



# Friends of Waikumete Inc.

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In 2011, We will Commemorate **125 years** since the First Burial in Waikumete Cemetery. Florence Lena Bell, the 14 month old baby daughter of Edmund and Jessie Bell, of Bellwood, Mt Roskill, was buried on 19<sup>th</sup> March 1886. The chapel was officially opened in May 1886. The Friends of Waikumete are already in the planning for marking these historical events in 2011.

On the eve of establishing the new Auckland Supercity, we trust that the new Heritage team in council will be professional and continue to maintain our Heritage Sites in West Auckland. The chapel is a Category Two Site and we hope that it is now strong enough to last another 125 years.



Our vision for the future is that we wish to see the chapel well used for weddings, family occasions, blessings and special services, Poetry readings, choir and christmas concerts, Festivals. We hope the chapel is used freely for special events such as Anzac Day or Open Days.



## The Chapel of Faith in the Oaks

Re-opening after restoration  
5 October 2010

Open to Public Saturday  
9<sup>th</sup> October 2010, 10am-1pm  
Booking enquiries at Office



We warmly invite you to register an interest with us. We would value support of anyone local or in greater Auckland. Remember Waikumete cemetery is online for genealogy research or to check where a family member is buried. Please visit and check out family graves.



We hope that Judith Long, who led the 1970's restoration is glad that all her hard work then, was not in vain.

We wish to acknowledge The Late Mary Gilligan for being our stalwart and our representative on the Former Chapel Trust.

Aranne Donald, our heritage adviser and Immediate Past President wrote comprehensively in our last newsletter about the chapel. We are pleased and grateful that the Waitakere City council undertook the repair, restoration and seismic upgrade. Aranne has been teaching us that the basic principle to use in heritage areas is to retain authenticity in the era that it was built. The 1920's have a particular style, the 1950's have their style. We cover over seven decades of cemetery styles. In the old part of the cemetery, the roads are in need of repair. If and when that happens, the original "country" look must be maintained.



**The Pain Family** plot is in Block A, Section 2 plots 65,66, 67,68 has always been unusual because it is a large creditable monument with no names. No one appears to know why it is unmarked.

On the death of **Martha Ann Pain** , formerly Wade, nee Bull, her son Benjamin and her son-in-law Daniel Arkell, purchased the four plots. She died 6/10/1886. Aged 60 years. On 19/9/1905, **Benjamin**, the twin son of Ben and Mary Pain was buried with his grandmother. Just "twenty four hours " old. ( Plot 67 )



**Susannah Arkell, nee Wade** was born 1852 in England, married aged 22 years in Walford England and died 8 March 1912 at her residence in Ridge Rd, Waikowai., aged 60 years (buried Plot 67)

**Daniel Arkell**, was born in 1854 in Wiltshire, England, and emigrated in 1877. He died on 17 Dec 1912. (Interred between plot 65/67) Information from C Little invoices give the date of the funeral as Wed. Dec 18 3pm . Cost was \$18-12-6 (pounds) that included motor hearse and 4 carriages



This photo of Benjamin Pain and his family was taken circa 1917 R-L standing is Rita (McKay) Henry Raymond Pain, Hazel (Johnson) M V Pain (McBrine) In Sydney. Benjamin Pain was a Jeweller, watchmaker, and silversmith who lived above his shop in Upper Hobson St. He died On 9 July 1937 (Plot 65) Mary Phin Pain, nee Hoey, his Scottish wife died 13 Nov 1961 aged 91 years. Residence for both at time of death was 9 Hope St. Grey Lynn. (Plot 65)



Above is Martha with husband Mathew, who was buried at Rockwell Cemetery, Sydney.

