

# ***Dallington***

## ***Community News***

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## **St Paul's School Celebrates Jubilee**

The 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of St Paul's School in Dallington was celebrated on Waitangi Day. The school opened in February 1935 with 63 pupils. Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, who had taught catechism to parish children on Sundays from 1926, were the first day-school teachers.

The first significant event was the Jubilee Mass in St Paul's Church. Jim Martin, the chairperson of the organising committee, welcomed the 300 people who were present. He noted, "For a Catholic school it is appropriate that the celebrations begin with Mass where we give thanks to God for all the parish priests, religious teaching orders, lay teachers, parents, pupils and friends who have recognised the importance of the value a good Catholic education can have as a foundation for life."

The Principal Celebrant of the Mass was Father John Fitzmaurice, Vicar for Education in the local diocese and a past parishioner of St Paul's. The Parish Choir participated along with a number of Priests with past links to the school and church, including the current Parish Priest, Fr. Miles O'Malley, and also two former pupils.

Prior to lunch five first day pupils, Marie Sutherland, Florence Davidson, Martin Haughey and Ray Musson and Leo Musson, cut the Jubilee cake. During the afternoon

past pupils and former staff responded to a roll call and photographs for each decade were taken. Opportunity was also given for classroom visits and for historical photographs to be viewed in the hall.

The day concluded with the Jubilee dinner at the Richmond Working Men's Club. The master of ceremonies and guest speaker was ex-pupil (1957-63), David Round. He is a lecturer at the University of Canterbury's School of Law. He's also well-known as a debater, media columnist and writer.

Jim Martin welcomed the 220 people who were present and especially the current Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Gerry Hassan with wife Trish, and the current Principal, Christine Callaghan with hus-

band Judge Brian Callaghan.

At the dinner, Sr. Colleen Keeble (NZ Provincial Sisters of St Joseph) presented the school with a "three faces" painting of Blessed Mary McKillop. This was in recognition of the 25 years (1955-1980) the Josephites taught at St Paul's.

As noted above David Round was guest speaker. Jim said, "He gave a very humorous and entertaining talk reminiscing on his time at St Paul's and the changes in education between then and now ('we learnt our reading, writing and arithmetic very well thank you with a piece of chalk, a strap and the fear of God')." He also commented on societal changes and gave his view of the future.

Kathleen Casey has compiled a



First day pupils cut the Jubilee cake.

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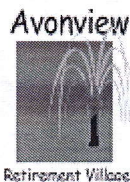
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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### OSCAR

An out-of-school care and recreation programme for five to 13 year olds at Banks Avenue Primary School. If interested, please telephone Christine on Mobile 027 438 2604.

### Dallington Friends

A group for all ages, called "Dallington Friends", meets on the third Tuesday each month at 1.30pm at the Burwood Park Tennis Club. For more information contact Shirley on Ph. 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 to turn up.

### Art Classes

Every Monday 1.00pm to 3.00pm at the Burwood Park Tennis Club. For more information please ring Jayne on Ph. 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) Tue. 7-9 pm  
For more details call Chris on Ph. 371 9126 (work) or Mobile 027 471 5619.

### Gentle Exercise Class

Every Thursday at 9.40am at the O'Regan Room at St Paul's Catholic Church. For more information call Kirston on Ph. 978 1273 or Ph. 383 3298.

### Burwood Indoor Bowls

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. For more information please ring Bob on Ph. 942 9662.

### Shirley Service Centre

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## Donation

The Dallington Residents' Association has given a donation of \$220.00 to the Kidsfirst Kindergarten in Ajax Street. This money has been used to purchase items that will enhance the programme of the Kindergarten.

## Toy Library

The Burwood Toy Library that has been sited at 16 New Brighton Road since 2004 was closed at the beginning of November, 2009. The library is now combining with the Shirley Toy Library on the Hammersley Park School site. Access is from Marshlands Road and Amos Place. For further information please ring Ph. 420 5455 or see [www.shirleytoylibrary.co.nz](http://www.shirleytoylibrary.co.nz)

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booklet entitled *Celebrating 75 Years*. In addition to being a record of history it gives an interesting perspective on integration, parent participation and Tomorrow's Schools. It's notable that between 1990 and 2001, when Denis Aberhart was Principal, the school roll increased from 126 to its current maximum of 295.

