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*LA GAZETTE*

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## *President's Greeting*

Bonjour tous a la familie

At last 2011 is here and is racing at full speed towards our Family Reunion!

I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer break with family and friends and are have set achievable goals for the year ahead. We have held our first meeting for the year and our goal is to have a newsletter out within four weeks of each meeting.

We do welcome contributions. These may be sent to [Secretary@libeau-family.org](mailto:Secretary@libeau-family.org) via the website.

My year of retirement has ceased as I venture back into the classroom for a term followed by the expected addition of a set of twins to join the Libeau Family Tree. I am really excited and looking forward to October when we will be at Wainui for the Reunion, followed by the Akaroa French Fest late in October. There will be more about this event later. The French Fest is now to be held bi-annually and will include the re-enactment of the Comte de Paris arrival and a revival of the Settlers Ball in the Gaiety Theatre.

Welcome to our new members! Thank you so much for your interest and willingness to participate in the research and additions to the new edition of our family book.

It is interesting to discover how many of our family are entering into their nineties.

Our eldest member, that we are aware of, is 98! Do let us know if you have members in this bracket as we would like to acknowledge them. You may like to include a cameo of their life for the Newsletter. More about the publishing process has been included inside the newsletter.

Several members have been exploring Akaroa during the holidays tracing their links back to the surrounding bays. We have also been noting the whereabouts of all the local Libeau gravesites. These will be located on a map which you will receive as part of your registration pack.

Remember if you wish to stay in Akaroa look up Akaroa Cottages on the website as 54 Rue Grehan is Joseph Lucien's old house where is two eldest daughters were born.

Steven and Robyn Matheson own the cottage and have been restoring it. They have kindly offered to have it open for the Saturday afternoon on 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Included in this copy of La Gazette is information on the French Theme Night on 26 February.

Our youngest committee member, Bradley Joughin, is travelling to France for three weeks early in the year. We wish him a wonderful trip and look forward to hearing about his experiences.

Amicalement

Patricia

## *Passings, Marriages and Births*

### Deaths:

We record with regret the passing of the following family members

Mervyn Sloan  
Jane Winsome McGowan (Winsome)

### Births:

The following are proud to announce recent births:

Brent & Lenore Wright: the birth of their great grand-daughter, Charlotte Mouret Moffit, born 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

Joy and John Masters: the birth of their new granddaughter, Masie Joy Gawith who arrived 28<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

Andrew and Julie Clark: the birth of their new grand-daughter on January 2011.  
Also a great grand-daughter for Malcolm and Shirley Clark

Please ensure you send information of deaths, marriages and births to our webmaster so we can keep our members informed.

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## *French-theme Night*

When? 26<sup>th</sup> February 2011

Where? St Stephens Church Hall, Cnr Shirley Road and Emmett Street, Christchurch

Time? 7.30 pm

Cost? \$5.00

Catering? Please bring a finger food plate.

Refreshments? **BYO**

Gather a group of family and friends.

Please confirm with Leone at 327 2829 or [Leonef@ihug.co.nz](mailto:Leonef@ihug.co.nz)

SEE YOU THERE!

## *Our Family in France*

Some of you may not know that we have a strong French side to our society with 15 members belonging to the French group. On the next page are photo's of their oldest member, Madeleine, 92, at her birthday party with some members of her family.

The first shows Madeleine surveying her cake.

Our French relatives in the second photo from left to right are:

Back row: Alaine (our french group organiser), Annick (Alaine's wife), Claire (Madeleine's friend)

Front row: Marie-Claire (Alaine's sister) and guest of honour, Madeleine.





## *Re-print of The Libeau Family of Banks Peninsula*

Over the last weeks there have been several requests for information on the publishing of our family book which we hope will be launched in October. I know there are many members who have a substantial amount of new information about their families. This is really exciting as we have another generation since the 1995 edition plus our new links with the family in France and those living in Australia and the United States.

Alison Honeyfield, the publisher from Evagean Print, has discussed with me how the process of compiling the data works. In the next few weeks she will send out a yellow form with the name of the researcher recorded on it. The instructions will be attached. A list of names and addresses of those who have indicated they are prepared to contribute to the research has been compiled. These people will receive a copy of the yellow form which will explain how the information is to be presented.

I have the latest members list since the last 'mailout' so hopefully have the correct addresses for her as she requires **postal addresses**, not email addresses  
Thank you for your offers of assistance and the effort put into researching and updating the family history.

If you have forwarded your name indicating you are prepared to assist and do not receive a form please contact me at [chairman@libeau-family.org](mailto:chairman@libeau-family.org)

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## *Reunion at Akaroa*

The planning for the reunion at Akaroa is well under way. However we need definite commitment from those persons who have indicated that they will be attending (and those that were not sure) so we can finalise numbers for the Friday night meal, accommodation (if staying at Wainui), dinner on Saturday evening and breakfasts for Saturday and Sunday.

