

# St Albans News

The Voice of our Neighbourhood

November 2010



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*By Maggy Tai Rakena  
on behalf of the St Albans Residents'  
Association Board*

It is with much sadness that the Board of the St Albans Residents Association (SARA) announces that it has been forced to suspend the operations of the St Albans Community Centre and the St Albans Newspaper for the foreseeable future.

The combination of the impacts from the world economic recession and Christchurch's September 4th earthquake has left the Board with no other choice.

We have no home and we have lost our primary sources of revenue generation.

The existing Board is committed to winding up the present operation diligently and attending to any resultant debt. Those assets that are able to be kept will be made available for the future of the St Albans Residents group.

As the community centre and the newspaper were the two major operations of the St Albans Residents' Association, the future of the Association, too, is very much up in the air.

It seems the Association now has three options in front of them:

1. To confirm the current boards

decision to suspend the Residents Association's operations for an unspecified time and to go into recess

2. To elect a new Board of the Residents Association and to give it the mandate to continue operating the Association, including holding regular meetings. This Board would aim to develop the vision of the Residents' Association, its current and future functions and activities, which will include working with the Council to develop our new building.

3. To wind up the Residents Association permanently.

The door is open for a new group of residents to rise up and redevelop the activities of the Residents Association to build the future whatever that future may look like. This will however only be possible if people come forward to take on this challenge.

A Special General Meeting will be held to discuss these options and to hold elections for the board on Tuesday 14 December at 7.45pm at Abberley Park hall.

PLEASE come along and share your views. We hope YOU will offer to help carry on the vision of the founders of our Residents Association to give our community a voice.

# A New Way Forward

*A commentary by Bill Demeter*

I've had the opportunity over the last few weeks to attend several meetings for resident groups and associations sponsored by Lianne Dalziel and Brendon Burns. These meetings have focused on trying to get those authorities in charge of the earthquake recovery programs to communicate more effectively among themselves and certainly more clearly with people who have been affected.

These meetings have been very well attended and it is very apparent that each community wants to be informed, heard and consulted. Most of those in attendance felt that prior to the earthquake the Council seldom consulted with them on matters that were important to their residents. Decisions were reached and then residents were informed.

Since the earthquake, decision making has become more complex as there are numerous agencies involved and they apparently do not always talk with each other effectively. We now have the City Council, the Earthquake Commission, private insurance companies and a Parliament appointed Commissioner who has power over the above mentioned agencies.

It becomes clear that given this complexity residents and resident groups across the city could feel frustrated and left out.

There are some positive changes that are taking place with these discussions and with the resident groups having spent time together discussing ways to improve communications. One suggestion put forth was a statement that tried to explain what resident groups wanted. To paraphrase the statement:

"We convene because we care about our neighbourhoods, our diverse communities, our


environment and our city. We want to see them restored again to what they were. We want to be considered, consulted, to contribute and to be empowered. We want to identify our problems as communities and find solutions to them as communities."

This statement is exactly what the vast majority of people who live in St Albans want for our neighbourhood and community.

With the closure of the Community Centre, the St Albans Residents Association (SARA) has a chance to greatly strengthen the Residents Association because the Board can concentrate on the following:

- Growing the membership significantly by developing a campaign to get many new members
- Electing new board members who believe in the statement quoted above
- Planning and executing the St Albans Community Day Event to make it bigger and even better attended
- Working with Council planners to assure the new community centre reflects what the community needs and wants
- Establish better and more consistent communications between the Association and the Council

Recovery from the events of the 4<sup>th</sup> of September will take many years and will be at great expense.

Communicating and working together doesn't take years and doesn't cost anything. 

The Community Centre likes to express it's thanks to Fuji Xerox which has kindly offered to provide a replacement facility for us to print the St Albans News for the October as well as the November issue and also to bear some of the printing costs.

We would also like to thank the Ministry of Social Development who approved a grant of \$5,450 under the Community Response Fund towards the production of the St Albans News issues of October and November 2010.

**This is, unfortunately, for some time the last issue of the St Albans News. We would like to thank all the local businesses who have supported us with advertising throughout the years of this publication. Your support has been essential towards the success of the paper. However, the economic reality we all face makes it impossible to continue to produce, publish and distribute the paper in the same fashion as up till now.**

**The Editor**



The community we live in has much changed since I wrote this column the last time, four months ago, and this might well be the last time that I'm writing for the St Albans News. Change has happened not as one might have expected, through the political campaign and the local body elections, but through an unexpected intervention by Mother Nature herself. The big earthquake of early morning of 4 September has just about changed all. While we count ourselves lucky that nobody got killed, and only very few got physically injured, probably all of us got traumatised to a varying degree. An increasing number of people are aware of the magnitude of change we have started going through.

