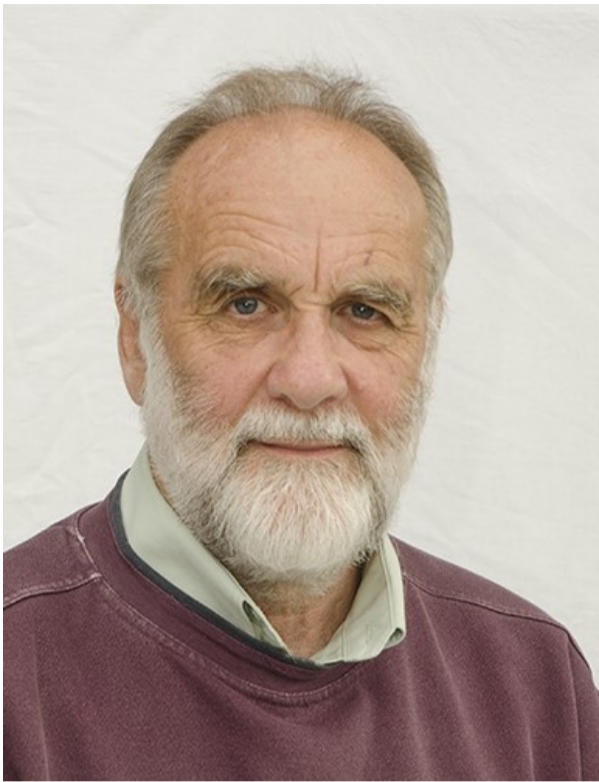


THE CAVERSHAM LECTURES 2024



Tuesday, 26 November at 7.30pm
In Saint Peter's Parish Centre
Hillside Road

Brian Miller,
Author, publisher and photographer

“DUNEDIN'S GOLD AND THE EARLY EXHIBITIONS”

1925 IS THE CENTENNIAL OF THE NZ AND SOUTH SEAS INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION HELD AT LOGAN PARK, THE LARGEST EVENT EVER HELD IN NEW ZEALAND. BRIAN WILL EXPLAIN HOW DUNEDIN WAS BUILT ON GOLD AND HOW THE GOLD FORMED IN THE CENTRAL OTAGO SCHIST. ALSO, THE HISTORY OF THE 1925/26 EXHIBITION AND THE THREE PREVIOUS (FORGOTTEN) EXHIBITIONS.

BRIAN MILLER HAS A PASSION FOR FAMILY MEMOIR WRITING.

AFTER COMPLETING A BSC IN GEOLOGY, HE SPENT 13 YEARS LIVING IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA, PROSPECTING, TRAINING SCIENCE TEACHERS AND ORGANISING THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S BOOK PRODUCTION. HE RETURNED TO NZ IN 1984 AND RAN TAPUI CHILDREN'S BOOKS, TRAVELLING AROUND SOUTH ISLAND SCHOOLS FOR OVER 20 YEARS—SLEEPING IN THE BACK OF THE VAN!

SINCE 2007, BRIAN AND HIS WIFE DIANE HAVE WRITTEN AND PUBLISHED 16 BOOKS ON A WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS WITH SEVERAL TOP-SELLERS.

WHEN WRITING A BOOK ABOUT HIS FATHER RALPH MILLER'S ARTWORK, BRIAN DISCOVERED THE STORY OF THE FOUR EARLY EXHIBITIONS IN DUNEDIN. THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF HIS TALK TODAY AND IT IS CLOSELY LINKED TO GOLD!