyd, show James Schroder in the Atlas Gym with some of the equipment.



TUNE INTO RADIO ADDINGTON AT 107.5 FM.

Some thoughts from the TimeBank

It is May and I (Chrys) have been working at the TimeBank for nearly a year and Gen has been working away at it for quite a bit longer. We both work at the TimeBank because we see that it could be a fantastic resource for the people of Addington. At the moment, though, we don't think it is quite fulfilling its promise! Our question is how can we make it more useful to Addington residents and how do we help people use it? Our thinking is that we can be more useful as coordinators if we are able to get to know members better, so we are planning a few things with that in mind.

☐ We are still running our clothes and toy swaps, and we are trying to find places to highlight the TimeBank through doing more of them.

☐ We are working to talk to all of our members over time so we can find out how we might make the TimeBank work for everyone's benefit.

☐ We'd like to find some places where people could record trades on paper and put them in so that we can record them online. You can find one drop-box at Manuka Cottage and we will let you know where else you can let us know about your trades. For those with cellphones, you can send in your trades via text to either 0272 86 86 53 or 021 134 5802 with the details of the trade (your name, who you traded with, how long for and what sort of trade it was). You can also email us at addington.timebank@gmail.com to ask us to record a trade.

☐ We are organising a shared meal as we write this article. Check out our Newsletter, Facebook Page and website for details.

How can you help?

☐ Drop into a clothes and toy swap and say hello.

☐ Check out the notice board either online at <http://addington.timebanks.org/> or at Manuka Cottage in the Church and get in touch if you can help with something you see, or are interested in putting out a request.

☐ Come and talk to us at our office in Grove Rd when you see the TimeBank Signs out, or at Manuka Cottage on a Wednesday between 11 and 1.00, even if you have never traded. We'd love to know what would make it easier for you to trade!

☐ Talk to people you know about the TimeBank.

☐ Check out our website or Facebook page and come to an event to have a chat.



The Great
ADDINGTON
TimeBank

TOY & CLOTHES SWAPS

Bring toys (in good condition) and some clean, tidy clothing you no longer want. Find and keep toys and clothing you like.

Costs nothing, great fun

Where? Manuka Cottage, Church Square

When? Last Wednesday each month 11am-1pm

Some really useful information from a local resident ...

I read about an app called 'Snap Send Solve'. The app is simple to follow. The first photo (*right*) shows the highly dangerous overgrowth as I exited my property. The second photo shows the wonderful clear view I now have.

I used the app to contact the Council on a Saturday and by the following Thursday, two energetic City Care girls had achieved this final result. A picture paints a thousand words!

I highly recommend folks to use the app and am really impressed with this Council department. **Judy Giles**



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, Jigsaw Corner, etc.
11am—1pm Art Group (*limited places*)
- Tues** 10am—3pm **Women's only Day**
Morning tea, Bits and Bobs Projects, Bring and Buy
12 noon Shared lunch
1pm Craft Group- *gold coin donation*
- Wed** 10.30 -11.30 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 \$15 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-2.30 pm 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,
Ph: 338-2591, or visit us at our temporary location at St Mary's, Church Square. manukacottage@clear.net.nz

Manuka Scribes An invitation is extended to writers, poets, 'wanna-be' authors ... actually anyone who would like to learn how to put words to paper. If that is you, please come and join the Manuka Scribes on Thursdays 10.30am-12pm to join like-minded (or not) people. The group meets at Manuka Cottage, currently in St Mary's Church, and the good news is there is no charge! Just bring your own pens, pencils, paper, tablet, laptop etc. and be prepared to be stimulated! **Cherylan Davies, C.D. Worker.**

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ADDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

We had a good turn-out at the March meeting and a few new members have joined up. We have added in half-day fees for the trailer hire this year. This is a great asset and we want to make it cheap for our members and local community.

At the last meeting we spoke about the issues that Addington is having with businesses applying for off-licence bottle stores. The one on the corner of Spencer Street and Lincoln Road has been denied, thanks to local residents getting the word out there. In the past few weeks I have been busy visiting businesses and making phone calls about the Bottle-O Store on Selwyn Street. Objections have already closed, so now we just wait.

There are concerns over the traffic going fast over speed humps on Ruskin Street, especially near Bishop Selwyn Lifecare.

Our next ANA meeting is at 7pm Wednesday 27 April at St Mary's Church — all welcome.

Sarah McKenzie (ANA Chairperson)



ANA Trailer hire: phone Eric, 981-5252.

Representation Review 2015-16 (Spreydon's view)

The [on-line] map is very hard to read even when enlarged but the Final Proposal, dated Tuesday 17 Nov 2015, shows [the Community Board for Spreydon] as including: Addington, Barrington North, Barrington South, Hendersons Basin, Hillmorton, Hoon Hay, Hoon Hay South, Middleton, Riccarton South, and Spreydon.

So while many of us were not in favour of having extra Councillors and fewer Community Board Members, it appears that they have included most of Addington within Spreydon, and all of Hoon Hay likewise. Both those areas were split in half in the previous version.

