



OLD ADDINGTON: ENFIELD VILLA



This two-storey villa is currently still standing in a large section in Burke Street, but it is due for demolition. The villa was built in 1864, a year before “Custer’s last stand” according to neighbour, Irene Cleary. It was built to house the manager of one of Addington’s early farms, and should have been preserved as an historical treasure, but because of more recent rebuilding at the rear it no longer meets the criteria for a designated historic building.

The villa’s large garden is home to a hundred-year-old walnut tree which showers nuts on four properties along its boundary. It also boasts an old Peasgood Nonsuch apple tree. Sadly, the section

will no doubt be cleared because the new owners, a Russian conglomerate, intend to build a three-storey block of flats. Irene, whose single-storey cottage dates from 1910 is very worried that she will lose her sunlight.

Thanks to Irene Cleary for information and Dave Gorton for photography.



St Mary's Lych Gate from inside the churchyard.

Addington Times

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ADDINGTON WELL-BEING

Meetings of Addington Well-Being are attended by representatives of institutions and helping agencies that operate in Addington. Monthly meetings are convened by Cherylan Davies our Community Development officer, to consider issues affecting the Addington community.

A select group of eight attended the March meeting. Louise Deane, from Concare in Lincoln Road, explained that Concare runs a drop in centre for young people with problems, but noted that, sadly, their back door now remains locked due to the dropping-in of unwelcome visitors under the influence of purchases from the nearby R18 shop. On a positive note, Concare is now becoming involved in social housing.

Esther Kirby, representing the Helen Anderson Trust which supports the intellectually disabled, was pleased to report a very successful collaboration between the Trust and Burnside High School. Two Burnside students recently joined an intellectually disabled group on a camping trip to gain credits towards the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

Jay Sepie, our Strengthening Communities Adviser reporting to the City Council, pointed out that the Christchurch District Plan is currently under review. All residents are encouraged to check the City Council website and respond to a survey, or send an e-mail to the planners to highlight concerns. Jay also mentioned the emergency plan for Addington, and in the light of recent floods, suggested that residents take a note of the Civil Defence emergency phone number, which is 941 8999.

Amanda Wallis attended the meeting as co-ordinator of the Addington Timebank. She has a special interest in the well-being of young children, as does Sue Elliot, who attended by virtue of her position as social worker for three local schools. Sue mentioned “Stand Children’s Services” which organises residential stays for children when needed.

Cherylan Davies alerted us to the fact that COGS (??) is currently considering applications for small grants to community groups, for projects intended to bring social or environmental benefits to communities in need. Contact Cherylan for further benefits to communities in need.

Your Addington Times editor also attended and contributed to discussion on the following topics.

Graffiti

This is an ongoing problem for businesses operators and residents, especially along Lincoln Road. If you want to make a complaint, contact the City Council graffiti team (on ??). Take a photograph of tags for the graffiti data base and hopefully help to catch the culprits.

Road crossing

Crossing our busy roads at designated crossings is proving a hazard for children and for parents with young families. A special concern is the for school children waiting to cross at the Brougham/Selwyn Street crossing after school. A metal barrier is needed to prevent the gathered children from being hit by turning vehicles at this unsupervised crossing.

Turning vehicles

Another concern is the fact that motorists turning at the Lincoln Rd/Barrington St/Whiteleigh Ave intersection continue to turn while pedestrians are crossing, in defiance of the red turning arrows against them. We need police presence or camera surveillance.

Car parks for the disabled

There are three car parks marked for the disabled in Addingtown Mall. These are routinely used by other drivers, and complaints have been made by the genuinely disabled. This is a private mall, but disabled car parks should be clearly labelled with a raised sign, and the worn yellow markings should be repainted.

Cycling on footpaths

Locals appear to be making a habit of cycling on footpaths, despite the existence of adjacent cycle lanes. We will be seeking clarification of Traffic Dept rules, because elderly pedestrians now feel constantly threatened by having to negotiate whirling shop signs, recently patched pavements, people gathered at bus stops, and bicycles coming both ways on narrow pavements. (Ed.)

Photo right: Illegal parking in Addingtown Mall on poorly marked parking for the disabled.



Photo left: This cyclist has just dodged past me and two pedestrians coming towards me on the footpath.

