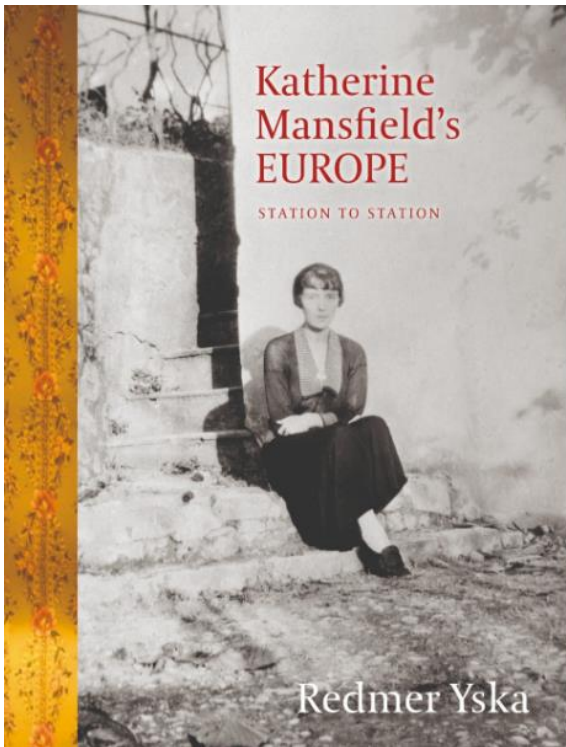


**Our next public meeting will be held on  
Tuesday 5 September 2023  
at St Ninian's, Newcombe Crescent, Karori  
at 7.30 pm.  
Members and friends welcome**

## **Katherine Mansfield's Europe**



Please join us to hear Redmer Yska talk about his more recent book, *Katherine Mansfield's Europe, Station to Station*. Part travelogue, part literary biography, part detective story and part ghost story, Redmer pursues the traces of Mansfield's restless journeying in Europe, seeking out the places where she lived, worked and – a century ago this year – died. Along the way, he meets a cast of present-day Mansfield devotees who help shape his understanding of the impressions Mansfield left on their territories and how she is formally (and informally) commemorated in Europe.

Redmer Yska is an award-winning writer and historian based in Wellington. He has published books on a range of subjects, including New Zealand youth culture, Dutch New Zealanders (like himself), a biography of Wellington City and a history of the tabloid newspaper, NZ Truth. This is Yska's second book about Katherine Mansfield. His first, *A Strange Beautiful Excitement: Katherine Mansfield's Wellington* was longlisted for the 2018 Ockham New Zealand Book Awards.

**Supper will be served after the meeting**

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5 September

## ***September Meeting - AGM***

The following officers were elected at the AGM:

**President**, Adrian Humphris

**Vice-President**, No nominations were received and an appointment was held over

**Secretary**, Chris Rabey

**Treasurer**, Liz Newport

**Committee members:**

The four current members were re-elected: Peter Anderson, Jo Elworthy, Kristin Gibson, and Richard Bentley. No new members joined the Committee.

A large thanks was given to Huyèn Thu, who stood down from the role of treasurer, for all her support and commitment over the past three years. A vote of thanks was also given to Liz for stepping into the Treasurer's role.

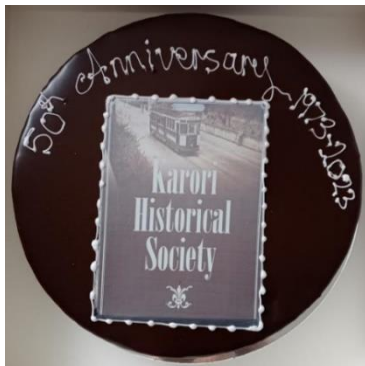
## ***Post-AGM discussion***

Following the AGM there was a short discussion about content for the proposed Stockade, to be published for the December meeting in recognition of 2023 being our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The current plan is to put together a brief history of the last fifty years of activities and events, as well as reprint a selection of articles from previous Stockades. Depending on the articles and content, they may also be updated or presented with new images.

A range of potential topics and interests were tabled, from the natural environment and how it is has changed over time, to suggestions of significant Karori residents, buildings and places. The ideas have been passed over to our editor Jo, who will soon start sorting through and selecting possible articles for inclusion. If there is anything you would like to see included, please let us know. You can browse past editions [online](#); we also have physical copies of some earlier editions that are available if you are missing any.