The resulting impact of the earthquake will last long after the initial emergency period is over. It is likely that many of the humanitarian needs are actually increasing as time goes by. The impact of the event will be with us for years, and someone even said that the earthquake has become part of the DNA of the city.

On short notice, and during a time of increased communal need, the St Albans Residents' Association, which is the publisher of this paper, is winding down its activities due to the new economic situation created by the damage to and closure of the iconic St Albans Community Centre on Colombo St. The Centre, a 90 year-old building owned by the City Council, will be out of operation for some time. Many more will notice the absence of the St Albans News, our community paper since 1994. Controversial at times, it has its strong critics as well as admirers throughout the city, and has inspired several other similar papers in neighbouring suburbs. Being editor of the St Albans News has always been the favourite part of my position as the manager of the Community Centre and I'm proud of the product that has emerged over the last four years.

This is a bad time to lose both the Centre and the newspaper. In such a time the community cohesion that the newspaper can provide is most needed. Will the community be able to come together and find new ways to make it economically possible to continue or recreate the paper? I hope so. While a newspaper is not like a modern and interactive Internet-based social network, it is very inclusive and accessible to all. It's part of the glue that makes St Albans such a special place to be part of.



**St Albans**  
Community Centre

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### Community Centre Notices

A Special General Meeting (SGM) of the St Albans Residents' Association (SARA) Inc. will be held on Tuesday, 14 December at 7.45pm in the Abberley Park Hall.

Significant damage to the St Albans Community Centre means it is likely to be some time before it is repaired and able to be used again. In the meantime most groups and events have found a home elsewhere.



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## Christchurch City Plan-Change 53: Living 3 And Living 4 Zones

by *Peggy Kelly*

The hearing of the long-anticipated Plan Change 53, living 3 and Living 4 Zones will commence next month, in December. If this plan goes through, even without any further improvement, we should, in due course, begin see more attractive development throughout the intensifying parts of our city – including south St Albans.

For the last ten years many people have written to the paper and otherwise spoken out about their dismay at seeing so many interesting old houses and mature gardens being replaced by Stalinesque tilt-slab blocks of units built to cold-shoulder the street. Complaint has mainly been about the disproportionate bulk of these buildings and their adverse effect on streetscape.

Plan Change 53 is, not surprisingly, opposed by several influential developers. So without people willing to speak in its support it may end up being whittled away either through the hearing process or as a result of an appeal to the Environment Court.

When the opportunity arose some months ago I wrote a submission supporting the Plan Change. I have now been asked by Council if I wish to speak to my submission. I know that I ought to but I can not. Last time I spoke in support of the Council's position was in relation to the Orion Site. In the end that turned out to be such a bruising experience that I would not willingly go through it again.

It is to deal with this sort of circumstance that residents need to work together – for the greater good of our neighbourhoods.

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## Community response to quake

by *Brendon Burns*

“St Albans residents will get the best outcome for the community from quake repairs if they organize and work together.”

That's what our local MP Brendon Burns told a meeting of about 80 residents at a forum on Monday 1st November at Beulah church in Springfield Rd.

Brendon called the meeting to update St Albans residents two months on from September 4.

“There remain many unanswered questions, some glitches and instances of conflicting advice. Recovering from the quake of this magnitude is like peeling an onion; there are many layers. And as with onions, there are sometimes tears and frustration.”

The Earthquake Commission's Chief Operating Officer Lance Dixon told the meeting several hundred temporary staff had been taken on to deal with 106,000 claims and this meant glitches at times. Mr Dixon told residents they are entitled to get copies of assessments about their properties from EQC.

He was reluctant to give specific time frames about repairs but indicated these should take considerably less time in most areas of St Albans, as there was little lateral spreading which would required considerable earthworks in other parts of Christchurch.

Mr Dixon met a number of people after the meeting to try and resolve issues, as did John Balmforth, CEO for AMI, the biggest NZ-based insurance company and based in Christchurch.

Two residents thanked Brendon Burns for assisting them with getting a response from EQC. He said he would do this for any resident where they had suffered major damage to their homes or businesses.

