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CDHS – WINTER NEWSLETTER



CARTERTON DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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President Pene's Pronouncements

Hello everyone, Tena Koutou Katoa

We're excited to be bringing you our 2023 Carterton District Winter Newsletter. Hopefully it will brighten up these winter days. It's packed with recent and upcoming events, and lets you know about some changes.

Firstly, welcome to our new editor, Steve Cretney, who replaces Grant Pittams in the role.

Our AGM, held on 23 April, was well attended and our guest speaker, Cimone Grayson, shared her fascinating, personal journey of discovery to find her ancestry, or whakapapa.

The AGM brought some changes in our committee. Ann Nielsen and Grant Pittams both stood down, due to changed circumstances, but we are thrilled that they are both still actively involved. Ann works on the collection with us in the rooms on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Grant has recently worked with us to write four new grant applications to help fund our operational expenses. We thank them for their service to the committee and their ongoing support.

Your current committee members have each taken on lead roles in areas that interest them, as follows:

President	Pene Will (CDHS Promotion, Training)
Secretary	Vivienne Hawken (Inquiries, Displays)
Treasurer	Maria Thompson (Collection Management, Displays)
Members	Ian Hawken (Business)
	Steve Cretney (CDHS Promotion, Developing Community Support)
	Cimone Grayson (Digital Developments, Training)
	Des Lewis (Finances)

The committee meets fortnightly and we are all working hard to collect and preserve records and artefacts of the Carterton district and to foster community interest. If you have any documents which would help us to do this we would love to see them. Please contact Vivienne through our email, carterton.hist.soc@gmail.com or bring them in to 142 High Street North on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon between 2 and 4pm.

We are pleased to report that our membership remains strong. If you are a past financial member and have not yet updated your membership you will receive a reminder from us shortly.

If you know someone else who would like to join, please email our secretary, Vivienne, and she will send you our details.

If you'd like to pop in to see us at our rooms and see what we're doing, we'll give you a very warm winter welcome.

Warm regards, Nga mihi
Pene Will



Committee Members Left to Right
Steve, Maria, Pene, Vivienne, Des, Cimone, Ian

Carterton Heritage Walk Pamphlet

In July 2022 we approached the Carterton District Council Community Grant for funding so the Society could produce pamphlets to lead walkers around the plaques we had already produced the previous year. We were successful in receiving \$500, which allowed us to produce 1,000 pamphlets. These contain a map and short descriptions of all 19 heritage plaque sites.

Pamphlets can be found at our rooms at 142 High Street North and at the Information Centre in the Carterton Events Centre. Check it out, lace up your walking shoes and have a local adventure!

Regards,
Vivienne Hawken

A Brief History of Carterton Township

Lace up your walking shoes and follow the Carterton Heritage Walking Trail. You'll visit sites developed by Carterton's first wave of tau iwi (settlers) who were mostly newly arrived from England in the 1850s.

The earliest settlers in the Carterton District, the tangata whenua, were the Rangitane and Ngāti Kahungunu peoples. Governor George Grey began the government purchase of the Tararua Plains from local rangatira using a contentious process in 1853.

In 1857 a settlement at Three Mile Bush was established. These early settlers had travelled over the Remutaka Range or via the coast by bullock dray or on foot and were employed to build a road linking the Greytown and Masterton settlements. They were enticed by the chance to purchase 10 acre blocks of land which were challenging, boggy and bush covered.

In 1859 three villages: Three Mile Bush, Broadway and Clarendon were amalgamated into one township. It was named Carterton in honour of Mr Charles Rooking Carter who was the principal promoter of the township in his role as representative on the Provincial Council. He was a generous benefactor responsible for many early public facilities and initiatives in Carterton and his statue is prominently displayed in Millennium Park, High Street North.

The settlers cleared the land, felling the bush which provided rough-sawn timber to build small cottages. This developed into a thriving timber milling industry, the first of many developments based on the fertile Wairarapa plains.

Later, as the land was cleared and pasture sown, a dairy farming industry developed. Dairy factories processed milk into butter and cheese, and also provided employment. The Waingawa Freezing Works was a major employer between 1911 and the 1980s, producing quality frozen meat for export.

