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CDHS – SPRING NEWSLETTER



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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Madam Chair Pene Will



Canford Cliffs Library
Poole Maritime Trust, Poole, UK



Poole Maritime Trust
Gavin MacLachlan



2023 Christmas Celebration

Chairperson Pene's "Contemplations"

Welcome, Tēnā koutou CDHS Members and Friends,
Although this is our spring newsletter, it will be the last before the festive season begins. On that note, we'd like to wish you all a fantastic, happy and safe festive season.

We also extend a huge vote of thanks to everyone who has supported CDHS in 2024. To say a big thank you and to celebrate the festive season together you will find an invitation to our CDHS Christmas get-together below. We're really looking forward to hosting you with cake, bubbles and the launch of two of our 2024 initiatives.

NOTE: 2pm - 4pm on 17th December. Please note in your diaries and we ask that you RSVP for catering purposes.

We've been busy since our last newsletter and you'll find articles about CDHS events and initiatives in this edition. All have been written by members of our CDHS committee. We like to keep you posted!
A recent donation to the CDHS archive was a collection of 18 Carterton Athletics Club cups and trophies. It included a list of the track and field trophy recipients, from the earliest awards recorded in 1952 to the most recent in 2012. An early one was the Toucher Cup awarded to K Hopping for the 'Most Points Track. Male or Female. All Ages'. A pretty impressive feat! There are many familiar Carterton family names from the past and more recent times. I even discovered my brother won a cup in 1957!

I'm particularly interested in this collection of trophies as recently we visited relations in Poole, UK. We were treated to a visit to the Poole Maritime Trust which is tucked away in a very old building, the Canford Cliffs Library. The building alone is ancient and fascinating. My relation is a committee member and is currently immersed in, you guessed it, cataloguing a collection of cups and trophies. He has completely fallen down a rabbit hole and is now researching the stories of the people who won them. Delving ever deeper is a regular distraction and trap when researching!

We had a great day exploring their collection, which holds ancient documents and artefacts, and discussing the joys and challenges of sustaining voluntary heritage groups. It seems the challenges are the same everywhere: funding, accommodation, sustaining membership numbers, cataloguing, a multitude of tasks and never enough time to complete them all. However, the joys are also universal: fascinating stories to uncover, interesting people to meet and chat with, and the opportunity to become totally immersed in topics that are fascinating and challenging. Although I must admit he lost me during his explanation of how the old steamers worked ... he gazed into the distance when I waxed lyrical about Carterton's early settlers. Horses for courses!

So, when you have the time on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon, call into our rooms. Share one of your stories about Carterton's heritage. Show us your family treasure from the past. Ask a question. Just come and join us and share in our enthusiasm for Carterton's past. It's so interesting!

Merry Christmas Meri Kirihimete

We all look forward to celebrating with you on Tuesday 17th December.

Ngā mihi nui
Pene

CDHS - FUNDING UPDATE

Well here we are again with the funding updates and the news from Trust House is good!! We requested \$25k during the August funding round and we are delighted to report that we received \$7k towards our operational costs for the coming 12-months. Admittedly, the amount received is significantly less than what we had hoped for BUT we did note that some applications were refused funding entirely so we're grateful that we were even in the running, and comparative to other organisation requests, we received a healthy amount of money.

We were also successful in receiving \$2000 from COGS (Community Organisation Grants Scheme) towards operational costs.

Next on the table for us will be a funding submission to Eastern & Central Community Trust (ECCT). Wish us luck with our ongoing submissions as the current funding climate is really tough and other local organisations haven't been so lucky.



TRUST HOUSE®

COGS
Community Organisation
Grants Scheme



CDHS - WEBSITE UPDATE

Drumroll please, our committee is super chuffed to let you know that our shiny new CDHS website is finally ready to be launched and will be shared with you all, at our upcoming CDHS Christmas Celebration, yippee!!

The finishing touches are being put in place, the committee members have been casting eagle eyes over the numerous pages to make sure there are no glaring mistakes or links that don't work properly - it has been a labour of love. The big website reveal will allow you all, our ever-patient members, to peruse and read the various pages that includes; Welcome, Stories & Articles, Photographs, Newsletters, Events, Membership, Support Us and Contact.

The website will grow and develop as we add more material so if there is information that you think might be good to include - please do let us know - we are always excited to share local stories especially those of our society members.

CDHS committee members presented the website to elected representatives and staff of Carterton District Council at a recent council-led workshop. This enabled CDC to see how their community grants money had been spent and to get a first glance at all of the stunning images and stories that CDHS has created throughout our society's existence.

We are proud to continue building a stronger relationship with our local council as we demonstrate our ongoing importance in the Carterton community.



