



THE EPSOM & EDEN DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

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NEWSLETTER : MAY/JUNE 2006

Our Outing this month is on

Sunday 28 May 2006 at 2:00 pm

to the

Noel Taylor Hall of Fame

Alexandra Park
Greenlane Rd



To reach the venue, park in Carpark B (off Greenlane Rd).

Shortly before the opening race of the Auckland Trotting Club's December 19 1998 meeting at Alexandra Park, the new Noel Taylor New Zealand Trotting Hall Of Fame Museum was officially opened by its benefactor. Special sections are devoted to the immortal pacer Cardigan Bay (who is buried behind the museum) and the Queen of the Park Delightful Lady who still holds the record (47) for the most number of winning runs in New Zealand. Two notable exhibits are the first Auckland Trotting Cup won in 1890 by Commodore and the colours of Monte Carlo the winner of the first New Zealand Trotting Cup in 1904.

The next meeting is to be held

Queen's Birthday - Monday 5 June 2006 at 7:30 pm

(beginning with light refreshments)

in the *Epsom/Eden Room*, Epsom Community Centre, 202 Gillies Ave, Epsom
(cnr Gillies Ave/Kimberley Rd)

Ample parking is available from either the Gillies Ave or Kimberley Rd entrances.

Speaker: Kate de Courcy, Manuscript Collections Librarian at Auckland City Libraries.

Topic: The **Special Collections** area found on the second floor of the Central Library. which contains books, photographs, manuscripts, maps and ephemera, not only from Auckland and New Zealand, but from around the world. They range in age from 900 years old to the present. All these materials require special care or handling because of their rarity, uniqueness, value or condition. Kate will talk about the richness and variety of **Special Collections**, the many opportunities it offers for research and the enjoyment of looking across space and time.

OUR APRIL OUTING

was to *Alberton*



Extract : *Onehunga Fencible & Historical Society Inc – Newsletter April 06*

Did you know?



On November 23 **1867**, the first **sparrows and starlings** were imported by the Auckland Acclimatisation Society - and on December 21 **1867**, **sparrows** were sold at auction at an average of **10 shillings** each. On January 29 **1868**, importation by the Acclimatisation Society of birds per "*Warrior Queen*" included thrushes, blackbirds, chaffinches, hedge sparrows, goldfinches, yellow-hammers, larks, house, mountain and road sparrows.

Many thanks to all those who have contributed articles on such a wide range of topics for *Prospect 2006*. Subjects range from cobblers to cooking, launches to libraries. The actual production may be a little later this year as the committee decided to wait until John Denny had finished with his share of the work on the History of Epsom and was free to give his undivided attention to *Prospect*. It is not too soon to be starting research for 2007. I would like more articles next year with an Eden emphasis if possible, but I imagine research for the Epsom history has turned up a wealth of information in excess of what can be used in that book and would be great for *Prospect*.

Jeanette Grant

After four years of researching, writing, reviewing, editing and many other preparatory tasks, the great project to produce a written history of Epsom is within a few months of fruition. The book, which is plainly entitled *The History of Epsom*, is now almost in page layout form and a massive index is also partly completed. Publication is scheduled for late August/early September and members will be kept fully informed about launch activities closer to the time. During June all EEDHS members will receive a sales brochure and order form and there will also be a carefully-planned marketing campaign. The work is very substantial – over 400 pages, some 400 illustrations, 110 biographical boxes of notable Epsomites, and a comprehensive appendix of Epsom street names. It will be an invaluable reference book for many decades to come. With a limited print run (1,000), the work will be in much demand and may well assume the status of a collector's piece.

Graham Bush
Editor

Obituaries

It is with sadness that we record the loss this year of two of the Society's valued members, both of whom had been longtime residents of Epsom. Nionne Goulding died on 3rd February and her funeral was held at St Andrews Church. With her husband John, she had been a faithful supporter of the work of the Society, and tribute was paid to her at our February meeting.

Estelle Henry died on 20 April, and her funeral was conducted at the Epsom Methodist Church where she and her family had been closely involved for many years. The history of both the Epsom and Mount Eden districts was of great interest to Estelle, and her warm and friendly presence will be missed at our meetings.

Our deepest sympathy to both families in their bereavement.