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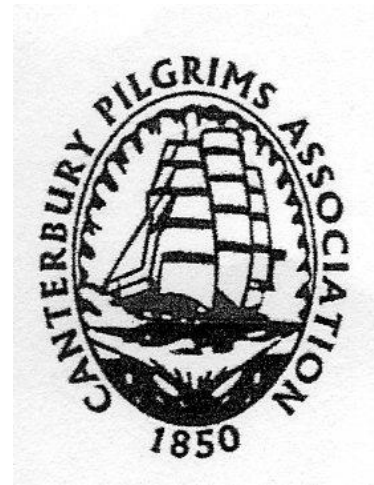
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Meetings and Outings

Unless otherwise notified meetings and outings are held on the third Sunday of each month, with meetings being held in the, Te Hāpua Halswell Library Centre, Halswell Road at 2pm.

2018 Meeting and Outing Dates

April 15

May 20

June 17

July 15

August 19

September 23

October 21

November 11

December 16

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Committee Meetings

Generally the committee meets directly after each meeting in the Te Hāpua Halswell Library Centre, Halswell, or on the following Friday morning.

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Hello Everyone,

Hard to believe we are so close to Christmas, surely it's not just me that thinks this year has flown past!

We turn 95 in October so I hope you will all join us out at *Gunyah* for a tour around the garden and house before we cut our birthday cake. Gunyah used to be part of Terrace Station, one of the largest in New Zealand. The name comes from Australian for *little hut or shelter*. It is anything but these days!

This past year I have been trying to track down some of our plaques around town



and make sure that the Christchurch City Council has replaced them. One plaque that came to light (in a manner of speaking) but isn't actually one of ours was the Arthur Dudley Dobson homestead plaque in Brougham Street. Arthur was an early member of our Association and we are fortunate to still have that family connection as members. (Yes it is the same Arthur Dudley Dobson after whom Arthurs Pass is named) Turns out that the plaque is a reasonable size, placed on a boulder, and ***totally hidden*** in the undergrowth/bushes next to what

used to be the Waltham Arms (a name quite a few of you remember apparently!) and is now known as Brougham Tavern. I have been in touch with descendants of Arthur Dobson's family and they are super sleuths. The Dobson town house was about opposite the old A.J.White shop in town not out at Brougham Street. The Dobson descendants have been in touch with the owner of the land where it is currently situated and asked if it could be revealed once more. It would be nice to get it onto the Council books to be looked after forever. There doesn't seem to be a record of it anywhere nor a record of who placed it there in the first place, or why. Does anyone remember it? Or have any information that we can add? It is part of the history of Christchurch and there is precious little left to view these days. Arthur died 5 March 1934 which makes it almost within living memory for some of our more mature members.

Yet again your committee has a great line-up for the last quarter of this year so make sure you have the dates all marked off in your diaries as 'Pilgrims' days!

Kindest Regards,
Beverley

October 21
We are celebrating turning 95
today!

We are off for the afternoon to *Gunyah* for a tour of the house and gardens as well as tea and birthday cake.

\$20 per person



We will need numbers for this occasion. Please phone or reply to this email to confirm your attendance and forward your payment promptly by the 15th October.

Gunyah is at 720 Sleemans Road, Windwhistle, Methven 7572 . Gunyah used to be part of Terrace Station and has views out towards Mt Hutt.

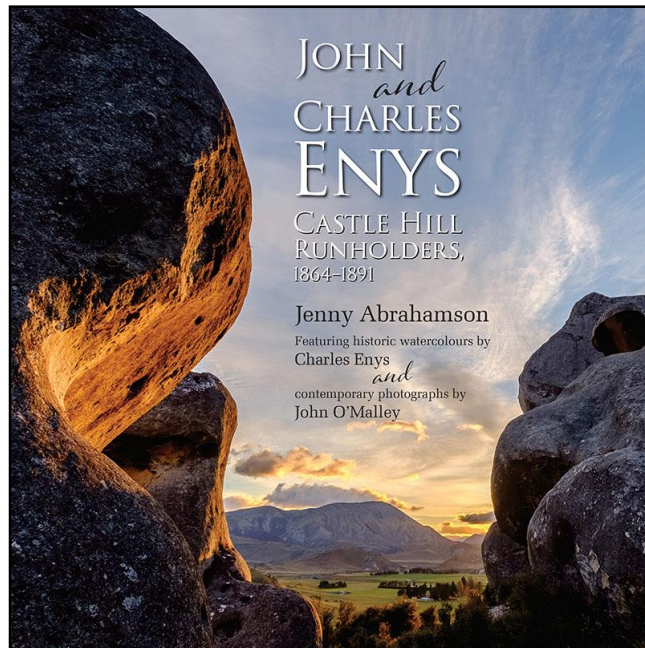
We are carpooling for this afternoon, so if you can make your way to the left roadside of Yaldhurst Rd (highway 73) just past Russley Rd (highway 1) intersection, we will sort ourselves out with cars and drivers there. Please be there by 12.45 as it takes about an hour travelling time. We are expected to arrive about 2pm.

