

Newsletter



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Meetings are held at the **St John Ambulance Hall** on Palmer Street, Te Awamutu, at 7.30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month – February to December.

Visitors are most welcome. \$2 door charge for casual visitors.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 5th December. The last meeting of the year and our Xmas meeting. Bring a gift and a plate.

February Meeting: Tuesday 6th February. Christine will be presenting “My Shetland Island Ancestry”. (Waitangi Day)

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Club News!

Welcome to the December 2017 newsletter.

Our December meeting will start at the usual time of 7.30pm.

Mary Gadsby opens our meeting with a story about “My Genealogical Journey”. Many of you will be aware that Mary’s mother died a couple of months ago, aged 100. For over 80 years Dorrie Small was a big part of Mary’s life and in telling her story Mary not only pays tribute to a very strong woman, but ancestors who were pioneers in the bush covered land where they settled. She also tells the story of an ex-communicated Irish Catholic priest who decided that there was more to life than God. Who wouldn’t want a black sheep like that in their family!

We are on the lookout for others in the group who want to share their “Genealogical Journey” in 2018 – their inspirational ancestors, the ups and downs, the lessons learned along the way. Contact Sandra if you want some suggestions on what to include.

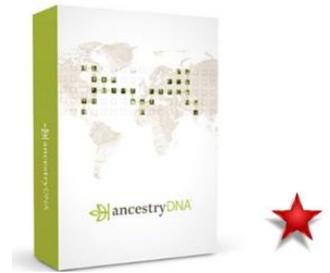


You are reminded that you need to bring a small plate suitable for a Xmas supper and also a gender neutral gift valued at no more than \$5 for Santa to give out.



DNA Tests

AncestryDNA currently has a 30% off sale on that goes through to the 22nd December. If you have been thinking of getting tested then this is the time to do it! Go to www.ancestry.com.au/dna/ and click on the **Sale** banner at the top of the page. Ancestry's recent Black Friday sale netted more sales than the whole of 2016. If you want the best chance of DNA success then go with Ancestry as your first test.



Portrait Display

Did you get to view Sue Gordon's portrait display? 

We have some very talented people in our branch and if you missed Sue Gordon's recent exhibition then make sure you get to her next one. Her portraiture is great and the way she captures the texture and feel of animal fur is beyond amazing.

Before the days of photography, having your portrait painted was the only way of capturing an image for posterity. Having your own portrait done today may seem a bit over the top but having one of your ancestors taken from a photograph could be one of the greatest gifts to pass onto your family.



Dean Taylor

If you are interested then Sue takes private commissions. Her email is suzeg@xtra.co.nz, phone 07 8713300



A huge vote thanks to those who volunteered their help at the Building Social History display at the library in mid November.

There was a steady flow of people with some visitors returning again as they remembered more. Lots of favourable comments were received and some visitors brought material of interest with them.

What started as an idea to ensure the history behind our heritage buildings wasn't lost has grown into something much, much more. Not only has the public become more aware of their main street but those who have been involved in the project have been fascinated by what they are discovering. At the very least it has been great publicity for our branch, with the added benefit of uncovering the whereabouts of resources that were considered lost.

We are looking for people to help with research for the next stage of the project. If you are interested in helping out please contact Sandra. See the banner at the top of this newsletter for her email address.





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Monday 27th November, 2017

**HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE HENRY OF WALES
AND MS. MEGHAN MARKLE
ARE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED**



CONGRATULATIONS TO HARRY AND MEGHAN!



ROYAL RULES

Meghan Markle will become a Princess after she marries Prince Harry... but there's a catch!

Adapted from an article by Alison Maloney and Chris Pollard

Prince Harry popped the question to the *Suits* actress in early November but there's confusion about how the 36 year old will be addressed after walking down the aisle next May.

The question is how will the *Suits* actress be addressed after their Spring, 2018 wedding?

Meghan Markle will be known as Her Royal Highness Princess Henry of Wales, using her husband's name — while any children born to the couple will be a lord or lady, not a prince or princess.

But she won't be known as Princess Meghan. This is because due to rules governing the British crown, only those born into the royal family can use the title Prince or Princess, followed by their first name.

Harry's mum, Diana was given the title Princess of Wales – a courtesy title held by the wife of the Prince of Wales – but she was never formally referred to as Princess Diana for the same reason.

But it is almost guaranteed that the Queen will instead bestow the couple a Dukedom before their wedding, making Meghan a duchess. And it has been rumoured that once married, the pair will become the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. Meaning Meghan would then be known as the Duchess of Sussex – much in the same way Kate Middleton has become the Duchess of Cambridge.

Titles, the Duke and Duchess of Clarence and Buckingham are also available – as the line has died out so they can also be the Queen's gift to bestow on the couple if she so chooses.

1st Duke of Sussex



The only other Duke of Sussex was a son of George III and black sheep of the family. Prince Augustus, King George's sixth son, suffered from asthma and was deemed too weak to join the military.

He was sent abroad and married Lady Augusta Murray, who he nicknamed Goosy, in Rome in 1793. But the marriage was declared void by George, who had not given his approval. It was later annulled on the grounds that it contravened the Royal Marriages Act 1772.

Lady Augusta called herself princess and demanded a peerage, but never received one.

The prince became the Duke of Sussex in 1801. As Duke, he caused a rift with his brother the Prince Regent, later George IV, by backing the abolition of slavery.

And he caused further scandal with his second marriage to Lady Cecilia Underwood. This was deemed illegal as he did not seek approval from the King.

The Duke was later a favourite uncle of Queen Victoria and he gave her away at her wedding to Prince Albert.



Who can be a Prince or a Princess?

In the UK, the husband of the reigning queen is called a prince. So Queen Elizabeth II's husband is Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh (and he was also *born* the Prince of Greece and Denmark!). The titles prince and princess also go to the children of the monarch and in 1987 Queen Elizabeth increased her daughter Princess Anne's title to Princess Royal.

The grandchildren born to sons of the monarch (for example, Prince William or Princess Beatrice) also get the title prince or princess, but grandchildren born to a daughter of a monarch (for example, Zara Phillips) do not automatically.

So just because you have a king or queen as a grandparent doesn't mean you're a prince or princess!

Queen Elizabeth II also recently decreed that all children born to the eldest son of the Prince of Wales (aka Prince William) will have the title prince or princess, thus we have Prince George! As with Kate, the wife of a prince will get the title princess upon marriage, however, the husband of a princess will not be called a prince.

Members of the royal family are called "Her/His Royal Highness," but in the case of divorce the nonbirthright royal loses the HRH style, just like Princess Diana and Sarah Ferguson did.

So why aren't Prince Edward's children prince and princess?

They are ~ they're just not called so.

Because they are the children of one of the sovereign's sons, they are entitled to be known as Princess Louise and Prince James of Wessex (their father's territorial designation). However, given their placement in the line of succession and their desire to give them a less restricted upbringing, their parents have chosen to have them "styled" (using the title of) the children of an earl (Prince Edward is the Earl of Wessex). So Louise is known as Lady Louise Windsor (An earl's daughter is called "Lady FirstName" and "Windsor" is the Royal family surname). Her younger brother James is known as Viscount Severn, a lesser title of his father's (standard for the oldest son of an Earl or any other peer).

Theoretically, when they are grown up, if they prefer to be known as Princess Louise and/or Prince James, they have the legal right to do so.

