

OLD ADDINGTON: THE WOOD BROTHERS FLOUR MILL

This large four-storey brick mill was opened in Wise Street in 1891. Designed by J C Maddison (1850-1923) it was powered by steam, lit by electricity and serviced by the adjacent railway line. A tall brick grain silo was added in 1913 and storage buildings in 1924.



By 1936, the mill could claim the largest output of flour in the South Island, but when in 1970 Wood Brothers Limited sold the mill and its associated buildings, flour milling ceased on the site. However, residents will be aware that the milling of flour still takes place in Addington, today, as the imposing Champion Flour Mills can be seen alongside the railway between Hazeldean Road and Moorhouse Avenue.

The Wood Brothers' buildings had numerous occupants after 1970, but were severely damaged in the February 2011 quake, by which time the site was partly owned and occupied by the Riccarton Players. The photo above was taken last year and shows that very little had happened since 2011 despite plans to turn the area into an "entertainment Hub". Apparently there has been a lack of interest from developers, despite the allocation of a heritage grant towards its restoration.

Information above from www.local.ccc.govt/Insite/ and www.stuff.co.nz/the-press/news/Christchurch-earthquake-2011

A long-time resident remembers

Alan Simson, who still lives in Addington, was a volunteer at the Addington Library in the 1950s. He worked alongside Jack Morris, owner of the grocery store at 344 Lincoln Road. Jack was a member of the Bowling Club that was originally established for Mill workers and was situated in the forecourt of the mill in the photo above.

Patrons of The Miller Bar in Lincoln Road will be familiar with its photo-mural depicting the bowlers, the mill, and other activities, back in the day.



Still standing—just!
The Mill Theatre.
Photo: DD.

Addington Times

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Photo: Paul Watson

On Friday 10th October members of the Addington Well-Being Group on their way to a meeting came across this demonstration outside the ANZ Bank in Lincoln Road. The photo was sent to the *Addington Times* e-mail via a smart phone.

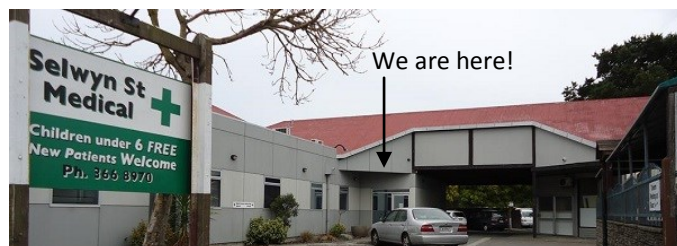
Apparently bank employees in New Zealand are not treated equally across banks. Pay and conditions of employment are negotiated within each banking group, and the ANZ protesters argued that their employer was offering lower pay rates than other banks and was moving towards casualisation of its workforce. The flyers being distributed stated that "ANZ workers are prepared to allow up to 20% of the workforce to be flexible, but that's not good enough for the bank. They want every new worker to start on the insecure work contract."

The protesters were concerned that new workers would be casualised to such an extent that "they would not know from one month to the next which days and start and finish times they [would be] working." They said, "We enjoy our jobs, but have lives outside of work, too. Some of us have children. Others have commitments to community, faith and sports groups. Many of us study, with set lecture times. Chopping and changing our hours every month may suit ANZ but it does not work for us and our families."



Addington Park from Barrington Street

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Addington.net programme (314a Selwyn Street)

Monday

10.00 am – 12 noon free senior internet
10.30 am – 12 noon free one-to-one learning (book)
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm free Android Club (book)
1.00 pm – 2.30 pm free one-to-one learning (book)

Tuesday

10.00 am – 12 noon free senior internet
10.30 am – 12 noon free one-to-one learning (book)
1.00 pm – 2.30 pm free one-to-one learning (book)
3.30 pm – 5.30 pm free IT Kids Club (7 to 14 year olds)

Wednesday

10.00 am – 12 noon free senior internet
10.30 am – 12 noon free one-to-one learning (book)
1.00 pm – 2.30 pm free one-to-one learning (book)

Thursday

10.00 am – 12 noon free senior internet
10.30 am – 12 noon free one-to-one learning (book)
3.30 pm – 5.30 pm free IT Kids Club (7 to 14 year olds)

Friday

10.00 am – 12 noon free senior internet
10.30 am – 12 noon free one-to-one learning (book)

For bookings or more information call 9627244 or
email info@addington.net.nz

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Notes from the Addington Well-Being Group:

*Karolyn Potter (Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board) has been doing a survey of parking for the disabled in our area with a colleague. She says some of the spaces are inaccessible to a disabled driver. A report to the Council is in preparation.

