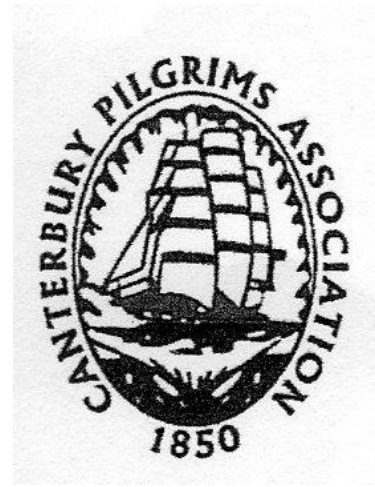


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## October 2019

### 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.

### 2019 Meeting and Outing Dates

February 17	March 17 AGM	
April 14	May 19	June 16
July 21	August 18	September 15
<b>October 20</b>	<b>November 10</b>	<b>December 16</b>

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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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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Dear Members,

I do hope you have all been keeping warm and well this Spring. I was in town the other day and saw the flowering cherry trees all out in bloom along the Avenue and Riccarton Road by the Hospital. They were a treat to behold. My tree isn't quite there yet but the tulips are putting on a good show.

At our Special Meeting last month all the Rule changes were passed and have accordingly been posted on the Incorporated Societies website for all to see. Due to a family bereavement our speaker for last month was unable to come but Peter Williams stepped up to the plate and gave us lots of information on his latest experiences of organizing a Family Reunion. It included the publishing of a Family book that looked to be very comprehensive and will be most professional, we have been promised a copy when it is back from the printers. I am sure we have all thought at some stage of producing a Family History book, you know the old saying everyone has a book in them, well give it some thought, even if it is only your own life history. After all you are a one off!



Three of us attended the Sea Sunday Service at the Holy Trinity Church in Lyttelton. It was a lovely service and that little church was bursting at the seams, a full house! I did my bit with the flag, along with the Seaman Mission and the Merchant Navy. The Royal NZ Navy was in force too with about 6 men there in full uniform along with one woman. Ruth Dyson was there as well as Andrew Turner our Deputy Mayor. All in all an excellent turnout. The timing was much better than the middle of winter in the cold. I'm hoping more of our members will attend next year.

The photo of the Mariners Bell tower shows just how they are progressing, it is a much bigger structure than I imagined and while the real bell will be up there it will be electronically rung, a sign of the times I guess. Avonside church has a similar set up.

I am on a drive again to get you all to wear our badge with pride, apart from the fact that they are beautiful and full of symbolism for the Early Pilgrims & Settlers they are a great conversation starter, we do need more new members, so get chatting. I'm looking forward to seeing you, as we gear up for the last quarter of the year, at our meetings and outings, your committee has worked hard this year so come along and join us.

Kindest Regards to you all, Beverley.

# October 20

## Cathedral and Club



**The Transitional Cathedral and  
Devonshire Tea  
plus a small group tour of the  
Benjamin Mountford Tower in the  
Christchurch Club.**

**2pm to 4pm**

**Booking required,**

email: [admin@christchurchcathedral.co.nz](mailto:admin@christchurchcathedral.co.nz)

or

buy a ticket from the Christchurch  
Transitional Cathedral shop or pay on the  
day

**Cost \$10. per person**

This is a Becca Heritage Week function so all payments and bookings are to be made to the Cathedral and not to us. There will be music and the choristers will be singing in the Cathedral. This is a fund raiser for the Cathedral.

**We will meet outside in Latimer Square at 1.45pm so can go in as a group together if you wish.**

The small group tours (20 persons) of the Mountford Tower will in my opinion be well worthwhile. The Christchurch Club, started in 1856, is open to members only so this will be one of the few times you may access part of it as a member of the public. Please note there is no mobility access at the Christchurch Club.

Much of The Club has been extensively repaired, restored and upgraded since the earthquakes and is quite simply beautiful inside now. All the salvageable heritage remains, but there is lots of light and coupled with the light decor chosen looks quite 'House and Garden' and very English.

The Mountford Tower escaped relatively unscathed and the woodwork is a treat to behold.

As you will have guessed I will be there!

**November 10**  
**2pm The Hao Room**  
**Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre**  
**341 Halswell Road**

**Not Quite Established**

The Church of England in Canterbury in the early years of the Province  
by Ken Booth



The Canterbury Association had a clear understanding of what they wanted to build here - a virtual replica of an English town. At the heart of the community was the church. The church was an integral part of the authority structures of society in England, from the Queen and Parliament down, with all the other institutions that shaped the nation's life and ethos. The church was the guardian of the nation's morals and the sure guide for its task. The parson was a man of learning and one of the authority figures in society along with the aristocracy and squire. Closely allied to the church was the task of educating the young and caring for those in need. This was very much a church responsibility.

Trouble was, much of this vision was backward looking nostalgia. Things were going on in England that made this a bit dubious as a secure foundation from the outset, and the context in New Zealand was profoundly different both from what the Association dreamed of or that was capable of being realized on the ground.

Dr Ken Booth will explore this dream and the way it was re-shaped by developments in England in the second half of the nineteenth century and, more importantly, the situation as it unfolded in Christchurch and Canterbury once they arrived.

As this is not our usual 3rd Sunday Meeting (due to Show Weekend) make sure you have it marked off in your Diary and come along. It will be an interesting and thought provoking afternoon.



**December 16**  
**Rock Precinct ceremony**  
**10.30am**

We will be laying our wreath at this time and hope to have Andrew Turner our deputy Mayor there to say a few words, Andrew is a strong supporter of history and heritage and has attended the last few of our celebrations which is appreciated. As it is a weekday this year he is at the mercy of the council agenda! It has always been a nice ceremony to celebrate the arrival of the first four ships and mark the beginning of the Canterbury Settlement. Please join us.

**Lunch at the Brickworks**  
**\$35. per person payment before 7 Dec**  
**12 o'clock at the Brickworks for our Christmas Lunch.**



**69 Centaurus Rd, Cashmere.**

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. ( And we all know how hard they are to find!) The menu looks nice, a mains and a desert to choose and includes tea/coffee. While there are new owners the menu is great and I have heard nothing but compliments about the meals recently.

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

**Don't forget to put your name down and pay before the 7th December!**