



# Preservation Post

Newsletter of the  
**Christ Church Preservation Society (Inc.)**

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## Upcoming Events



**Annual Christmas Service**  
**Wednesday 4 December**  
**7.00 pm**

**Officiating Minister: Rev. John Daysh**  
**Choir: David Dell & The Take Note Singers**

**Heritage Garden Party**  
**Sunday 6 April 2014**  
**11.00 am - 3.00 pm**

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### **What's been happening at Christ Church?**

We're pleased to report that the church and grounds suffered very little damage during the June storm that hit the Wellington Region. We lost one of the boundary conifers and part of another but no damage to gravestones.

We have a new caretaker - **Stan Malcolm** commenced in April, following the resignation of Matthew Baguley. Matthew had been with us since 2009 and was very passionate about the church and its surroundings.

The Annual Service on Sunday 9 June was not as well attended as we would have liked, but we still enjoyed reconnecting with descendants. We like to be able to feature a settler family at this service and if you would

like your family to do this, please let us know. It is a great opportunity to have a mini family reunion.

**Pew Cushions** - Five enthusiastic tapesters are making tapestry cushions for the pews. Two designs have been chosen - the carving on the font and the Society's logo. Mary Stevens has finished her first one and is on to her second in different colours. Please contact Mary if you are keen to do one. [j.m.stevens@xtra.co.nz](mailto:j.m.stevens@xtra.co.nz) or telephone 04 4766247

**Annual Christmas Service - Wednesday 4 December, 7.00 pm - mark your calendars now!**  
We look forward to seeing you.

### **Heritage Garden Party 2013**

Once again the weather was brilliant for our second Heritage Garden Party on 28 April. The Vintage Car Club, the Wellington Vintage Machinery Club, Upper Hutt Brass Band joined us once again to add to the success of the event. In addition, members of the Hutt Art Society showed off their talents; the Eastern Hutt Inner Wheel contributed wonderful raffle prizes and helped with the Devonshire teas. We had great press coverage from the local Hutt News, all adding to raise the profile of Christ Church Taita in the community.

Earl and Lorraine Wyatt (with their dog Willie) won the prize for best dressed on the day and Rowland Ward from Lower Hutt was runner up.

Sunday 6 April 2014 has been set aside for next year's HGP. Mark the date in your calendars now and if you are able to contribute in any way, please let us know.



*A member of the Hutt Art Society capturing Christ Church on the day*



*Best Dressed: Earl & Lorraine Wyatt*



*Fun for everyone on the day*

### **Christ Church needs YOU! - A plea from the Committee:**

For some years now the same committee members have been working hard to keep the Church maintained and create an awareness of the importance of its history in the Hutt Valley. Most of the committee live outside the Hutt Valley - in Wellington, Kapiti Coast, Woodville and Featherston. The Secretary has been in this position now for 10 years and would like to split the role into more

manageable parts. If you, or someone you know can join our team, please let us know.

## Membership

We are well aware that our membership is aging and it is important for existing members encourage younger descendants to join the Society in order to preserve Christ Church. Each newsletter inevitably produces returned mail and it is difficult to locate these members. If you know of the whereabouts of the following, please let us know:

**Mercia Lancaster**, Tauranga

**Monica Adams**, Island Bay Wellington

**Bill Triplow**, Ohau, Levin

**Jack Sanders & Norma Triplow-Sanders**, Ohau, Levin

**Murray Hirst**, Hamilton

**Dale Pullen**, Wellington

A big thank you to Len King who advised us of the death of **Kath Boyd**, a life member of the Society. Kath died on 30 November 2012, just a few months short of her 99th birthday. Len reports that while physically weak, Kath's mind and memory of Taita and the Hutt from the 1920's onward, was clear to the end. She was related to Len's great-grandfather, Reuben King, who is buried in the churchyard.

On a more positive note, we are delighted to welcome two new life members to the Society -

**Michelle Morrison** from Auckland (descendant of Abraham & Sophia Harris/James Harris & Mary-Jane Mabey; and

**Evonne Sims-Ford**, also from Auckland (descendant of John Ings & Eliza Daysh).

**New PO Box** - please note our new PO Box 45 162, Waterloo, Lower Hutt, 5042.

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## Ashes Wall

Spaces are still available in the ashes wall at the Church. Cost is \$750.00 incl GST.

There has been a steady demand for niches in the wall with just 12 in the existing wall available for sale. The Society is now looking into extending the existing wall.

## Weddings

*30 March*

**Annette Campbell to Aron Orpin**

**Nicky Panchaud to Ian Gaskin**

*21 September*

**Ruby Hunter to Peter Meaclem**

*26 October*

**Gail Lane to Tony Norton**

## Interments

*8 March*

**Stephen Bernard Day**

*May*

**Bruce James Deer**

*August*

**Shirley Ruth Van Leonhout**

**Nancy Grace Mills**

*14 September*

**Ronald Bousfield**

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