AUGUST EDITION: The August Crier included the final wash up article on the Gasworks, and is a short summary of its final days leading to its closure in March 1966 and its sale, with the conversion of the Gasometer to initially a grain store, and latterly the site was converted to various uses, including storage.

PART 4 - READ ARTICLE

The original buildings can still be seen as can the original Manager's house on the corner of Belvedere Road and Taylor Street.

SEPTEMBER EDITION: An article on the Cash Cycle Company was produced for the September Crier and traced its history from the purchase of the building on the corner of High Street South and Pembroke Street by Collingwood Kemp Goodin in 1923, where Henry (Shakes) Masson ran a cycle and motor cycle business. Expansion to include radios, televisions and other electrical goods followed. The name was changed to Kemp Goodin Ltd and remained unchanged until its closure and demolition in 1999.

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Original Gasworks



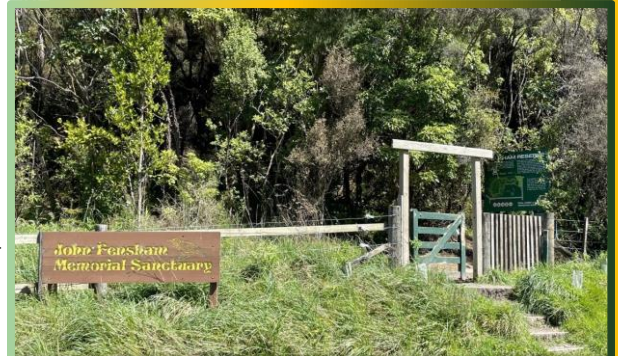
Cash Cycle Company

Carterton Crier Articles

OCTOBER EDITION: Included the brief history of John Fensham and the Fensham Reserve, tracing his arrival in Wellington as a seven year old in 1858, a three year stint working in the Hutt, his return to Carterton and his working life in sawmilling and at Brancepeth Station.

READ ARTICLE

He married in 1877 and bought land in Richmond Road. His legacy is Fensham Reserve, that is a 50 Hectare reserve 4 kilometres Northwest of Carterton.



John Fensham - Fensham Reserve

NOVEMBER EDITION: The latest article features the Carterton A&P Show, which was first conceived in 1867, with the first show being held in Masterton in 1871.

1889, following a disagreement between Masterton and South Wairarapa committees, two shows a year were held.

READ ARTICLE

William Booth purchased 11 acres in Belvedere Road which were developed to provide grandstands, stock pens, the produce hall, a tea kiosk and car parking.

In the mid 1970's the show relocated to Clareville where it still operates.

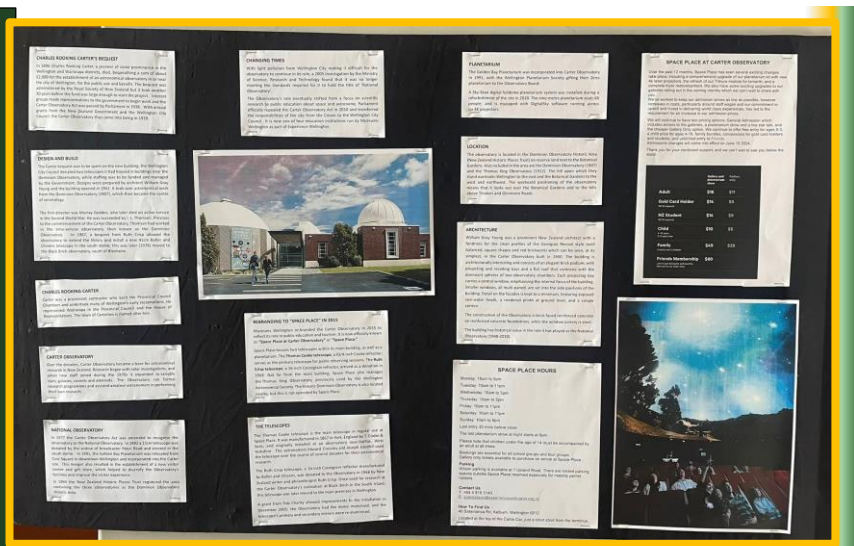


Belvedere Road Showgrounds

If you have a suggestion then please feel free to contact our Secretary Vivienne on our email for Carterton District Historical Society carterton.hist.soc@gmail.com or phone Vivienne on 0274 655 663.

A large black curtain donated to us has been turned into a roman blind and creates a backing for our window displays. Much better than the venetian blind we had before.