Following a short slide show sharing some images of early newspaper articles and photographs of the first committee kindly provided by Norma McCallum, supper was served

## ***50<sup>th</sup> celebrations***



Our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event was held on 24<sup>th</sup> June at St Ninians. Around 40 members past and present, as well as family and guests, were present to celebrate this milestone. Norma was able to come in from Waikanae for the day, and we also welcomed Noline Stubbs, who was one of the original committee members back in 1973.

Everyone enjoyed the display of photographs and plans that was put up around the hall, and the collection of publications (many by the Society) were well perused. There were also many old Stockades available to both read and take away.

At midday we had a couple of short speeches followed by cake and some morning tea. An enjoyable morning for everyone, and here's looking forward to many more celebrations to come.



Left: Norma and Adrian cut the cake. Right: Noeline Stubbs (on the left), Norma McCallum (centre) and Judy Siers (right)

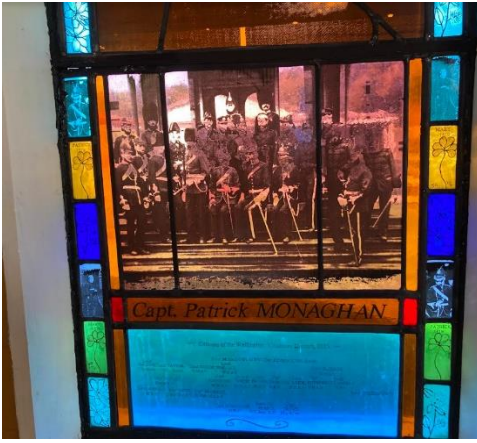
### ***St Patrick's - celebrating 150 years in Mākara Valley***



The 7<sup>th</sup> of September marks 150 years since St Patrick's church was consecrated. To mark this occasion, on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September there will be a Catholic Mass in the church, followed by refreshments in the hall next door.

The road to Mākara was completed in 1858 and shortly after, in 1862, gold was discovered in the area. Mākara looked to be an area with promise of future growth, so the Catholic church decided to build a church there ahead of planned further development in the area.





An acre of land was purchased for £50 in June 1873. Architect Charles Tringham was commissioned to design the church, which was constructed from locally sourced rimu and kauri and built with local labour at a cost of £300. Construction was completed by September and the Right Rev Bishop Moran of Dunedin, consecrated the church on the 7th September 1873.

St Patrick's was the first Catholic church in the district, the next to be built was St Teresa's in Karori in 1920. Regular mass was held at the church until 1982, when the church was closed due to a dwindling congregation. The Parish Committee were persuaded to sell the building for a nominal fee (rather than demolish it) to the local community who now care for the building.



St Patrick's Church is a good representative example of the many small, rural church buildings that were constructed throughout New Zealand in the mid to late 19th century. The building is notable for its simple symmetrical design that incorporates Gothic elements such as the lancet windows, arched entrance doorway and quatrefoil ventilator on the west (main) elevation.

The building has some historic spiritual value to the Catholic community for which it served as a place of worship for over 100 years. It has recently been transformed by the installation of the modern stained-glass windows designed by artist Jenni Lean Bennett depicting historic scenes and personalities from Mākara's past.

The church is currently managed by the Mākara Community Centre Association and used as a community resource, wedding and funeral venue, and tourist destination. The church is available for hire. [You can find more details here.](#)



Located at 376 Mākara Road, visitors are welcome visitors at any time. Please pass centenary invitation on to anyone else who may be interested.

## ***Annual subscriptions for 2023-2024***

Subscriptions for the 2023-2024 year are now due; a thanks to members people who have already paid. We are retaining the same rate from 2021- 2022 (remembering we waived subs last year), which is \$20 for individual membership and \$25 for a family membership.

You can pay your subs online, or at the September meeting (and collect Stockade 53 at the same time), otherwise we will send out a reminder at the end of September. Online banking is preferred; our account details are below. Please enter your Name and phone number in the three-panel payer space.

Bank account: 06 0501 0208280 00

## ***Stockade update***

Stockade 53 was printed and available at the AGM – we are aware not everyone has received one. They will be available to collect at the September meeting, otherwise we will aim to mail them out or drop them off after that.

Adrian Humphris  
President