



ONSLOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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Newsletter

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A reminder!

The Society has arranged a visit to Ohariu Valley on Waitangu Day. This was advertised in our last Newsletter and is repeated here to remind you.

The fit folk can get their strong shoes out ready for a good hike up the hill, others can be ready for four wheel assistance.

Remember to bring a jacket.

Afterwards we will socialise in the garden and if you can bring some nibbles with you, to share with our refreshments, that would be good.

Please RSVP – it would be helpful to have some idea of the numbers.

Happy New year!

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An Invitation – A visit to Ohariu Valley

John and Liz Hume have invited OHS members and friends to visit *Forest Hill* farm

On Waitangi Day 6 February 2020

Time 4 – 6 pm

At *Forest Hill* farm, 109 Rifle Range Road

Turn left at the Crossroads, last house at the end of the road, there is plenty of parking space.

This is an outdoor event with the opportunity to walk up the hill to see the historic plaque that the Hume family erected to celebrate 150 years of farming in Ohariu Valley. It was unveiled on 19th November 2018. The following year, in February 2019 descendants from the pioneering family attended a celebratory event.

The bronze plaque is set on a huge boulder plinth, positioned halfway up to the top of Mt Kau Kau on the western side of the hill. We will be led by John who will share information and the family’s fascinating history. From this position the view is magnificent and given a clear sky the South Island will be visible. John says this is a ‘dress circle’ position and suggests you bring your binoculars! Also, to wear warm clothes

– it can be cold and windy.

The walk is quite steep and will take about 30–40 minutes, and those not so agile (that means me!) can take the car, or be driven, as the private road is sealed.

Refreshments will be served after the walk at a small cabin in the garden.

Visits to Ohariu Valley have been on the OHS calendar since 1968 and through the 1970s and 1980s with great regularity. Warren Bryant snr, and John’s father, Jim Hume, were on our first OHS committee and made sure we didn’t forget the rural community on our doorstep, or its history. It was country styled hospitality. Goodness, what fun times we had! So I am particularly pleased to recommend this visit and a revival of what used to be a regular event.

