

9. HERITAGE WEEK 13 – 20 OCTOBER 2000

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of some of the events that took place in the Spreydon-Heathcote wards and neighbouring areas during Heritage Week.

Waltham

Waltham School was the venue for an historic photograph display, which included not only photographs of the old District School, but also the surrounding areas. Visitors enjoyed a cup of tea and a chat. The School also hosted an open day.

The Waltham Community Action Group organised a walk to the old Murchison House grounds.

Bob Pritchard, Subdivisions Officer with the Environmental Services Unit, gave an interesting talk on the history of local streets on Tuesday 17 October 2000 at Waltham Cottage.

Cashmere

An open day was held at the Old Stone House with displays of arts and crafts such as spinning and the painting of china dolls. Afternoon tea was available.

The Dame Ngaio Marsh House was also open to the public.

Sydenham

The Sydenham Residents' Group organised two walks, which included the old commercial area and the Lane Walker Rudkin site. These walks were well patronised.

Old Sydenham Town was the venue for a series of old craft displays. The organisers were pleased with the interest shown and would be keen to undertake a similar event next year. The displays included clock making, spinning and weaving, lace making and woodcarving. The story telling session was very popular.

Addington

A Heritage evening was held at Saint Mary the Virgin Anglican Church, Church Square, which was attended by approximately fifty people. Pam Wilson from the Historic Places Trust provided a short introduction, which was followed by a walk through Addington Cemetery with a commentary from Colin Lewis. Jean Teal then spoke about the Church and its history was illustrated in a pamphlet especially prepared for the evening.

The organisers of the evening have received very positive feedback and would like to repeat the event next year.

Beckenham

A successful open day was held at the Malt House.

Feedback received from the various groups who undertook events has been favourable, with all groups expressing an interest in celebrating Heritage Week next year.

Recommendation: That the information be received.