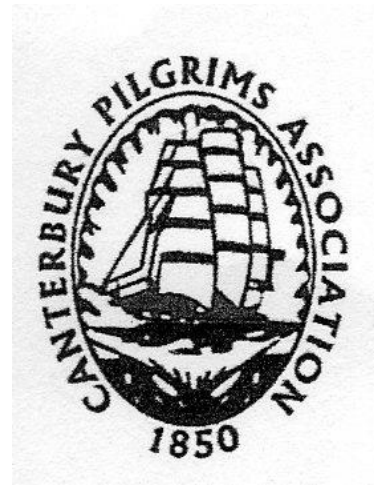


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Meetings and Outings

Unless otherwise notified meetings and outings are held on the third Sunday of each month, with meetings being held at Knights Stream School, 1 Killarney Road Halswell.

2021 Meeting and Outing Dates

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October 17	November 21	December 16

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Dear Members,

I hope you all had a happy and joyful Easter and didn't eat too much chocolate.

Our AGM has been and gone and our new venue was most successful, several of you commented on how nice it was and liked the modern friendly vibe. Stating the obvious, schools have come a long way from wooden floors, fireplaces and chalk blackboards! One of my

ancestors in his 'retirement' (there being no pension), used to going along to the local country school, sweep out the classroom and set the fire for the next day for a few shillings a week. He would be astonished to see today's schools!

I'm pleased to see also that some of you have promptly paid your annual sub, thank you for that, however there are still some outstanding. We need your subs to keep us going, it makes running the association so much easier when you are all prompt. Especially this year when the bank interest rate is so low.

Our website and facebook page are still sources of interest. Is your family history there? However much or little you choose to write, it all paints a picture of our family and country's history. It doesn't need to be a whole history, perhaps a bit about one person in your tree, Don't let it be forgotten. Don't let it fall into the too hard basket. Linda and I are happy to help out with the actual posting online.

We do have some family histories in our Library box, it would be nice though to see more online. I will print out a list of those in the box for the next newsletter for your perusal, who knows you may find a connection there to yours! Early Christchurch was a small place in the 1850's.

Canterbury Museum still has the House of Treasures exhibition on, well worth seeing for its diversity alone as well as the exhibition Mosque. Those pencil drawings are quite stunning. Some of them will look familiar, a lot of you will have visited the Sophia Hagia in Turkey as well as the one in Delhi India. Maybe even Al Azhar in Cairo on your travels. The Al Azhar Mosque in Cairo would be known to our ancestors considering the links with the British in that part of the world.

The Mosque exhibition also includes artifacts of interest, prayer rugs etc.

Talking of mosques, reminds me of our Anglican Cathedral in the Square, it's looking a bit better now that they have started to clean up the area in preparation for repairs, no doubt it will be a case of 'hurry up and wait' but progress all the same.

Kindest Regards, Beverley Bolland *Hon President.*

April 18th
Kate Sheppard House and Gardens
83 Clyde Road, Christchurch
1.15 pm. Tea and Tour \$24 per person



This promises to be a real treat. As you are all aware we have had to book 3 weeks in advance and pre pay. Thank you to all those who have paid, we are now confirmed for this outing. **You will note the slightly earlier start time** as the venue is constrained with regards to numbers.

The plan is for an arrival of us all at approximately 1.15pm. Please allow extra time starting out as parking can be a bit difficult in Clyde Road, you will need to take that in to consideration. **Remember to wear your badge!**

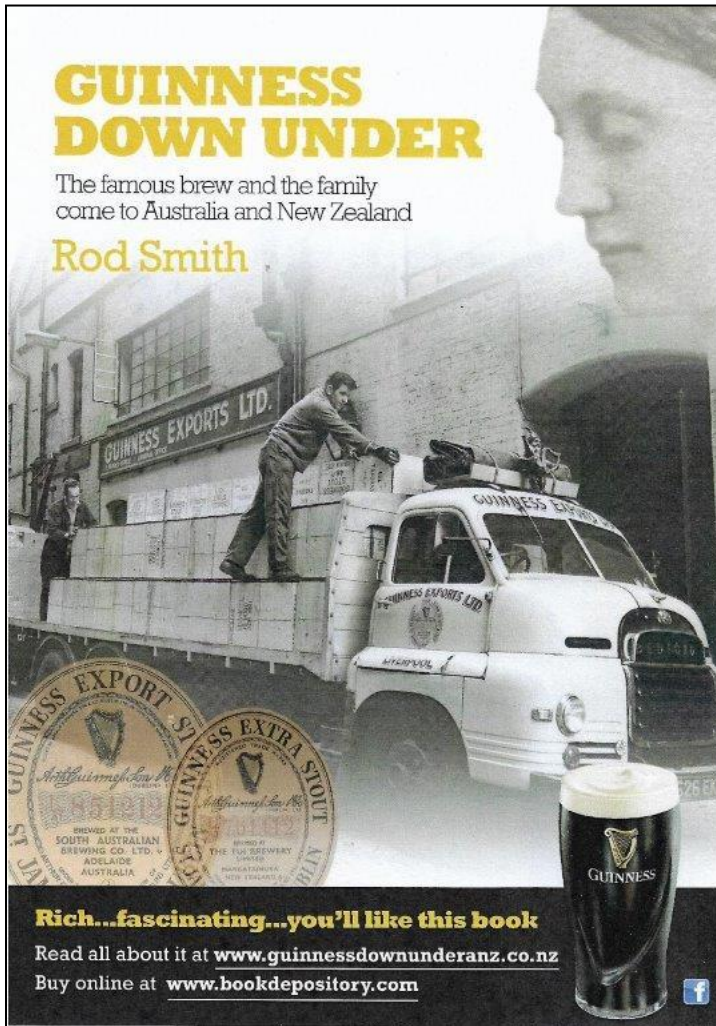
We will split into two groups on arrival, and there will be two tours of approximately 45/50 mins each, with afternoon tea taking place for the group not on tour and vice versa. It works out to be more comfortable in terms of being able to see and hear everything and will provide a nicer experience all round.