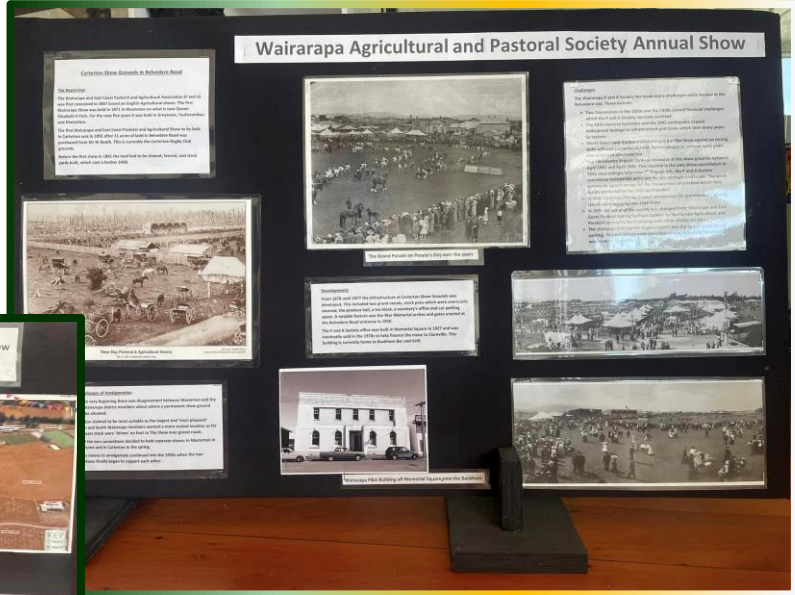
With Space Week a big deal in Carterton in October, we decided to base our window display around this. The focus of course being the Carter Observatory in Wellington with the connection to Charles Rooking Carter. We displayed the Space Week advertising and had some Lego spacecrafts in the window, and the stars really showed up against the black background.



CDHS WINDOW DISPLAYS

Our November window featured the Carterton Show, with some new photographs.

The December display will be a Christmas theme.





Prayers and Pints

Why Prayers and Pints?

Because churches and pubs were the glue that held Carterton's colonial society together and many were sited in High Street South.

We combined them into the 2024 CDHS Wairarapa Walking Festival heritage walk.



Walkers met at St Marks Anglican Church on Thursday afternoon, 14th November, and CDHS shared stories about the heritage of St Marks, St David's Union Church, formerly the site of St Andrews Presbyterian Church, the original St David's Methodist Church, now the property of the Salvation Army, and St Mary's Catholic Church, now privately owned and in a sad state of disrepair.

Wairarapa Walking Festival Carterton CDHS Prayers & Pints Heritage Walk - 2024



Marquis of Normanby

The walk finished at the Royal Oak with a cold drink ... and a shared bag of peanuts! While there we explored heritage stories about The Royal Oak and three other early hotels in Carterton; Marquis of Normanby, Club Hotel and Taratahi Hotel.



Club Hotel



Taratahi Hotel



From these stories two common themes emerged. Carterton's church buildings were frequently moved using wooden rollers and traction engines. The moves were prompted by the town centre moving north to be nearer the railway station which was built in 1880. Growing, and then shrinking congregations also prompted moves. Interestingly, St Marks is the oldest church building in the Wellington Diocese to be continuously used for services. The second theme was pub fires. The Club Hotel appears to hold the 'record' for being completely razed by fire, twice. Carterton citizens assisted with the rebuilds. The hotel must have been considered too important an institution to be lost! Thanks to the Wairarapa Walking Festival group for again including a CDHS heritage walk.

THE ROYAL OAK HOTEL

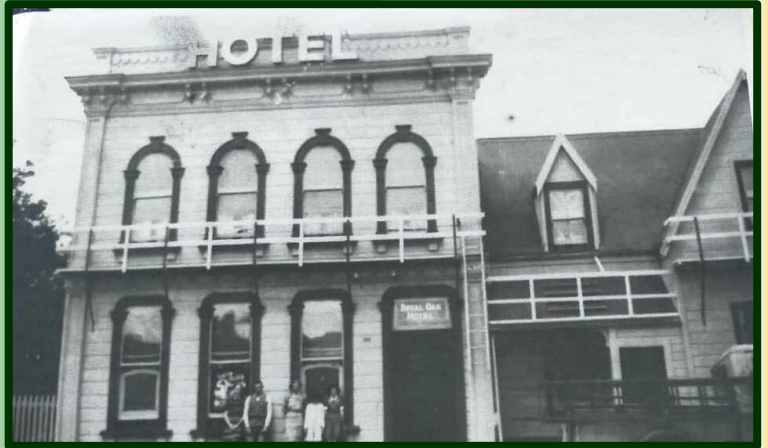
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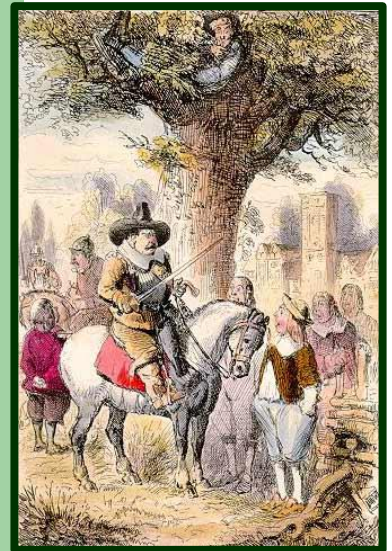
Readers will no doubt be aware that the Royal Oak Hotel (pictured right in its original configuration), that iconic landmark at Carterton's South End, is for sale, and facing a new future. Like most hotels of the mid to late 1800s era, the hotel has seen over the decades a multitude of physical and societal changes in its 160-year history.

