OLD ADDINGTON: The Library

The Addington library was a busy place in its heyday. It was opened in January 1919 with support from Local MP and Councillor, Henry George Ell, and under the leadership of Edward Parlane, who was to become the library’s president until 1930. The library was on Lincoln Road in front of the Addington prison, beside the old Post Office, and the police house. They were all demolished about the same time, the old library having been damaged by fire shortly beforehand. I have been told that the library was used as a vegetable shop during the last few years of its existence.

If any reader has any information, memories or photos of this (or other Addington buildings) please let me know, as we at Addington Times would like to preserve our heritage and local history for future generations.

Dave Gorton

CANTERBURY RED CROSS

The local Red Cross is helping residents to keep warm and to deal with the on-going effects of post-disaster stress. They have a number of winter warmer packs to give away, so if you know of a worthy recipient, please call 0800 754 726 or e-mail: winterwarmer.packs@redcross.org.nz

Packs include a blanket, socks, gloves, soup, hot chocolate and other items, plus a Dr Rob Gordon DVD with tips on coping with stress.

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Once a month, Addington Community Development Worker, Cherylan Davies, calls a meeting of representatives of agencies working within the Addington Community to consider community concerns.

At the July meeting it was noted that Brian Boddy of the Capital Project Group, Christchurch City Council has called for urgent responses to the Council’s proposed solutions to our traffic and parking problems.

More to come in the next edition.

CANCELLATION OF CRECHE AUS "BACK TO SCHOOL"

The month of August is a big month for our children, and it is the month of Back to School. It means that this is the month for early commencing, or if they have been in their creche. The Creche decision has been taken by at least 5-6 weeks before the new term starts. It means that the staff at the Creche are preparing for the new term, and the Creche will be closed over the month of August.

The Creche management has decided that the Creche will be closed from the 2nd to the 31st of August. The Creche is closed for the month of August due to school holidays. Therefore, the Creche will be closed from the 2nd to the 31st of August. They will be back in business on the 1st of September.

At the Addington Wellbeing meeting in July was attended by the following representatives of community organisations.

Deane works for Concare, an organisation that supports people with older adults, liaison with the Red Cross and also with Residential Advisory Services and Tenants’ Protection. Trish Hughes from the Department of Internal Affairs works in support of community groups and deals with applications for grants. Michael Cocks, is secretary of the Addington Neighbourhood Association, and Dave Gorton is a member of the Neighbourhood Association.

Not many people have been involved with August Parenting Week programmes. Louise Deane works for Concave, an organisation that supports people with mental illness, and Esther Kirby from the Helen Anderson Trust, works with people with intellectual disabilities. Marja Blom runs addington.net, a computer centre that runs training programmes for all ages and gives support to individuals who otherwise have no computer access.

AUGUST 2013
THE SALLIES - Caring for our most vulnerable.

The Salvation Army in Addington currently supports its activities through sales in the Sallies Family Store in Addington Mall and in its Collection Centre and furniture store in Poulson Street. Their programmes are many and varied, both in Addington and in the wider city.

The Salvation Army’s strong presence in Addington began back in 1896 when Addington was shabby, industrial, and home to a prison. Its ex-inmates could find shelter with the Sallies in Poulson Street.

In 2013 much about Addington has changed but the Sallies still do their invaluable work and are an active part of the local community. They continue to provide a roof for those most in need at the Supportive Accommodation Centre in deepest Addington. The accommodation is part of a sprawling complex found beside and behind the Sallies’ second-hand furniture shop at 62 Poulson Street, occupying the site of the early Immigration Barracks.

The Centre Manager, Pip Mills, says one of the buildings, “Poulson”, was originally built to house ex-inmates of Addington Prison and its current role has echoes of that. It is now a centre for men affected by a complex combination of needs. They most often have been through the justice system. The men tend to be young and may have one or more addictions to work through. They often have limited social skills and don’t cope well with the things life throws at them like marriage break ups and job losses. There is single room and dormitory accommodation at Poulson and currently there are 30 men living there. Without Poulson, homelessness would be the reality for some.

Pip explains that over time the earlier residents at Poulson aged, but were not easy to accommodate in standard rest homes. Thus, the Salvation Army’s Eventide Rest Home developed. The Salvation Army later sold its rest homes and on May 12, 2003, Pip explains that over time the earlier residents at Poulson aged, but were not easy to accommodate in standard rest homes. Thus, the Salvation Army’s Eventide Rest Home developed. The Salvation Army later sold its rest homes and on May 12, 2003,

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There are also ten self-contained bedsits and a house for four men. Residents do their own cooking but live in the supportive environment of the complex. They are there for a fixed term of 12 months by which time they may be ready for a council flat or to return to the community.

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