



FRIENDS of
BOLTON STREET
CEMETERY INCORPORATED
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1992

Monday 18 May 1992

St Andrew's on The Terrace

St Andrew's Lounge

8.00 pm

Guest Speaker

Mr Francis King

Director of the British Council in New Zealand

"From the Weald to Wellington on the Bolton"

Mr King will talk to us about six families from Poor Houses in the Weald of Kent who travelled to New Zealand in the ship *Bolton*. We are privileged to hear the results of Mr King's research on a fascinating aspect of our history.

A G E N D A

AGM - 18 May 1992

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Minutes of the 1991 Annual General Meeting
- 3 Matters arising from the minutes
- 4 Chairperson's report
- 5 Treasurer's report and financial statement
- 6 WCC Parks and Recreation Department report
- 7 Election of Committee
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- 9 Address by Francis King

Henry Middleton Blackburn

The following inscription appears on a reinstated stone in the cemetery [Wellington City Council Map B217, reference K14 NO12, stone 6/62]:

Sacred to the memory of

HENRY MIDDLETON BLACKBURN Esqr

Ensign in H M 99th Regt

*who was killed in action in the Valley
of the Horokiri on August the 6th 1846
aged 22 years*

Charles Cator (1813-47), a solicitor and man about town who came to Wellington late in 1845, kept a diary (now in the Alexander Turnbull Library), the entry in which for Friday 14 August 1846 reads as follows:

"Poor Blackburn to be buried at 2. Went with the funeral from Hickson's yard to the church and grave. Large numbers of people were there. The weather was very wet. S. Easter."

A W McCormick

Floriade - 15-17 November 1991

The successful Floriade mounted last November by the Parks and Recreation Department involved the Cemetery and the Friends. It marked the first public use of the new replica chapel.

Clare Douglas and Ron Read of the Botanic Gardens staff set up an information table at the Seddon Memorial to offer the public information on the history of the cemetery, burials, and the collection of old roses. Many spreadsheets were given out, with a steady stream of people asking questions.

The replica chapel in the Bolton Street Memorial Park was decorated by members of the Heritage Rose Society with roses and flowers from the cemetery for the weekend.

Margaret Alington supplied photographs and text on the history of the cemetery, with Warren Kerruish and Rod Read helping to put up the display in the chapel. During the weekend over 1000 people passed through the chapel to look at the display and old roses. Many people used the indexed book and maps to locate graves of interest to them.

We would like to thank Friends members Margaret Alington, Ann Burnett, John Daniels, Betty Krebs, Mac McCormick, Chris McGrath and Nick Perrin, who looked after the display and helped answer questions from the public. Our special thanks to all the staff of Parks and Recreation who helped make the whole weekend so successful.

Congratulations

We congratulate committee member Ann Burnett who received a Civic Award from the City Council last year. The award recognises Ann's work not only for the Friends, but for the Colonial Cottage Museum Society and many other bodies.