The name of the hotel hails from a popular pub/hotel name in England. Along with The Red Lion and The Crown, The Royal Oak is one of the most popular pub names in the UK. These pubs are named after the oak tree that Prince Charles (later King Charles II) climbed and hid in to escape Oliver Cromwell's Roundheads after the Battle of Worcester in the English Civil War in 1651.

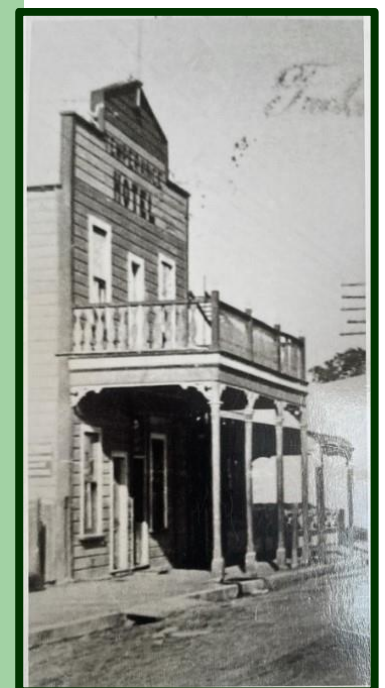
The history of the building is not well documented, but hotels were many of the early businesses that followed the settler cottages and the Royal Oak was probably the second or third hotel in Carterton, opening its doors to the public in 1865 under Mr Cadwallader and Mr Leach. The Pioneer Hotel was the first hotel to be constructed and opened in the area, closely followed by the Taratahi Hotel, and the Royal Oak.



Up until the 1860s just about any grog shop selling liquor could call itself a hotel and the idea of a hotel providing standards of living better than could be found at home was fairly novel up until the later 1800s in provincial NZ. But by the standards of even just a few years later, the facilities at the Royal Oak were modest but more than adequate, and by 1872, a licensing report stated that the hotel had seven rooms of which 5 were bedrooms, and it had 6 horse stalls plus paddocks. (The Taratahi at the same time, only had 2 bedrooms, (but the same report offered praise for the Taratahi due to the cheerfulness and efficiency of the landlord). It was only a few years later, in the 1881 that the Liquor Licencing Act stated that hotels must provide at least 6 bedrooms and meals and so the Royal Oak found itself in a better position to meet those conditions than other local establishments.



Prince Charles II hid in an Oak Tree



The Temperance Hotel – Formerly known as The Pioneer Hotel

THE ROYAL OAK HOTEL - CONT'D

Location, Location, Location. If you take a look at the current sales brochure for the Royal Oak you will see that one of the selling points mentioned in the brochure, is that "the property benefits from its proximity to key transport routes".

Of course, that is exactly why it was established in the first place, in 1865, because of its position on the Wellington to Masterton route, which is known as SH2. These transport routes were vitally important for hotels and the role that they played in the logistical and social culture of the times. The first hotels in the Wairarapa were at Lake Ferry and Castlepoint, because most traffic went to and from Wellington by sea - with the Castlepoint logistics hub only closing when the route over the Remutakas was opened, and

establishments like the Royal Oak were built to cater for this expansion of inland routes. So just as at the Castlepoint hotel became an important, local logistics hub, on a main transport route for seaborne goods and passengers, the Royal Oak easily filled that niche on the new inland route from the capital to the Wairarapa. Horses were just as important as passengers in those days and hotels needed to accommodate their every need to be successful. A fast, efficient stage coach service needed to change horses every 15 miles or so. (24 Km). And the Royal Oak was there to accommodate this. The present



Ferry Hotel
Ca. 1910



Club Hotel Castlepoint - 1878

car park at the side and back of the hotel used to be stabling for the horses and paddocks at the back served as essential grazing. The stage coach and wagon route became doubly demanding on hotels on election days, as voting rights were based on property. If you owned property in Wellington and the Wairarapa, then you could often vote in multiple constituencies and extra coaches and accommodation were provided at these busy times. (The voting qualification based on property lasted until universal elections were established in the 1880s).



