



## THE EPSOM & EDEN DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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### NEWSLETTER : NOVEMBER 2008

(Note: This is the last newsletter for the year)

#### LOOKING AHEAD

The next meeting of the Society will be held

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009 at 7:30 pm**

**The first 15 minutes of the meeting will be a Special meeting called to approve the  
2007-2008 Audited Accounts**

Full details in next Newsletter posted January 2009

**Further Meeting Dates for 2009** – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every second month at 7.30 pm.  
5<sup>th</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> August (AGM), 4<sup>th</sup> October (final mtg for year).

Where possible, outings will be organised for the first Monday of alternate months  
i.e. March, May, July, September, November.

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#### 🎵 THE SALVATION ARMY PLAYS CHRISTMAS CAROLS 🎵

at Eden Gardens

***Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2008 from 2pm to 3pm***

In conjunction with the Mt Eden Business Assn and Government House  
**(Free entry)**

Contact: David Pittman (520 2859)

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#### NZ FEDERATION OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES INC

**Annual General Meeting and Conference 2009 - "History brought to Life" Matamata**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Sunday 23 March 2009** - Hosted by the Matamata Historical Society Inc.

*(The programme and registration form will be available at our Feb 2nd meeting)*

**SETTLERS DAY – FEILDING - Wellington Anniversary Weekend, Saturday 17 January 2009**

**Main Streets and the Square - 10am – 4pm - Edwardian Theme – Stalls, fun games and competitions**

**"Make it an historical weekend"** - Contact: Rosalind Bagley ([rosalindbagley@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rosalindbagley@xtra.co.nz))

**"THE LAST SPIKE"** - A mainly pictorial history celebrating the completion of the New Zealand North Island Main Trunk Line in 1908. Photographs mostly from the **Guylee collection of the Auckland Weekly News** from 100 years ago. \$45 + postage. Contact Fielding & Districts Historical Society, P O Box 42, Fielding 4702.

**PROSPECT : The Journal of the Epsom & Eden District Historical Society Inc.**  
Jeanette Grant (638 8566) would welcome your contribution for **Prospect 09** - it need not be lengthy.  
Jeanette is happy to assist with organising your memories and memorabilia that will help  
preserve the past for the future. Deadline: **31 March 09**

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**"THE HISTORY OF EPSOM" – Second Edition**

Available for sale at *Time Out Bookstore*, Cnr Stokes Rd/Mt Eden Rd  
or their website [www.timeout.co.nz](http://www.timeout.co.nz)

Also available to members of the society at a special price of \$60.00. Contact a member of the Executive.

A note of appreciation to all the people who have been distributing flyers throughout the Epsom district. There has been an excellent response with many requests received for the book.

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## NOVEMBER 08 OUTING

### Society visit to the Franklin District and the Glenbrook Vintage Railway (GVR)

What a great 'big day out' 28 members and friends had

- perfect weather. A running, very informative commentary from tour director, Dr David Black
- seeing the sights of the Franklin District, e.g. the extensive market gardens - and enjoying many aspects of undiscovered history of the area
- visiting the Pukekohe East Church – built by settlers 145 yrs ago; (see *New Zealand Memories Issue 75 December/January 2009*)

Two original settlers, James Corbett Scott aged 102 and his wife, Helen, are buried in the churchyard (see *New Zealand Memories Issue 75 December/January 2009*)– this was of special interest to Eric and Helen Laurenson who live in the Epsom street named for him

- a walk down the main street of Waiuku noting historical buildings en route
- lunch at the Glenbrook Railway Station – a welcome respite before boarding a steam-hauled train to Waiuku and back to Pukeoware Works
- stopping for a very special photo-opportunity
- visiting the locomotive depot and the car and wagon workshop
- concluding the day with a sumptuous afternoon-tea provided by the ladies of St Bride's Anglican Church, Mauku, followed by a visit to the very beautiful 147 yr-old historical church. The name of St Bride is derived from St Bridget, one of the first Irish saints – she is buried at Downpatrick with St Columba and St Patrick. (see *The Church of St Bride-Mauku 1861-2001*)
- Mrs Judy Eggleton (née Dunningham)\*, who grew up in Epsom – was a Girl Guide with Helen Laurenson at St Andrew's Cavell Company, attended St Cuthbert's and now a long-time parishioner of St Bride's, told us



some of the history of the church, its wonderful Finlay Rd site; the first service being held in the church 14 July 1861; early settler, Mr Joseph Crispe, suggested the name for the new church as he had attended St Bride's in Fleet St, London; the magnificent stained-glass window at the east end of the church; the presentation in 1958 of 3 St Bride's Church Medallions held by the Liverymen of St Bride's Fleet Street, London to 3 gentlemen of St Bride's, Mauku, the medallions are now mounted on top of the Church Wardens' staves.

Several members purchased copies of *The Church of St Bride – Mauku 1861-2001* a copy of which has been generously presented to the Society's library by Jim and Janet Millar.

Thus ended the Society's last outing for the year – enjoyed by all – and all thanks to convenor, Dr David Black.

\* Judy's father led the Kitchener Scout Group at Mt Eden Presbyterian Church (Greyfriars) for many years.

*The Executive Committee wishes all members  
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*