

## **Hamilton Meeting – May 2011**

*Excerpts from the write up by David Lascelles.*

Date 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> May.

The meeting was held in the Hamilton Pleasure Boat Club Rooms.

Friday night saw eager members arrive for a chin wag catch up while checking out the goods to be auctioned the next day. David Brown's son Phillip provided the DVD projector for the showing of a variety of films. A delicious supper followed during which, David gave us the news that we would not be visiting Ron Kettle's Movie Memorabilia Show which was a disappointment to all.

Prior to the start of the meeting on Saturday morning, John Bell presented Rob Fulton with his Life Membership Certificate (which had been approved at the meeting in May). Following the meeting, the auction took place with some 80 lots up for grabs. When completed it was time for lunch which included some great homemade pumpkin soup.

We boarded the buff's bus for the visit to Neville Plaw and his Classic Cars which number about twenty, all perfectly restored from the 1940s through to the 1930s. It was most interesting and was quite a nostalgic trip for many of us. Also on site was a retro house with most of us recognising the many fittings on show. Our next visit was to the Tauwhare Military Museum, a fascinating collection of military equipment and material from both world wars and the Home guard. Afternoon tea was provided before we returned to the venue.

The Saturday night dinner was held in the Club Rooms and was a superb meal. With the theme for the weekend being Charlie Chaplin, his film *City Lights* was shown after dinner. Charlie Chaplin worked on this film for three years and was enjoyed by all of us. Afterwards the signed placemat was auctioned.

Sunday began with morning tea before we departed for our visit to the Victoria Cinema. This 60 seat theatre opened in August 2002 and Gary Potts, the sole leaseholder told us how hard it had been at time to keep going. We were shown the film *Yogi Bear* which was filmed in New Zealand along with the latest Road Runner cartoon from Warner Brothers. Then it was back to the club rooms for a great lunch and the official farewells.

A BBQ in the evening completed the weekend.