One resident asked whether it was clear the St Albans Community Centre would be rebuilt. Brendon Burns said that would have to await a decision by council.

The Christchurch Central MP said what was most important now was for St Albans to invoke its famous sense of community and work together to ensure the best outcomes from the rebuilding work that will take place following the quake.

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Below: Residents meeting in St Albans



**Brendon Burns**  
Member of Parliament  
for Christchurch Central

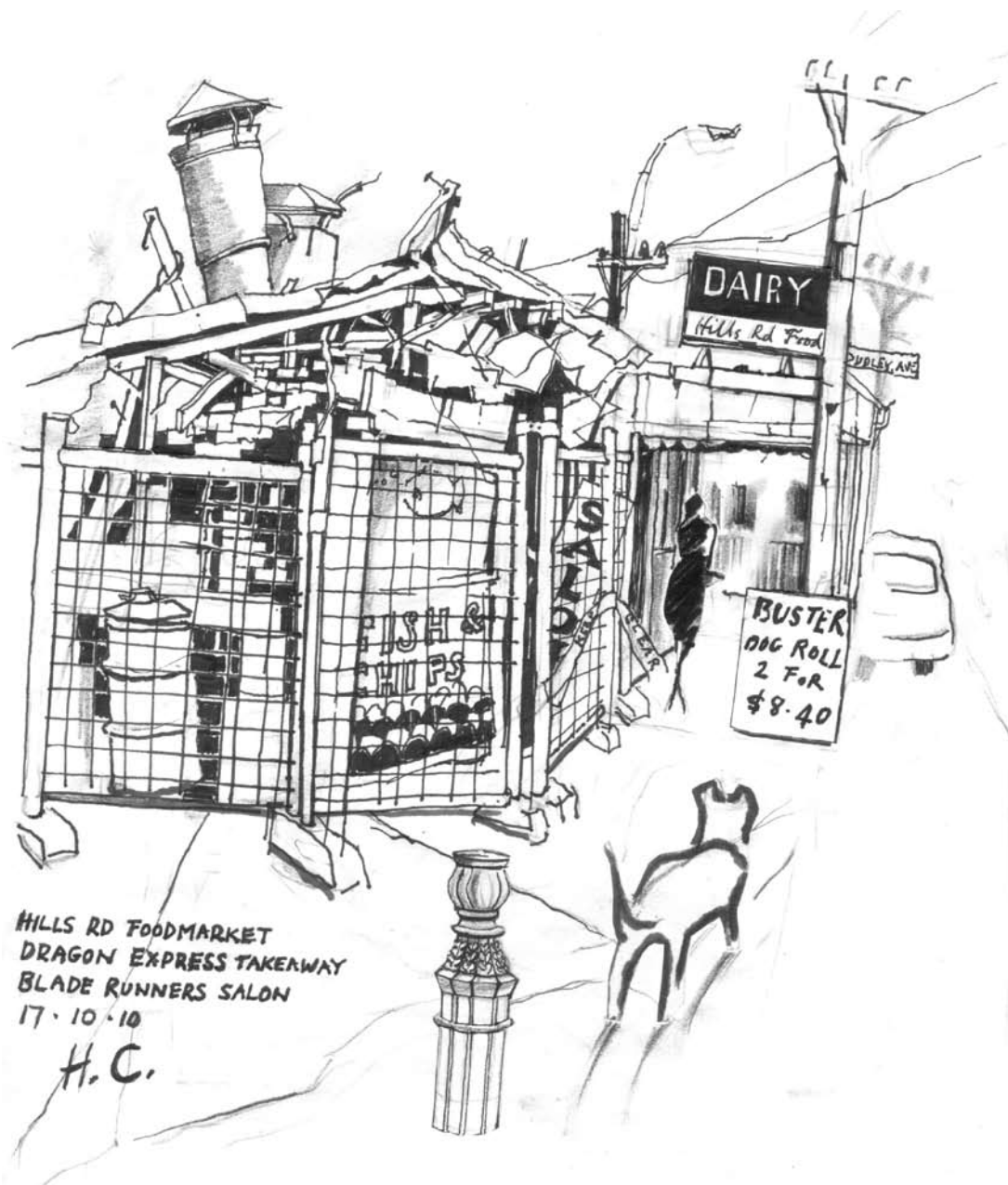
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# Hills Rd Dairy... on the corner of Dudley Ave



by *Hilaire Campbell*

Mister Dong and Emma Kou his wife run the Hills Rd Food market. "Two and a half years now," says Mister Dong. Their story is one of hard work in a foreign climate with their real jobs on hold. "Most Chinese who come here have Ph. D's and Masters Degrees" says Mister Dong, "but different culture is hard," he says with a smile. Yet they both look unbelievably young. I mistake Emma for his daughter which they think is very funny.