The pastoral and agricultural industries continue to thrive in Carterton District, supplemented by small manufacturing and service enterprises. Looking to the future, Carterton is diversifying into the arts and tourism.



Charles Rooking Carter, 1822-1896

Services Available

Carterton District Historical Society carries out research for individuals and groups. We hold records and photographs on family histories, local schools, clubs, churches, businesses, events, some dwellings and old newspaper articles.

Become a Member

We welcome new members who have an interest in Carterton District's heritage and who enjoy visits and talks regarding our history.

Can You Contribute?

We are keen to see or to store any photographs, documents or artefacts you may have about Carterton and the surrounding district.

Contact Details

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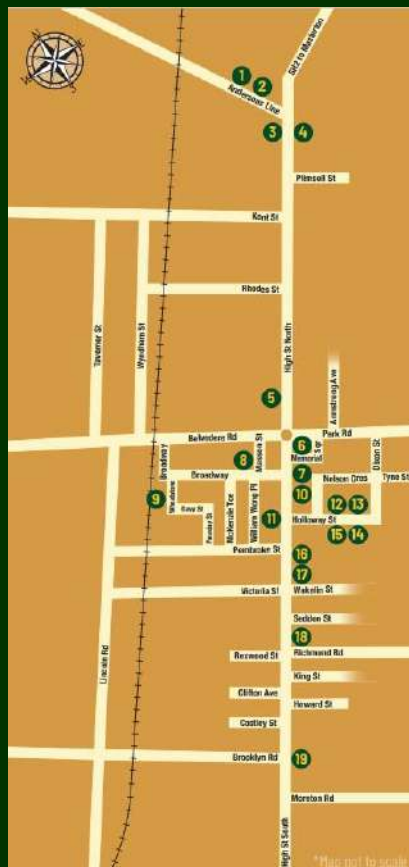
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CARTERTON HERITAGE WALK



1. Booth Cottage, 18 Andersons Line - The cottage was built in the 1870s to house the family of a worker at Booth's sawmill opposite. This house was first sold on in 1870 and was bought by George Graves, a wagoner, of Carterton. It is still a private residence.



2. Farrier's Cottage, 12 Andersons Line - Built in the mid-1870s it is believed an early inhabitant was the farrier who shod horses used by Booth's sawmill. The original forge is to the right of the cottage.



3. Carrington House, 285 High Street North/Andersons Line - Built circa 1874 this began as the home and shop of Edward Eagle and was positioned next to the road. In 1894/5 William Booth bought the property for his home and moved it to its current position closer to his large timber mill at the rear. The gardens were designed by Alfred Buxton. Category 2 Listed New Zealand Heritage Pouhere Taonga.



4. Daniel Jensen's Cottage, 3225 SH2 - The cottage was built in the mid-1870s for Thomas Sunex as a private dwelling. It is constructed from locally milled rough-sawn totara and is one of a number of similar dwellings in the area.



5. The Old Saddlery, 133 High Street North - Built in 1890 it is believed it was originally a butchery or possibly a fruiterer. It became a saddlery in 1933 and after World War Two, Laddie Burdett established his saddlery here. Various horse tack was hung from hooks in the ceiling.



6. Memorial Square and War Memorial, High Street North/Park Road - The cenotaph was unveiled in 1921 to commemorate World War One fallen soldiers and was the first one completed in the Wairarapa. The names of fallen soldiers from World War Two were later added. The Square was the original site of the Parker home. Category 2 Listed New Zealand Heritage Pouhere Taonga.



7. Wairarapa Electric Power Board Building, High Street North/Memorial Square - Built in 1925 this is a beautiful example of the then popular art deco style. Its heavily reinforced brick construction withstood the 1934 and 1942 earthquakes.



8. King's Woodworking and Joinery Workshop, 69 Broadway - Built in 1907 by D. I. King this building has housed five generations of the King family as wood joiners and at one time it also supplied Carterton with coffins. The business finally closed in 2018.



9. Carterton Railway Station, Wheatstone Street - The station was built in 1879 ready for the opening of the railway through Carterton in late 1880. It was recently decommissioned, but it is third oldest station in New Zealand still on its original site.