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Monday

10.00 – 12.00 pm Free senior internet
10.30 – 12.00 pm Free Addnet learning group
1.00 - 2.00 pm Free Android Club (book)

Tuesday

10.00 – 12.00 pm Free senior internet
10.30 – 12.00 pm Free Addnet learning group
12.30 – 1.00 pm Free Volunteer.net for community groups (book)
3.30- 5.30 pm Free IT Kids Club (7 to 10 year olds)

Wednesday

10.00 – 12.00 pm Free senior internet
10.30 – 12.00 pm Free Addnet learning group
1.00 - 2.00 pm Free Digital Art Club (book)

Thursday

10.00 – 12.00 pm Free senior internet
10.30 – 12.00 pm Free Addnet learning group
3.30- 5.30 pm Free Addington Digital (10 to 15 year olds)

Friday

10.00 – 12.00 pm Free senior internet

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

Our Grand Opening Ceremony will be held on Thursday, 3 April, from 12 noon to 1.30pm.

All are welcome!



Contact us at addington.timebank@gmail.com

Or join us at addington.timebanks.org

Or visit us at Manuka Cottage at St Mary's Church, between 11am and 2:30pm on Wednesdays or ask about us at addington.net in Selwyn Street.

Manuka Cottage Addington Community House Incorporated

Operating from St Mary's Church
Activities Manager: Dianne Fitzgerald

A warm and friendly place for you to enjoy, run by the community for the community.

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
	11am—2pm	Bits n Bobs projects
		Bring and Buy Shared lunch
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 for the next)
	11am-3pm	Manuka Hub Addington TimeBank
Thurs	10.am	Addy-venturers Walking Group
	10-12 noon	Café 20c 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 and accepted!**

Cherylan Davies Community Development Worker.
Ph: 338-1613 or visit us at our temporary location at St Mary's Church, Church Square.

ADDINGTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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BUS ROUTES, TIMETABLES AND SHELTERS

Discussions exploring changes to bus routes, timetables and the lack of seating and appropriate shelters are continuing as a small group of bus users liaise with Ecan and the Christchurch City Council. Janet Begg is calling for people interested in being part of a group that will together take action when necessary to improve our bus system. This will include assisting her in terms of support, utilizing social media networks, writing letters, etc. Are you interested in making a difference in the Christchurch bus system? Janet would like to hear from you. Do you use the bus system and wish to address issues such as changing bus routes, timetables, inter-connecting routes and lack of seats and bus shelters? Ring Janet. Can you navigate your way around Facebook and other social media platforms? Janet needs your skills. Are you a good communicator who enjoys

talking to people? Janet would appreciate your enthusiasm. Do words flow off your pen or keyboard? Janet is in need of that skill. Do you think "I am interested but I don't know what I can do to help?" There will always be something for you. Just talk to Janet. Janet asks the question of bus users, "What do you want? What do you really, really want?"

Ring Janet Begg 3320594.



More news from Manuka Cottage Addington Community House ...

COMMUNITY ENERGY ACTION CURTAIN BANK

Cold, damp homes? Earthquake damaged houses? Draughty windows? Community energy Action can help.

Community Energy Action Charitable Trust is in its 20th year of helping Cantabrians make their homes warmer, drier and healthier. One of the ways they achieve this is through the Curtain Bank providing good curtains to help keep homes warmer.

Manuka Cottage is a partner agency with the Curtain Bank to assist people needing curtains this winter. Contact Cherylan Davies Community Development Worker, 3382591, for further information.

HAZELDEAN PARKING BUILDING

A multi-story car park building is being constructed on the corner of Harman Street and Grove Road to replace the previous building. It is a private car park building accommodating 549 car park spaces that are available for lease by the businesses and organizations at Hazeldean Business Park. The car park spaces outside each building are allocated for visitors attending to business at the appropriate organization within the Business Park. The number of car park spaces in the building exceeds the Christchurch City Council's requirement for parking capacity for the existing buildings as well as the two extra buildings that are to be built in the near future. The car park building features showers for cyclists and is a secure building accessed by a swipe card. Well done to the people at Calder Stewart for taking the pressure off the roads and

streets in Addington!

(Information supplied by Kevin Arthur, Development Manager at Calder Stewart.)

PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES aka R18

Christchurch City Council is currently having discussions around a policy on psychoactive substances commonly known as herbal highs. There is a lot of concern in the community concerning the R18 shop on Lincoln Road. Some of the ways to be involved in stopping the sale of these products in your area is to phone or email the Christchurch City Council and your local MP Megan Woods to state your views. This allows them to have an idea of the community reaction to issues. This in turn informs them on the direction to take when creating policy. In April or May the policy for psychoactive substances will go out for public consultation. Please get involved and have a say.

Your opinion counts!

Cherylan Davies



Photo: Hazeldean parking building rises again.

ADDINGTON RACEWAY

Addington Raceway and Event Centre is the traditional home of harness racing in Christchurch. It can be found on Jack Hinton Drive, off Twigger Street in deepest Addington.

To its right is home base to the Crusaders, the AMI Stadium. To its left is the indoor sport and entertainment venue the CBS Arena.