"We came 7 years ago from Wuhan. That is your sister city you know. I studied Management at Canterbury University and worked 4 years for TranzScenic Rail, but my wife can't manage the shop so I left. She is very intelligent; she has a degree in Chinese literature. No, Emma can't name her favourite writers; "there are far too many, we have 3000 years of them."

Mister Dong and Emma Kou (wives keep their own names in China) live in Champion St. with her old father who is 83. He is out the back of the shop but he never surfaces. Their son studies architecture in Wellington. And here is a photo, taken in Shanghai among pink blossoms. He is standing tall and they are very proud of him.

They don't know the shops' history "but a lady told me she came here as a small child, maybe 40 years ago," says Mister Dong. "Yes, we were hit by the earthquake; one wall is missing and it took hours to clean but worse than that, the next door shops are fallen. When customers buy fish and chips they come here for drinks and sweets, but no more. There is no Chinese takeaway next door. That was Dragon Express. The dragon is a powerful symbol in China; it means good fortune. But they have none."

I don't either. When Mister Dong walks me out of the shop, my car is gone. He smiles kindly.



## Local MP Has a Go

Right: Kids take part in Western AFC football games



Below: Youngsters learn the finer points of Korfball



Below: Judo club member demonstrates some fun moves



*Photos by Neil Macbeth*

Local Labour MP Brendon Burns was down at Christchurch Park last Sunday at the inaugural Westminster Sports "Have a Go Day". As well as learning the finer points of AFL with NZ representative Matt Crighton, Burns was able to try his hand at the six other sports on offer including; squash, lacrosse, touch, football, judo and korfball on what was an enjoyable day for all who took part.

Crighton will be part of the Canterbury and NZ teams featuring in the National Provincial Championships to be held in Christchurch at Westminster Park over Labour Weekend. As well as the regional teams competing, the NZ Hawks will be challenging a Victorian State team.

For further information please visit; Canterbury Australian Football League [www.cafl.co.nz](http://www.cafl.co.nz) or for a full draw go to [www.nzafl.co.nz](http://www.nzafl.co.nz).

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## “Serving Up St Albans” cookbook is launched

*Submitted by Sarah Johnson*

From former Christchurch mayor Garry Moore’s “earthquake” plum sauce to caterer Tina Duncan’s “no-knead” ciabatta bread, from Japanese chicken cakes to Maori paua fritters, the new cookbook “Serving Up St Albans” offers a taste of what’s on the dinner plates of our suburb.

The book full of recipes and photos of our neighbourhood’s children was compiled by the St Albans School PTA. Cookbook committee member Sarah Johnston says “The book came out of a desire by a group of St Albans School parents to celebrate our community – not just the school, but also the wider neighbourhood - and to hopefully raise some money along the way, to develop a kitchen in the school’s soon-to-be-built new hall.”

The recipes have been contributed by cooks from all over the suburb, including well-known St Albans residents, such as Garry Moore, White Tie Catering’s Tina Duncan, and All Black captain Richie McCaw.

The final touches were being put to “Serving Up St Albans” when we were rocked by the September 4<sup>th</sup> earthquake. Garry had already supplied a favourite recipe for his grandmother’s plum sauce, which had come down to him in her cookbook that was stained by jars of preserves that had smashed on it during the 1931 Napier earthquake.

Sarah says “It seemed fitting that we illustrate that recipe with photos of our own earthquake, and acknowledge

the impact it has had on our suburb. Many of our older homes and shops have fallen and some of our streets have changed forever. However, we wanted to recognise the way St Albans residents rallied around their neighbours to stack bricks, shovel silt or just offer some home baking.



It is this community spirit that we hope is celebrated and reflected in the photos and recipes in this book.”

