



*The BNA wishes all fellow-residents of Beckenham, and all our Service Centre staff, a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.*

*Let's get together and start the Festive Season with a...*

**NEIGHBOURHOOD CHRISTMAS BARBECUE  
and  
CAROLS IN THE PARK  
FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER**

The Barbecue will start at 5.30 pm, There will be **free sausages, sauce, onions and bread**—feel free to bring any extras you fancy.

**PLEASE REMEMBER ALSO TO BRING SOMETHING TO SIT ON**



Father Christmas is scheduled to arrive at about 6.30 pm. From about 7.00pm there will be Christmas carols, with music played by the Woolston Junior Brass Band.

**VENUE (DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER)**

**It is planned to use the school courtyard — but if the weather turns cold and wet we will move to the school hall**

You are invited by :-

- **Beckenham School**
- **Beckenham Methodist Church**
- **Beckenham Neighbourhood Assn**

☆☆☆ **EVERYONE WELCOME!** ☆☆☆

# **AGM AND COMMITTEE REPORT**

We had a well attended and successful Annual General Meeting, with councillor Sue Wells as our guest speaker.

Officers and Committee elected for the year were as follows, with a warm welcome being given to three new committee members (marked \*).

Chairperson : Peter Tuffley    Vice-Chair : Lesley Kissell  
Secretary: Paul Dudson    Treasurer: Michael O'Neill  
Committee: Charlie Grace, Clive Marks\*, Gerald Scally\*, Ritchie Wilson\*

**HOWEVER, DO NOT FEEL THAT THE SIZE OF OUR NEW COMMITTEE WOULD MAKE YOU SUPERFLUOUS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE ROOM FOR YOU!**

Sue's talk was very lively and motivating. Taking the ideas behind "Neighbourhood Week" as a point of departure, she focussed on such things as the importance of forming mutually supportive links with neighbours (a theme that appears elsewhere in this issue too), dialogue between residents and councillors, Community Board members and Council staff, the need for both residents and elected representatives to be vigilant and critical in the face of proposals that emanate from the Council bureaucracy. *If you've got a problem*, she urged, *get onto your local councillors about it. Remember, they normally want to get re-elected.* This led to a vigorous discussion of a number of local issues, and gave committee members much food for thought.

**We had planned to hold a public meeting to promote the formation of some new Neighbourhood Support Groups. That plan has had to be deferred until next year. Watch our first issue in 2001 for an announcement.**

**In the meantime, with the festive season drawing nearer, we urge everyone to be that extra bit vigilant and watchful and give thieves a really hard time. Make sure your home is as secure as possible, especially when you are away from it.**

**Be on the lookout for strangers, for people behaving suspiciously. Arrange with your neighbours to keep an eye on each other's properties. Include such arrangements in your holiday planning**

**Have a safe, happy, healthy, Christmas and New Year, free from the misery of break-ins, burglary and theft.**

*Peter*

# Civil Defence

is about being

**aware and prepared**

**Civil Defence is not about joining a group and playing games**

It is about **preparing yourself and your community** for emergencies

**What sort of emergencies can we expect?**

**Earthquakes; Floods; Storms; Tsunami (would effect the coastal areas);  
Fire; Electricity black-outs.**

**How can I be prepared?**

Have a basic kit of **survival items**: clean water and food for up to 3 days; medications; food for pets; a radio with spare batteries; a torch with spare batteries...

**Read the back pages of your yellow pages telephone book**

**Who can help me or my neighbours?**

**Your Civil Defence Sector Post will open to help those who need shelter, food and/or medical assistance.**

**What can I do to help?**

**Join your Civil Defence team**

**Put your name on the resources register for your sector (to help the team during an emergency); we may need doctors; nurses; translators; child carers; counsellors; receptionists; carpenters; builders, mechanics, to name a few...**

**Offer the use of goods and machinery, e.g. blankets; sleeping bags; chainsaws; 4W drive vehicles; block and tackle; water containers;**

**Get to know your neighbours; activate your Neighbourhood Support Group; keep an eye on potential problems, e.g. large trees, the river banks, road and cliff faces on the hill;**

**Your Civil Defence team is a group of volunteers who are preparing to lead the community in the event of an emergency - what can you do to help?**