We have the complete YMCA establishment currently booked but need to finalise numbers before the beginning of May to ensure we get back our deposit for any rooms not required.

There is still a considerable number of people to confirm their definite intentions and some who have said they are definite starters who have yet to pay their deposits.

Please forward enrolments and money to Bruce Fuller at 25 Hamel Lane Kaiapoi 7630. Alternatively you can use e-mail to [brucief@ihug.co.nz](mailto:brucief@ihug.co.nz) and pay direct to BNZ account 020842 0171869.00. (ensure you **put your membership number** on your payment).

**Libeau Descendants Inc**  
**Programme of Events 2011**

**Fri 7 Oct 2011**

For those staying at Wainui Heights

Arrive at the Wainui area from 4:00pm-Registration

**Reunion Dinner 6:30**

**Pre-dinner Drinks**

**Official Welcome**

**Dinner 7:30**

All costs to be paid on the night by attendees

**Sat 8 Oct 2011**

Breakfast for those at Wainui Sites only

**9:00 Assemble at Unuku Marae**

For those coming over for the day collect Information Packs

**11:00 Tree Planting at Akaroa Heritage Reserve:**

**Picnic Lunch**

Timings will depend on Marae visit

**Activities for the remainder of the day.**

1:30-4:00 Access to Libeau Heritage CottageMaps

New information

Robin and Steve Matheson own 54 Rue Grehan and are happy to have the house open on that day.  
Joseph Lucien and Clemence Gendrot's house until they movd to Duvauchelle

Explore Rue Grehan  
Museum  
Cemetery Visits-maps

About 4.00pm return to Wainui.  
Socialise time before Rugby starts.  
Watch Rugby or socialise – different rooms set up.  
Smorgasbord Dinner between games provided  
After games socialise. Supper provided.

**Sun 9 Oct 2011**

**Depart Wainui after cleaning the building. 10:00**

Discussion on whether we should book the Sunday night, especially if families are travelling long distances. If enough response the Television will be available for the second quarter final.  
We can book a wing of the complex if necessary.  
Alternative! Christchurch families are happy to host the 'out of towners'

There may be other options as the date draws nearer

Early registrations would be appreciated in order to confirm Wainui Heights

## *Subscriptions. Are you in arrears?*

There is still a large number of members who have not paid their current subscriptions. Reminders have been sent and it was pleasing to see it jolted some memories.

However, because of the considerable time and cost in chasing up non-payers it was decided at the last committee meeting that those members with subscriptions remaining outstanding as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 will be removed from the mailing list for future news and copies of La Gazette. Payment of overdue amounts will re-instate a member. Annual Subscriptions are currently \$25 per annum.

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## *New Members*

We are please to welcome new members who have recently joined the society. They are:

Sheryle Henderson  
Alastair MacGowan  
Colleen Stack  
Patricia Young  
Jenny Smith

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## AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the Cashmere Club, Colombo Street on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011 commencing at 11.00am.

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### Missing Members

As with all organisations, members move about and some forget to let us know of their new addresses. We have had mail returned from the following members and would like to catch up with them. Can you help?

If so please let us know of their current address or ask them to contact us.

Those members currently on the missing list are:

Mrs L K Smith of Tauranga  
Mrs A E McAleer of Whangamata  
Mr C F Lock of Woronora Heights, Australia  
Mr G Wallace of Christchurch  
Mr J S Hunt of Cambridge.

Please advise [leonef@ihug.co.nz](mailto:leonef@ihug.co.nz)

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### E-Mail Addresses

Thank you to those members who have updated our records by providing their e-mail addresses. This saves time and postage when contacting members and of course sending La Gazette to you.

If you are receiving correspondence by mail it means we do not have your e-mail address. If you have one, please communicate it to [leone.fuller@libeau-family.org](mailto:leone.fuller@libeau-family.org)

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## *Comte de Paris*

Please note your diaries

### Landing Day Luncheon

The Comte de Paris group are arranging a landing day luncheon to commemorate the initial landing of our fore-bearers at the Cashmere Club on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2011. Attendance names will be sought at a later date.

### French Fest:

Remember the last weekend in October (29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of October). The annual French Fest will be held with a ball being held at the Gaiety Theatre on Saturday night. Everyone welcome. More details about this in following newsletters.

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## *Finale*

Remember, if you have any pictures, stories or news concerning family or items that would be of interest to members, please e-mail them to [secretary@libeau-family.org](mailto:secretary@libeau-family.org) via the website or post them to Leone Fuller at 25 Hamel Lane, Kaiapoi 7630.