*Trish (Dept. of Internal Affairs) reports that the City Council is examining priorities for spending. Also she says there is a new system for community funding. Lottery grants will be made soon. See online: realme.govt.nz

*Dianne, who runs activities at the community "cottage" at St Mary's, says petanque is enjoyed outside now in the warm weather and dance classes on Tuesdays are going very well.

*Esther, who works for the Helen Anderson Trust with Adults who have intellectual disabilities, says groups are being supported by generous donors to go bowling (\$5 per session) and dancing (\$3 per session).

*Rik Tindall (SHCB) reported on the Software Freedom Day at the Beckenham Service Centre (see p.4).

*Melanie Coker (SHCB) has been involved with discussions about the City Transport aim of making Lincoln Road a four-lane highway.

TweedleDum and Tweedledee?

Last year **TweedleDum** and **TweedleDee** visited Addington to collect how you wished your dreams and aspirations for Addington to be represented in the CCC 10 Year Plan. They collected 427 comments and the comments were made as a collective submission to CCC. This year **TweedleDum** & **TweedleDee**, or two of their associates, are returning to Addington to collect your dreams and aspirations about the CCC facilities and services and to gauge what priorities you place on them. Some hard decisions need to be made and the Council wants the community to lead that discussion. Addington is very good at that level of participation so look out for **TweedleDum** and **TweedleDee** or their accomplices in Addington over the coming month starting at the Addington Fun Fair 22 November. See you there with bells on!

Cheryl Davies a.k.a TweedleDee
(Karolyn Potter is TweedleDum)



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ADDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Addington Neighbourhood Association will be on Wednesday 26th of November at St Mary's church in Church Square at 7.30pm. We will have met in October, and the November meeting will be the last one for the year. If people attending the meeting would like to celebrate the end of the year please bring a small plate of food or packet of biscuits to share. Coffee and Tea will be provided.

I have heard good news about NZTA installing turning arrows on the lights on Brougham and Selwyn Streets, although there is nothing definite yet—watch this space.

I filled in a submission on the district plan—residential—a very complicated experience. To do a proper submission I virtually had to have the whole district plan

with me to refer to. Anyway I personally objected to intensification of housing around shopping malls as in multi-storey town houses, because they block out sunlight which people in Christchurch lack in winter, but I said I was OK with people dividing their section and having another house built behind the original dwelling. That way the character of an area/neighbourhood is retained whilst providing more space for other dwellings and keeping the city small. On one of the questions I wrote "Too technical." I hope other people had a go at filling in the District Plan submission form.

ANA will have a stand at the Community Fair on 22nd November. Come and share what you like or don't like about Addington and see the proposals and plans the City Council has sent us over the years.

Julie Derrick, ANA Chairperson.

NGA PUNA WAI SPORTS HUB

You are invited to come and hear about a Sports Hub planned for the area beside the Canterbury Agricultural Park which is on your back doorstep. The model created is similar to QE11 and the proposal is to feature at Nga Puna Wai in the 83 hectares of recreation and esplanade reserves. The Master Plan integrates an area of 32 hectares which will combine facilities across a number of sporting disciplines and will include an athletics track, hockey turfs, indoor and outdoor tennis courts and sports fields. This area is currently used for grazing livestock and public recreation.

You are invited to attend the Addington Well-being meeting to be held at Kingdom Resources, Addington Mall, Lincoln Road on the 7th November 10am – 12pm. There will be a speaker, information and opportunities to talk to people about this new opportunity.

