

From Aotearoa to Oxford



Commemorating the New Zealand soldiers buried at Botley Cemetery

Saturday 8th October 2016

Botley Cemetery, 1:45 - 2:45pm

With Cadets of the Oxfordshire (The Rifles) Army Cadet Force.

- 2:00pm: Welcome and introduction by Dr Jeanette Atkinson, Research Project Administrator, Globalising and Localising the Great War programme, University of Oxford.
- The history and significance of Botley Cemetery, by Dr Malcolm Graham, retired Head of Oxfordshire Studies.
- Address by His Excellency The Right Honourable Sir Lockwood Smith KNZM, New Zealand High Commissioner.
- Reading of the names the New Zealand soldiers buried at Botley, by Professor James Belich, Beit Professor of Imperial and Commonwealth History, Balliol College, University of Oxford.
- The Last Post, played by RSMI Phillip King, Bugle Major, Oxfordshire (The Rifles) Army Cadet Force.
- Opportunity for guests to study the Commonwealth War Graves, before moving to the Botley WI Hall on North Hinksey Lane (turn right out of the cemetery entrance, and the hall is on the left) by **3:00pm**.

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Botley WI Hall, North Hinksey Lane, 2:45pm - 4:30pm

- Refreshments and an opportunity to view an exhibition about the New Zealand soldiers buried at Botley Cemetery.
- **3:00pm**: three 15-minute talks:
 - The Somme Campaign in the context of the First World War (Dr Adrian Gregory, Director of the Globalising and Localising the Great War Programme, Pembroke College, University of Oxford).
 - New Zealand's role in the Somme campaign (Professor James Belich, Beit Professor of Imperial and Commonwealth History, Balliol College, University of Oxford).
 - The Third Southern General Hospital in Oxford and how so many soldiers from across the world came to be treated here (Liz Woolley, Project Co-ordinator, 66 Men of Grandpont 1914-18)
- Questions and discussion
- Further refreshments and opportunity to view the exhibition
- 4:30pm: event closes

