For those of you who are driving the directions are as follows:

From Christchurch, take Highway 73 (Arthurs Pass) to Darfield. At the church turn left towards Mt Hutt. Continue on State Highway 72 (Inland Scenic Route) through Glentunnel, over the Selwyn River. Travel 10kms until you get to the small monument at the top of the hill. Follow the Gunyah signs from here. Turn left, towards Hororata, then immediately right into Sleemans Road, past the Baptist Camp and across the Hororata River. Gunyah is on the left; on the rise, just after the gravel road starts.

November 11(Armistice Day)
2 pm The Hao Room
Te Hapua: Halswell Centre
341 Halswell Road

Jenny Abrahamson is coming to talk about her book.



John and Charles Enys were pioneer sheep farmers from Cornwell who ran Castle Hill Station for more than 25 years in the late 19th century. This book contains extracts from letters and paintings that they made as well as present day photos by John O'Malley for comparison.

Other well known names come into the story too, Samuel Butler, Barton Acland, Charles Tripp and Thomas Cheeseman to name a few.

The font in the Cathedral was made from stone donated by John Enys from Castle Hill, he was also on several committees as well as being on the first Board of the Canterbury Museum with whom we have strong ties.

Make sure you have it marked off in your calendars as it is not to be missed. There will be books available for purchase.

16 December

Lyttelton.

**11am at the Rock Precinct for wreath laying and celebration
of the arrival of the First Four Ships.**

(Please note the later time.)

Last year Ruth Dyson and Andrew Turner both expressed a willingness to attend again this year, so fingers crossed they are free. The new Reverend from the Lyttelton Holy Trinity Church will be giving our blessing at the Rock as there is no service in Lyttelton on that morning. Parking should not be difficult on a Sunday morning.

12o'clock at the Brickworks for our Christmas Lunch.



69 Centaurus Rd, Cashmere.

Your meal will be subsidized again this year and as a result we have managed to hold it at last year's price of \$30 per member.

In order to make sure that everyone enjoys the meal on the day we ask that you **confirm and pay before December 7th**. It can turn into a marathon otherwise for our treasurer. The menu looks nice, a mains and a desert to choose and includes tea/coffee.

I look forward to meeting you all again looking happy and relaxed, it promises to be a great day.

sneak peek; www.thebrickworks.co.nz

Canterbury Museum



Dogs in Antarctica *Tales from the Pack*

This exhibition runs from September 20 through to March 10 2019

It gives you an insight into the explorers and their dogs as well as the dogs themselves, and we all know what characters dogs can be! They seemed to be a mixed bag so far as breeds went, but all born to run. I was surprised to see that some pups were born down there.

Not all dogs died down there, some returned, one ended his days in the Wellington Zoo. He seemed to have more wolf in him than the rest, so not perhaps suitable as a family dog.

It's well worth a visit, it is upstairs, but you can take the lift.

Christchurch



1930's, 1940's parcel delivery service from Londontown. They used to be right next door to Minsons.

Now who can remember the days of wrapping up a parcel with brown paper and tying it with string? There was a trick to keeping it nice and tight and the pros used to make a little loop to slip your finger into for carrying.

String was saved in our house. You untied the parcel string, no cutting it with the scissors! Mind you, if you were lucky enough you could slide it off the corners to get to the contents in a hurry, unpicking the knot at your leisure afterwards.

For the car buffs among us, what do you reckon the delivery truck is, a Ford? Just look at the length of that steering column! An absolute delight to behold.