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NEWSLETTER - JULY – AUGUST, 2022

The forthcoming meeting of the Society, our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on

MONDAY 1 August, 2.30 pm

in St Andrews Church Hall, 100 St Andrews Road, Epsom

Parking is available on the right hand side of the long driveway
and there is further angle parking near the Hall.

Speaker: PHIL SAI LOUIE

Topic: "It ain't necessarily so"

Just because you read it in a book, newspaper or on the Internet doesn't mean it is actually true!

Prospect 2022 This year's edition is now available to members, and Jeanette Grant sends thanks to all the contributors to this journal. It is now time to start planning for next year, **Prospect 2023**, when we would like to include some stories on the theme "*How our family came to be living in NZ.*". We must all have such tales and it would be great to share them over the next year or two. Jeanette would like to hear from you if you have anything in progress. Please contact her by email jeanette.john.grant@gmail.com or telephone 638 8566. Additional copies of previous editions of *Prospect* are available by contacting Jeanette, cost \$10 each + postage.

MT EDEN HISTORY BOOKS: The original Mt Eden Book distribution committee is meeting to plan a promotional campaign to push sales for Heritage Week in October and the Christmas season. A publicity flyer is being produced for distribution. There are still plenty of copies of the *Mt Eden* book and some of the *Epsom* book available at *Time Out* book shop in Mt Eden.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Those still outstanding can be paid in cash direct to Treasurer Brian Allen at the next meeting, or paid into the Society's bank account as follows: **ASB Bank 12-3069-0280083-00**. We can no longer accept cheques for payment.

2022 HERITAGE FESTIVAL: This is taking place from October 1 - 16, 2022. Our Society does not have anything specific planned for this year's event, but the festival brochure will include many events of interest to our members, including, we hope, the Greenwoods Corner guided walk.

WEBSITE: Please do visit our new website which is up and running, and we've had complimentary feedback on the content and layout from several of our members. The address is the same as before, **www.epsom-eden.org.nz**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Our present executive committee members are willing to stand again with the exception of Frank Trainer. who has retired. We would welcome additional nominations from members for these positions. Our total membership has reduced over the past few years, and we urgently need new members. It would be excellent if present members could bring a prospective member to the next meeting,

WINDMILL PARK: Most of our members will be familiar with Windmill Park and the intersection of Windmill Rd and Pencarrow Avenue. Our society is currently part of the discussion around the Council master plan for the park, once called "*The Green*" for those who remember. We will be meeting online this week with Anita Coy-Macken who is a consultant preparing a needs assessment for the Council process. If you have fond memories of the park or are a current user, you will be interested in a survey which is being conducted amongst everyone who lives in the community or may use Windmill Park. It asks how the park is presently used, what works and what doesn't, what the community would like to do at the park now and into the future and also ideas about potential development for the park. To access the survey, click the link,

https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/windmill-park/survey_tools/have-your-say.

The survey is open until midnight, Wednesday 3 August.

EEDHS MEETING: Monday, 6 June, 2022

Speaker: John Webster

Topic: The Reverend Dr John Kinder

His voyage to Auckland, his romances and his photography.

John Kinder set sail to Auckland in June, 1855. His first romance had been in England, with Maria Vogel, to whom he was very attracted and hoped to marry, but it was not to be.

His second romance was with Celia Brown, the daughter of Archdeacon Brown in Tauranga. John and Celia were married there in 1859. Celia and John had no children of their own, but later adopted his late brother Henry's children, Harry and Nessie.

It is not known if anyone taught John photography, there were a few local photographers in Auckland at the time but the general consensus is that he taught himself. He was able to travel throughout the country practising his photography and painting. Kinder had come to NZ to be headmaster of the Church of England Grammar School but after fifteen years he left to become the head of St John's Theological College in Meadowbank. Later he retired to a house in Arney Road, Remuera and continued his artistic pursuits.

Clergyman, teacher, artist, photographer, he was a man of many talents.

Acting President Eric thanked John very much for his talk and declared the meeting closed at 3.51pm, after which refreshments were enjoyed by those present.

The next meeting of the Society will be held on

MONDAY 3 OCTOBER, 2022, AT 2.30pm

in St Andrews Church Hall, 100 St Andrews Road, Epsom.