



## THE EPSOM & EDEN DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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### NEWSLETTER : JULY 2010

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the **10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting** of the Epsom & Eden District Historical Society Inc. will be held in the Epsom/Eden Room, Epsom Community Centre, 202 Gillies Ave (cnr Gillies Ave/Kimberley Rd) Epsom

**Monday 2 August 2010 at 7.30 pm**

Light refreshments served before meeting.

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

**Election of Officers** - If you are interested in standing for the Committee (you would be very welcome), please complete and return the attached nomination form to the Secretary, c/- 14 Corbett-Scott Ave, Epsom, or bring to the AGM. One nomination for Secretary has been received. Our Treasurer is not seeking re-election and we are actively looking for someone to help the society in this way. Further nominations will also be received at the AGM.

**Subscriptions:** The Treasurer will recommend that subscriptions remain unchanged at **Single \$25 and Double \$35**. Jeanette Grant will have receipt book available if you would like to pay your annual subscription at the AGM.

**Speaker:** Associate Professor Ian Smith, School for the Environment

**Topic:** Vulcanology – Recent Research on Auckland's Volcanoes

### Cornwall Park Information Centre (Huia Lodge)

**Open 10am – 4pm daily**

Have you been in to see the displays of  
Blockhouse Bay, Onehunga and Panmure  
Historical Societies  
together with Epsom & Eden District?  
Well worth a visit.

*The History of Epsom* (Reprint) is also available for sale at \$65.

The displays are on view from  
**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010**

### Prospect 2010

Jeanette Grant advises that this year's issue of *Prospect* will be in your hands before too long and hopes you are thinking about your article for next year!

## Next Outing

### **The Epsom & Eden District Historical Society Inc 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

The Society will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
by hosting a Luncheon at  
**Eden Gardens Café, Omana Ave, Epsom**

**Sunday 19 September 2010 at 12.00 for 12.30 pm**

#### **3-Course Menu**

*Smoked fish pate served with melba toast  
Glazed ham off the bone served with Cumberland sauce  
Slow-cooked leg of lamb with rosemary, mint & capers  
Roasted root vegetables and spring greens  
Trifle & meringues  
Tea & coffee*

***Please note that there will be a \$3.00 per glass BYO levy***

Seating capacity - Limit of 60

Registration required

Members \$20 (subsidised by the EEDHS)

Non-members \$35

Eric Laurenson will have tickets available at AGM

As the Society's contribution to Heritage Week, following the Luncheon

Jack Baker's book, ***A Baker's Dozen***, will be launched at 2pm.

Jack is a long-time Epsom resident and historian.

## JULY OUTING

A cosy, Saturday matinee session at the 'pictures' provided an entertaining July's outing 'at home' for the Society. Curtains and blinds were drawn against a bleak winter afternoon as approximately 40 of our members gathered at the Epsom Community House to watch a special compilation of film clips from New Zealand in the 1960s. Campbell Farquhar, from the Auckland office of the New Zealand Film Archive which had prepared the presentation, brought all the equipment necessary to show us some fascinating footage.

The Film Archive office in Auckland is situated at 300 Karangahape Road (on the upper floor of the former Post Office), and is open to the public each week-day. Campbell informed members about the work of the Archive which has its main office in Wellington. It holds a remarkable collection of films relating to New Zealand from a wide range of sources. Some early American films, thought lost in the US, have also been found among its treasures. At the time of their release, copies were sent to New Zealand for screening and it was not expected that those duplicates would be returned to the distributors. They had been safely stored away and recently afforded an exciting discovery for a visiting American researcher.

Moving chronologically through the decade we were able to revisit a wide variety of occasions from our political, social and cultural history, ranging from the drama of protest against the exclusion of Maori from the All Black tour of South Africa, and the visit of the USS *Halibut* nuclear submarine, to the later demonstrations against the Vietnam War. We watched the celebrations of Auckland reaching its half-million population and the visit of the Beatles.

A charming excerpt from a Pictorial Parade, *'The Butterfly Fleet'* took us into Auckland's summer, and shared the story of P-class yachts. We laughed at Ivan Bowen's slow-motion shearing of a resigned-looking sheep to the strains of the *'Elizabethan Serenade'*, and at the fashions of the time, especially those hats!

It all passed all too quickly and within an hour we were back in 2010 but wishing for more. Maybe next winter we'll travel back in time with the Film Archive again. (Contributed by Helen Laurenson)

**Next Meeting Monday 4 October 2010 at 7.30 pm**