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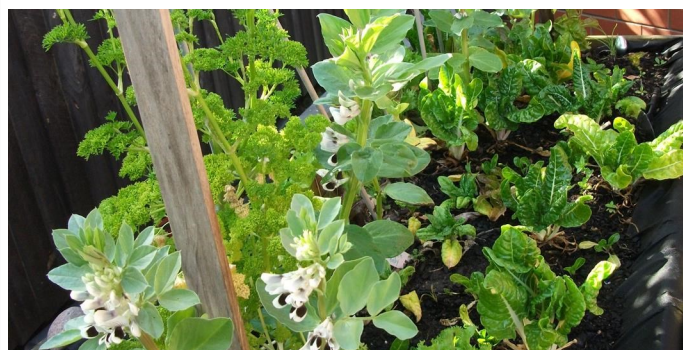
If you are unable to make this meeting, a copy of the Master Plan and a form that you can sign to show your agreement of this plan is available at Manuka Cottage based at St Mary's Church or ph 3382591 and leave your details for the Community Development Worker. If you do not agree submissions can be made online ccc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay.

Cheryl Davies, Community Development Worker

ADDINGTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Contact Dean at:
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St.Mary's Taize Prayer information. No Taize in November. Next Taize Prayer: 7th December, 7pm. Dates for 2015: 1st Feb, 3rd May, 6th Sept, 6th Dec. See: stmarysaddington.org
Taize website: www.taize.fr



THE GARDEN PATCH

With summer fast approaching people will be out in their gardens on these warm balmy days digging over their patch, adding compost and fertilizers in preparation of the planting season. The beginning of the planting season is always an exciting time for the gardener as they begin putting into action the garden they formed in their mind over the long winter months. It is also a good time to think of hazards in the garden so that it can be pleasing to the eyes as well as gardener friendly.

The tip for this month is regarding humble garden stakes. Designed to blend in to the visual aspects at the same time as supporting your plant, they can be a hazard as anyone who has been poked in the face as they bend over to weed, pick or dig around the plant, can attest to! It would be interesting to know the ACC stats on injuries caused by garden stakes, and since we do not want OSH intruding into our gardens I have some ideas to share that may get your creative juices going!

THE GARDENING HUB

If you would like to further explore gardening, members of Addington TimeBank Gardening Hub are looking for gardeners and those who wish to become gardeners to join them. They currently meet on Thursday at 1pm in a local resident's garden, creating a shared space where people share their skills and learn new ones. It is a great opportunity to meet with like-minded people who are keen to develop in this area and creatively explore old and new ideas. As more gardeners get involved, times, days, and gardens will become flexible.

One of the Gardening Hub's aspirations is to establish a team that can offer to create more shared spaces, assist

Short of painting them in a colour that stands out and defeating the purpose of blending in, putting a decorative ditty on the top of the stake should do the trick. If you want to go the whole hog, a simple search on Google will show you the way to make butterflies that flutter in the wind, also bees buzzing or birds perched on the end of your stake. However, if you are like me and are financially challenged, a cheap creative alternative is just the answer!

Start by utilising what you have. Christmas decorations can add a bit of sparkle and pizzazz to your patch. It can also double as a bird deterrent as the sun causes twinkles and the wind moves the tinsel. The opportunities are endless! You could even have a theme going through your property. Polystyrene balls are cheap and easy to decorate. Tiny terracotta pots can be purchased at a reasonable price. Place them upside down and they become a talking piece as visitors exclaim "oh, I always wondered what they were used for!" And you can give them that look that says ..."Really?!!" Attaching named plant tags on the top or coming up with sayings like "Pest Free", "slugs shot on sight", "stay out Peter Rabbit!" etc, can be fun. The point is that the only limitation is your creativity or the lack thereof! It's the one spot where you can be as bizarre as you like without being judged as a crackpot! That is what creativity is. You are an artist after all. Go on, let the naughty gnome have its day. Retro is hip and happening!

others in their own garden and encourage great gardens throughout Addington. It is after all a great place to Live, Work and Play! If you interested in any aspect of this please txt Gen 0211345802.

Cherylan Davies, Addington Community Development Worker.