The Royal
Oak Hotel,
Carpark and
Grazing

Local and Long-Distance Transport - The stage coach services on the main route from Wellington to Masterton, was initially provided by William Hastwell. He built his stables in Greytown and his coaches stopped at hotels such as the Royal Oak, which acted as logistics hubs for the outer settlements. In 1866, a year after the Royal Oak started business, Cobb & Co (an American operator), took over the service in the Wairarapa and in many parts of New Zealand. The company ran its service in a similar fashion to a franchise, with local men operating the run and William Hastwell continued to operate it on their behalf. The journey over the Remutakas took around 12 hours and the cost was 10 shillings (about \$80 today).



William Robert
Hastwell ca. 1870



THE ROYAL OAK HOTEL - CONT'D

The fast coach would set out from Manners Street in Wellington in the early morning and would arrive in Masterton in the evening, – using establishments like the Royal Oak as horse replenishment places and natural breaks for the human customers and to connect with local services for freight, post and passengers. Some coaches on the route used the Cobb & Co stables in Greytown as an overnight stop. With its beginnings in America, and using the new, smooth running “Concord” stagecoach, Cobb and Co became the Wells Fargo of New Zealand and Australia in its day and continued to operate in the South Island until 1925. (The last advertised Cobb & Co stage coach runs were Arrowtown-Queenstown and Arrowtown-Dunedin in February 1925).

As an aside, the Royal Oak also provided for wagoners and their loads. The wagons that carried logs and other produce to Wellington, could take up to a week to do the same journey and with logs heading to Wellington and spirits coming back (mainly rum), it is surprising that the journey was only a week. Many a rider or stagecoach passenger would pass a wagoner fast asleep under his wagon while his oxen or horses grazed peacefully at the trackside. The slow moving, heavily laden wagon crossings were actually quite dangerous in places and it is said that the rum contributed much to the wagoners’ courage during the journey. In the pioneering days, hotels were always more than just hotels. By the mid to late 1870s The Royal Oak had become a centre for local social interaction, a centre for parcel and letter collection and a hub for local off main route journeys to outlying settlements. It stayed in this role even after the cessation of the Cobb and Co. Coach service, which ceased operations after the arrival of the railway – which reached Carterton in 1880, pulling the centre of gravity of the settlement to the North – and away from the Royal Oak. But there were still many local coach and horse services providing transport to outlying settlements, that still needed the essential services of the hotel, which also still catered for local individuals who today would have a car, but then still used horses. Even though the centre of town had moved, and newer establishments opened up in the vicinity of the railway station, there was still a paucity of rooms available and the Royal Oak was still a well-used establishment and services for horses and their owners was still an important facet of the Royal Oak’s business. It wasn’t until 1913 that one of the local coach services purchased a motor vehicle and until 1922 most of the local cartage was still carried out by six horse wagon teams.

Fire - Bush fires, many of them major, had always afflicted the Carterton area ever since settlers first arrived in the region and started felling trees. Hot summers and tinder dry bush that grew in place of felled trees, together with wooden buildings, all lent support to potential disaster. In 1872, The Royal Oak survived two major fires. One started in bush near the hotel and swept North, and only the best efforts of all those present – probably desperate to save their drinking establishment, saved the hotel. The fire swept north up to Belvedere Road destroying many houses and businesses. One house owner, seeing his house about to go up in flames, dug a hole in the garden, filled it with water and placed in it the family bible and several other family treasures brought out from England. The fire was so persistent that he was unable to retrieve the items for 7 days, and even then, the bible was scorched.



Hastwell Stables
Ahikouka – Ca.1981



Carterton Fire Brigade
Station 62
Constructed in 1906

THE ROYAL OAK HOTEL - CONT'D

Another fire during the same period started in the area of what is now the railway station, swept up Belvedere Road and then moved down towards the Royal Oak. Again, those present starred in the drama and saved the hotel. That particular fire also moved North and took out some of Booths wood mill, and a private school run by a Mr Scott. The gentleman was so horrified by events, that he immediately gave up the pioneer life and fled to Sydney.

The Royal Oak and other hotels in the area were an integral part of society and formed the glue that held emerging societies together. The Royal Oak functioned as a logistics centre for local people, for post office services, auction sales were held there, and it was the mid-point for a local Masterton cycling club, as the journey to the hotel and back was exactly 20 miles. During the first world war, when the army took over the Carterton showgrounds, the pub landlord provided a rugby pitch and changing rooms on land behind the pub, and no doubt the landlord profited well from this transaction with 30 thirsty players, hangers on and spectators all needing post-match refreshment!



