



THE EPSOM & EDEN DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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NEWSLETTER : MARCH 2010

The next meeting will be held

Monday 12th April 2010 at 7:30 pm

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

Parking is available from either Gillies Ave or Kimberley Rd entrances.

Light refreshments served before meeting.

Speaker: Derek Neutze

Has lived in Epsom for most of his life, Auckland Grammar Old Boy,

Pharmacist in Onehunga for 40 years,

(30 yrs as owner of Norris Pharmacy),

Parishioner of St Peter's Onehunga for 30 years.

Topic: History of St Peter's Anglican Church, Onehunga

One of New Zealand's oldest parishes (1848).

Present church built in 1930 and 1981.



Subscriptions

There has been an excellent response - re the few outstanding subs - if it has slipped your mind, the subscription fee remains unchanged, i.e. \$25 single, \$35 double. A cheque can be sent to Jeanette Grant, 662A Mt Eden Rd, Mt Eden. If you do not intend to renew your subscription please advise Jeanette and she will amend the mailing list accordingly.

OUTING : 21 March 2010

Howick Historical Village

The village at Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga, is based on the Fencible settlement during 1840 to 1880 which included Maori and European families.

There are more than 30 colonial buildings on site, including schools, a church, forge and general store. (Central Leader March 19th 2010)

Around a dozen members attended the Open Day at the village as it celebrated its 30th anniversary in grand style with a *Victorian Country Fair* on Sunday 21st March. A very pleasant surprise awaited those queuing to gain entry – the entry fee was reduced from \$11 to \$7 in honour of this very special occasion.

The visiting 65th Regiment presented the Opening Ceremony, followed by a varied programme of Scottish Dancers, Church Service, Musket Drill, March Past of the Manukau Pipes and Drums, Eastern Stars Youth Concert Band, and Maypole Dancers. His Worship the Mayor of Manukau City, Len Brown Esq. was keynote speaker – his theme, naturally, the *Howick Historical Village, celebrating 30 years*.

The afternoon entertainment drew to a close with an enactment of new Fencible settlers arriving at the Village - and the 65th Regiment conducted the closing ceremony with the releasing of several white doves (all returning to their base in Titirangi), the singing of God Save The Queen, a gun salute and the lowering of the Union Jack.

A most entertaining (and instructive) afternoon was enjoyed by Society members – the sun shone (almost too brilliantly) and those who were actively involved in the celebrations dressed in their Victorian costumes, were greatly admired. Also enjoyed, by some, were the welcome refreshments on the deck of the Homestead Cafe before heading for home.



The Epsom & Eden District Historical Society Inc 10th Birthday Celebration

The Society will celebrate its
10th anniversary
by hosting a Luncheon **Sunday 5
September 2010**

(Further details to follow closer
to the date)