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Mon	10.am	Walkie Talkies Walking Group
	11am	Parlour Games, Jigsaw Corner, etc.
	12-1pm	Coffee n Chat - 10c per cup
Tues	11am—2pm	Women's only Day. Join us for exercise (mild), a shared lunch, and card-making with tremendous resources.
Wed	10.30 -11.30	Pop in for a cuppa! 10c per cup
	12-1pm	Community Lunch Gold Coin Donation
	11am-2.45pm	Manuka Fruit and Vege Co-op (collect your order and pay \$12 for the next)
	11am-3pm	Manuka Hub Addington TimeBank
Thurs	10.am	Addy-venturers Walking Group
	10-12 noon	Café 10c per cup
	10.30-12	Ideas & Action
	12.30-2.30	Mothers' Community Programme

Unless stated our activities and groups are free.

New activities 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**

Cherylan Davies, Community Development Worker,
Ph: 338-2591, or visit us at our temporary location at St Mary's, Church Square.



ADDINGTON FUN FAIR & CONCERT

This will happen again this year on Saturday 22nd November. It will run from 11am till 3pm (rain day: Sunday 23rd, 12 - 4pm) in the lovely and historic setting of Church Square, Addington. The whole area will be used to provide local community groups with the opportunity to fundraise, publicise their activities and meet one another. Craft, baking, bric-a-brac and other stalls are also welcome: we're expecting 30+ stalls.

Old-fashioned carnival games will make an appearance once again as will races (pancake, egg and spoon, sack) a bouncy castle, pony rides and more (prices will be kept down). A wide choice of food will be available too, such as Devonshire Teas, a BBQ and ethnic foods. Live entertainment will be provided with a range of performers including bands *Luckless* and *Nakey*, as well as the Addington Haven Singers and other cultural groups. Please come along and have some fun!



Photo: Di Boyd

THE ADDINGTON HAVEN SINGERS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all keen local singers to boost our numbers and join us as we learn new songs. No experience is necessary and you will be provided with sheets of lyrics and lots of friendly encouragement. We sing a mixture of rounds, gospel, folk and some music in other languages. If you are interested, please, be in touch and come and join us.

Thursday nights at the Addington Haven, 19 Church Square, \$7 waged, \$5 unwaged.
Everyone welcome! Contact Rachel, 021 205 8938.

The Addington Haven Singers meet in the Addington Haven, Church Square, each Thursday evening in school term time to sing together and enjoy good company. We have been meeting since February and now have a steady group of regular members. This month we will be singing at the Addington Fun Fair on Saturday November 22nd at St Mary's, Church Square.

Software Freedom Day + online democracy

Software Freedom Day was marked again this year, by Addington.net on 19 September and at the South Christchurch Library Learning Centre on September 20th. Visitors were able to use demonstration computers, obtain installation files, ask questions and see how the global computer support community operates. The event has run worldwide since 2004 and Christchurch is New Zealand's most active participating centre by far, as innovation capital.

Addington.net hosted an open day showcasing free and open source software (FOSS) choices, like graphics tools, email clients, music management and office productivity suites; all run on top of the resource-efficient Point Linux operating system. An advertising article in the *Addington Times* helped bring new enquiries to the door, and for next year more profile-raising is planned around Software Freedom Day.

SFD Team Christchurch ran the library open day, focused on commercial applications for FOSS. A Zentyal demonstration by Dave Lane, president of the New Zealand Open Source Society, was provided. Zentyal is a "Linux Small Business Server with full native Microsoft® Exchange and Active Directory compatibility". Telephony management with FOSS integration was demonstrated by Luke Douglass of SupportU, emphasising Zimbra, "the open source unified collaboration platform".

A mini-conference of practical purpose addressed the challenge of secure online voting (SOV) on September 20 – aptly for election day – and established key criteria for such a project to proceed. Given the large number of non-voters that is typical, at almost a million here this year, discussion has been vigorous over how to make voting easier and especially utilising technology. Since SFD, the Electoral Commission has stated its interest in seeing online voting available by 2017. Their statement aligns with criteria we've identified so far to succeed, online voting must be:

1. Secure – the primary requirement. If online banking can relate a 100% reliable record of transferred value, then so too can online voting – it needs a similar scale of institutional support. Investment in system development is required, yet all closed-shop commercial attempts at online voting trialled around the world have so far failed dismally. The collaborative and transparent, technically qualified culture of FOSS offers the viable alternative and already forms the stable bedrock of internet communications and solutions.