Carterton Volunteer Fire Brigade Serving the community for 146 years

The Coroner's Court - In many western movies, courts and coroners often set up in bars and hotels to mete out justice and settle affairs, and this sort of thing happened right here in Carterton as well. One such example of a coroner's court held in the Royal Oak is well documented, which contributed to a result that we still feel today. In 1879, a coroner's inquest was set up in the hotel to investigate the death of a Mr George McPartland who had died a few days earlier. Mr William Booth was appointed foreman and having sworn in his jury in the Royal Oak, he, with the jury went off to the house of the deceased to inspect the body.

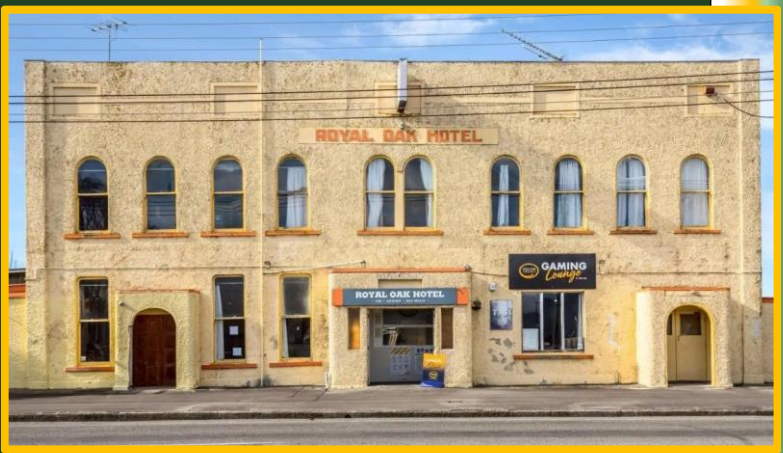
Various witnesses, both family and others were called and it transpired that on the day of his death, Mr McPartland (63) had come to get his cart fixed and had called into the Oak and sampled 4 Hennessy's brandies. These would not have been the tiny liquor measures of today that can hardly be seen with the naked eye, but more like a small tumbler filled to the top. So, he had imbibed a fair amount, but there was more to come. He then went home and returned later and had another 5 brandies. With help, he then managed to mount his horse and his brother-in-law arrived and led him home. By this time, he was unable to dismount and unable to speak, he had to be carried in to the house where he lay on the sofa to sleep it off. Unfortunately, while asleep, his wife found that he had died. The court pronounced him dead of a heart attack and with that official verdict was a rider that said that publicans "should not serve intoxicants to anyone who showed signs of having had too much alcohol that day." And 2 years later in 1881, the new liquor licensing act that replaced nearly 50 national and regional statutes, provided (among other things) for penalties to landlords for serving intoxicated people, and now of course you see that sign in just about every pub in NZ. So, the Royal Oak played its small part in advancing alcohol legislation that survives today.

Royal Oak Hotel Built 1865

Licensees:		
1865-1875	William Cadwallader	W Leach 1870
1875-1887	E Buckeridge	
1887-1892	Robert Burridge	
1892-1893	Margaret Hamilton	
1893-1894	Michael Ryan	
1894-1895	James Cress - Charles Cress	
1895-1901	Henry Franks	
1901-1907	Hargreaves	
1907-1909	Thomas Smith	
1909-1912	Arabella Harbroe	
1912-1919	James William Cordingley	
1919-1920	Lewis Naylor	
1920-1923	William Condor	
1923-1929	Alexander Leitch	
1929-1931	William Humphrey Donovan	
1931-1936	John Fearon	
1936-1939	Albert Edward Izzard	
1939-1940	Mary Edith Carney	
1940-1941	Hugh Fahey	
1941-1967	William Harold Steel	
1967-1975	B & J McCashin Ltd (Brian McCashin)	
1975-1976	Kenneth Bruce McPherson	
1976	Accommodation closed - became Royal Oak Tavern	
1976-1980	Kenneth Bruce McPherson	
1980-1997	Douglas Ronald & Beth Kathleen Jeffcoat	
1997-2000	Marshal Tetau, Brian Holmes, Sandra & Nicholas Mangos	
2000-2001	Elizabeth May Beesley	
2001-2004	Rick & Regan Soper	
2004-2008	Raewyn Richardson	
2008-	Maree and Robert (Woody) Campbell	

Carterton District Historical Society, 44 Broadway, Carterton
This information from sources available. New information welcomed.

