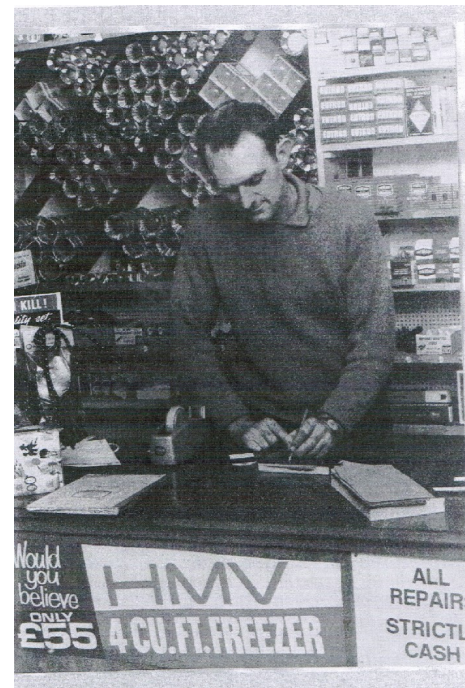


OLD ADDINGTON: 306 Lincoln Road—then and now.



The photo above, left, probably dates from the 1970s, shows George Mayo of *Mayo's Electrical* inspecting a TV. Could it be a new product? Perhaps a colour TV? The photo reminds me that small local electrical shops sold lightshades as well as stoves and pots and pans. Late night was Friday and the shop was not open over the weekend.

Saturday morning would be the time when the Mayo brothers would deliver new fridges. In those days if there was a fault in a toaster or iron it would be fixed at the shop by Kevern (my late husband, seen in the photo, right). Mike Beech would repair radios and TVs and they would call on John Ainsworth, a local electrician, to install stoves and check out wiring in houses. At one stage Kevern and George worked from different shops. Later they bought the house

at 306 Lincoln Road and adapted it to bring the two parts of their business together. **Elaine Mayo.**

Photo below: 306 Lincoln Road is now occupied by Kiwiflpos. How technology has changed!



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Church Square Problems Identified

A meeting held on 23 February this year was called by Cherylan Davies, our Community Development worker, to discuss residents' concerns about Church Square. These included vandalism, theft, graffiti, and some serious traffic problems.

The meeting was attended by Addington residents, members of the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board, Megan Woods, MP, and representatives from the police, Community Patrol and Council staff.

Traffic problems in the square were attributed to inappropriate and obstructive parking, drivers taking short-cuts through the square to avoid main roads, damage to gardens and berms, and the danger to pedestrians and other drivers caused by speeding vehicles.

As a result of the meeting, members of the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board agreed to

ask Council staff to investigate and report on the traffic issues identified, with a view to finding solutions.

Megan Woods and Karolin Potter (Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board Deputy Chair) agreed to approach a local trucking firm and ask that its drivers avoid travelling round the square.

A number of people expressed a willingness to repair and maintain damaged garden areas. (Others who would like to join them, should e-mail Cherylan at manukacottage@clear.net.nz or ring her on 338-2591.)

Further suggestions were offered to local residents about who to call for a solution to their individual problems, such as ringing Christchurch City Council Parking Operations (direct line) 941-8741 about a vehicle blocking their driveway.

(Information from the meeting minutes)



Photo above: traffic problems on the West side of the square are currently compounded by trade vehicles parking in front of two homes currently under construction.

Photo below: a sweeping curve on the East side of the square makes it difficult for pedestrians and regular traffic to avoid speeding drivers.



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Cherylan Davies, Community Development Worker, Addington.

THE PRINTER'S CAT (S)

Tipene, the feline resident at Addington Print, was curled up in the only sunny spot behind the shop window at 322 Lincoln Road, when I walked by one bitterly cold morning recently.

Brian Mackay, the printer, told me that Tipene was a stray who turned up several years ago and was named after the boy who found him in the garden.



Interestingly, our kind-hearted printer feeds another stray who staggered out of an abandoned building across the road after surviving a gas attack by pest control officers. This black cat is very shy, but turns up regularly for its tea. (Ed.)



"Sit, sit, sit. Let's go!"

That's the signal it's safe for Debbie Elliston's five hard-case Maltese Terriers to dash across the road. Addingtonians Debbie and husband Jimmy and their delightful dogs are out for a walk. Some readers will recognise Debbie and her hairy pals from these walks. Others will know her from "On Café", at Oderings Nursery in Spreydon, where she is manager. We met there over a delicious roast peach friand and chocolate delice.

Debbie grew up in Australia but has lived in New Zealand for twelve years. She and Jimmy have lived in London, Copenhagen and San Francisco. "He is an electrical engineer who is a testing and commissioning manager for community rail systems. We are huge advocates for public transport. Living overseas gives you an appreciation of how good public transport can be and the opportunities we have in New Zealand," she says.

