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*LA GAZETTE*

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## *President's Greeting*

Bonjour tous a la famille

Had I commenced this on Sunday I would have expressed my delight at the glorious autumn day and what a wonderful place Christchurch can be.

However I did not! I was tempted out into the garden where there are still raspberries, strawberries trying to ripen and autumn leaves to sweep up into unruly piles and masses more vibrant colours warning me there are more to come tumbling down, not withstanding the pruning.

Tonight as I placed fingers onto the keyboard I was shaken yet again by another decent-sized aftershock accompanied by the sounds of the house cracking?

When will it end?

For those of you who are in Christchurch I can only hope you are coping with the restlessness and impatience as we wait for the EQC checks, Insurance payouts and trepidation of more shakes that are leading to continued damage.

On a positive note neighbours are friendlier and concerned for each others' welfare.

Thank you to those members who have offered accommodation to Christchurch families. If you would like a break away please contact the Secretary who has the addresses.

Meanwhile, thank you for the feedback being received through the website!

The response to the request for updating information has been very good.

Pages of 'new' information have been forwarded, as well as updating and correcting of current material already listed.

Please do not be alarmed if you have not received the research forms yet.

I have spoken to Alison Honeyfield and she is still processing these.

The AGM is coming up in May. There are more details included inside.

However, our guest speaker is Kevin Clark who has been researching to write a narrative on the family. He has unearthed some amazing links and stories.

This is also a great opportunity to stay on for lunch and meet up with family.

I would encourage you to get a family group together.

The earthquake prevented us from having the French Theme night, but we are still hopeful to hold it later in the year as it was so successful last year.

We had a sad occasion to meet together last Saturday as family and friends farewelled Malcolm Clark at Rangiora. Malcolm was the son of Andrew and Isa Clark and wife of Shirley. He has been a member of the Libeau Descendants Inc since its inception and has five sons and a daughter. Richard, David, Andrew, Jon, Neville and Kay plus grandchildren and great grandchildren. This quietly spoken, sports loving guy with the wonderful garden and broad smile will be sadly missed.

Planning for the Reunion in October is still continuing. Be sure to read about the events planned. It is not too late to register!

Amicalement

Patricia

# A. G. M

The annual general meeting of the society will be held at the Cashmere Club, 88 Hunter Terrace at 11.00am on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

Kevin Clark who is currently writing a book on the family history will be our guest speaker.

Everyone is welcome to stay for lunch in the restaurant after the meeting.

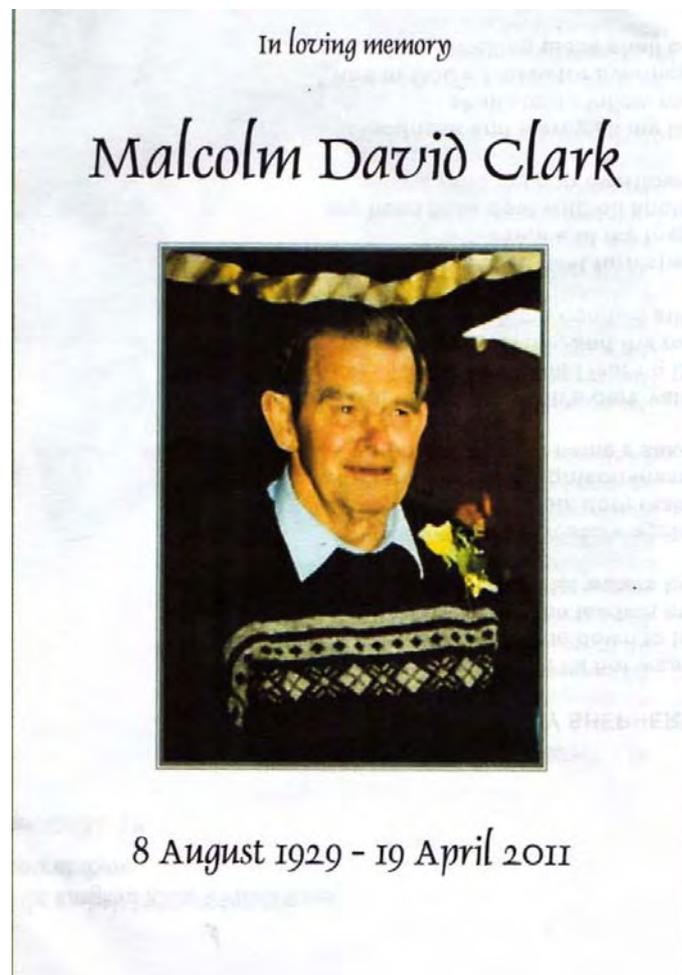
## Births, Deaths, Marriages and New Members