**Can you help to make a difference?**

**Phone: Delia Arnold [332 2254] or Marie King [339 0879]**

## 21st Century and 21st Birthday

Kowhai Arboretum Planting, Beckenham Park, 30 September 2000

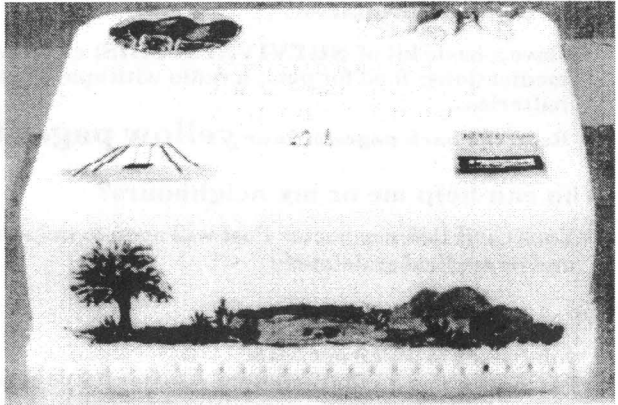


Residents of all ages gathered together for a morning of companionable fun, planting trees and eating birthday cake, on the occasion of the opening of the BNA's Millennium Project and celebration of the Association's 21st birthday.

The cake looked almost too beautiful to cut, with its decorations representing different facets of the BNA: its

emblem depicting river, trees and hills; our local history book; the children's play equipment in the park — and, of course, kowhai flowers.

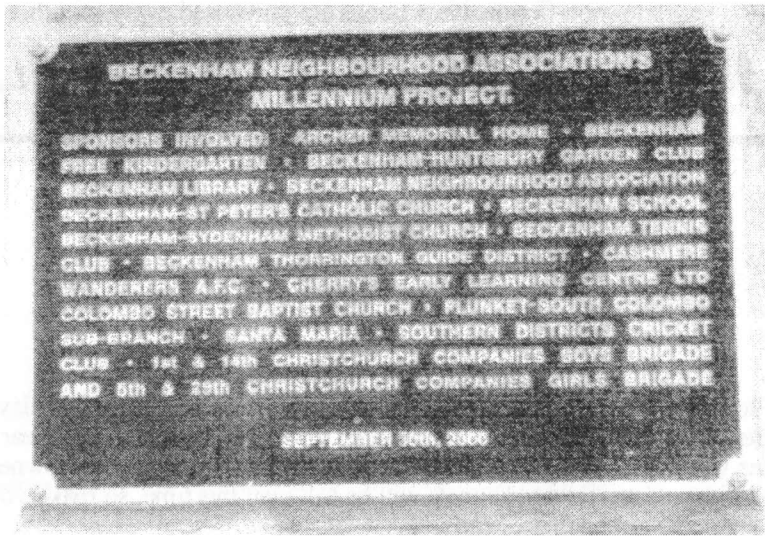
The Arboretum is the result of a long collaboration between the BNA and the City Council's Parks Department. On the day, helpful staff who had been working hard to prepare the ground were present to lend a hand; and our Community Advocate Nick Chapman was also there to receive on the Council's behalf a cheque representing the contribution of the BNA and other local sponsors towards the project — as well as making a short speech of birthday congratulations.



It was a pleasure to welcome also Andrew Wilson, a former Chairperson of the Association, who had travelled from Wellington with his family to join in the occasion.



We would like to thank all those local organisations who contributed to making this project possible. Their names are recorded on a plaque in the Arboretum, a photograph of which is reproduced here.



Commemorative photographs of the event and of all who took part (taken by Christchurch Photographic Society member Lesley Tuffley) are available for sale, price \$2 each. To view, choose and order, phone Lesley on 332-7951.

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**STOP PRESS: NEW LIBRARY/SERVICE CENTRE PROPOSALS**

Find out and have your say at public meetings that have been scheduled as follows (all starting at 7pm) :

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|-------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 5 December, | Function room | Cashmere Club                   |
| 6 December  | Blue Room     | Hoon Hay Club                   |
| 7 December  | Theatre       | Risingholme<br>Community Centre |



## **Beckenham Public Library**

Sandwich Rd  
Beckenham  
Christchurch 8002

Hours Open: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 2pm to 4pm  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 7pm to 8pm  
Closed all statutory holidays.

