

MAY 2010

ADDINGTON TIMES

THE VOICE OF THE ADDINGTON COMMUNITY



A YEAR AGO THIS PART OF THE ADDINGTON MALL WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE. IT IS NOW OPEN AGAIN FOR BUSINESS AND HOUSES THE NORTH AND SOUTH RESTAURANT.

Community Notice Board

MAY 2nd AUTUMN HARVEST MAY DAY at St. Mary's Church
see details inside.

MAY 8th INTERNATIONAL COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK
At the Strickland St community gardens. Details inside.

MAY 26th ADDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION
has it's monthly meeting at Manuka Ciotage. 7.30 p.m.

Visit our website at www.addington.ning.org.

CREATIVE JUNK

Wearable Art workshops!

ADVANCE NOTICE

As part of TV2 KidsFest Creative Junk is running Wearable Art workshops during the July School Holidays, culminating in a fashion show at Barrington Mall.

The theme for the festival is "Cool stuff goes Country".

For more info please check out the KidsFest brochure, call us or drop in at our warehouse.

(Bookings essential!)

25 Disraeli St, Addington
PO Box 7101, Christchurch 8240
Ph (03) 379 4040 or Christine 027 279 4040

CREATIVE Junk
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REMEMBER

Before you judge a man, walk a mile in his shoes
After that, who cares ? He's a mile away and you've got his shoes.

Strickland St. Community Gardens.

Strickland St Community Gardens

NZ's first ever celebration of **International Compost Awareness week**

Live music, hot food, games, raffles, fancy dress and much more. Entry by gold coin.

Check www.sscommunitygardens.net.nz for more info.

Come and join us Sat. May 8th 4.00-8.00 pm wet or fine: 188 Strickland St,

New Business in Addington



THE IDEAL SOUVENIR SHOP

Is now open for business at
265 Lincoln Road, Phone 338 0536.
Monday—Friday, 9.30 am to 5.00 pm.

Pop in and see Helen for
Chinese handcrafts, souvenirs and gifts,
bags, jewelery, art, Chinese dolls,
And lots more.
Support our local businesses.

Food for thought.

A man studied the restaurant menu long and hard, and finally turned to the waiter for help.

“Well” said the waiter, “today we have our special of chicken in a bed of wild rice with green beans almandine and a nice side salad”

“That sounds very nice” said the man “and tell me, how is your chicken prepared ?”

“Well sir, we break it to him very gently and tell him it’s nothing personal”

Farewell NEW HARVEST TRYST

“New Harvest Trust would like to inform our customers and the community that the Shop at 18 Bernard Street is now **CLOSED as of the 1st April 2010.**

It is with regret we also mention, we will not be relocating our Shop service.

New Harvest Staff & Trustees would like to thank all those who have donated goods and those who have supported us to achieve and maintain our vision and objectives, “helping those in need in our community” over the years.

New Harvest Trust Community Help Centre at 162 Lincoln Road Addington is still OPEN. Monday to Friday – 10am to 3pm.” Contact Pauline or Anne: 9804689

For those with donations of goods, they can drop them off to either:

“the Paint Exchange”- Moorhouse Ave, Addington or

“May’s Mission” – Harman Street, Addington.” or

“The SALLIES Drop-off centre”, Poulson Street. Addington.



AUTUMN HARVEST MAY DAY St. Mary’s Church.

Autumn Harvest May Day celebrations will be held this year on Sunday, 2nd May- commencing at 12.00(noon) in Church Square.

Fun for all ages.

Vegetable soup, BBQ sausages and bread available or bring food to share or your own picnic lunch. Tea and coffee will be available. If wet will have food inside church.

Other activities include- gumboot throwing, petanque, quarts, tennis- ball cricket, treasure-hunt (spot prizes), etc.

We will also have a table for any spare vegetable items, tinned food, etc to be auctioned off and proceeds to be given to a local community group.

Event supported by St. Mary’s Church, Addington Neighbourhood Association and Manuka Cottage.



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THE FIRE AT ADDINGTON RACEWAY

On Show Day, 10th November

1961, fire broke out in the South West corner of the Main Public grandstand at 5:00pm, twenty minutes before the starting time for the last race. A plume of smoke trailing from the kitchen window of the South West corner of the stand was the first exterior indication of the fire and two hours later the stand was a smoldering ruin with flames licking through the wreckage. Fanned by a strong Nor' West wind the building was ablaze from end to end within an hour. Part of the side wall fell in with a resounding crash, a shower of sparks and blazing timber and a few minutes after 6:00pm the roof collapsed and two firemen who had been under the roof playing a hose upwards onto the flames, jumped clear just in time. The then President of the NZMTC, Mr J K Davidson, said that it would cost at least £150,000 to replace the stand.

By 5:30pm thick smoke was pouring out of the building and while the firemen attacked the fire the crowd spilled out onto the race track and many gathered on the embankment at the top of the straight. The crowd on the course at the height of the fire was estimated at 20,000 and many went to the inside of the track and to the birdcage to obtain a better view. It was announced over the public address system that the last race would be run later than scheduled and the crowd was asked to keep away from the fire and let the firemen get a really good go at it.

By 6:30pm the stand was gutted and by 7:00pm only part of the end wall near the Stewards Stand and the big chimney at the other end of the building were standing. Flames were still licking the wreckage at 7:30pm and the Chief Fire Officer, Mr L R Osmond, predicted that it would still be smoldering the following morning. The fire which was at first thought to have started in the kitchen occurred after two earlier out-breaks in the Stand and one in the Tea Kiosk had been extinguished..

The New Zealand Free-For-All, the last race on the programme was run at 6:00pm forty minutes late when the fire was at its height. The event was won by Cardigan Bay with Scottish Command second and the appropriately named Smokeaway third. Before the race could be run several hundred persons had to be cleared from the track and at the conclusion the horses were driven back along the straight and led off through a small gate near the mile and five furlong barrier.

After investigations it was agreed that the fire did not begin in the kitchen as many thought but underneath the seating about three rows from the front at the Western end. The general opinion was that a cigarette butt was probably the cause.

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