### Deaths:

It is regret that we note the passing of the following family members

Clark, Malcolm David- Died 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011

Wright, Norman Raymond-Died 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011



### **Births:**

We are pleased to announce the following additions to the family.

Hill-LeBeau, Stella Mae-born 28th March 2011 to Paula & Kieran Hill-LeBeau

Duncan, Kashtyn-born 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010 to Stacey and Laurence Duncan

Taylor, Jett-born 20<sup>th</sup> December 2010 to Lisa and Matt Taylor

### **New Members:**

Cade, Louse-USA

Jenkins, Sandra -Christchurch

## *The Libeau Family Book*

The Libeau Family Book - Request for information, photos, etc.

Writing is well underway for a book on the first generations of the Libeau family – that is Joseph and Magdelaine and their children and their grandchildren, and Joseph and Mary Ann and their children and grandchildren.

The book will cover the years 1800 to 1919 and focus mainly on Joseph and his two wives and their 20 children with some information on some of the grandchildren where it is available.

We have collected quite a lot of information from various sources including family members. We also have good information on some of the children and grandchildren, but very little on others – particularly grandchildren.

If you can help, please email/write. We are happy to ring and discuss or meet up, where that is possible.

In particular we require info. about Theodore, Francois and Julie, from Joseph's first marriage and Alfred and Henry from the second marriage. We feel sure there is information out there on all the families, that is being held by different family members.

The more comprehensive we can be, the more useful the book will be as a source document for others wishing to explore their family roots. Of course any information we have we are happy to share with you.

Photos required of:      Members of the first three generations

   Joseph Lucien and Clemence's house at Duvauchelles

and any stories that will provide an idea of the nature and character of particular people

# The Reunion

The reunion creeps ever closer. Currently we have 42 people registered. Below is a list of the people attending.

If you should be on this list, or have a last minute wish to attend, please contact [leone.fuller@libeau-family.org](mailto:leone.fuller@libeau-family.org) as soon as possible, as we need confirm accommodation at Wainui. The final date for reservations is fast approaching.

If you are on the list, please check to see if your details are correct. If not please let me know at the above e-mail address.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Staying at Wainui</b>	<b>Meal at French Farm (Friday)</b>	<b>Dinner at Wanui (Saturday)</b>
Benefield, Jocelyn (2)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clark, Fiona (2+1)	No	Yes	Yes
Clark, Kevin	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clark, Neville	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clark, Bruce (2)	No	Yes	Yes
Clark, Norman (2)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Coleman, John (2)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Collins, Rose	No	Yes	Yes
De Gilio, Sue (2)	No	Yes	No
Farr, Jill (2)	No	Yes	Yes
Fuller, Leone (2)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Glavish, Barbara	No	Yes	Yes
Hannah, Alison (2)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Holiday, Margaret	No	Yes	Yes
Houliston, Louise (2)	No	Yes	Yes
Jenkins, Sandra	No	Yes	Yes
Smith, Wayne (2)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Smith, Phyl (2)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Smith, Jenni	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stoneman, Patricia (2)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Walker, Lynne (3)	No	Yes	Yes
Warlow, Richard (2+2)	Yes	Yes	Yes
West Anne	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wright, Ken (4)	No	Yes	Yes

# *Reunion 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 Cottage - Maps

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 move to Duvauchelles

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 am

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.