Compliments of the season to all, and a warm welcome to new residents,  
Situated next to Beckenham School, the Beckenham Public  
Library is your local suburban library.

We cater for both adults and children, with an excellent range of fiction and  
non-fiction. New books are purchased every month.

*It's your Library - use it or lose it*



## **Cashmere Veterinary Clinic**

Hello again from everyone at the Clinic. As summer and the holiday season get under way, please remember to consider your pets' needs. Every year we see sad cases where pets have been left to fend for themselves while their owners are away on holiday. Catteries and kennels will be full over this time, so make your bookings or other care arrangements early.

Remember too that vaccinations need to be up to date, and that the protection takes 10—14 days to build up—so it's important to get these done well before animals go for boarding.

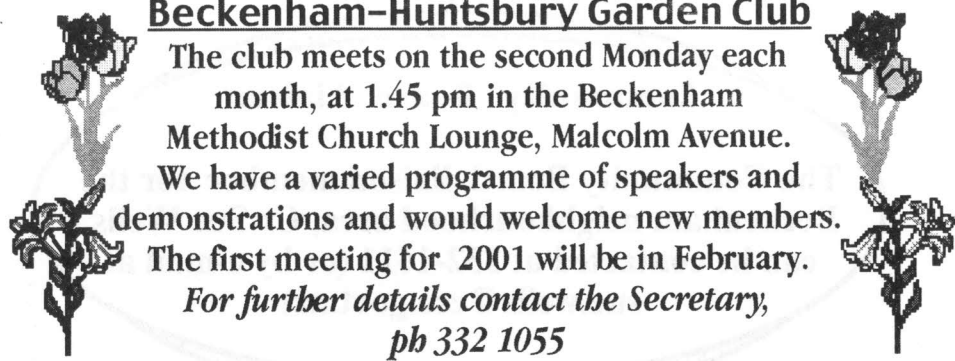
With the warmer weather, fleas are now in full force and we are seeing lots of itchy pets, some with severe irritations. Prevention is always the best way; so take advantage of some professional advice when choosing from the ever-growing range of treatments available.

Have a good summer, and remember those pets.

*David Hobbs, B.V.Sc.*



## **Beckenham-Huntsbury Garden Club**



The club meets on the second Monday each month, at 1.45 pm in the Beckenham Methodist Church Lounge, Malcolm Avenue. We have a varied programme of speakers and demonstrations and would welcome new members.

The first meeting for 2001 will be in February.

*For further details contact the Secretary,  
ph 332 1055*

## **BECKENHAM FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

**Another year of shared pleasure and companionship draws to a close. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to Everyone. Come along in 2001 and join us.**

Meetings are held at the Methodist Church Lounge, Malcolm Avenue, 1-30pm. Our entertainment programme for the next three months is:—

**12 December Christmas Dinner**

**9 January Auction**

(16 Jan—Bus Trip; 23 Jan—Housie Afternoon)

**13 February Entertainment by The Woodlarks**

(20 Feb—Bus Trip; 27 Feb—Housie Afternoon)

**13 March The Woolston Group**

(20 Mar—Bus Trip; 27 Mar—Housie Afternoon)

For more info on Club activities please phone **Riki (332-8236)**

**Janet (332-4237)**

### **WARNING—MAIL THEFT**

This seems to be on the increase again. With Christmas goodies in transit, there will be thieves looking for easy pickings. Keep a lookout for the postie and an eye on your and your neighbours' mailboxes.

## Community Board Liaison

The Community Board liaison member for the Beckenham neighbourhood area, Cr Sue Wells, can be contacted at 332-1611 (or by e-mail at [sue.wells@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:sue.wells@ccc.govt.nz))

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## THE HISTORY OF BECKENHAM

Have you read the book that tells the story of your community? *Beckenham—A Suburb of Christchurch* is available from Editions in Thorrington, from the Beckenham Lotto shop, or from the Beckenham Service Centre, price \$12.

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## Beckenham Neighbourhood Association Membership 2000/2001 Annual Subscription

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