

# ADDINGTON TIMES

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## **ADDINGTON LANDMARK**

### **What was it? And where was it.**

This icon landmark was a very visible part of the landscape in Addington for a long time.

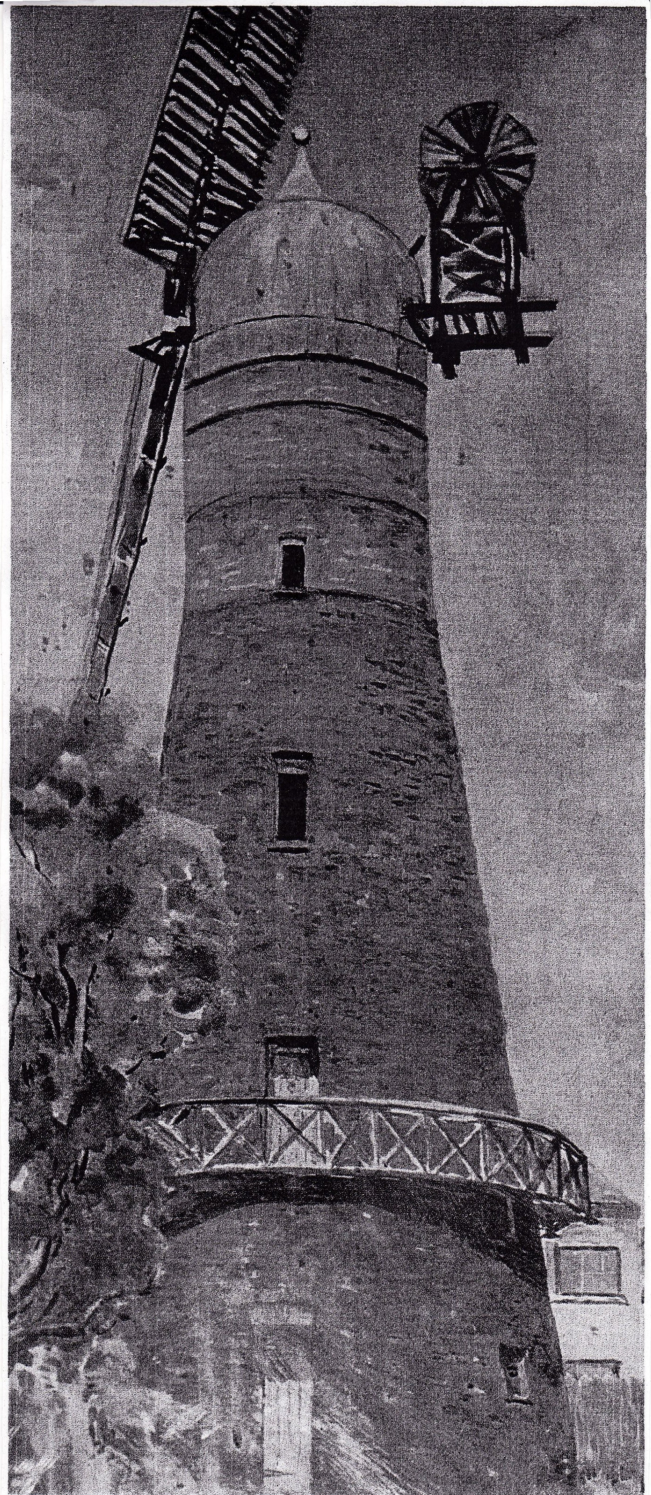
It stood seven stories high, with machinery on the bottom floor and accommodation on some of the floors above.

Research has revealed two possible origins of this windmill, the first being that it was for a flour mill owned by Mr. William Wood (Woods Mill) and is recorded thus.....

At first Wood worked as a secretary for John Robert Godley, first Provincial Superintendent. In 1856 he made a short visit to England, returning with a wife and prefabricated windmill. This was a seven-storey tower mill with four huge sails with moveable canvas slats. His first flour mill was built at the end of Windmill Road (later Antigua Street) in 1856. Sydenham settlers grew wheat which they threshed with flails and trundled in wooden handcarts to the mill.