“Serving Up St Albans” goes on sale from 10 November for \$20 a copy. It is available from the school office in Sheppard Place and also from St Albans Vets, Meshino Cafe and on [www.trademe.co.nz](http://www.trademe.co.nz) (search for ‘St Albans cookbook’)

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Photos from the Cookbook

# In the Neighbourhood

*Photos by Maria Hayward*



Above: Two views of behind the Community centre



Left: Bobbi the dog outside Peter Timbs Butcher



Jam session at the Community Open Day





The Crossing at Edgeware Village



Mount Cook Daisies  
in the BP Edgeware  
garden



## Edward Avenue totems



## Help Available for Everyone Affected by the Quake

Traumatic events such as the September 4 earthquake can affect us in many different ways.

For some people, returning life to normal can be difficult with financial and other pressures may feel a little overwhelming. It's good to know that there is help available. A range of organisations have grants available to help you through.

The Red Cross has a grant for people who have been displaced. It also has a hardship grant for people who have not been displaced, but have suffered financial pressure because of the quake. You can find out more information by calling 0800 754 726.

Special Needs Grants are among the financial assistance that Work and Income offers. For some types of grants you need to meet a couple of criteria, but it's a good idea to talk to Work and Income about what you may qualify for. Work and Income can be contacted via the Government Helpline, on 0800 779 997.

You may also be eligible for a Civil Defence Payment to cover the following costs:

- Payments to hosts for billeting evacuees (private homes, marae or community centres)
- Accommodation costs for evacuees in tourist accommodation (motels, hotels or temporary rental accommodation)
- Loss of livelihood for people who cannot work and lose income due to the emergency – for instance because the workplace is closed or they need to remain with their whanau/family.

Work and Income can offer advice on how to access the Civil Defence Payments and are always happy to talk you through this.

If you need help finding a new home Housing New Zealand may be able to assist with rental property in the region Housing New Zealand also can be reached via the Government Helpline, on 0800 779 997.

Remember to let your friends and family know about what is available, as they may know someone who needs help.

## Aftershocks leave Cantabrians feeling uneasy

The 4.8 magnitude aftershock which hit Canterbury on Sunday 24 October has left some people feeling anxious. These reactions are normal and help for anyone who needs it is available.

*Right Services, Right Time* is an existing initiative set up by Social Service Providers Aotearoa. It has been adapted specifically, for the Canterbury earthquake recovery process, with input from a large number of social service organisations.

"*Canterbury Earthquake Support - Right Services, Right Time* can help guide you, and your family, through what can be a difficult time" says Family and Community Services Regional Manager, Denise Kidd. "People who are feeling anxious or stressed following the earthquake and aftershocks, should get in touch with us. They are here to help."

The aftershocks that Canterbury is currently experiencing are normal and they are expected to last at least several months, however, they will get less frequent as time goes on.

"The reason we are getting these aftershocks is because the earth is slowly readjusting from the large movement that happened during the 4 September earthquake" says Helen Grant, Environment Canterbury Hazard Analyst. "While they will continue for some time, the chance of a large aftershock decreases as time goes on"

It is very important that we look after others during this difficult time. If you know anyone who you think needs support, please encourage them to ask for help by calling *Canterbury Earthquake Support - Right Services, Right Time* on 0800 777 846.

*Both articles on this page have been made available by the Ministry of Social Development.*

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# Look after yourself. Look after others.

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So make sure that you continue look out for family, friends and workmates.

If you really can't cope, call your GP.

For some good practical advice on how to help yourself and others – call the Helpline or visit our website:

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## St Albans Swim Club

by *Valerie Somerville*

The St Albans Swim Club is a family friendly club run by volunteers who provide affordable swimming lessons for school age children, senior training and lane swimming during the summer season from November to March at the Shirley Intermediate School pools. Lessons are from 4pm-5.30pm Monday to Thursday, with a choice of either once or twice a week, for a 10 week programme. Club membership also entitles free swimming for the whole family on Friday nights.

We are very pleased that the School Board of Trustees have invested in solar heating which should be installed for the Opening night of the season on November 19th. The Club welcomes



enquiries for enrolments .

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Valerie Somerville 3556512,  
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Photos by Valerie Somerville

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## Letters to the Editor

I would like to thank all those who showed concern and care at the accident on Rutland St opposite Meshino's on 3 November at 4.30pm.

*A. Stocks*

### Dear Editor

After reading a number of articles in The Chch Press and an ad for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) therapeutic relief in October's St Albans News, I have to say, some of the symptoms of PTSD mentioned are similar to those suffered by beneficiaries, particularly long-term beneficiaries. I would not be surprised to read of people suffering the beginnings of clinical depression as a result of the Sept 4 earthquake, because of the massive disruption they have suffered, including the loss of employment, with the corresponding loss of self-respect.

