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CHEERS: Alistair Nelson, portraying the original Mr Standish, pours out the champagne to, from left, Alan Spurdell (portraying Mr Syme), Peter Dombroski (Mr Hatley) and Barry Bookman (Mr Peacock) during the re-enactment of the naming ceremony of Inglewood 125 years ago.
Photos: JEFF BRASS

Inglewood marks its origins in real vintage style

By NEIL RITCHIE

MORE than 700 people took part in Saturday's 125th anniversary celebrations of the birth of Inglewood.

The street parade was a blaze of colour as people, many dressed in period costume and led by two extinct moa (courtesy of the Inglewood Lions Club), joined in the celebrations of the 125th anniversary of the colonial founding of the town.

There were also horse and buggies, vintage machinery, grocery messenger boys on cycles and a penny farthing bicycle.

Past and present mayors - Darcy Crone, Jenny Simpson, David Lean and New Plymouth Mayor Claire Stewart

also took part. Other highlights, according to Inglewood Crossroads promotions manager Brett Muir, were the personal accounts of family history given by some direct descendants of the first colonial settlers, the use of flags of the countries they came from, and the anniversary cake, dinner and evening concert.

Mr Muir said the planting of a rimu tree by kuaia Aunty Polly Kopu, Inglewood historian Floss Lambert, Jordan Patu (3) and Brayden Schreiber (5) symbolised a united Inglewood embracing the new millennium. Brayden also won the pioneer book competition.

As well, there was lunch at the Kohanga Moa Marae and a re-enactment of the naming ceremony of



OLD MEETS NEW: Jennie Meads, dressed in 1870s period costume, uses her video camera to record the street parade during Inglewood's 125-year celebrations on Saturday.

Inglewood 125 years ago. Milton in the South Island.

Inglewood community board chairperson Jean Pierce said Inglewood - meaning "clearing in the wood" in Saxon but "firewood" in Gaelic - was originally named Milton but was renamed last century when it became known there was already a

"I was delighted with the way things turned out. I had been thinking of calling off the street parade because of the rain. But it turned out great overall.

"The evening dinner, to which about 250 people turned up, was also a huge success," said Mrs Pearce.

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