## Action needed

The Dallington Residents' Association welcomes suggestions and invites participation in its activities. Residents are encouraged to ring committee members with suggestions or when further information is required.

Letters and items of local interest are also welcome for this publication.

Make a point of playing a part in this vibrant expression of a friendly community.

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

The Dallington Residents' Association Committee meets at 7.00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. For venue ring 942 8692.



# Classic cars a passion for restorers

*Autovia*, at 66 Cresswell Avenue, specialises in the restoration, repair and maintenance of classic vehicles. The name is based on "auto" but there was an old model of a Riley car called an *Autovia*.

Barry Mills, the Managing Director, has two "sleeping" partners and he's assisted by Dev Dhurvas, a recently naturalised New Zealander. *Autovia* opened for business in Dallington in May last year. It occupies premises that were used for thirty years by Cresswell Joinery Ltd. Barry and Dev have both worked for other restorers. Barry served his time as an auto electrician and Dev as a motor mechanic.

"We prefer to work on older vehicles. We don't want to work on anything with a computer in it so most of our work is on pre-seventies vehicles," said Barry. "We do a lot of work on Citroens and are currently working on three of them." In early February the oldest vehicle being worked on was a 1930 American car called an Auburn and others were a 1937 Austin, a Rolls Royce and an XK150 Jaguar. Clients are given a "written treatment" plan with staging and costing estimates. Photographic records are kept and regular progress reports are given. Reviews are invited and detailed invoices issued at regular intervals as work proceeds.

Bodywork and paintwork isn't done at Cresswell Avenue. Barry said, "There are two reasons for this. One is the neighbourhood we're in. We don't want to make a noise or produce unpleasant smells in such a nice environment. The other is that we have contacts with tradesmen who can do an excellent job, so we prefer to farm out this part of the restoration."

Barry admits that new cars are much more reliable but in his judgement they haven't got the character of the classics. "We had a lovely car in here the other day," he said. "It was an Alvis Grey Lady. Dev and I both took it around the block. It was great to drive. It wasn't easy and the brakes didn't work so well but it re-

mind me of cars of my childhood." Classic cars tend to increase in price and often become very valuable.

Classic cars have higher fuel consumption than modern cars but Barry contends they're only used occasionally, perhaps once a weekend, once a month or just on special occasions at a club meet. Fuel economy doesn't come into it.

It's expensive to restore a car so it's not good to start with a "basket case" unless it's very rare. Some Japanese cars of thirty years ago are becoming classics like the 240 Z Datsuns. Barry wasn't prepared to forecast which of today's cars will become classics.

Barry and Dev are kept reasonably busy. They don't have as much work as they would like but recognise this hasn't been a great time to start a business.

The Cresswell Avenue property has been painted throughout, a new floor has been put in and a small

room added. Barry said, "There's been quite a lot of work done to bring it up to what we want. It's got to be kept tidy and clean. We've painted the fence and put new gates up. We sometimes park cars out the front but they're usually complete cars and people like looking at them. We don't put old wrecks out there. We get along well with our neighbours and one recently mowed our front lawn for us."

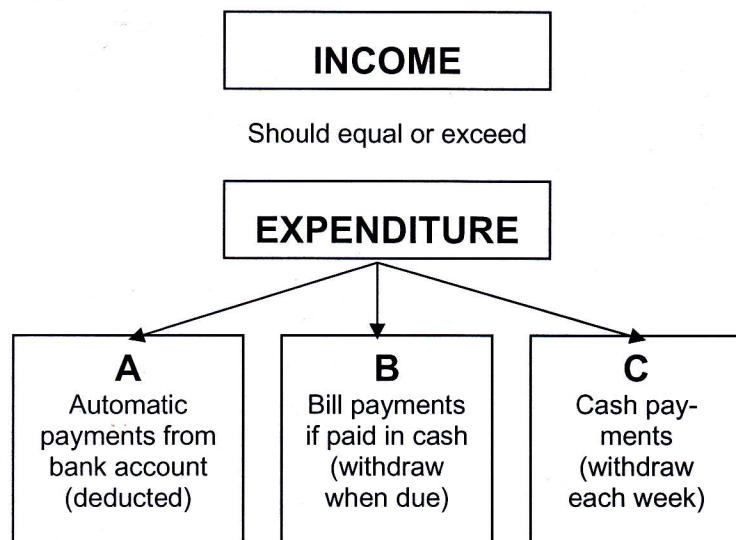
Dev is into old motorbikes. He has a 1941 Triumph and a 1912 Omega that he sometimes rides to work. Unsurprisingly, *Autovia* also accepts work on classic motorbikes.