10. Mansfield Building, 58 High Street North - Built in 1913 as a drapery by William Mansfield this building later became Wassen's Drapery and was frequented by Wellington patrons who appreciated the fashionable women's clothing which was sourced in Auckland.



11. The Old Bakery, 25 High Street North - Built in the mid-1880s this building was a bakery for almost 100 years until the mid-1980s. There was a tea room in the shop, with private accommodation above. The original brick bake house can still be seen well behind the shop.



12. Rechabite Lodge Hall, 47 Holloway Street - Originally built circa 1888 as a livery stable on the road's edge, this building has been used as a hall to house various lodges and for a range of commercial enterprises, including a radio station. It has been beautifully restored as a private dwelling.



13. Masonic Lodge Building, 51 Holloway Street - The Masonic Lodge Hall was consecrated in May 1887. It was built by local builder, Mr Kemp, and provided a permanent home for St Mark's Masonic Lodge which was founded in 1884. Major structural alterations were made in the 1960s and 1970s.



14. Carterton Community Courthouse, 60 Holloway Street - Built in 1894 on High Street this building was moved twice, first to the current Carterton District Council site and later to its present location. It served as a courthouse until its functions were subsequently moved to Masterton.



15. Carterton Public Library, 50 Holloway Street - Built 1881 the library housed Charles Rooking Carter's private book collection. It is the longest serving, continuously functioning public library in New Zealand. Category 2 Listed New Zealand Heritage Pouhere Taonga.



16. Bond Rotunda, Carrington Park, High Street - This was built 1911-1912 to commemorate the coronation of King George V. New Zealand Governor General, Lord Jellicoe, gave a public speech here in 1922. Category 2 Listed New Zealand Heritage Pouhere Taonga.



17. Wakefield Flour Mill, 147 High Street South - The building was removed to this site in 1908 from its original site on the banks of the Mangere Stream by its owner, Edward Wakefield. It was Carterton's first flour mill and its longest running business until it closed in 1984. Category 1 Listed New Zealand Heritage Pouhere Taonga.



18. St Mark's Anglican Church, 185 High Street South - Saint Mark's was built of wood in 1874 by Thomas Bennett in the Gothic revival style with a cruciform floor plan, typical of early New Zealand Anglican churches. It was fully funded by early Carterton settlers. Category 2 Listed New Zealand Heritage Pouhere Taonga.



19. Ridgway Cottage, 281 High Street South - Built in 1882 as a private dwelling for James Ridgway, it is the oldest building remaining in Carterton and is still used as a private dwelling. The bakery to the south was used until the early 1900s.



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Since our Autumn Newsletter, the Society has continued to produce monthly articles for the Carterton Crier, with stories covering a wide range of topics, as we learn more about Carterton's early history.

In April, May & June Editions of the Crier, a three-part series of articles was focused on the Dalefield Dairy Company, which operated in Dalefield Road for nearly 100 years, from 1887 until it's closure in 1984.

Here are the links to those articles:

<https://www.cartertonnz.com/crier/the-carterton-crier-april-2023/>

<https://www.cartertonnz.com/crier/carterton-crier-may-2023/>

<https://www.cartertonnz.com/crier/the-carterton-crier-june-2023/>



Carterton Crier Articles

Next was an article in July's Crier, written on the Wairarapa Brick, Tile & Drain Pipe Company Ltd, located in Rutland Road.

Officially opening on 19th March 1900, the company produced hundreds of thousands of clay bricks and pipes for around 80yrs, before closing in the 1970's. The Kilns and Chimneys were demolished, before the property was sold In 1979 to Masson Implements.

The article can be found at this link:

<https://www.cartertonnz.com/crier/carterton-crier-july-2023/>



I am currently looking at the many and varied operations that have been conducted, in what was originally the Wairarapa Agricultural & Pastoral Society Building.

Please don't hesitate to touch base with the Society, if you would like to find out more information or view further photos on any of the subjects included in the Crier articles.

Regards
Ian Hawken

**Let us remember the past with Gratitude,
live the present with Enthusiasm, and
look forward to the future with Confidence.**

Pope John Paul II





Cups, Cups & even more Cups

Sitting up high in pride of place in the Society's rooms, is our treasured collection of trophies (mainly cups). This donated collection of trophies, honours Carterton's history of achievement in sporting and associated organisations over the years.

