



## THE EPSOM & EDEN DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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### *NEWSLETTER : JUNE 2008*

#### **CORNWALL PARK**

The next Society outing is on

**Sunday 13 July 2008**

We will meet at the Cornwall Park Information Centre  
(Huia Lodge) at **2pm**  
for a presentation by the  
The World War II Historical Re-enactment Society

Cornwall Park was utilised for the defence effort in WWII  
by a wide variety of military services – be it an HQ for the Home Guard  
and Quarter Masters of the 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion or the  
39<sup>th</sup> US General Army Hospital formerly in the Park.

This Society is dedicated to preserving and presenting New Zealand's contribution  
to the Second World War.

Static display and parade including a military vehicle.  
Come along and learn more about what they do.  
A cup of tea will also be served.

All events at Cornwall Park are free-of-charge.

**Notice is hereby given** that the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at the  
Epsom Community Centre on **Monday 4 August 2008** at 7:30 pm.

The Treasurer will recommend that subscriptions remain unchanged at  
Single \$25 and Double \$35.

She will be armed with her receipt book to take your cheque/money at the meeting.

The Society's annual journal *Prospect 2008* will also be available  
for members at the meeting.

Jeanette Grant (638 8566) welcomes contributions for the 2009 issue.

Members of the Society can purchase copies of *The History of Epsom*  
at the special price of **\$60.**

Contact Bryan Boon (625 6465) or Christine Black (630 5554).  
The book will also be available for purchase at our meetings.

### OUR MAY MEETING

Speaker - John Adam - His topic *True Stories from the Gardens of Eden*

It is a pity that the Epsom Community Centre is not yet equipped with the promised sound-system. This would have been invaluable at the Society's May meeting when many people were unable to appreciate our speaker. He dealt with an unusual aspect of early city life. I found it particularly interesting to learn that before 1879 many of our volcanic cones were treated as "common" land and used by local residents for free grazing. Once they were fenced and this use by the public ceased, fire became a problem on the overgrown slopes.  
*(Contributed by Jeanette Grant)*

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**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** Lisa Thomas, Rebecca Thomas-Dick.

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