It was not long before the windmill could not keep up with the demand for flour in Christchurch. Wood realised that to keep his share of the market he would need to set up a water-powered mill and so he secured a "water-right" to use the Avon River at Riccarton.

**However** Research by local historian **Mike Burdon** has found that there was a windmill used for pumping water in the same area. This is still being researched. and the photo on the right was contributed by Mike.



Can any readers help me with information or pictures of this magnificent windmill, once situated in Antigua st. (formerly Windmill rd.) near the back of the Addington cemetery.



## Nostalgia.

Recently I was having a tidy-up and came across my old pre-decimal coin collection. In amongst it there were the old familiar sixpence's, shillings and florins, but my favourite coin from that era was the good old penny.

Ah, the Penny. What memories, the coins in my collection were not old enough or rare enough to be of any value, but it doesn't seem all that long ago that you could get great value from the humble (but not so little) penny. For example, you could buy four Jaffas for a penny, a postage stamp (the penny post) and three pennies would get you a pint of milk in a glass bottle delivered straight to your gate. At that time some public toilets also had a penny charge to use them, hence the old expression "spend a penny".

However, I digress, my memories of childhood came back to me in this order. Penny, Railway line, and Steam locomotive. (and it had to be steam, the bigger, the better).

So here, for the first time in over forty years, I had the three items together that I needed for a bit of childish indulgence. I hereby admit that I put a penny coin on a railway line, (privately owned), and watched as a steam loco rumbled slowly over it, squashing it flat.

I enjoyed every short minute of it, full knowing that I would probably never be able to do it again, and it wouldn't be the same with a ten cent coin, would it.

Dave Gorton.



## We need your help!

The Salvation Army  
Addington Supportive Accommodation  
at 62 Poulson Street,  
Addington,  
Christchurch

The Activities programme  
are setting up a workshop  
to assist residents to learn & develop skills.

We require donations of  
Tools, (hand & electric), hardware,  
Wood for projects, anything & everything!  
(So rummage in those old sheds! & tell family & friends)

We will be more than happy to pick up all donations.

Please contact Glenis at Addington Supportive  
Accommodation. Ph: 3385 154 Ext 835 or  
Email: [glenis\\_tricklebank@nzf.salvationarmy.org](mailto:glenis_tricklebank@nzf.salvationarmy.org)



# NEW HARVEST TRUST – Community Help Centre

**June – 2009 @ 162 Lincoln Rd. Addington**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			<b>4</b> Walking Group – 10.30am  Arts & Crafts- 1.30-3.30	
<b>8</b> Community Lunch Gold Donation 12pm "Califlower & Cheese Sauce" Walking Group-1pm	<b>9</b> Baking 10.30am "Hokey Pokey Bisc."  Arts & Crafts- 1.30-3.30pm	<b>10</b> Guitar Lessons 10.30am (Please Book)  Beauty Hour Makeup & Hair 1.30-2.30pm	<b>11</b> Walking Group – 10.30am  Arts & Crafts- 1.30-3.30pm	<b>12</b> Community Lunch Gold Donation 12pm "Spaghetti Bag" Video Afternoon 1.30-3.30pm
<b>15</b> Community Lunch Gold Coin donation 12pm "Veggie stir fry"  Walking Group- 1pm	<b>16</b> Baking 10.30am "Ginger Crunch"  Arts & Crafts- 1.30-3.30pm	<b>17</b> Guitar Lessons 10.30am (Please Book)  Beauty Hour Makeup & Hair 1.30-2.30pm	<b>18</b> MYSTERY OUTING <u>Cost \$2 – 10.30am</u>  Arts & Crafts- 1.30-3.30pm	<b>19</b> Community Lunch Gold Coin Donation 12pm "Sausage Stew"  Games - Soccer 1.30-3.30pm
<b>22</b> Community Lunch Gold Coin donation 12pm "Curried Eggs on Rice"  Walking Group- 1pm	<b>23</b> Baking 10.30am "Muffins"  Arts & Crafts- 1.30-3.30pm	<b>24</b> Guitar Lessons 10.30am (Please Book)  SOCIAL OUTING See Flyer	<b>25</b> Walking Group – 10.30am  Arts & Crafts- 1.30-3.30pm	<b>26</b> Community Lunch Gold Coin Donation 12pm "Meatloaf with Roast Potatoes" Games & Outdoor Chess -1.30-3.30pm
<b>29</b> Community Lunch Gold Coin donation 12pm "Pea & Ham soup"  Walking Group- 1pm	<b>30</b> Baking 10.30am "Butterfly Cake"  Arts & Crafts- 1.30-3.30pm	<b>NOTE: Work base activity available daily</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work Team Activity (Daily)</li> <li>- Gardening</li> <li>- Furniture Restoration</li> <li>- House Maintenance</li> <li>- Yard Maintenance</li> </ul>		 <b>All Welcome</b>