In addition to the actual collection of trophies, we have records of the individual annual winners of a number of these trophies.

Alongside the many trophies for a number of core sports, including athletics, swimming, badminton, golf, bowling, pool, skating and dance, the collection includes a range of trophies associated with a number of key Carterton entities.

Among the latter entities are the Carterton Floral Club, the Carterton Horticultural Society, the Carterton Jaycees with its golf trophy and Jaycee of the year trophy, and of particular interest are trophies from the now disbanded Southend Bowling Club, prior to its merger with the Carrington Bowling Club.

The trophies have recently been refreshed, following a polishing by Society member Gary Bowden, with many now looking as if they are new. Thanks again Gary, for your dedication and commitment.

Our trophies add a further layer to our records and artefacts that outline the rich heritage of Carterton.

Regards, Des Lewis



As a relative newbie to the team, it's been simply fantastic to jump into a couple of recent events and enjoy a lovely time amongst community and friends.

Mānawatia a Matariki



The Matariki Haerenga/Trip saw a wonderful start to our second annual Matariki holiday with an early morning venture around the district for 60 lucky people. With typical great humour, Ra Smith shared his kōrero and local stories with everyone aboard the bus, before Hari & Sam from Star Safari whisked us way way up the hill on Ponatahi Road to hear all about the 9 star cluster and to see a glorious sunrise.

Star Safari



A shared meal at the Courthouse afterwards was a marvellous way to wrap up our morning together. Huge thanks to CDC for covering costs so people could all engage in what is a superb national family holiday.

Ngā mihi,
Cimone Grayson

Pictured enjoying their Matariki Breakfast – Trevor Will, Steve Cretney, Michelle Mortensen and Maria Cretney
President Pene was taking the photo 📷

Visit to Wairarapa Archives



Committee members, plus Ann and Grant, recently attended some training in organising and running an archive with Liz Conway at Wairarapa Archives in Masterton. She gave us a tour of their premises, including the inner sanctum that is temperature controlled and holds all their archives. We all ooh'd and aah'd and were very impressed! She also shared her knowledge and gave us time for discussion. This was followed by a coffee at Don Luciano and the discussion was extremely animated!

Regards,
Pene Will



Pictured from L-R: Maria, Ann (obscured), Grant, Cimone (obscured), Vivienne, Ian, Steve and Liz Conway



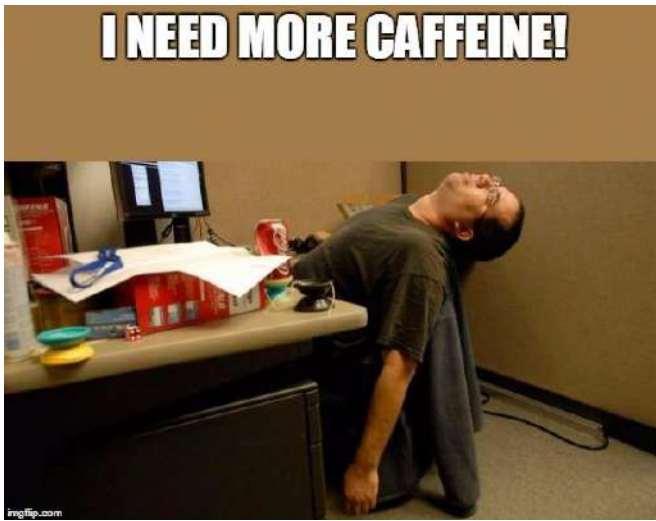
Aotearoa Moving Portraits Documenting Legacy

What a treat it was to have 30+ members and friends turn out for our special Aotearoa Moving Portraits (AMP) screening and kōrero/conversation with local filmmaker, Sean Woollgar. AMP is a slice of life film interview series, that engages with local Wairarapa personalities. Participants sit for a 'portrait' and share a personal story about their family, or a moment from their own lives, and each story is edited into a 2-3 min film. Sean is seeking more stories and was encouraging people to 'sign up', so their stories can also be told, and Sunday's screening meant people could see all of the stories collated thus far. Keep an eye out for an AMP exhibition in 2024, of 20 local stories at Aratoi once funding has been secured. Ngā mihi, Cimone Grayson