One day I just said to my husband, 'I want to be a chef' and went to CPIT and did a Diploma in Culinary Arts. We lost our Gloucester Street restaurant in the earthquake." Now, she enjoys her role at One Café, and says, "I've no regrets."

I asked Debbie about living in deepest Addington. Burke Street came up, of course. Irene Cleary — who featured last month's edition of the *Addington Times* — and Debbie are friends.

"I agree with what Irene says about Addington. It is a village within a city. In Burke Street, the neighbours look out for one another. Irene will say, 'The girls are laying really well, would you like some eggs?' We all grow vegetables. Street local, David Mitchell, organised a community day to mark the centenary of one of Burke Street's villas. The street does have an old hippy feel about it. I'm a huge advocate of buying locally, and of supporting little owner-operated businesses" she adds. "If you don't support these people they won't stay open".

Addington has some charming public walkways. Sometimes, when the Ellistons walk the dogs they take the path to Addington Cemetery. Its headstones and monuments are still lying higgledy-piggledy where they fell during the earthquakes.

Debbie and Jimmy's dogs are a bit higgledy-piggledy too. They clearly give the couple a lot of joy. The fastest of them all is Ralphie. "She has only got three legs. She's the tripod one."

Di Boyd.

Photo below, left, Debbie takes a tea break at One Café; below, right. A brief stop in Addington Cemetery.



Addington TimeBank

Project of Manuka Cottage

Here's a great example of Timebanking in action: Karen, one of our paper-based members, has had a brand new oven sitting in her garage for years because she was not sure how to go about selling it. Putting an ad up on Trade Me may not seem like a skill of great value to some, but if you've never used Trade Me and don't have a computer, it turns out to be a very valuable skill indeed. And that's where another Timebank member, Helen, stepped in to help. Karen's oven is now on Trade Me with a chance to sell (listing #916160588 if you're in the market for a second hand/new oven!)

Being part of the Timebank has meant Karen could extend her network to find someone who could do the task she needed. You can think of the Timebank as a "skills and resource bank" so you can find the people in your community who can help you do the things you need to do. And you can guarantee that there is somebody else out there who will thank their lucky stars for some

small thing that you can do! **Gen.**
Join the Addington Timebank at:
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Addington Timebank

FILM & DISCUSSION EVENINGS

August Topic :

Bringing People
Together



August 12th 7.15 -9.00pm

Harman Courts Community
Room, 85 Poulson St.

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

A Date to Remember...

The Addington Fun Fair will take place on Saturday, November, 2015. Stalls, home-made carnival games, pony rides, a bouncy castle, races, Devonshire Teas, ethnic food, and more, will fill the tree-filled square. The 35+ stalls will include baking, local community groups, white elephant, books, crafts and more.

There will be a wide range of live music on the stage in the square during the day.

Homemade carnival games are always a delightful part of this fair: the Great Sheep Catapult, Giraffe stacker and more will be present. This year as well, Wateratz will make another appearance – giant inflatable, clear orbs floating on water for kids to play inside.

The Addington Fun Fair and Concert will be held at St Mary's, Church Square, Addington from 11am – 3pm on Saturday, November 21st. The rain day is Sunday, November 22 from 12.30pm – 4pm to accommodate church services.

Stall enquiries to: sarahpullman@clear.net.nz or text/phone 0211153976



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12pm shared lunch
1pm Crafts, card making, etc.
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12-1pm Community Lunch *Gold Coin Donation*
11am-1pm Manuka Trading Post
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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Church Square. manukacottage@clear.net.nz
Check our FaceBook page at facebook.com/manukacottage.nz

Addington: a great place to Live, Work & Play!



GARDEN GALLERY at 291 Lyttelton Street, is now showing **People and Places**, featuring local artists: John Boyd, Maxine Burney and Mike Glover.

Open: Monday, 27 July to Sunday, 23 August.
Times: 1-4 pm., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Closed Wednesday and Friday.

All welcome. Groups by appointment, tel. 338-1571.

ADDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

The next meeting and AGM for the Addington Neighbourhood Association is on August the 26th at St Mary's Church, in Church Square at 6.30 pm. There will be elections for a new chairperson and possibly other positions in the ANA. We will look back at past year and hopefully have a guest speaker with one of our community constables and John Wilson, who is writing the history of Addington, with drafts of the book to look at. There will also be supper. I look forward to seeing Addington residents at the AGM.

Julie Derrick, ANA Chairperson



Addington residents will have noticed a decline in the amount of graffiti to be seen in the last couple of years, especially along Lincoln Road. This is largely due to the City Council's "Off the Wall" programme, staffed by volunteers kitted out with hi-viz vests and armed with brushes and paint kindly donated by Resene.