Hi, My name is **Eric** (The Trailer Man)

The Addington Neighbourhood Association trailer has been on hire from Ruskin St. for over nine years. The trailer is being well used by the community, and will continue to be available to residents for a small fee. First time users welcome. For further information please phone **ERIC** on 366-5232.

If you live in the "Addington Times" area you are welcome to use the trailer and the hours are from 10.00 a.m. and returned no later than 6.00 p.m



## **“BITS AND BOBS”**

### **Manuka Cottage Craft Group**

Every Tuesday between 1pm – 3pm the Manuka Cottage Craft Group gathers with the support of their tutor Dianne. The co-ordinator has this amazing capability to use “bits and bobs” to encourage the group of women to recreate objects of beauty.

Miniature handbag-shaped cases decorated into beautiful forms of art. Paint, lace, material and old jewellery were used. The group came up with many different ideas and patiently created cases with their own identity. It took a lot of patience and time but the women methodically plodded on until they were finished.

Easter formed a new challenge, that of making chocolates. The group poured hot chocolate into moulds and carefully decorating them before cooling and putting them into decorated containers, ready to give to family and friends.

Ideas flowed from Manuka Cottage Craft Group Tutor, old books made into new. Pages were carefully removed out of the old books and newly designed ones were inserted which created a revitalised and new personalised book. Amazingly, once again the box of “bits and bobs” came out, plus magazines to cut out. Each woman came out with themes for their books like shoes, and differing types of tea. This art appeared to take on a life of its own and also created the opportunity for pages to be added in the future.

An amazing gift was received, that of porcelain dolls given by a wonderful woman who has spent her lifetime making and collecting these beautiful dolls. She was now sharing not only her dolls but her skills to make them life like. She has been assisting and guiding our group with making frilly bloomers, delicate floral dresses, white aprons, and dainty socks and shoes. Finally wigs of many styles and colours finished the look of the dolls, and they all took on their own personalities.

Manuka Cottage Craft group gives women a chance to gain confidence, and belief in themselves, not only this the women are making lasting friendships and an opportunity to be a part of the Manuka Cottage Community.

Note from Helen, CDW – thanks to the group, especially Win and Jacqui for providing this article, to Dianne for her skills, enthusiasm and humour, and to Hagley Community College for their Adult Community Education funding

Two guys were out hiking in the woods.

Suddenly, a bear started chasing them. They climbed a tree, but the bear started climbing up the tree after them.

The first guy got his shoes out of his backpack and started putting them on.

“What are you doing” asked the second guy.

He answered “I figure when that bear gets too close, we’ll have to jump down and make a run for it.”

The second guy said “Are you crazy? You can’t outrun a bear”.

The first guy said “I don’t have to outrun the bear, I only have to outrun you.”

## **THE LAST WORD**

**LEAD ME NOT INTO TEMPTATION, FOR I CAN FIND THE WAY MYSELF.**