Ged Mooar is Marketing and Commercial Manager for the NZ Metropolitan Trotting Club Inc. Its membership numbers about 1000 and is the basis for the Addington Raceway.

He says the raceway complex provides a number of top venues for conferences, expos and forums. While it isn't directed associated with either the Stadium or the Arena its location makes it ideal for pre and post- game, or concert, hospitality.

The latest of these venues is the seven-day-a-week bar and bistro called Spectators. "To make it we converted a bar that was only used on race days and also removed the women's and men's drivers' changing rooms. Other venues here at the Event Centre include the Christian Cullen, Blossom Lady and Legends Lounges."

Cup Day is a daytime race meeting held on the second Tuesday in November. It's popular enough to draw a crowd of around 23,000. That said, racing overall doesn't pull in the punters as it used to and racecourses have had to diversify.

"The nature of the business has changed. Whilst racing is still a very important part of things, business for the events centre has increased dramatically."

Ged says anyone wanting to know what's on at the races or at the various Event Centre venues should look at these websites: addington.co.nz or spectators.co.nz or phone the raceway. "We also communicate a lot through facebook and twitter" he says.

Di Boyd

A Personal Recollection

When I recall the soundtrack of my childhood in Spreydon during the 1960s, two sounds stand out keenly. One is the roar of motor mowers on suburban lawns. The other is of Reon Murtha calling the races from Addington Racecourse. (Now known as Addington Raceway and Event Centre.) The sound of Reon Murtha's voice drifted over from the course or was relayed via someone's transistor radio. If it was summer, the mowers had their say too.

Four decades on, motor mowers aren't heard so much and will probably be heard less and less as new townhouses and concrete crowd out lawns. Reon Murtha has retired and no longer commentates but his legacy lives on in the form of Mark McNamara.

Race nights of pacing and trotting are held at Addington on most Friday nights. As well, there are three major daytime race

meetings. In Christchurch traditionally "a night at the trots" was an evening at the Addington Racecourse. The popularity of harness racing at Addington helped cement "rugby, racing and beer" into Kiwi culture.

Di Boyd



Photo: Addington Raceway buildings today. (D.Boyd)



ANZAC DAY 2014

This year, on Friday, 25 April, we mark the Centenary of the beginning of the First World War (1914-18). And to keep alive the memory of our brave ANZAC soldiers who set off across the world to support Great Britain, how better than to tell their stories to today's youngsters?

Trish Turner, who with her husband John runs Canterbury Magazines in Lincoln Road, is well known as an illustrator in the children's picture book world under her professional name of Bowles. She recently completed her illustrations for Peter Millet's story "The Anzac Puppy" in time for this important day in our history.



Trish with a copy of *The Anzac Puppy*.

Addington Neighbourhood Association

The ANA met at St Mary's in Church Sq. on Feb. 26. There were lively discussions about R18 shop in Lincoln Rd and the problems that go with the products sold to buy the product but don't have any money, they sit outside the shop begging, hassling passers-by. Secondly after purchasing the product from the shop people take what they have purchased and use it in the local car parks behind nearby businesses, making filthy messes of vomit and urine. It is not acceptable to do this. If people insist on buying the "legal" highs they should not use them outside the Addington shops and businesses, they should take them home. Thirdly, there are vulnerable people living in Addington who already have a problem with drugs and alcohol. People have a right to make their own decisions but please consider others when using these products. Lastly, How did this shop get to open with out notification, and so quickly,? When a Bar is set up a licence has to be applied for and notice given, so that the community can voice their opinions/ objections. This new business is not welcome in Addington.

riding on the footpath in front of the shops on Lincoln Rd between Barrington St and Parlane St. There is not enough room for pedestrians walking and cyclists riding on the footpath, pedestrians have the right of way. As a cyclist I know the cycle lane from Spencer St to Barrington is quite scary with cars turning left into Barrington St crossing the cycle lane, but there is no reason why cyclists cannot get off their bikes and walk up to the lights, so CYCLISTS—stop riding on the footpath along Lincoln Rd or anywhere there are pedestrians. Riding on the footpath may have been OK after the quakes - it isn't any more. I will be contacting the Community Constable about this matter.

The next meeting of the ANA is on 30 April (the last Wednesday of the month). We will meet at St Mary's Church if available.

Julie Derrick, Chairperson, ANA.



ADDINGTON - Live, Work and Play!

In December 2013 Tweedledee and Tweedledum visited Addington and collected information at St Mary's Fun Fair, at Addington School Fair, outside Addington Coffee Co-op and at the Salvation Army Secondhand Shop in Addington Mall. They asked the question of Addingtonites, "How do you want your dreams and aspirations reflected in the Christchurch City Council District plan?" Four hundred and twenty-seven comments were recorded and the following is a snapshot of what was said.

