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NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER, 2022

**The forthcoming meeting of the Society will be held on
MONDAY 3 October, at 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 right angle parking near the Hall.

Speaker: Marguerite Durling (Vice- President, Auckland Museum Institute)

Topic: The Cheeseman Family

Thomas Cheeseman, Botanist, was Curator of the Auckland Museum from 1874 to 1923.

He was supported in his work by his three talented sisters.

Prospect 2023 Jeanette Grant would like a collection of "*How things have changed*" items in the 2023 Prospect. She thinks it would be very interesting if everyone could send her half a dozen memories of how things have changed since the nineteen sixties. For example, Whenuapai used to be Auckland's main airport! If more than one person remembers the same thing, she would add a number to show how vividly that specific thing is remembered - everything from flying boats at Mission Bay to radio licences, from Geddes Dental to keeping hens in the back yard!

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 committee has met 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 a few 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 brochure includes many events of interest to our members. Unfortunately the Greenwood's Corner Guided Walk will not be up and running in time for the Festival.

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

WINDMILL PARK: Most of our members will be familiar with Windmill Park at 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.

EPSOM LIBRARY EVENT: The Epsom Library is hosting a social evening on Thursday, 27 October at 6pm at which people can meet and greet, but also hear something of Epsom's history, hence the interest in our Society. What has been agreed is that the evening will be sponsored between the library and the EEDHS. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to increase interest in and knowledge about our society which is something we have been concerned about for some time now.

EEDHS MEETING: Monday, 6 June, 2022

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!

Phil said he was very pleased to be invited to speak to us again and noted that he had spoken to EEDHS five times previously! He had been very shocked and sad to hear of Helen Laurenson's death, and said he had always had a good working relationship with her.

WE BELIEVE EVERYTHING WE ARE TOLD TO OUR DETRIMENT!

There are many fake stories that circulate

Take Maori place names:-

Aotearoa - Land of the long twilight (not white cloud)

Wingatui - (not wing a Tui!)

Then there was the **Royal Oak Zoo** (Boyd's Zoo) story that "a Lion had escaped" Yes, a lion cub did escape to a field of cows where Boyd's son rescued it from under a hedge! The Zoo was a very dodgy establishment which took the locals ten years to close down!

Maraetai - "Japanese Submarine landed at Maraetai Beach" It was claimed that two short Japanese men came ashore and wanted to find the ammunition magazine to blow it up!

Kapitan Timm - U Boat captain rowed ashore to milk a cow! The Aussie version was "Nazis popped in for NZ Milkshake"!

Mayor Robbie "in 1954 he was persuaded that Rapid Rail should go ahead". Not so. In 1968 Mayor Robbie did indeed push for Rapid Rail to go ahead in Auckland, but unfortunately a change of government meant nothing happened then.

Phil's talk finished with a quiz, in which several groups attempted to decide which questions were true or false! Needless to say, a lot of us gave the wrong answers, but had a lot of fun in the process!

Vice-President Helen Taber

thanked Phil for his fascinating talk, which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

President Eric Laurenson declared the meeting closed at 3.56pm, after which refreshments were enjoyed by those present.
