

KARORI HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

The Society's next General Meeting will be held on

Tuesday 4 June 2013

at St Ninian's, Newcombe Crescent, Karori

at 7.45 pm.

Members and friends welcome

Business:

Annual report and accounts

Election of officers:

President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer

Election of committee

Election of Hon. Auditor

General business

Nominations for the Committee

Elizabeth Bradford last year indicated she would not be standing for re-election. However, her replacement will not be available immediately and therefore Elizabeth has agreed to remain a member of the committee in the meantime. All the other members have agreed to stand for re-election – they are:

President – Judith Burch

Vice-President – Jan Heynes

Secretary – Henry Brittain

Treasurer – Valerie Carter

Hon. Auditor – James Graham

Committee – Peter Anderson, Jeni Bryant, Jo Elworthy, Mike Foster, John Harper, Margery Renwick

We do need new people who will bring a different perspective into our discussions. Please consider standing for election and provide the Society with your energy, passion, and enthusiasm for history, and all that entails.

Talk:

Our speaker is Susan Price - historian, author, conservationist and collector of twentieth century children's books. She will talk about 'A Mind of His Own - The Childhood of Hugh Price'

Susan is the daughter of Beverley Randell and Hugh Price. Hugh, together with Jim Milburn founded a successful publishing company in 1957 and Beverley was one of the authors who worked for the company.

March meeting:

Joanna Newman from the Mt Victoria Historical Society gave an illustrated talk about aspects of Mt Victoria's history and its importance to Wellington. The main focus of the talk was on the Basin Reserve Heritage and the values of this iconic area of Wellington.

Email addresses:

Several members have already supplied us with their contact details, but we still have some gaps in our database. This information will make it much easier for us to arrange trips or respond to activities which are offered at short notice. If you are willing to provide your email address please notify vecarternz@paradise.net.nz then you will receive your Newsletter and invoices by email. However, if you would like to continue to receive your Newsletter and invoices please advise Valerie Carter at vecarternz@paradise.net.nz

Subscriptions:

We attach an invoice for your subscription and urge members to use the internet banking facility we offer.

The committee agreed at its last meeting to recommend that annual subscriptions be increased to \$20 for an individual and \$25 for a family to take effect from April 2014. This is necessary because of increasing administration costs – for example post office box rental, production of *The Stockade*, postage and lower interest rates. Our subscriptions were last increased at the AGM on 6 June 2000, and while we regret having to do so, we believe members will acknowledge the necessity. A donation with this year's subscription would be gratefully

DON'T FORGET - we still have plenty of copies of our wonderful book **KARORI & its People** waiting for buyers with Karori associations and lovers of local history - great value at \$50.

received.

The Stockade:

Our editor, Jo Elworthy, is currently preparing material for Issue 45 and needs more copy, if you can help talk to her at the meeting, ring 934 7608, or email joelworthy@paradise.net.nz

Chevening, 90 Salamanca Road, Kelburn:

Seventeen members and friends visited this historical building on Sunday 14 April. After afternoon tea our host Susan Price spoke briefly about the building and her family's involvement in its restoration. We then watched a comprehensive video, which detailed the building's early ownership, its history and restoration. We were also lucky enough to have Susan give us a guided tour of one of the unoccupied flats. It was a very satisfying and interesting afternoon and everyone appreciated the dedication of the Price family in rescuing the building.

The Wellington Historical & Early Settlers Association:

A busload of members from the Association visited some of the sights of Karori on Thursday 18 April. The president and secretary met them at Zealandia and we then visited St Mary's church in Fancourt Street and admired the stained glass windows, then to Wright's Hill to the lookout before going to Futuna chapel where one of the Trustees, Bernadine Pool, pointed out some of the outstanding features of the chapel and the newly restored Cross. The final stop was a brief visit to the cemetery.