Now, when people lost their jobs in the eighties shake-ups, there was quite a massive assault on their dignity as people, by people accusing them of choosing to be unemployed, therefore unemployable, because they wanted to be like that. Some employers argued that, and wouldn't hire because of it...

Now it's a pretty good guide that similarity argues identity - if it looks like doggy-doo, then it stands a fair chance it is doggy doo: if those employers and those nay-sayers in the eighties and nineties were right, then we must also argue that people who lost their jobs in the Sept 4 earthquake, did so because they wanted to.

Believe it or not, that is the malicious attitude that New Zealand has nurtured for over two decades. I would hope that we now have some maturity, after destroying so many peoples' lives for over two decades, to renounce such sociopathic malice, and just get on and help rebuild peoples' lives.

*Yours sincerely  
Wesley Parish*

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**Community Gala:** Our Lady Of Fatima. Friday 19 November at Our Lady Of Fatima School from 5pm till 8pm. Food-Fun-Families-Friends-To raise Funds for your community. Food, Entertainment, Stalls. For more information, contact Convenor Philippa Grocott (942 6198) or Secretary Bernie Campbell (386 1024).

**Edgeware Bowling Club** now open and operating for the new season. New members urgently wanted old bowlers welcomed Call at the club 6 Forfar St or ring Ken Murray or Rose Alabone 3541381 club rooms 3662160

**Golden Connection:** A service for older adults, is a six week programme provided by the Neighbourhood Trust for older adults over 55. Based at the St Albans Baptist Church, 64 McFaddens Road. All welcome. For more info, contact Tony Marsh on 355 6522, email: tony@nht.org.nz. Website: www.nht.org.nz

**Hatha Yoga:** Tuesday, 10 – 11.30 am at Mary Potter Community Centre, 31 Caledonian Rd. Ph: 980 8760 (Pauline)

**Laughter Yoga:** Sunday, 11 – 12 pm at Scottish Society Hall, Cnr Caledonian & Edgeware Rds. Ph: 021 998 109 (Hannah)

**Leisure Group (55+):** Friday – meets fortnightly at 10.30 am Ph: 379 6305

**Mairehau Parish Indoor Bowling Club:** behind Our Lady of Fatima Church. We welcome new members. Mondays at 7pm. The Season is between March and September. For details phone 382 8340

**Overeaters Anonymous:** Is eating a problem for you? Are you suffering from Anorexia, Bulimia, Obesity and/or Compulsive Eating? There is a solution. Meetings held weekly throughout Christchurch. All welcome. Phone 365 3812.

**St Albans Art Society:** Monday, 10 am – 12 pm at Shirley Community Centre (Room 11), Cnr Shirley Rd & Slater St. Phone: 366 3022 (Catherine)

**St Albans Choir:** Mondays 7.30 – 9 pm at St Paul's Anglican Church, 1 Harewood Rd, Papanui. Phone: 379 9188 (Heather)

**St Albans Choir Concert:** Tuesday (3rd), 7.30 – 9 pm at St Paul's Anglican Church, 1 Harewood Rd, Papanui Phone: 379 9188 (Heather)

**St Albans Market Day:** Want to clear out that cluttered garage? Got lots of old toys and books to get rid of? Maybe you have crafts or artwork to sell and don't want the hassle of selling them online? Make some cash for Christmas at The St Albans Market Day!

For just \$20 you can book a car boot stall at the Market Day on Saturday the 20th November – or the kids can even sell their own stuff for just \$5 at the Kids Market.

Market Day is a community event rather than a fundraiser, and any individuals or community groups are welcome to take a stall.

The market will run from 11am-2pm on Sat November 20th in the school grounds. Details and registration forms are available from the school office in Sheppard Place or on the school website: www.stalbans.school.nz

**St Albans Swim Club 2010/11:** 10 week Summer Season Nov. Feb. March at Shirley Intermediate HEATED Pool. \* Monday-Thursday Lessons at all levels; Advanced Training squad; Lane swimming available; Fridays: Club/ Family Swim/Barbecue. Enrolment Enquiries by email: paul.valerie@actrix.co.nz or phone: 3556512

**Shirley Community Choir:** Monday nights, 7:15pm, Room 11 in the Shirley Community Centre. Ph 386 1025 or 027 568 5515 or email Christopher\_musgrave@yahoo.co.nz

