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Presidents' Greeting

Bonjour la famille

Who has seen the wind?
Neither you nor I
But when the trees bow down their heads
The wind is passing by.

This well-known poem has been enjoyed by the twins, Lars and Max, aged two, over the past weeks as we walked to the 'broken forest' in Pegasus.

Since the last copy of La Gazette, four months ago, there has been a period of extremes in all sorts of ways, with the weather having a big impact affecting most of us in some way. Those living in Canterbury, particularly the rural areas, have had power cuts extending up to 10 days and have adapted to detours on roads blocked by fallen trees. I know there have been other places severely affected as well and I hope those affected by the worst of the Nor'west gales are recovering and things restored to normal. To see the result of a trampoline blown over a house roof and a pony shelter lifted and left on its roof is very frightening. After such a fantastic beginning to Spring it was a real shock! Roll on Summer!

Personally, it has been a sad time for my family as Neville, my Dad, and cousin, Joy Pamment both passed away on the same day. Just 3 weeks later, Grace Heyward also passed away. The expressions of sympathy from family and friends has been appreciated but there is a big gap in our lives.

On a brighter note the younger members of the family keep us busy with child minding and attending a range of sporting and cultural activities-familiar territory to many of you! We were pleased to have had a Family Picnic at Waddington last November when over 90 family members joined together, but more of that later.

It has been 10 years since the Comte de Paris Group was formed and celebrated at St Joseph's Church in Papanui. Landing Day was recognized with a big gathering of descendants at The Chateau on the Park. It was lovely to see so many of the Libeau family there. Remember that Landing Day, organised by the Comte de Paris, includes Libeau representatives. We also join forces for the re-enactment at Akaroa when the French Fest is held. This is always a great time. More about this inside. The next French Fest will be in 2015 when it will be 175 years since the Comte de Paris arrived in Akaroa. Start planning!

It is an opportune time to look forward to next year when the A.G.M format will change with the meeting being held in Cambridge. Planning is underway and will enable the North Island families to be involved. Watch out for more information about this in La Gazette and on the website.

As this will be the last edition for 2013 I will take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Patricia

Births, Passings, Marriages and New Members

Births: Florence Joy, daughter to Dan and Kristina Adams in New York on October 9th 2013. A great granddaughter to Alistair and Judith Adams.

Marriages: Jarryd Adams and Breeze Seaward at Rangiora on 20th April 2013. Grandson of Alistair and Judith Adams

New Members: No new members

Deaths: Christine Joyce Doole (nee Taylor) Passed May 2013.

Grace Letitia Heyward Passed 9th September 2013

Neville James Clark Passed 20th August 2013 (Obituary in next edition)

Marie Joy Pamment Passed 20th August 2013

Sickness: During the year the chairperson of the French branch of our society was a victim of a heart attack. Gilles Fournat sent the following message.

Dear cousins, dear friends,

Our beloved Jeanne Mazet has been operated on this afternoon and SHE IS NOW WELL. She had a heart attack (infarct) and is recovering in the hospital of La Rochelle after receiving 3 stents. So, don't worry !

We think to you, to all of you. We hope that our strong family links will remain steady over the oceans. Bonne santé à vous tous. Jeanne told me on the phone that I could warn you and gives you des grosses bisés.

Gilles

Libeau family Book

Just a reminder that if you find any spelling errors or omissions in the family book, please write to the Publishers with your corrections:

Evagean Publishing, 28 Wyborn Road, RD 2, Te Aroha 3392

News from France

Michele Libaud advises our French cousins will hold a family re-union on 8th December. May be some stories for later printing.

Invitation

Bethel and Paul McDivitt request the company of all Libeau Descendent Members and Families living or visiting Auckland 30 November 2013 to join us in an Afternoon Tea at our residence 67 Finch St, Western Springs at 3pm

To Celebrate:

One year Wedding Anniversary (10 November 2012)

Moving into our new home (16 November 2013)

and the coming Festive Season

Please RSVP for catering by 1 November to Bethel McDivitt:

3/24 Tranmere Road, Sandringham, Auckland until 16th November and 67 Finch Street, Western Springs, Auckland After 16th November.

Phone 098492489 or 0272820765

bethel@xtra.co.nz

From the editors: Note RSVP date is now passed (sorry) so contact Bethel as soon as possible.

Visit to Christchurch

By Mike Donnelly

Towards the end of January, Katrina and I travelled to Christchurch to attend the 90th birthday celebrations of Ken Wright, Katrina's uncle, of which mention was made in the last 'La Gazette.'



Katrina is one of six children of Annora Clemence (Wright) Warrington, an older sister of Ken. Three of the six children of Annora were at the birthday celebration, and one arrived within a day or two following. Those present were: Barbara Glavish (United States), Sue de Gilio (Australia), Katrina Donnelly, (Tauranga NZ), and Colin Warrington (Australia). Katrina is a keen amateur photographer, and has compiled a small booklet containing photographs taken at the party, for Ken and family members.

