



ONslow HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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Newsletter

March 2021

Dear Members,

Here is our latest news and a programme of forthcoming events.

But first, looking back to Waitangi Day and our walk with Chris Horne it is my pleasure to report that this was a most successful event. 18 walkers took part and the weather was perfect. Philippa Parsons was there and wrote to Chris in thanks: for guiding us along paths close to home but unfamiliar to us. We will be back with other family members so they too can enjoy the scenery. The historical and botanical information certainly made the outing richer. Thank you again for your trouble and for sharing your knowledge and expertise.

And so say all of us, Chris – many thanks.

We were fortunate to have our WCC archivist, Adrian Humphris join the party. He shares his historical knowledge generously. He now intends to follow up with further research on some of the sites visited. This is the way we add to our knowledge bank. So, thank you Adrian.

There has been the suggestion that OHS repeat this type of outdoor event again, and the Committee will take this on board. That's a fore warning Chris!

As I write I am mulling over the effects of the new level 2 that the country is working around. We have to plan positively so here is our programme for the next 6 months.

Best wishes

Judy Siers
President

Events Programme OHS March – May 2021

Thursday 18 March

An evening with Heritage NZ staff members: Joanna Barnes-Wylie and Dean Raymond.

The Future of Heritage in Wellington's Northern Suburbs.

K.A.T.E. ■ 7.30 pm for a 7.45 pm start.

Sunday 28 March

Meet author Cristina Sanders and hear her talk about her novel *Jerningham* set in the 1840s during the days of the early Wellington Wakefield settlement scheme.

K.A.T.E. ■ 2.15pm for a 2.30pm start.

Note: we have arranged for this afternoon event in response to members telling me they are unable to attend evening functions. I hope this will work and we can do it again!

Wednesday 21 April

Gabor Toth presents his much admired and most interesting illustrated talk *The Thorndon Motorway.*

K.A.T.E. ■ 7.30pm for a 7.45 pm start.

Wednesday 26 May

AGM followed by a talk by Bruce Murray, Chair of the Tawa Historical Society, about writing and publishing his new book *The History of the Old Porirua Road.*

K.A.T.E. ■ 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start.



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THE FUTURE OF HERITAGE IN WELLINGTON'S NORTHERN SUBURBS



- Date: 18 March 2021
- Time: 7.30 – 9.30 (supper will be provided)
- Venue: Khandallah Telephone Exchange (KATE) 86 Khandallah Road
- Presenters: Joanna Barnes-Wylie, Senior Heritage Advisor HNZPT ~ some of the significant heritage features of the northern suburbs
- Dean Raymond, Planner HNZPT ~ the Wellington Spatial Plan and what's next in the District Plan process
- RSVP: Judy Siers siersjudy@gmail.com by 1st March



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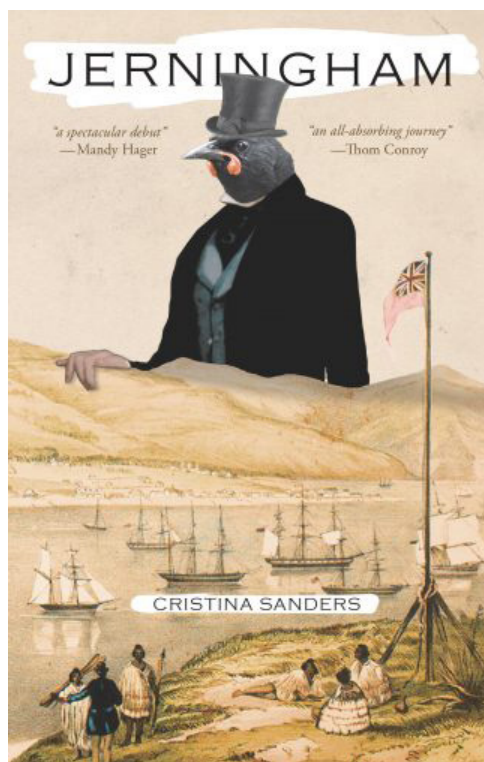
An invitation to meet Cristina Sanders

Sunday afternoon 28 March 2021 at 2.15pm for a 2.30pm start

K.A.T.E 56 Khandallah Road, Khandallah



Cristina Sanders



Edward Jerningham Wakefield was the wild-child of the Wakefield family that set up the New Zealand Company to bring the first

settlers to this country.

His story is told through the eyes of bookkeeper

Arthur Lugg, who is tasked by Colonel William Wakefield to keep tabs on his brilliant but unstable nephew.

As trouble brews between settlers, government, missionaries and Māori over land and souls and rights, Jerningham is at the heart of it, blurring the line between friendship and exploitation and spinning the hapless Lugg in his wake.

Alive with historical detail, Jerningham tells a vivid and important story of Wellington's colonial beginnings and of a charismatic young man's rise and inevitable fall.

Books will be available to browse or buy.

Afternoon tea will be served.

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From The Archives



This northbound express passenger train was photographed as it travelled through the countryside of Raroa, between Khandallah and Johnsonville. c. 1930. It's likely to be the Napier or the New Plymouth express and is headed by two "Ab" class locomotives.

From the R.J. Meyer Collection held at the OHS Archive. Originating from New Zealand Railways Publicity Photograph No: C-5248.

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