**Shirley Toy Library:** Hammersley Park School, Amos Place (off Marshlands Road). Opening hours: Wednesday 9:30 am – 11:30 am, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

**Transition Initiative St Albans (TISA):** Next Transition Forum to be held on 14 Dec at 12.30pm at the WEA, 59 Gloucester St. Further information, phone 374 2465 or email tisa@stalbans.gen.nz

### Church Services:

**Beulah Christian Fellowship,** 140 Springfield Rd; Sunday services at 10 am & 6.30 pm

**North Avon Baptist Church,** 103 North Avon Rd; Sunday service 10 am & Monday service at 7 pm

**Ratana Church Service:** Every third Sunday of the month. 11am-12pm at the Rehua Marae. (Ph: 355 5606)

**St Albans Baptist Church,** 64 McFaddens Rd, Sunday services at 10 am & 5 pm

### The Lamb of God Christchurch presents:

- Mass for Hope with Fr John Rea, Wed. 17 Nov, 7.30pm, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 380 Innes Road, St Albans

- Prayers for Healing with Fr John Rea, Sat 20 Nov, 7.30pm and Sun 21 Nov, 3.30pm at Lamb of God Centre, Thames Street.

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The Caly, during demolition (Photo: Maria Hayward)





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### SERVICES

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**All Creatures Small:** Pet sitting and Locum Vet Nurse Phone 365 6156. thseeker\_who@yahoo.com

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**Celebrant available:** For your marriage, civil union, or other ceremony. Ruth Gardner, phone 03 365-6943, www.ruth.org.nz

**Christmas:** Why not give a Christmas present that will help the SPCA? 'My Chocolate Box

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**Healing and Readings:** Crystal and Theta Healings, intuitive readings. Phone Yvonne 960 9711 or info@healingpathways.co.nz or www.healingpathways.co.nz

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**Yoga:** Mary Potter Centre. Tuesday 10-11.30am. Friendly, relaxing class, well suited to mature figures. Phone Pauline on 980 8760

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## **Packe Street Park & Stratford Garden Club**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

*by Peggy Kelly*

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm there will be a ceremonial planting of an apricot tree in the centre bed by Stratford Garden Club – winners of a Gold Award at last year's Ellerslie Flower Show. All members of The Friends of the Park and volunteer gardeners are invited to attend and to welcome and show the Stratford Garden Club members around our community garden. This delightful and practical gesture by a prestigious club is acknowledged with pleasure. Please come if you can.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm there will be Carols in Packe Street Park led, as always, by Heather Gladstone, the St Albans Community Choir and guests. Please note the slightly later start this year. The event lasts only one hour – so be sure to come early and bring your picnic. If it rains we will meet and sing at the Korean Presbyterian Church, 75 Packe Street. We thank the Korean Church sincerely for providing the back up accommodation this year. 

## *Carols in Packe Street Park*



*Music by  
Heather Mitchell Gladstone,  
The St Albans Community Choir And  
Guests*

*Seasons Greetings from The Friends of  
Packe Street Park*

*If the weather is good, bring your picnic.*

*If the weather is bad,  
Carol Singing will be in the  
Korean Presbyterian Church  
75 Packe Street, St Albans.*

## **Pavilion and Pool update**

*by Craig Dickson*

St Albans Pavilion and Pool Inc. have been working toward attaining Resource Consent for our proposed new outdoor pool project. We have now lodged all required reports for the Resource Consent, and are looking forward to a productive discussion with the newly elected Christchurch City Council.

The September 4th Earthquake has had a big impact on fundraising, with so many businesses and individuals affected in our community.

St Albans Pavilion and Pool had planned to sell 'EdgeWhere' Calendars at Dunkley's Craft Show over the weekend of the 10th-12th September 2010 but unfortunately (especially for the Dunkley family) this event had to be cancelled due to the earthquake. We held a very successful Plant and Garage sale on the 30th October and raised just over \$1000! Many thanks to all the helpers and supporters and to Oderings for the fantastic plants they donated!

We feel very positive that with the support of our community, we can achieve our goal of a new outdoor pool for all to enjoy!

Please email: [info@stalbanspavilionandpool.org.nz](mailto:info@stalbanspavilionandpool.org.nz) for more information!

### **Quotes of the Month**

*"An earthquake achieves  
what the law promises but  
does not in practice maintain -  
the equality of all men."*

**Ignazio Silon**



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