## Missing Members

We are still attempting to locate missing members. No information was forthcoming regarding the last list published so I will publish their names again together with several new names. If you can help with their location, please send details to [bruce.fuller@libeau-family.org](mailto:bruce.fuller@libeau-family.org)

Don't leave the job of advising us to someone else.

Mrs L K Smith, f Tauranga  
Mrs A E McAleer, Whangamata  
Mr C F Lock of Woronora Heights, Australia  
Mr G Wallace, Christchurch  
Mr J S Hunt, Cambridge  
Mrs J Burrell of Bonnett Bay, Australia  
Mrs D E Stuart, Napier

## Membership List

Your committee has spent the last 12 months chasing up members who had not paid their subscriptions for one reason or another. A number have made payment but a considerable number have not nor have they acknowledged our efforts to contact them. It was regrettably decided that in fairness to those members who support the society, the non-current members would have their membership suspended. This includes access to the society website.

Should any of your relations raise this matter with you, we would be pleased to welcome them back as full members, subject to them paying the subscription.

# Accommodation

The following families have kindly offered temporary accommodation;

For Earthquake victims

Lyn Walker 3 Perth St., Hawera Ph. 06 278-6612 or [lcwalker@snap.net.nz](mailto:lcwalker@snap.net.nz)

Jill & Allan Farr, 3 Vardon Way, N. Plymouth Ph. 06 755-0896 or [jafarr@ihug.co.nz](mailto:jafarr@ihug.co.nz)

Also for Rugby World Cup accommodation. - Auckland

Ph. Norman Clark 03 327-5552 or 03 327-2023

**Go the All Blacks!**

## *Looking Back*

How many of the Andrew Clark descendants recognise some of these stories?

As often happens when families have a catch-up, conversations slip back to the days of old.

The discussion was the birthplace of Andrew(Andy), Neville and Malcolm Clark.

Andy went missing over the North Sea in October 1943. Neville was by now in the Army and Malcolm helping out in the shop.

Having confirmed dates and the move down to Whataroa, I browsed through the Reunion book 'Schooled under the nor'west arch'.

An hour or so later and the hour hand passing over into the next morning I was engrossed at the determination of the folk from Malvern Hills(Sheffield), Annat and Waddington to establish schools in the area. There was already a school at Russell's Flat. This was in 1874 the year before The Education Act was passed setting the stage for compulsory Education.

Many an interesting battle was fought between the locals and the Department of Education, so much so that the Lyttelton Times made mention of the arguments many a time.

John Deans refused to sell land adjoining the store. Eventually the Brunswick Chapel at Sheffield was turned into a school and a new school built at Waddington.

Stories of fires smoking so badly the staff and students had to evacuate the buildings! Regularly! The school roll dropped so badly notices were sent out encouraging the parents to send their offspring to school.

By the early 1920s the social scene was developing. There was competition for developing the local areas with many organisations springing up.

At this time Andrew and Isa Clark, married with a son Andy, made their way from Ladbrooks to lease land at Auchenflower on the Homebush Station. Two more sons were born there.

Andy and Neville rode their horses to school at Waddington.

During this time Ernie Hawke lived in Russell's Flat and recalls the time of a heavy snow fall when he was sent over the hill laden with food and to check that Isa and the boys were alright!

By 1934 the family left the area and headed south to Whataroa where other members of the family lived...That's another story!

The Adams, Clarks, Hawkes, Hollidays are just a few of the names still in the area.  
On October 25-27 1974 the Sheffield District held their Centennial.

## *Finale*

Again we do request contributions to the newsletter. This could be anecdotes, cameos of the old days, just good old family gossip about families, what sub groups are doing and any photos of interest. Also don't forget to advise of deaths, births and marriages.

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