While in Christchurch we also took the opportunity to visit the graves of some of Katrina's ancestors. We visited Ruru Lawn Cemetery, Linwood and Bromley cemeteries, and the Woodlawn Memorial Garden.

Outside the city, we visited the South Malvern (Coalgate) and Ellesmere Public Cemeteries. The last three mentioned were places we had not been before, and we were very pleased to see the care being lavished on their upkeep by the local authority .

We were saddened by the condition of the older city cemeteries, with many beautiful headstones and/or statues, toppled and smashed by the earthquakes. We understand that the city has higher priorities to the living, but hope that clean-up work will be done when time and money allows.

We did not make it to Akaroa this time, but will aim to do so again on our next visit. Part of our routine is to record GPS co-ordinates at each site, to provide another clue for those who may seek these important places in the future



Subscriptions

As previously, it has been necessary to cull out members who did not pay last years subscription despite several reminders. It is disapointing to lose these members whose interest in the society appears to have wained.

Although a large percentage of current members have paid this years subs, there are still a quite a few remaining outstanding. If you are one of these (I will be sending out reminders shortly) please make payment to ensure you remain on the Society's mailing list.

Spread the word amongst your family who aren't members and see if you can get them to join up.

Bruce Fuller (treasurer)

Stop Press - Picnic

"French Connections" family picnic (with shelter provided if necessary) to be held 6th February 2014 at the Ohoka school grounds.

Take this wonderful opportunity to catch up with extended family.

Activities for children.

Bring own seating if possible.

French Website

Family member, Frances Harrison (see earlier La Gazettes for her articles) has provided the following link to her website containing her French experiences.

<http://francesbigadventure.blogspot.com>

Message from our Webmaster

Richard Warlow who is our industrious webmaster (and family member) advises that around 50 members get e-mail communications that includes website updates and other late notices. If you are not getting these, please advise Richard (and our secretary) of your current e-mail address. Contact addresses are at the end of this newsletter.

Richard also advises that he has launched the Society on Facebook. He requests that you "like us" on <http://vwww.facebook.com/Libeaufamily>. Please check this out. A chance to have your say and discuss hot topics!

Richard has also advised of an interesting website that has paper clippings from the Akaroa Mail and Banks Peninsula Advertiser (1877-1920). The link (searching Libeau) holds 1467 clippings and can be found at <http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast?> The full link has been added to our website under links

A Kiwi Xmas Poem

'Twas the night before Xmas and all around the bach
not a possum was stirring, not one we could catch.
We'd left on the table, a meat pie and beer
In hopes that Santa Claus soon would be here.

We children were snuggled up on our bunk beds
While dreams of pavlova danced in our heads.
Mum in her nightie and dad in his shorts
Had just settled down to watch TV sports.

When outside the bach such a hoo-ha arose
I woke up at once from my wonderful doze.
I ran straight to the sliding door looking about,
Jumped out on the deck and let out a shout.

The fairy lights Dad had strung up around the door,
Let me see everything down to the shore.
And what did I see when I took a peep,
But a miniature tractor and eight tiny sheep.

With a little old drover his dog on his knee,
I knew at once who this joker might be.
He patted his dog and in a voice not unkind
Cried "good on ya boy! Now get in behind."

Now Flossy, now Fluffy, now Shaun and Shayne,
On Bossy, on Buffy On Jason and Wayne.
Up that red tree to the top of the bach,
But mind you don't trample the vegetable patch.

So up on the roof those sheep quickly flew,
With the tractor of toys Santa and the dog too.
As my sister awoke and I turned around
In through the window he came with a bound.

He wore a black singlet and little white shorts,
And stuck on his feet were gumboots of course.
A sackful of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a postie just opening his pack.

His eyes-bright as paua shell, Oh how they twinkled,
Like an old tuatara, his skin was wrinkled.
He had a wide face and a round fat tummy,
That looked like he'd eaten lots that was yummy.

He spoke not a word but got down on one knee,
And placed a cricket set under the tree.
A present for sis, one for dad one for mum,
Then he turned and winked and held up his thumb.

He jumped on his tractor, to his dog gave a whistle,
And away they all flew as fast a missile.
I called out "thanks" as he flew past the gate,
He called back, "Kia Ora to all and good on ya mate."

As this is likely to be the last newsletter for the year, the editors would like to send their best wishes for Xmas and New Year to all family members.

Editors' Reminder

Please! Please! Please!

Again we ask for help.

You will notice that this edition is smaller than previously due to lack of contributions. To ensure that we can get out La Gazette with interesting articles we need help from you, our members.

Please put pen to paper. Articles of family history or current happenings are all newsworthy.

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We are reprinting the order form for the Libeau family book for those that may still require a copy.

Please note comments re price.

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