



Community News

2ND QUARTER 2008

Indoor Bowls Club seeks new members

The Burwood Indoor Bowling Club has embarked on a drive for new members. From April to September the club meets on Wednesday evenings at 7.15 pm in the Burwood Park Bowling Club Pavilion on New Brighton Road. It's a friendly and sociable club that's open to all age groups and abilities.

It is community-based club that has a good balance of male and female members. All necessary equipment is provided. Flat-soled shoes are a requirement. There's a warm welcome for beginners and Club Coach, Jack Taylor, provides coaching.

On club nights members usually play three half-hour games. A

monthly Open Pairs Tournament is held on the second Sunday of each month and inter-club competitions are arranged for those who wish to compete.

On 16 March 1956 a meeting was held at the Burwood Bowling Club with a view of forming an indoor section. The outcome of this meeting was that the Burwood Indoor Bowls Club held its opening night at the Burwood School on 23 March 1956. In 1962 the club moved its activities into the new outdoor bowling club's pavilion

The current executive is Russell Aimers (President), Eddie Bone (Vice President), Ron Chreighton (Asst. Secretary), Graham Williams

(Club Captain), Barbara Rountree (Treasurer), Brian Smith (Tournament Controller), John Jackson, Joyce Arps and Norma Scott.

The club has achieved creditable results in inter-club competition in winning the D Grade Competition in 2005 and the C Grade in 2006. Joy Hobby and Bob Burnett won the Grand Slam in 2007, which included the Club Championship Pairs, the Metro Champion of Champion Pairs, and the Canterbury Champion of Champions Pairs titles.

Further information can be obtained by ringing Russell Aimers (Tel. 385 3212) or Eddie Bone (Tel. 385 0070).

DALLINGTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION Annual General Meeting

**7.30 pm, Tuesday, 20 May 2008
at the Banks Ave School Hall (Banks Ave).**

Committee members can be nominated from the floor while office bearers will be elected at the first meeting of the new committee.

Guest Speaker: Mayor BOB PARKER

Topics will include "The importance of community"

This is an open meeting and there is wheel chair access.

All are welcome.

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DALLINGTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Secretary: Beryl Starr (Tel. 385 1457)
Treasurer: Mary Tamplin. (Tel. 385 1044)
Members: Anton Korunic, Barbara Seaton, Bill Allott,
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OSCAR
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Dallington Townswomen
This group meets at the Burwood Park Tennis Pavilion at 1.30pm on the fourth Thursday each month. New members are welcome. For further details ring Val (Tel. 389 4466).

Dallington Friends
A group for all ages, called "Dallington Friends", meets on the third Tuesday each month at 1.30pm at the Biddick Court Hall in Claydon Place. For more information contact Shirley on Tel. 385 3843, call in to the Community Centre or come along (gold coin donation).

Walking Group
A walking group meets outside the Community Centre/Shop every Monday at 10.00am. Walks are arranged in the local area and last about an hour. To join this group all you have to do is turn up.

Art Classes
Every Monday 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Biddick Court in Claydon Place. For more information please ring Jayne on Tel. 942 1239.


Scouting
The scout den in Halberg Street is the venue for the following scouting activities. New members are welcome.
Keas (6-8 yrs) Wed. 6.15-7.15pm
Cubs (8-10.5 yrs) Thurs. 6.30-8 pm
Scouts (10.5-15 yrs) Mon. 7-9 pm
Venturers (14.5-18 yrs) Mon. 7-9 pm

Burwood Indoor Bowls
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DALLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE/SHOP

One Dallington Community Centre trustee, omitted from the item on the Trust in the first quarter Community News, was Shirley Freeman. She is responsible for the friendship group that was formed early in 2004.

Before coming to Dallington she ran the primary level Sunday school at the Opawa Baptist Church for about 20 years. She and her late husband operated a free-range chicken farm in Plunket Street, Linwood. She is a caring, compassionate person and was the obvious choice to start the Dallington Friends Group that now meets in the Biddick Court Hall.

Shirley does embroidery as a hobby and knits for her grandchildren and first great grandchild. She helps with the shop banking.

The Dallington Community Centre sponsors friendship, walking and art groups. Displayed in its shop in McBratneys Road, near the roundabout, are community notices and there's also a local history presentation.

This craft shop has a wonderful range of cards, knitted goods, children's clothes and uniforms, ceramics, pictures, garden signs and plants, jewellery, dolls and toys, bags, cushions, pots, dolls' clothes and novelties.

Associated craftspeople are willing to teach others their crafts.

For more information about community activities, to make a purchase or to have a "cuppa", just call in.

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Some additional copies of this Community News are available at the Community Centre/Shop.

Your chance to hear the Mayor of Christchurch, Bob Parker

Guest speaker at the Annual General Meeting of the Dallington Residents' Association will be Bob Parker, Mayor of Christchurch. Make a point of being present at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 20 May 2008 at the Banks Avenue School Hall. A focus will be "The importance of community".