2. Optional – human variability is what political systems must embrace, enhance and never diminish. Voter choice and control means online voting may never exceed the benefits and safeguards of the traditional, analogue voting system we already have. But when SOV can be guaranteed safe and reliable, it promises significant improvement for democratic engagement and a win-win for everyone, especially through cost-saving efficiency.



Photo: Rik Tindall

3. Anonymous – the fundamental protection of unattributable voter preferences must be maintained, and can be, through batched daily transfers of registered vote values in a transparent, well-supervised system that is fully auditable and accountable by design.

4. Independent – SOV must be implemented and supervised by the Electoral Commission or a similar agency, that is tasked with oversight of a preference system delivering 100% representative integrity – nothing less will do – exceeding if possible but never diminishing this capacities of the current voting system. It cannot become a political plaything and must ensure that the voters have real and guaranteed control over local and national decision-making. This can only mean changes of substantiated widespread support.

5. Constitutional reform is required to establish the independent democratic priority at a higher level, and so that changeable government cannot inhibit democratic expression.

6. Free and open source software based altruistic, community-good development has the science-linked heritage to guarantee secure technology and a perfected governance model, where proprietary online voting tests so far have failed – safety and stability through community ownership.

In the future, schools will teach civics to senior students and prepare them for starting lifelong online voting accounts. Expressing choice will soon become a tidy habit that everyone grows up with, and all the better for it. Direct democracy is not far away, through referenda and more effective translation of choice. It is a very attractive venture that we need started now. Who would like to **collaborate on this?**

Those interested in Software Freedom Day projects, as outlined above and for 2015, may contact the report author on 03-332-1069 or via rik@infohelp.co.nz.

The freedom that high quality software can deliver awaits.

Kia ora—**Rik Tindall**, SFD Christchurch team leader.

References: www.softwarefreedomday.org, zentyal.org, nzoss.org.nz, supportu.co.nz, zimbra.com,

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/256206/push-for-online-voting-next-election>



Benson's Hair and Beauty

"It was as rotten as a chop. It was behind a six foot fence so you couldn't even see it. Whenever it rained, there was more water inside than outside."

That's Steve Milner recollecting the wreck of a house in Lincoln Road that he and wife Annie have rescued. It took blood, sweat and tears but it has been worth it.

"We love it. It has charm and character. It was a private residence, built – we think – in 1873; it has some history to it," says Annie of the villa that is now their business premises.

The Milners like Addington too. "There are lots of owner-operated business here," says Annie. "We are greeted with a real smile. There's such a mix of people here. All the neighbours have been outstanding." The couple hope Addington is able to retain some of this character.

Many readers will know Annie and Steve from Riccarton Mall where they had a business for 31 years. Both have been in the beauty industry since their teens. That's over sixty years between them. By the time this edition is out, Annie and Steve hope to be offering body piercing by experienced practitioner Aragorn Elliot.

Rescuing the house from its dismal existence really was a mission. "I knew whatever we did was going to be a lot of work" says Steve. "Some days we got really down to

it a bit. We would pinch ourselves and say 'It's a job that has just got to be done.' We did all the work ourselves under the direction of a registered builder."

Benson's Hair and Beauty opened in February after a challenging year. Annie recalls: "We camped in *Mint Hair*, also on Lincoln Road. They were great. We were open the hours they were closed and we had late nights too."

Meantime the work at the house continued. It was a shambles. "The toilet was an outhouse. There was no running water inside or out. No lights. But people were living here. The neighbours on one side didn't even know there was a house here," says Steve.

"There were five fireplaces in the house. We gave a couple away and kept one. It had, like, about a million coats of paint on it. Some of the skirtings are original. The ceiling roses were fantastic but they couldn't be saved."

The Milners have no regrets about retaining just one building on the property. Says Annie: "This is L3 land. Everybody wanted to buy it to put town houses on it. When the agent saw what we have achieved she was pretty gobsmacked."

Di Boyd .

Photos above, L-R: 266 Lincoln Road before repair (Steven Milner); getting ready to repaint (SM); 266 today (Di Bpyd). Below, L-R: Annie wields a paintbrush (SM); tackling the interior (SM); Steve with the renovated fireplace (DB); The salon today—a beautiful blending of tradition and technology (DB).

