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## Silly in September

**Sunday, 6th September**

Another one of our regular Sunday jaunts around the Christchurch area. Meet at the usual location: 10.30am at the carpark opposite Princess Margaret Hospital (riverside) at the west end.

Warner Mauger has undertaken the planning of this month's run. Bring a picnic lunch (or buy one as you travel) as there is nowhere to buy lunch where our lunch break is. Judging by all the nor'westers we've been having, it will be a picnic rug under a tree lunch stop but inside shelter is available if the weather is inclement. (Sounds mysterious doesn't it!) Remember to wrap up warmly as we have only just broken into Spring!

## Brands Hatch Visit

**Wednesday, 16th September**

Come along and check this out!

We have been invited by Dennis Stanton to visit Brands Hatch Restorations Ltd, 84 Falsgrave Street, Waltham (southern end of Fitzgerald Ave) on Wednesday, 16th September at 7pm.

I had an all too brief visit there recently with Anthony Dacre. It is a large workshop and storage area stuffed full of classic cars of almost every make I have ever seen. I even saw an English sports car that previously I had only seen in motor magazines.

There are a few cars at various stages of restoration which could possibly be for sale.

Following this visit, we will adjourn to the Seventy 7 Restaurant and Bar at 77 Stevens Street to discuss all the cars we wish we'd kept! Stevens St is first left off Falsgrave St and Seventy 7 is down the other end near the corner of AMI Stadium.

*Mel Peters*

## Hanmer Weekend 2 - 4 October 2009

It must be about time for the warmer months and a break from home so join us at Hanmer where there is lots to see and do.

There is a run planned for Saturday 3rd October, meeting under the trees just as you drive in to Hanmer opposite Leamington St at 11am.

If you are driving to Hanmer on Saturday you could meet us in Waiau at the Village Green. Look for the toilets sign just off the bridge on your left. We plan to meet you there 11.45ish. Remember to bring your picnic lunch as we are going to a picnic spot beside a river.

We return to the Waiau Museum at 1pm. They are opening early just for us - gold coin donation please, per person. There are some early vehicles, a train? and a collection of everyday life preserved here.

We move on about 2pm for a run overlooking the Waiau - through some farm and irrigation run areas to Rotherham to view Wattas (Waters) cottage - one of the oldest in the area and lived in until the 1960s.



### Sunday, Sep 6 Silly in September!

One of our regular Sunday expeditions.

### Wednesday, Sep 16 Brands Hatch Visit

A chance to ogle some lovely cars

### October 2 - 4 Hanmer Weekend

A weekend based around the metropolis of Hanmer

### Oct 30 - Nov 15 Tassie Tour

Opportunity to explore Tasmania

### Sunday, Nov 1 November Run

One of our regular Sunday expeditions.

### Sunday, Dec 6 Christmas Brunch

Bring your barbecue for a picnic Christmas brunch

### Sunday, Jan 3, 2010 January Run

Starting the year of classic car jaunts off early!

### 6-11 March, 2010 Classic Marathon

Its on again and its in the North Island. Woo hoo!

We then return to Hanmer for a plunge in the pools, climb Conical Hill, a round of golf, shopping, biking, horse riding, etc — your choice.

Meet at the Hot Springs Motor Lodge and Hotel, 2 Fraser Close (near the mini golf course) from 6pmish for food and drinks.

Departure on Sunday is from the same as Saturday — under the trees just as you enter Hanmer opposite Leamington Street at 10.30am. For those going north, it is a long and varied trip home. For those going to Christchurch we've mapped out an off the main road run while we explore near the westward mountains. We will emerge from the back blocks just in time for lunch at Leithfield's Pukeko Restaurant. We enjoyed the amazing scenery of this countryside as we planned it all - hope you like it also.

*Mel Peters (ph 021 214 7302)*

## Kaiapoi History Tour Report



*Looking along the lineup of some of the cars at the start.*

We had a good start with 15 cars at the PMH carpark ready to go at 10.30am. Tony Childs handed out our route sheets and we were off to the Barbadoes Street Cemetery, which is one of the oldest in Christchurch.

On through Avonside, Brighton, Travis Wetlands and a huge housing development I never knew existed. Next Brooklands, then over the old Waimak River bridge and we were soon in Kaiapoi at the site of the old freezing works — it was a huge place in its day.

We moved on with many historic sites to look at: the 1874 foot swing bridge; Mandeville Tavern 1858 and still open; Blackwells Store 1871 and still going strong. We saw the old Post Office, band rotunda, the Art Deco picture theatre and the Court House, which was in action from 1890.



*A very cheery Tony at the start on quite a cold day.*

We all stopped at the 1872 Railway Station and parked on the wharf near the old river ship Tuho. The wind was a bit cold so we moved on passing the old Woollen Mill and the mill workers' houses, the Blue Skies Scout complex and had our lunch at Tony and Jeanette's residence and their Studebaker museum.

Over our lunch and coffee we wandered about and examined the enormous collection of vehicle memorabilia — photos, manuals, models and his latest creation in a really neat yellow.

We then toured some very green farmlands and stopped at a rather quaint house — plaster over dirt or straw bales and with a grass roof. Finally we met at the historic Flax Mill for coffee and a snack, having completed a most interesting journey.

Kaiapoi proved to be very interesting. It is not a large town but it has managed to retain and restore more of its history than most other towns of similar size.

Our thanks to Tony and Jeanette for a well planned and interesting sightseeing trip.

*Mel Peters*

## Alpine Classic 2009

The Alpine is done and dusted, successfully. Roads were explored, tall tales were told and many plans hatched! Some photos have been sent in but we're always happy to have more so please feel free to email them in or post discs with them on and we'll put them up on the website!!

## Events Diary on the Website

Don't forget that there is also an Events Diary on our website (on the right hand side of the home page) which is updated as information comes to hand, which is usually more often than the newsletter gets published! Go to [www.cmsnz.org.nz](http://www.cmsnz.org.nz)