The Modern Age - But when did the hotel change its façade from the original rather lovely old building to the new? The Times Age reported on 2 December 1943 that 'extensive additions were being made to the hotel', and it is believed that this is the time when the old façade was changed over to the new and the hotel expanded. Why it was carried out in the middle of a war is difficult to determine and there are few records as to the decision, but moving into the 50s and 60s, the Royal Oak, like many such establishments was seeing many changes, particularly in clientele, and hotel use. These changes were brought about by huge social and mobility changes in New Zealand including the rapid rise of mechanised transport – both train, omnibus, and the motor car. The liquor licencing Acts, followed these changes with changes of their own, all designed to improve conditions and place a greater control on drinking, but of course as often happens with new laws, there can be unintended consequences. The 1881 Act had required public houses selling liquor to provide meals and at least six bedrooms for travellers. In other words, if you wanted to serve alcohol, you needed to provide rooms and this was to have an effect on the hotel trade moving forward. In 1917, a wartime measure directed that drinking must cease by 6 pm. This was confirmed after the war in 1918 and it opened the way for the legendary '6 O'clock swill'.



THE ROYAL OAK HOTEL - CONT'D

With the need for accommodation gradually declining in the 60s, it would seem advantageous for the Royal Oak to take advantage of a new law enacted in 1963, saying that hotels need not provide rooms and could become just taverns, thus saving the time and expense of putting up the fast-diminishing provincial accommodation trade. But this new law was little used by the Royal Oak (and other hotels) because pretending to have guests, and advertising for guests enabled them to get around the 6 O'clock closing time. So, we still see in the Times Age of the period, hotels such as the Oak, were still advertising and still (supposedly) providing accommodation. But finally, in 1967, early closing ended, and all pretence was forgotten and the Royal Oak's main business changed gradually into that of a pub selling liquor and other bar services, rather than hotel services. This was a timely measure for hotels like the Royal Oak, because with the huge changes in society and transport facilities, the accommodation trade was diminishing at an ever-increasing rate.

By 1969, the Liquor Licencing Authority reported that half the hotels in the country played 'an insignificant part' or no part at all in the accommodation of travellers and that many thousands of hotel rooms were simply never used.

The Royal Oak was forced to react to the changing conditions and eight years later, in 1976, ceased to offer accommodation, changing its status to a tavern. So the Royal Oak, which was built to the size of a hotel, became more of a pub, selling drinks and snacks, and in this guise it changed from needing to attract travellers (although these were still welcome up until 1976), to relying more on a local pub clientele – and this perhaps is where distance from the centre of town could have been at least a slight advantage for a while, because with the advent of drink drive regulations, it became an attractive proposition for local punters with no competition in the immediate vicinity. With the rise of the 'motel', and Carterton and Masterton more accessible with the modern motor car, most travellers by this time would stay in motels in town, nearer to other facilities such as businesses and restaurants, and with the changing times and with more convenient accommodation available in town, the change to tavern status was inevitable.

The Royal Oak has witnessed immense changes in the many facets of structural and societal life of Carterton and the Greater Wellington region, and has even changed its face to the world with its 1940s change in architecture. Memories fade over time, but in its heyday, the hotel played a huge part in the development of Carterton and the wider Wairarapa society, and it would be a pity if this important contribution to provincial life faded, unnoticed, into history. Now it is set for more changes with a change of ownership. How that will pan out will set the scene for this classic old hotel for many years to come. That is, if it is not demolished - the area is zoned for residential development!



CDHS FACEBOOK PAGE



Once a week CDHS endeavours to add a photo of interest to our Facebook Page. Check this out by following Carterton District Historical Society on Facebook. All photos are sourced from our collection at 142 High Street North and we try to find interesting and/or old photos pertaining to the Carterton area. Since our last Newsletter we added seven photographs as follows:

9th August - We showed the Carterton Volunteer Fire Brigade Demonstration Team 1930-1934. The eight firemen, included many well-known locals, are showing off their cups and shields they have won.

28th August - We were asked if we could identify a photo taken of a group of young cadets in a showground with seated officials and a shield. With lots of discussion and thanks to the help of Adam Simpson at Wairarapa Archives we found that it was taken at the Masterton Central Schools grounds. The building with the bell top left of the photo is the Kuripuni Fire Station and it was the local schools military cadets on parade.

5th September - We were donated by Task Masters a very large old map dated January 1896 of Greytown and Surrounding Country which shows roads and farm owners. It's a fascinating map to look at.

17th October - We showed a more recent photo of a horse dressed for a Christmas parade. We were curious to know who the owner of the horse was but did not manage to find the answer.

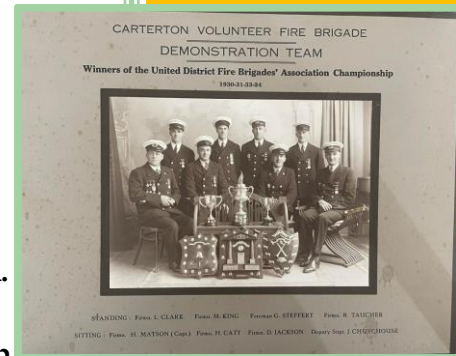
1st November had a 1910 photo of Hughan's Motor Garage, agent for

Ford cars. In front of the building are six Ford motorcars. A very impressive line-up indeed. The building was in Pembroke Street where the New World Supermarket building now stands.

