



# Epsom & Eden

District Historical Society Inc

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## NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2024

**The next meeting of the Society will be held on  
MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY, 2024, at 2.30 pm  
in St Andrews Church Hall, 100 St Andrews Road, Epsom**

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

**Speaker: Anne Sanders (in conversation with President Eric Laurenson)**

**Topic: *Anne's 2 years spent working as a Kitchen Maid for the Queen Mother  
at Clarence House, in London***

**END OF YEAR FUNCTION:** Our last meeting for the year was on Tuesday, 5 December, 2023 at Eden Garden where we met for afternoon tea and a walk around the garden. It was a happy occasion and a presentation of flowers was given to our nonagenarian members together with a tribute to our retiring Secretary, Margaret Barriball, with thanks for her five years of invaluable service to our society.

*Eden Garden has apologised for the disappointing afternoon tea which resulted from a misunderstanding with their caterers. They made no charge to us other than for the basic room hire and we made a modest donation to Eden Garden instead.*

**OUR NEW SECRETARY:** We are delighted to welcome our new Secretary, Louise Richardson. Louise, a new member, is a widely experienced journalist and we look forward to her contribution to our Society.

### **SPEAKERS FOR 2024:**

*We have an exciting lineup for the year...*

<b>25 March</b>	Sir Ian Mune	Speaking from his career in drama.
<b>2 June</b>	Dr Iain Wakefield	Dr Thomas Moore Philson. A noted contemporary of Arthur Purchas.
<b>5 August</b>	Stephen Innes	The changing fortunes of an historical plaque.
<b>7 October</b>	Dr Elizabeth Gordon	Why we speak the way we do. The origins of the New Zealand accent

### ***Prospect 2024***

Jeanette is looking for articles for the Prospect 2024 journal, in particular about the extreme weather events this time last year, as well as any other subjects. Jeanette is happy to talk to you if you have something under way. Email: [jeanette.john.grant@gmail.com](mailto:jeanette.john.grant@gmail.com) or phone: 09 6388566

The deadline, as usual, is 31 March. Copies of previous editions of Prospect are available free to members of the society.

**MT EDEN HISTORY BOOKS:** Additional copies of The History of Mt Eden are now free to all members and copies will be available at future meetings.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS:** EEDHS membership forms are available to prospective members on our website [www.epsom-eden.org.nz](http://www.epsom-eden.org.nz). Outstanding subscriptions 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.**

**GREENWOODS CORNER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION:** The heritage guided walk based around Greenwood's Corner is now operational and all members are encouraged to experience it. It covers the area from about the Lido cinema to the Epsom Methodist Church, along Manukau Rd. Visit the Business Association website, <https://www.greenwoodscorner.co.nz>

**EEDHS Library** has now been catalogued by Vice President Helen Taber and contains over 140 books, which may be freely borrowed by members. Refer to our website for the list.