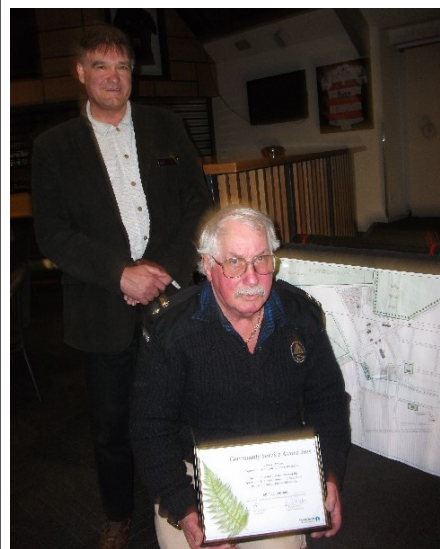
If you don't have the expertise or energy to join the graffiti team, you can still be a valuable contributor if you have a smartphone and can download a free app

— Snap Send Solve.* With this, you can easily capture and report local graffiti so that it can be cleaned up by the graffiti team.

Our major graffiti problems now appear to be in industrial and other non-residential areas. By reporting any graffiti that you see, you would be doing our neighbourhood a great service.

The app also allows you to report other Council concerns such as rubbish, damaged roads and footpaths, parking problems, excessive noise, etc. Reports will instantly be sent to the Council's customer call centre for action.

* Available free from the Google store, or Android's Google Play.



SPREYDON-HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

On 30 June, the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board hosted their 2015 Community Service awards in recognition of the work of volunteers nominated by members of their respective communities.

Three Addington residents were presented with awards. Mike Burdon (seen in the photo, top left, with Board member, Rik Tindall) was recognised for his work in documenting the history of Addington, producing a series of maps showing changes over the years, and writing about important historical and geographical changes for the *Addington Times*.



Janet Loh, seen below, left, receiving her award from Tony MacMahon, Chair of the Community Board, was nominated for her work in mentoring a Chinese family through the Selwyn Street Kindergarten, assisting them as a translator and as an invaluable support to the immigrants over several years.

The third recipient of an award was the current editor of the *Addington Times*, who volunteered after finding herself in Addington after the February 2011 earthquake.

Many thanks to the Spreydon—Heathcote Community Board who have individually supported many groups in our community, and as a group have forwarded our concerns to the City Council. They have very generously recognised our many volunteers, this year and in the past.

Our Special Gift from Bishop Selwyn Residents

Today nine visitors from Bishop Selwyn Lifecare came to give us a very special gift of a knitted patchwork blanket for our outside sofa. This came about after a few smaller knitted patchwork blankets were made for the children to use in the Whānau corner and we asked if the residents would be able to make a bigger one for our outdoor sofa.

It was very windy when they came but the residents managed to make the trip OK. We did three music and movement songs for them which were *Freeze*, *Mrs Bunny* and *Echo Fred*. Our visitors clapped their hands, smiled and laughed at our twisting turning bodies. Two of the staff members who came with the residents also joined in with the dancing fun. We then sang 'Happy Birthday' to Shirley, one of our visitors as it was her birthday. After our performance some children were picked to come up and unwrap our special gift. There were lots of wow's and ohhh's

as we got to see the blanket for the first time. We thanked our grand friends, and as a treat, we gave them some scones which we had made earlier that morning, with a cup of tea. The blanket now has pride of place on our sofa and reminds us of the kindness of our neighbours down the street. Thank you, our special grand friends.

From all at Selwyn Kindergarten.



addington.net farewells Marja



Photos above: right, Tony MacMahon, chair of the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board, chats to Marja with her husband, William, at her side. Top, right: Marja with Wendy Butcher, Chair of the Trust, who thanked Marja for her dedication and her work with children. Below, right, Marja with (L-R) volunteers: Arnold Otten, Sandra Warner, Community Board Chair, Tony MacMahon, and volunteer, Elaine Mayo.

It was with great regret that members of the *addington.net* volunteer team, Trust Board members, Community Board members and grateful clients, said goodbye to Marja Blom, the manager of our local computer centre.

The general feeling was that Marja was much loved and made everyone feel comfortable. One client added: "She has a great sense of humour and is very helpful and easy-going—just the right touch—capable and kind."

Marja was at *addington.net* for eight years. She began as a volunteer after doing a course at CPIT, and took over as manager in 2011 when the centre operated from Addingtown Mall in Lincoln Road.

Threatened rent rises and the tenuousness of funding meant a move to Selwyn Street, where a room belonging to the Medical Centre, was kindly made available. However, a lack of foot-traffic and consequent declining clientèle means that new premises are currently being sought. That will be a job for Greg Smith, the interim manager (photo below).

Marja has resigned to spend more time with her husband who is not well (but typically, she was on deck the next week as a volunteer, when the centre was short-staffed). (Ed.)