Residents' Associations exist because there are people who recognise this importance and are willing to give time to serving on committees. It is hoped that one outcome of the AGM will be that the Dallington committee is strengthened and be better able to represent this locality over the next year. Nominations will be received from the floor but office-holders will be appointed and confirmed at the first meeting of the new committee.

The Dallington association is a voluntary group that organises events for the whole community to enjoy. It also supports local organisations, produces a quarterly newsletter and encourages participation in its activities. It relates to the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board through the submission of petitions and the presentation of reports. Board member, Linda Stewart, is an ex-officio member of the Dallington Residents' Association committee.

At the AGM the Chairperson, Richard Alderson, will present a report concerning activities to date. He will underline that volunteers are

needed now to contribute about three hours per month in the interest of the Dallington community. A new chairperson also needs to be found.

It is incumbent on us all to make sure that the Association is strong as it enters its 10th year of activity since it was revived at a meeting on 23 February 1999. Two of the original

committee, Anton Korunic and Barbara Seaton, are still members.

Note Tuesday, 20 May, in your diary and make an effort to come along to hear what the Mayor has to say. There's no better way to be updated concerning developments in our city and their possible effect on our local community.

Fishing the Avon River

My telephone occasionally rings and there's a voice at the other end saying, "Granddad, will you take us fishing?" My granddaughter has a small rod and she and a friend occasionally have an urge to try their luck. Our usual spot is the footbridge over the Avon at the end of Snell's Place. I work on the theory that it's hard to fall in from there or be run over by a car and it's a good spot for gaining access to deeper water.

As a responsible grandparent I searched the net to find out what we could and couldn't do when fishing the Avon. On one blog site I found a comment that you only needed a license if you were catching trout or salmon. A further discouraging comment was that any rivers around Christchurch are a waste of time for fishing.

If I read the regulations accurately there's an open season in the Avon all year round but the portion between the Armagh and Barbados Street Bridges is designated a "closed water". I couldn't find any reference to age restrictions.

In our fishing attempts we haven't seen any trout or salmon although a large trout has been

observed under the Dallington Bridge after the weed dredge has been through.

We started using meat as bait but one expert local lad suggested bread. This proved to be good advice as small shoals of a herring-like fish were attracted by it. The fish obviously liked bread but it was hard to keep it on the hook. Another problem was getting the bread into the water while keeping inquisitive ducks at bay. On average we've managed to catch, and free, one or two fish each time we've been out!

We've also observed one or two large eels. I assume that there is little chance of them being hooked on our small hooks but my granddaughter and her friend don't share my optimism. At the mere suggestion of an eel the lines get yanked from the water with the inevitable loss of bait.

In these excursions little is accomplished from a fishing perspective but they do provide a good opportunity for sharing some quality family time. Someone more knowledgeable might like to identify the fish species children catch in the Avon. Are they the adult form of whitebait?

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DRIVERS WANTED

The Red Cross requires more volunteer drivers for its *Meals on Wheels* programme. Please contact Gerald Edmunds at the Red Cross, Ph. 339 7111. Alternatively, urge others to volunteer.

Building just and sustainable communities

Did you know that the hub of New Zealand's fair trade organisation, Trade Aid, is based in your neighbourhood?

Trade Aid's head office and warehouse has been located at 174 Gayhurst Road for the past 14 years. The organisation started over 40 years ago when a young Christchurch couple went looking for adventure. In 1969, when Vi and Richard Cottrell were in their early 30s, they saw an advertisement for an adviser to a resettlement scheme for Tibetan refugees in northern India. They applied and were sent a cable that read simply: "Proceed to India". A fledgling carpet export business had been set up to create an income for these refugees and it was Vi's job to find foreign buyers, while her Tibetan counterpart dealt with the weavers. When the Cottrells returned to New Zealand they wanted to go on supporting the Tibetan refugees. They ordered \$1000 worth of carpets that they displayed in the CSA Gallery in Christchurch. Within 15 minutes of opening, all the carpets were sold.

Vi and Richard had no idea that their drive and vision would lead to the founding of an aid organisation unique in New Zealand. A small group of supporters formed a not-for-profit society to trade with developing countries: Trade Aid was born. Today a huge range of arts, crafts and food items are sold through Trade Aid shops and other outlets throughout New Zealand.

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generation that helps to restore producers' dignity and self-reliance. This helps them send, and keep, their children in school. It makes possible adequate housing and access to health care. Its trading structure supports social change and gives women a voice, protects the environment and creates sustainable

This item was submitted by Camille Arnott, Administration Support, Trade Aid Importers, at the request of the Editor.

development that enables producers to invest in their futures. Trade Aid's form of trade gives producers hope for the future of them and their families, their communities and their countries.

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The Kebele, Negele Gorbitu Co-operative part of the Oromia Union in Ethiopia adds, *"When we sell through the free market, it only develops the investment of the individual processors and suppliers, the farmers cannot get anything from it, not infrastructure or other benefits, so we ask the consumers and the roasters to drink fair trade coffee that is sold to the co-operative union because it is invested in the locality to build social infrastructure – schools, portable water, clinics etc and this is why the consumer should choose to support coffee sold through Trade Aid."*



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