



Preservation Post

Newsletter of the
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“Looking to the future to preserve our past”

Christ Church Taita
Part of the Hutt Valley for 160 years

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 15 April, 7.30 pm
Annual General Meeting
At the Church

Sunday 10 May, 2.00 pm
161st Annual Service
Feature Family: Welch

Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 15 April

The current committee is long-standing and would really appreciate new, enthusiastic participants. We are all passionate about Christ Church and additional assistance to continue the good work would keep us going. Please seriously consider what you can do for Christ Church. **We need YOU!** See you at 7.30 on 15 April.

Annual Service – Sunday 10 May, 2.00 pm

Joan Worthington, Welch family descendant lives in Wanganui and is passionate about her connection to Christ Church. She will talk about her connection to the family at this year's annual service and is keen to see as many Welch descendants as possible there. Please contact the Secretary if you know of anyone you think would

be interested in coming who may not be a member of the Society and receive the newsletter. The service is, of course, open to everyone, and so join us to celebrate our 161st year.

Grant and Painting

We are delighted to announce that the Society has received a grant of \$13,323 + GST from the Lottery Grants Board to paint the exterior of the Church. We are grateful to Mary Stevens for her hard work in preparing the documentation for the application.

As reported in Issue 51, the grant covers just two-thirds of the entire cost of the work. We are now in the process of making application to the Hutt City Council Built Heritage Incentive Fund for the shortfall. Bearing in mind our Grade 1 Historic listing, the Council is keen to assist us and has indicated they will look at a grant of up to \$10,000. This would allow us to effect some urgent repairs to the Church (replacement of some rotten timbers, etc) and complete the painting. The work will be commenced as soon as possible.

Proposed Heritage Centre

The subcommittee is still working on this project – the purchaser of the adjacent property has permission from the Council for the subdivision of the section. The Society now needs to raise the necessary funds to purchase the section.

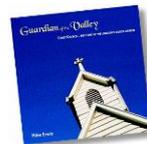
Addendum for *Guardian of the Valley* by Miles Erwin

Preservation Society Member, Michelle Morrison has asked that the following addendum to *Guardian of the Valley* be included in Preservation Post. 'Guardian' was written as a literary work and it is acknowledged that some of the facts may have been

'lost in translation'. We thank Michelle for her research and include the addendum below:

"The storm referred to on pages 20 and 21 does not relate to the 1840 voyage of the *Bolton*. The information was referenced from *Once Upon a Village* by Millar but is unfortunately incorrect. The storm was actually experienced in 1842 during the voyage of the *Bolton* to Nelson, and a transcript of the original diary of Sarah Higgins (nee Sharp) is available in the Alexander Turnbull Library (Ref: MS-Papers-1146 Higgins, Sarah 1830-1923 Description of her voyage to NZ with her family on the 'Bolton', 1842, and her subsequent life in Nelson)."

Guardian of the Valley - 2nd Edition



Available to purchase - \$20.00 plus \$6 postage and packing by contacting Mary Stevens (email mhrstevens@gmail.com or phone (04) 476 6247). Check out our Facebook page and website for more information and photos.

Headstone Cleaning Working Bee – 12 October



Joan Worthington (Welch descendant) travelled from Wanganui for the day

Bequests for Christ Church Taita

Including a bequest for The Christ Church Preservation Society is a wonderful way to honour those who have gone before us and to ensure that we can continue to preserve and develop Christ Church. Our vision is to enhance Christ Church Taita as a heritage centre by establishing a colonial house and shed as a museum to celebrate our pioneers. If you would like to talk about how you may be able to support this vision please contact our President, John Daysh, email john@unicef.org.nz; Ph.04 815 9370 (Wk) or 04 977 2055 (Hm)

Ashes Wall

A niche in our Ashes Wall costs just \$750.00 incl GST. Contact Janice Henson, Secretary, for further details. Janice-klaw@xtra.co.nz

Weddings

25 October 2014

Stacey Hays to Matthew Crooks

31 October 2014

Jaimee Bulloch to Darrin Morris

15 November 2014

Carmen Fe Maria Celino to Kenneth Revell

10 January 2015

Sarah Graham to Jayden Watson

24 January 2015

Hayley Wain to Scott Beaumont

14 February 2015

Celeste Leppan to Darren Smith-Derby

28 February 2015

Emily Tweedale to James Ross

Funeral

12 March 2015

Vera Deer

[Vera and her late husband Jim were married in Christ Church in 1953]

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