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FROM THE EDITOR

WHICH WAY FROM HERE?

ONE THING FOR SURE, IS WE DO NOT WANT A REPEAT OF LAST YEAR. WHAT WITH EARTHQUAKES, HEALTH PROBLEMS AND MONEY WORRIES, LET'S HOPE 2011 IS BETTER BY FAR.

THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES AT MANUKA COTTAGE, . IT WILL STILL OPERATE AS A DROP-IN CENTRE, BUT THERE MAY BE A CHANGE OF DIRECTION IN SOME AREAS.

THE ADDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION IS BACK IN ACTION THIS MONTH (SEE INSIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION) AND WE ARE PLANNING TO REACH OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY (INCLUDING THE BUSINESS SECTOR) MORE THIS YEAR.

WE COULD DO WITH SOME MORE PEOPLE ON THE GROUND, SO DO CONTACT US IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE OR HAVE IDEAS FOR OUR FAIR SUBBURB, PLEASE CONTACT US THROUGH MANUKA COTTAGE THE DETAILS OF THIS MONTHS MEETING ARE INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER..

Cheers, DAVE.

THE LAST WORD (on the first page)

One day a woman walked up to her husband and said,
“What are you going to do today, Dear? “
The man replied “Nothing”
“But that’s what you did yesterday. ‘ she said.
“I know” he replied “ But I haven’t finished yet.”





NEWS FROM THE

Addington Neighbourhood Association

The A.N.A. wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

The next two monthly meetings are on

THURSDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

And THURSDAY 24TH MARCH

(note different day)

**The Addington Neighbourhood Association meets each
month at 7.30 p.m. at Manuka Cottage.**

All Welcome.

**IN THE FEBRUARY
MONTHLY
MEETING, THE GUEST
SPEAKER WILL BE AU-
THOR AND HISTORIAN
JOHN WILSON**

**IN MARCH WE ARE IN-
VITING THE BU'SINESS
PEOPLE FROM THE AREA
TO SEE WHAT IS HAPPEN-
ING IN ADDINGTON RE-
GARDING DEVELOP-
MENT, AND ANY OTHER
CONCERNS THEY MAY
HAVE ABOUT ADDING-
TON.**

**AS USUAL, ALL ARE
WELCOME.**

ANA Membership Form

*Membership in the Addington Neighbourhood
Association is only \$2 per year and gives you
full voting rights.*

*If you would like to join the Association, fill in
this form and send it with \$2 to:*

*ANA Subscription
c/o Eric Lilley
23 Ruskin Street
Addington
Christchurch*

Name : _____

Address : _____

Phone : _____

E-mail : _____

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We start on Wednesday 26 January
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Shrove Tuesday at Church Square The Beth Hodgson Memorial Pancake Race

Tuesday, 8 March, 5.30 p.m.

Get a team of 6 people together, enter your team by ringing 338 3598 (answering phone) or if you don't already have a team, just come along, Team members will run/walk twice over the course, tossing a pancake. There will be prizes, incl. one for the best dressed team. Bring a picnic tea and we'll provide pancakes. If wet we'll eat inside the church.

The Graduate

By Terry Johnson

Based on the novel by Charles Webb

**And the motion picture screenplay by
Calder Willingham & Buck Henry**

**By special arrangement with
StudioCanal**

Directed by Doug Clarke

9 - 19 February 2011

Wednesday - Saturday at 8pm

Waged \$16 Unwaged \$13

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or online www.riccartonplayers.co.nz**

The Mill Theatre, Wise Street, Addington

Cultural Heritage – Founding Principle or Convenient Fabrication ? Christopher Cape
Manchester Courts before being demolished in 2010



When I began this series of articles in July 2009 with the question of being a “Prisoner Of Progress ” I was deeply concerned about the loss of Christchurch’s townscape to the ravages of redevelopment. On September 4th 2010 the Canterbury earthquake accomplished what one of my acquaintances claimed developers had been hell bent on doing for decades - redesigning The Garden City. In the seven years I have lived here Christchurch has lost Aidenfield’s farm buildings, Manchester Courts , Jerrold Street North villas amongst many other heritage and non heritage sites. In a newscast after the September earthquake Mayor Bob Parker

claimed that we love our heritage. My question is this. If we love our heritage then why is it not cared for? Australia values its history, its stories, its places, its buildings. I saw few shabby graffittied buildings in New South Wales, Victoria, or Brisbane. In Christchurch paint peels from Victorian architraves and graffiti defaces many turn of the 1800’s street frontages. Australia has The Burra Charter (The Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance). New Zealand is a signatory to the (ICOMOS) International Charter for the Conservation and Restoration of Monuments and Sites (the Venice Charter 1964). On September 4th 2010 a revised version of the (ICOMOS) New Zealand Charter for the Conservation of Places of Cultural Heritage Value was adopted by the New Zealand National Committee of The International Council on Monuments and Sites. That’s interesting. The NZ charter preamble states that it “should be made an integral part of statutory or regulatory heritage management policies or plans and should provide support for decision makers in statutory and regulatory processes.” Is Bob Parker’s Council abiding by this charter. I see little evidence of the charter being acknowledged in current Council decisions and little investigative journalism on the part of the media in regard to the application of The Charter to current heritage decision making. Buildings are more than billboards. They are road markers on our journey to mature nationhood. The Burra Charter states “Places of cultural significance enrich peoples lives, often providing ...connection to community and landscape, to the past and to lived experiences. They are historical records...tangible expressions of Australian identity and experience...telling us who we are and the past that has formed us. They are irreplaceable and precious.” By apparently disregarding the ICOMOS charter the Christchurch City Council and NZ Government flout international convention law. No doubt debate over heritage will continue, but accountability needs to be brought to bear. Responsible, open, accountable government is a necessity for a secure nationhood. We, the public, have a voice and we need to use it. Manchester Courts was worthy of more than being a display board for banking sector Kiwi Thinking . We love our heritage – Yeah Right. Do we? I do. Actually I like tuis, and beer too.

Christopher Cape.