Seventeen people wanted cheaper housing in Addington, 5 people wanted homeless people to be helped, and 10 people wanted the historic nature of Addington preserved. 13 people commented on apartment buildings, wanting developers to put more thought into design and for the buildings to reflect the character of the area. Some were disgruntled with the L3 status, claiming it has destroyed good community living because of the transient rental population. Some viewed the apartment complexes as slum areas. One person wanted good quality high density housing and another made a strong statement: "Houses not apartments". Four people wanted medium density housing clustered around community gardens, building rejuvenation, street art to cover up ugly buildings and the promotion of green buildings to create their own fresh water and energy to enhance Addington. Eleven people were concerned about the environment, stating that the lack of rubbish bins contributed to the litter problem in Addington. One person wanted the business sector to take more responsibility for the rubbish generated in their area.

There were 36 comments on Blue Skies – Dreams and aspirations for Addington. Many wanted more consideration given to young people, for example a Youth Hub for teenagers to access services pertaining to them, a safe place to meet and hang out, a place to encourage youth to participate in sports activities, etc. One person would like a theme park like Rainbows End; one wanted an Entrepreneurs' Collective. and another wanted shared spaces for innovative community projects. A few were concerned with animal health and felt there needed to be a more proactive approach to de-sexing animals. There were requests for a basketball court, bowling alley, community tennis court, arts hub, an elevated mono rail, pedestrian-only shopping precinct, outdoor movies, Addington's own library, a marae, an area for motorbikes and go-carts, places to skate and an indoor playground.

Among 69 comments on Community, many people wished to retain the village-like atmosphere. They liked that Addington is small, caring, quiet and quirky. A number of people claimed to love the heritage aspect and the tree-lined streets. Many stated that there is a good mix of community groups and encouraged support of those. A large number enjoyed the community events and would like to see more. They also wanted to see more people get involved in the community groups around. A few wanted a twilight market, night food markets and more fairs. One person thought Addington residents should take ownership of their community.

Sixty-two people made suggestions on green spaces, stating categorically that Addington needed more parks. A significant number claimed they would like to see more family-friendly spaces to meet with others, have BBQs and picnics, more seating and children's playgrounds. One wanted a stronger police presence in Church Square so that families could take back the area to use. Another 10 people wanted a swimming pool for Addington.

Thirty-four people made comments on the business sector. General comments included getting rid of the R18 shop and gambling outlets, and not letting any more bars do business in Addington. There was a big demand for a supermarket in Addington and comments on making the shopping precinct unique, for example, creating more green spaces on Lincoln Road for the workers to enjoy at lunch time. Of course there were plenty of comments about parking! There were 28 comments about roads. Most concentrated on safety, and a few people stated that they were against Lincoln Road becoming a four-lane highway. There were 10 comments on traffic being too congested, 8 comments on the bus system, 19 comments on pedestrians, 13 comments on footpaths and 19 comments on cycle/walkways.



Tweedledum, a.k.a. Karolin Potter and Tweedledee (yours truly) wish to thank the staff and volunteers at the Salvation Army shop. They moved us into their prime spot, moving their clothes racks out of the way. They brought chairs out for us to sit down and a cup of coffee to refresh us. No wonder Addington is a great place to live, work and play!

Cherylan Davies Community Development Worker

KINDY BALLET

Local Kindergarten, parents and the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board work together for families with young children in Addington.

In 2013, Selwyn Street Kindergarten did a parent questionnaire on what the community wanted. An enthusiastic parent was keen for an affordable ballet class for her daughter and other young children in Addington, and who herself had experience in ballet. Soon another parent expressed interest in teaching ballet and before we knew it, kindy ballet classes began.

The Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board approved funding via the Off the Ground Fund and the parents agreed to pay a gold coin donation so the class would be financially self-sufficient.

Children aged three to seven years old began learning basic ballet moves and vocabulary, rhythm, flexibility, team work, and expressive creativity through movement. The classes were great for parents to socialise while enjoying tea and coffee for half an hour.

Kindy ballet performed at the Addington School Twilight Fair in December 2013 with great success. One of the ballet teachers, Francesca, made beautiful tutus out of tissue paper as a costume and the children kept them after the performance.

"It was wonderful to give young children the experience of performing and being applauded for their wonderful abilities. The parents were glowing with pride, flashing cameras and adoring their children." Stated the official 2013 report to the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board.

Kindy Ballet continues in 2014 so be sure to applaud loudly when you see the beautiful performers throughout the year at local events.

Amanda Wallis



Tweedle-Dum and Tweedle-Dee collect our hopes and dreams.



More green spaces, please.



More community events

WHAT DO WE WANT?



Louisa, left, misses her old house in Church Square. It is being replaced by the block above.