If you're interested in being a part of Sean's incredible project, check it out at the link below
<https://aotearoamovingportraits.co.nz/>

Cataloguing



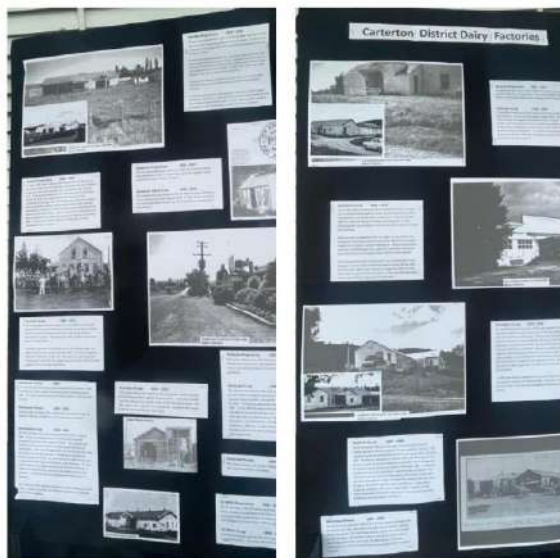
Cataloguing is coming along slowly. We have so many distractions when the society is open to the public, it does slow the process down. But please note, that this is not a complaint! In fact, we enjoy all our visitors and the interesting questions and stories they share.

Des Lewis has been away and his absence has significantly reduced the amount of cataloguing we have completed as well.

We really appreciate all the work he is doing for us.

Regards,
Maria Thompson

Window Displays



We continue to provide displays in our new window. This space is a huge advantage to the society, as we can display some of our research and artefacts.

In January after the Christmas window, we showed 'Places to go, things to do' in Carterton.

February's display was on the 'Fisher Plane and the Balloon Festival.'

After the Councils' Residents Picnic in the Park in March, we displayed our stand boards on 'Sports in Carterton' in the window.

Herbert Hart featured in our 'ANZAC' display and recently we showed 'Dairy Companies in the Carterton District.'

Over the last month, in recognition of the 127th anniversary of the death of Charles Rooking Carter on July 22nd, 1896, our window displayed a brief history of his life.



Regards,
Maria Thompson



ALL CDHS MEMBERS are warmly welcomed to attend a visit to MiddleRun Farm on Sunday 20th August, where we will hear Jenny Booth talk about the history of Daffodil Days, the Booth family and the MiddleRun property.

For those wanting to attend, could you please plan to arrive just prior to 12pm (mid-day).

Bring a deck chair, rug or cushion, and a picnic lunch to enjoy, as we appreciate this wonderful opportunity to learn about MiddleRun from Jenny, but also enjoy the beautiful outdoors, on what we hope will be a magnificent sunny winters day in the Wairarapa.

If the Daffodils are blooming, Jenny has offered members the opportunity to pick a bunch to take home, which I'm sure would be most appreciated by all in attendance.



CDHS – Plan to visit MiddleRun

The address is 341 Gladstone Road, Gladstone, which is on the left, just past the entrance to Carters Reserve.

Keep an eye on your inbox, as more information will be emailed out soon.

The 'Middle Run' Daffodils, planted over 100 hundred years ago, have raised thousands of dollars for the Carterton Plunket Society over the many year's crowds have been visiting the farm. Daffodil Day had become so such an iconic part of the way of life in Carterton, that in 1995 Mayor Georgina Beyer successfully laid claim to the town being named the 'Daffodil Capital of New Zealand'.

Regards,
Steve





Part of my job description within the CDHS Committee, is the promotion and visibility of the society out in the community. I suggested to committee members, the Society may want to look into some personalised clothing. I suggested a style of Polo Shirt, so it could be worn on more formal occasions and was a little dressier than a T-Shirt.

Committee members decided they would like to see one of each style.

Mangan Graphics were asked to complete the two shirts, which Pene and I are modelling in the attached photos.

Prices: Polo Shirt - \$54 or T-Shirt - \$25

If interested, please contact the Society

carterton.hist.soc@gmail.com

Regards, Steve Cretney



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