Sonya Hodder, SNN (Spreydon Neighbourhood Network)

Create through Colour Workshops

Sundays mornings at The Garden Gallery
291 Lyttleton St, Spreydon
Start 8th May, each session 10.45 am -1pm

Expressing yourself and/or the world around you with colour, while learning new skills or reviving old ones, can help boost your mood as we move into winter.

Limit 4 persons each workshop; materials provided.
\$35 unwaged, \$45 waged.

Explore your inner artist ... 'Therapy for the soul'.
For full details e-mail: maxineburney@xtra.co.nz
or ph. 360-3312 021 140 9688

ADDINGTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Contact Dean at:

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Don't Forget ... May 7

The 'Mother of All Clean-ups' Opawaho-Heathcote River Network.

In the inaugural 'Mother of All Clean-ups' hundreds of volunteers have already put up their hands to spend a few hours on Saturday 7th May to collect litter from the banks of the city's major waterways – the Heathcote Ōpāwaho River, the Avon- Ōtākaro River, and the Estuary/Ihutai.

If you would like to take part in this great river event please contact Helene Mautner on 337-0390 or email h.mautner@xtra.co.nz for river clean-up locations and times, or if you would like more information.

NEW WARD BOUNDARY

I attended the Representation Hearing Review Panel as the Community Development Worker in Addington, speaking on behalf of the Addington residents and groups who expressed their concerns and wishes. The Representation Review is now available on the CCC website. Essentially the changes include increasing Councillors from 13 to 16 — not including the Mayor— one Councillor for each of the 16 Wards, 6 urban and 1 Banks Peninsula Community Board and fewer Community Board Elected Members. The Ward boundaries have changed, and what this means for Addington is that this suburb is spread across three Wards with the boundaries being Selwyn Street and the railway line across Whiteleigh Avenue. The majority of Addington will be in the new Spreydon Ward, but the Community Board will have fewer members than the current one. This will be effective at the start of the Local Body elections in October this year. Manuka Cottage will again host a 'Meet the Candidate' event so watch this space!

Addington: A great place to Live, Work and Play! Cherylan Davies Community Development Worker



CAFÉ PRAGUE. We hear that they have a whole new winter menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner -compliments of their talented continental chef at 359 Lincoln Road.



MINI MOOCHER Ltd. We have recently said a sad farewell to Raewyn Noble, who ran this delightful business at 292 Lincoln Road, selling 'new and nearly new designer fashion and quality labels'. The new proprietor is Angela Jesson (photo above, right), who was busy sorting new stock when we called. We wish Angela every success.

DAVE DONNELLY—AN ADDINGTON 'GOOD SORT'

Recently we celebrated the life and mourned the loss of a dear friend to Manuka Cottage and to Addington. Dave Donnelly who attended Manuka Cottage on a regular basis for a good number of years died last week. Dave was a regular volunteer at Manuka Cottage helping Dianne set up on Mondays, bringing the newspaper over and writing up the anagram on the white-board.

But Dave did much more than this. Every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday morning he would walk around Church Square with a black rubbish bag and pick up the rubbish. He would clean the gutters and the surrounding gardens. This is why this area was so tidy. I hope you noticed because he did a wonderful job. You may be surprised to know that it was because of his rubbish collection we knew there was a synthetic drug problem in Addington a few years back. This led to the subsequent R18 Silent Protest of Lincoln Road and the many submissions from local Addington-ites for a ban on the synthetic substances. It was also the number of alcohol cans and bottles that were dumped in the

Square and picked up by Dave that alerted us to people gathering and drinking in the area and lead to us to hold a 'Church Square Matters' meeting that was well attended. While there are still a few cans around, the drinking in this area has been greatly reduced due to the action taken.

Dave lived at the Salvation Army Supported Men's Accommodation and he lived and died a kind, caring and contributing member of the Addington Community. Next time you are tempted to cross the road because a person is not dressed well or their hygiene is not up to our standard remember Dave, and instead of crossing the road, pass them and on the way say 'Hello how is it going?' It may be the only kind words they receive that day.

Cherylan Davies, Addington Community Development Worker.

David Donnelly
14.11.1961-19.03.2016



LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME

Addington Play Group, precursor for a Play Centre in Addington, is currently accommodated on a temporary basis at Addington School.

It has to vacate the school for the Rebuild, and has nowhere to go.
Any Suggestions?

A MEETING

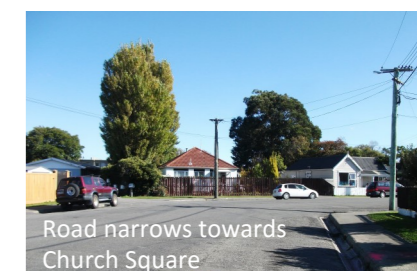
When: Tuesday 3rd May at 7pm
Where: St Mary's Church, Church Square

To discuss Ward Street traffic issues and think of ways to make Ward Street safer.

An Idea: Let's paint the street.
(For those interested, check out Shand Cres/Tara St in Riccarton. Links on the 'Addington Community' facebook page)

Please share with any residents that you know of in Ward Street or surrounding areas, thanks.

Contact: Sarah McKenzie
Cell: 0211153976 or email:
addington.neighbourhood@gmail.com



Photos below were taken before the flag referendum

