



# KARORI HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

**The Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on**

Tuesday 5 June 2012

at St Ninian's Hall, Newcombe Crescent, Karori

at 7.45 pm.

**Members and friends welcome**

## ***Business***

Annual Report and Accounts

Election of Officers:

President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer

Election of Committee

Election of Hon. Auditor

General Business

## ***Speaker***

**John Harper is a committee member and Emeritus Professor of Applied Mathematics, Victoria University of Wellington. His topic is:**

### ***Transits of Venus***

As there will be a transit of Venus the day after the meeting and there will be no more for over 100 years John's talk is very appropriate. It will emphasise matters of historical interest rather than astronomical technicalities and cover questions such as: What are they? When do they occur? Why are they important enough for expeditions to be sent to observe them? Why did Karori's most eminent historian ask the speaker about them? What does one see? How was New Zealand affected?

## ***Nominations for the Committee –***

New members will be welcomed on the committee. Elizabeth Bradford, who has been responsible for maintaining our membership records and organising the delivery and postage of our publications does not wish to continue after 2012 and therefore we are looking for someone who can take over her role. Elizabeth has also provided editorial advice and layout for the Newsletter. In addition there are other committee members who have indicated their desire for a 'rest' – if not this year then next. While we need people with archival skills, library experience, website design and marketing, enthusiasm and a willingness to help build the society is more important.

## ***Subscriptions***

An invoice is included with this Newsletter for those people who have not already paid.

## ***The Stockade***

Our editor, Jo Elworthy has a number of articles suitable for the next edition, but is anxious for members to contribute their own stories. Jo can be contacted at: [jelworthy@paradise.net.nz](mailto:jelworthy@paradise.net.nz)

## ***Karori and its People***

As yet we don't have a date when the reprint will be available. However, we suggest in the meantime it would be helpful if members could pass the word around that further copies are coming.

## ***March meeting***

We were fortunate that the British High Commissioner, Vicki Treadell was able to speak to us about her diplomatic career. This was a fascinating and entertaining account from a highly experienced diplomat.

## ***Lectures of Interest***

Tuesday 26 June – 4.30-6.00pm & 6.30-8.00pm Beverley Randell, whose family donated the 1865 cottage to be a writers' cottage, will give two talks on its history and conservation.

The Cottage, 14 St Mary Street, Thorndon.

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Wednesday June 27 – 12.30-1.30 pm

Emeritus Professor Gary Hawke – 'Flowering after the Long Depression?' – business/economy

Wednesday July 25 – 12.30-1.30 pm

Mark Strange – 'The production of photographs in Katherine Mansfield's time & their preservation today'

Both at Katherine Mansfield Birthplace Society, Wellington Bridge Club, 17 Tinakori Road, Thorndon

\$5 per session. KMB Society members free. Space is limited – reservations essential. Phone 473 7268 or email – [kmbirthplace@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kmbirthplace@xtra.co.nz)