**Rita Muriel McKay** is the burial in plot 66 She died 26 May 1948 aged 46

**Hazel Johnson** and her husband, **John Johnson**, have their ashes here. Hazel born 1894, died 27 Oct 1953. John died 21 Feb 1972

**Henry Pain** is in Waikumete PBB 8-93 He died 16 Jan 1961



The home Daniel Arkell, brewer of Auckland, built about 1903, is a heritage home and part of the Hillsborough Heights Retirement village. (Corner of Dominion and Hillsborough Rd, then Ridge Rd. It was called "House on the Hill". Daniel intended it to be a road house, but he failed to get a liquor license and eventually the property passed to the receiver. In 1931, it became the convent of the Good Shepherd and later formed the St Joseph School for Girls. The site for the stables became the chapel, and is now Santoor Indian Restaurant.

In Duncan Waterson's notes, Gladstone Brewery in Newton Rd was established c. 1892 until c.1906 when competition from larger concerns forced him out of business.

Found on the website Paperspast was an article called "Heiress to Fortune." It was reporting a court case petitioning for the removal of Thomas C.R. Thatcher and his wife, Mary, from the guardianship of Elsie B. D. Arkell, a girl about 13 years of age, who was sole beneficiary under the will of the late Daniel Arkell, by whom she had been adopted. The estate was worth about 15,000 pounds. His estate was to vest in the child when she became of age, or married, and in the event of her death before she reached the age of 21, it was to pass to the Jubilee Institute for the Blind. To the guardians, he left an annual allowance of 150 pounds for the child's "proper maintenance, clothing and education. The petitioner's argued that in 1915, Elsie was removed from St Cuthbert's College, taken to their farm where she was required to do what could be described as menial drudgery. She was made to rise at 5am, milk 4 cows morning and night. On Saturdays, she was made to cut scrub. They claimed she was anaemic and under weight. The respondents stated, the child was taken to the country on medical advise, that she was receiving a proper education from the local school. It was alleged that she always had a weak constitution and the local schoolmaster gave testimony that she was well cared for and happy. The case was adjourned to a future date.

## AFTERGLOW

I'D LIKE THE MEMORY OF ME  
TO BE A HAPPY ONE,  
I'D LIKE TO LEAVE AN AFTERGLOW  
OF SMILES WHEN LIFE IS DONE,

I'D LIKE TO LEAVE AN ECHO  
WHISPERING SOFTLY DOWN THE WAYS  
OF HAPPY TIMES AND LAUGHING TIMES  
AND RIGHT AND SUNNY DAYS

This is the Registered Trade Mark for my bottled  
Ale and Stout for the whole of New Zealand.



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# ALL SOULS DAY

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This religious holiday is observed November 2 in the west; three Saturdays prior to Lent and the day before Pentecost in the east. It is celebrated in the United States, Britain, Europe, Mexico, Central and South America, and by Roman Catholics throughout the world. Some Protestants observe All Souls Day. Pope Gregory IV established All Saints Day in the ninth century to christianize the celtic festival known as Samhain. St Odilo, the abbot of Cluny in France, proposed that the day after be set aside to pray for the souls of the departed.



## CANDLES

In Ireland, candles shine in windows on All Soul's Eve. In Belgium, people walk in candle processions. In many Roman Catholic countries, the cemeteries are aglow with candles.



## GRAVES

The cemetery is the focus of most All Soul's Day celebrations. The graves are cleaned and fresh flowers or decorations such as crosses, wreaths, and arrangements of silk or plastic flowers are placed carefully on the grave.

## SOUL CAKES

In the middle ages, the custom of souling was widespread in the British Isles, "soulers" went from house to house offering prayers for the dead and begging alms in return. Eventually, the alms took the form of "soul cakes". According to an old superstition, for each cake consumed, a soul would be released from the torments of purgatory. Eventually the begging ritual was taken up by children. Some scholars think that the modern custom of begging for candy on Halloween is somehow linked to the medieval souling tradition.



"Friends" special walk to visit adopted graves and to mark all Souls Day by placing flowers on the graves we visit  
Saturday October 30 5pm-7pm  
Gold coin donation



**Please register your interest with us.!**

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You may wish to take walks or go on walks, be part of a heritage caring group, receive our newsletter, clean and care old graves.

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