

# IN TOUCH

NURSES' MEMORIAL CHAPEL  
NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Christchurch School of Nursing 1891—1987

Thursday, 20 September 2007

The Friends of the Nurses' Chapel held a service to remember ninety-six years of nurses training, which saw hundreds of young women reach their dream and graduate to NZ Registered Nurse.

The decades brought many changes to nurses training, in the lecture room and the wards. But one event that never changed and was common to all nurses; the arrival of spring when hundreds of daffodils bloomed in Hagley Park in front of the Nurses' Home. There they went with friends and camera to have their photographs taken.

This is the scene depicted in the new stained glass window, unveiled by Miss Brenda Brankin, rtd Matron, during the service.

The window was constructed by Graham Stewart of Rangiora, a well known Canterbury artist

All guests on arrival received a daffodil for their lapel.

Jenny Gillies had her senior model dressed as a daffodil, to dance her way down the aisle, to a reading by Executive Director of Nursing, Mary Gordon, of W Wordsworth's poem, "The Daffodils".

Four young women wore the uniforms of the past, ie. "Pinkie", Trainee, Staff, and Ward Sister.

The Rev David Morrell, rtd Hospital Chaplain, conducted the service.

A happy occasion, with Christchurch nurses past and present, expressing appreciation of the window and training days remembered.

Lorraine Shannon  
President

## Some Nursing Snippets

1891	School of Nursing opens
1899	Electric lights turned on
1899	Boer War
1901	Registration NZ Nurses
1914	World War I - 1918
1915	"Marquette" sunk
1916	Polio epidemic
1918	Influenza epidemic
1927	Nurses Memorial Chapel opened
1939	Free hospital beds
1940	World War II - 1945
1940's	Penicillin introduced
1942	Measles and influenza epidemics
1947	Polio epidemic
1951	Polio epidemic
1959	Tuberculosis Sanatorium closes

**We honour and salute our Nurses**

## Sad Note

Jean Johnston is our most capable organiser of our 'Afternoon Supervisors' and carpark. Having held office for thirteen years, she knows our ladies and some gentlemen very well.

Recently Jean had a bad fall and broke her lower right leg, which required surgery. At present she is recovering in the Burwood Hospital Orthopaedic Department. She is comfortable and cheerful.

We all wish her well, with a good recovery.

## TREASURER

Over the last six months we have not been able to find a replacement for our long serving Treasurer, Doreen van Hassel.

Should we be unable to find a volunteer, we may be forced to employ outside help, at a cost. Would you, or someone you know, be interested. Phone 338 1657.

## ANZAC SERVICE

**Friday, April 25 2008, at 10.00 am**

This very popular service will be led by  
Hospital Chaplain, Rev Hillary Barlow.

Once again we will be joined by Health Support Group  
of the Canterbury Regiment and Army Cadets.

Morning tea will be served at the conclusion of the service.

ANZAC morning: Parking along Riccarton Avenue should be easy.  
No sports in Hagley Park. No parking meter readers till afternoon.

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