*Autovia* has its own website, [www.autovia.co.nz](http://www.autovia.co.nz), and the site's photo gallery is well worth a visit. The website includes the affirmation, "To us it is more than just a job, it is a passion!" Contact details are:

Managing Director – Barry Mills  
Ph.385 9050 / 021 205 9686  
Email [info@autovia.co.nz](mailto:info@autovia.co.nz)

## Basic Budgeting ABC

When money is short budgeting is a priority. A simple form of budgeting is to control weekly expenditure by using an ABC formula that allocates current income. The key to good budgeting is to only withdraw each week sufficient to cover regular cash payments, plus bill payments that have to be paid in cash during the week. All other money should remain in the bank until it needs to be called upon for budgeted automatic and credit card payments.





**DALLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE / SHOP****46 McBratneys Road**

Since we lost our original Community Centre in McBratneys Road eight years ago, we've been fortunate to be able to use Biddick Courts in Claydon Place for our Friendship and Art groups. In November we were told that we would have to find alternative premises. Needless to say this came as quite a shock. However, we soon received some wonderful support from the Dallington Residents Association, members of the Community Centre and Linda Stewart of the Community Board, which proved an encouragement to us during such a difficult time.

As Dallington groups we naturally wanted to stay in the area and it was wonderful to see the way people rallied round to help. The managers of the Avonview Retirement Home and the Oscar leaders were willing to help but both were short of space and had other activities going on at the same time, which could have been a problem.

Then the Burwood Park Tennis Club came to the rescue and we are thrilled to be able to tell you that we will be holding our meetings there from now on. The venue is perfect with a lovely outlook over the tennis courts and the park. There's plenty of light and comfortable seating and we even have parking outside, so it couldn't be better.

**The Art group** will still continue to meet on a Monday, from 1.00 – 3.00pm. The group has been going for 10 years now. We have lots of fun and learn to create lovely paintings. We use acrylic paints and also do some in pastel, including the new Panpastels. Landscapes are popular, as are flowers, pets and still life. If you would like to learn how to paint/draw, please contact Jayne on Ph. 942 1239.

**The Friendship group** is for people who want to meet up for outings, meals and to generally have fun while meeting people in the area. The first meeting of the year is a picnic at the Groynes to decide the

programme for the rest of the year. If you would like more information please contact Shirley on Ph. 385-3843.

**The Community Centre Craft shop**, in McBratneys Road, is always open to new people wanting to participate, so if you do craft work that you would like to sell and can give three hours a week on a roster basis, then please call into the shop or call Jan on Ph. 942-6825. You will be most welcome. This is also a great way to meet people and make friends.

**The Walking group** continues to meet on Monday mornings at 10.00am outside the Craft shop. If you would like company while you walk, then just come along, or call Anton on Ph. 942-8692 for more information. We look forward to meeting you.

Jayne

**Recycling Rubbish**

I fully support the recycling processes adopted by the Christchurch City Council even though red, yellow and green wheelie-bins are now a significant feature in my small garden. I compost my own kitchen waste so only use the green bin for rough garden material. It doesn't go out every week but that's not a problem as it can be put out any week when full.

Clean plastics, paper and cardboard go into my yellow bin and I only put it out when it's reasonably full. The red bin goes out fortnightly as that's the one that often has an unpleasant aroma.

My biggest problem is working out red or yellow weeks. It can sometimes be a six-week interval for my yellow bin. Holidays and times away play havoc with my red bin cycle. Am I the only one that resorts to looking up and down the street to see what my neighbours are doing? Perhaps there should be an award for the first person brave enough to put their bins out. Also, am I alone in stifling a guilty smirk if my neighbours get it wrong?  
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