Fingers crossed for fine weather as the gardens are an extra pleasure, I think everyone enjoys the hard work of someone else in a garden, I certainly do!

Do I need to remind you all about Kate Sheppard? surely not. She was a woman who felt strongly about the right to vote for women. The key date to remember is **19 September 1893** when the right for women over the age of 21 to vote was finally passed by Parliament. The following election saw 65% of all women eligible to vote doing so. **NZ was the first country in the world to allow women the vote in general elections.**

Should Covid -19 raise its ugly head again, we will contact all those who have booked/paid directly.

May 16
Knights Stream School
1 Killarney Road, Halswell. 2pm
Rod Smith author of "Guinness Down Under"



Rod was due to be our speaker in 2020 but because of Covid-19 and illness there was much re scheduling of dates and flight times for everyone as he comes from Tauranga. Good things come to those who wait so fingers crossed the Gods smile on us this year!

Guinness is a name instantly recognized the world over - it has been brewed at St James Gate in Dublin for over 250 years, but this story is of the family that moved down under and started the family business up here eventually.

It is more than just a story of the brewery though. It tells of how Sarah Ann Guinness, raised in a comfortable Irish vicarage went with her father Rev William Guinness to Melbourne in 1855. Sarah married

Thomas Minchin, exchanging affluence and comfort for the privations of life as a colonial wife and mother, in New Zealand and Fiji. Descendants still live in NZ today, this is part of their story as well as the Brewery.

I am looking forward to hearing this story, it will be an interesting and informative afternoon so make sure you have it marked off in your diaries and come along.

Rod is bringing some copies of his book for sale. It never ceases to amaze me how many breweries were set up here in Christchurch alone. Being a pioneer was thirsty work however at our meeting this month you will have to settle for tea or coffee.

June 20
The Old Vicarage
335 Halswell Road
Lunch 11.30 for 12 o'clock
\$38. per person



What could be better than to go out in the middle of the year to enjoy a lunch with friends. To this end we will be at the Old Vicarage with a set **menu giving you a choice of five mains and three deserts.**

There is plenty of parking so just drive on in. **Please let us know** if you will be coming **before June 12**, as we need to advise them on numbers beforehand. Drinks are your own responsibility as per usual.

Do you have a badge? remember to wear it, it is a lovely thing and deserves to be shown around.

If there are any changes, or Covid raises its ugly head again we will let you all know as soon as possible, just mark it off on your calendar and we will see you there!

Miscellaneous

As an Association who turns 98 this year we have, as you can imagine, a couple things that are no longer in use any more by us. One is a DE-Lite portable projection screen with stand purchased in 2001, hardly used, perfect condition in its box, and surplus to our requirements. It would be perfect for home movies etc, would you like to make an offer for it?



The other is an old Overhead Projector. The glass that you place documents down on has a 7cm crack but the two large magnifying lenses that are in the top head are in perfect order. The small motor doesn't go.....whether that is because of the old power cord or the little motor itself is unknown. No name or maker on it anywhere. No idea about the light bulb inside whatsoever. It is almost, only almost mind, a museum piece in its own right !! It could be yours for a donation!

At our AGM when I was urging you all to vote on the Canterbury Museums Resource Consent process I talked about the lack of a: storage, b: humidity fluctuations. One member mentioned the old elephant in its dilapidated state with no access for removal/repairs. Well.....if you look on the Museums latest blog you will get all the details and lots of other information as well. For our new members and those who don't know you can get the blog if you go to the Museums website, (canterburymuseum.com) at the bottom of the page on the right, under Keep Up to Date, you can opt to subscribe to the blog. It's free, and every so often it will appear in your inbox. They are on many and varied subjects, all by the Museums expert staff, fascinating, funny sometimes, weird, and odd, but all interesting. give it a go!

25 April 1915

Anzac Day



The turnout this year for the dawn service in Gallipoli may be very small due to Covid-19 however in all the small towns across New Zealand, all those lovingly tended monuments will see a good turnout for their lost sons. fathers and brothers who died in all the wars. Their names recorded in perpetuity. No matter where you drive in NZ you come

across memorials, usually on the main street to some war. War left its mark on every family, in some cases a whole generation was lost.

You may not be able to make a dawn service but do take time out to remember those who died so we may live in freedom. Lest we forget.