10th & 14th November - We included two lovely old photos of Miss Berrill's Girls Club. The Club entertained and put on shows at the King Theatre during 1930-1955. CDHS holds many photos from this time along with the Programs and names of their dances.



The two we showcased are "The Rajah's Dancing girls" and from the 1949 revue "Looking over a four leave clover". Names of the girls are noted and there has been much comment about these photographs from family members.



CDHS – MEMBERSHIP

The support that the Society receives from members and the community is essential to ensure the continuation of the Society's work in collecting and preserving the history of Carterton.

Your involvement by joining, will ensure this work carries on.

See the attached Membership Form as shown here, complete and return to our email address

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or mail to

The Treasurer
11 Philip Street
Carterton 5713



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

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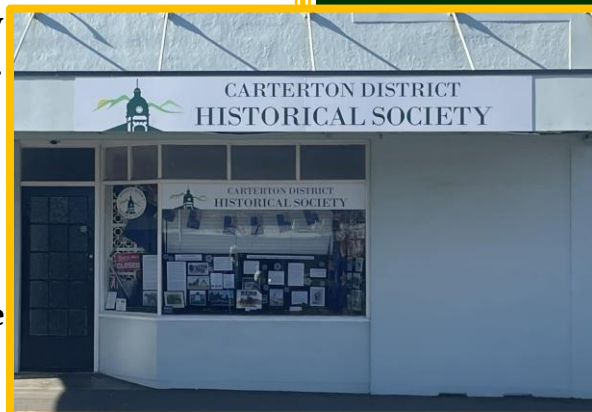
Carterton District Historical Society, C/- M. Thompson, Treasurer, 11 Phillip Street, Carterton 5713

We aim to collect and store the history and heritage of Carterton district for the use of future researchers. We welcome the opportunity to receive or copy your local photographs and records.

Your continued support to the Carterton District Historical Society is appreciated and helps towards keeping the Society operating.

QUERIES, RFI'S and WALK IN'S

Since our last Newsletter we seem to have been very busy responding to members of the public on a range of topics. Many people pop in just to see what we have and to look around at our collection and enjoy looking at the map of High Street with photos of the old building that used to adorn the street. Others come to enquire about family research of their ancestors who used to live in the area, and in many instances they go away with new knowledge that the Society has been able to provide them with. We have large sheets of the layout of the Clareville Cemetery and now with the new Plotbox available on the Carterton District Council website, it is much easier for members of the public to search for family in the Cemetery and actually see where their plot is.



We have had two additions to our artefact collection this quarter. One was the Carterton Athletic Club's cups and trophies along with a register of all the cups and recipients who have won them over the years. The second was photographs from Miss Berrill's Girls Club which added to the collection we already had and also some old Carterton School photographs.

During November three nursing trainees called into our rooms to find out information about Carterton for a presentation they needed to do for their course. Apart from statistics about Carterton which they could source themselves, they wanted to know what Carterton was like in earlier days. Several of our members are born and bred in Carterton and the conversation with the nurse trainees was very enlightening for them.

When we are at the rooms on Tuesday and Thursday there's never a dull moment with always plenty of things to do. If you are interested in helping out, even on a casual basis, we can always find something for you to do. As the old saying goes "Many hands make light work".

CATALOGUING

We are plugging away at this onerous task and have now reached the 600 mark. Still many to go. The filing cabinet is still being catalogued and we have started on the map drawers. These drawers contain many maps and photographs, which require a lot of individual attention.

PLOTBOX

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Ancestry

**Papers
Past**

Papers Past



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DIGITAL NZ – CARTER HOME

Carter Home, the Forerunner of Carter Court, Published in DigitalNZ

Many of you will be familiar with the history of Carter Court. You may also know the story of its predecessor, Carter Home for Aged Men. CDHS created a display about both establishments and hung it in Carter Court a few years ago.

We're excited to share with you that the first two parts about Carter Home, are now able to be viewed world-wide!

Along with photos they are able to be viewed at these links:

PART ONE:

<https://digitalnz.org/stories/628ffa3b3edf07001d75f776>

PART TWO:

<https://digitalnz.org/stories/62902d8eae9663001e39b129>



This will be officially launched at our Christmas Celebration on 17th December.

CDHS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Carterton District Historical Society invites you to a ...

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



Join us at 142 High Street North, Carterton on Tuesday 17th December, 2pm - 4pm

Christmas Cake / bubbles / a
chance to mix & mingle

RSVP by Sunday 8th December to Vivienne:
carterton.hist.soc@gmail.com or 0274 655 663



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