



Minniesdale Chapel & Cemetery

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Wharehine

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MINNIESDALE NEWS 2019

Greetings to all our friends and supporters.

From the Chairman

As we head towards the end of another year, I am very happy to report that our Chapel and Cemetery continue to present to locals and visitors as a place that is well managed and cared for. Ground keeping carried out by the Wellsford Lions under contract has freed up the trustees to concentrate on the day to day running of the chapel including book work, correspondence, small repairs, liaising with funeral directors, organising plots for burials, and general clean-ups prior to events.

An ongoing and drawn-out project is coming to an end with the installation of plinths on the new ashes berm to the right of the Chapel. Thank you to Absolute Concrete for their assistance in moulding and casting these plinths at a very reasonable price.

After 152 years, Minniesdale Chapel and Cemetery continues to be a special place of remembrance and celebration for Wharehine residents and visitors. I'd like to thank all Trustees for their commitment to ensuring that this place of significance will continue to function as such into the future.

Tony Hayward

From the Treasurer

I have completed two years in the role of Treasurer, Chapel hire & plot sales for Minniesdale Chapel & Cemetery, a role that is very interesting and rewarding. One which has involved a dedicated group of Trustees/Custodians caring for the chapel and cemetery plus people near and far, past and present who have helped make this beautiful spot in Wharehine what it is today.

The Chapel has seen four weddings and a Christening, with two more weddings booked.

Donations and bequests from Albertlander descendants and Minniesdale supporters have ensured we are able to maintain both Chapel and cemetery to the highest standard.

In summary every single person who has put time & effort into preserving Minniesdale Chapel & Cemetery can be proud of their achievements. There is still much to be done and it will be ongoing.

Barbara Lane

AGM

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Trustees have had to postpone the AGM until early in 2020. We will let you know the date once confirmed.

Projects

Earlier this year Trustees and members of the Coopers Restoration team met to discuss stripping old shellac from the Chapel floor. A test patch was done and the floor will certainly come up beautifully after the Coopers Treatment, matching the rest of the Chapel interior. This project is planned for early 2020. We also hope to get the pews redone with perhaps help from the wider community as it will be a big job.

We are currently researching options for replacing the Chapel carpet runner.

With more visitors and events at Minniesdale the Trustees are cleaning the Chapel regularly. With no electricity this has been done the old-fashioned way, with brooms and dustpans. Shaking the carpet runner in a high wind is always exciting! However, the miracles of modern technology have come to our aid and we have now bought a battery powered vacuum cleaner.



Trustee Barbara Lane hard at work before a recent wedding.

Anniversary Service

This year's Service, conducted by Ray Hollis, will take place on Sunday 29th December at 1.30 pm. To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Minniesdale House, Linda Clapham has invited the congregation to join her there for afternoon tea and fellowship, (weather permitting). In keeping with tradition – ladies please 'bring a plate'.

Wishing everyone all the best for the Festive Season and a happy and safe 2020.

Lyn Johnston
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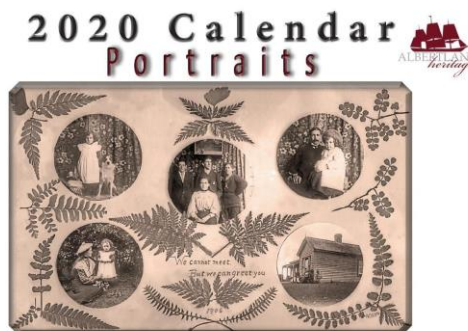
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