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President's report



I hope you are surviving the winter months. As we come into August, a lot has happened in the last few months.

We held a successful annual general meeting in June and there were a few changes to the committee. In July we held our annual mid-winter Christmas lunch at the Kaiapoi Club, with more than 20 people attending, including members of the Canterbury Genealogy Society.

Kevin and Margaret White were enjoying an overseas trip and had given notice prior to the AGM of their intentions to stand down as president and secretary respectively. Both of them had served more than a decade in their respective roles and I wish to thank them both on behalf of the committee and the society for their long service.

Fortunately, we have not lost them completely, as when they return to Christchurch, Kevin will step into the secretary's role. He has also agreed to continue in his role as a research officer, while Margaret will remain on the committee and help out with the all-important role of proofreading the magazine.

We also said farewell to Elwyn Martin, who stepped down from the committee, while Nigel Larsen has joined the committee.

I also stepped into the role of president, after previously serving in the role from 2002 to 2006.

Our honorary auditor Lynn Prattley has also stepped down. She is a life member who has given 50 years' service to our society, firstly as treasurer and then stepping back from the committee to be our auditor. This is a very important role, and we are indebted to Lynn for her contribution in sharing her professional expertise, especially as this was done entirely voluntarily.

It also means we need to find a new auditor and the committee is open to suggestions.

Here is your new committee:

Patron – Dame Jillian Lord

President – David Hill

Vice-president – Philip Creed

Immediate past president – Kevin White

Secretary – Kevin White

Treasurer – Pauline Taylor

Committee – Jill Lord, Judith Munro, Barbara Miller, Margaret White, Heather Craw and Nigel Larsen.

Auditor – Vacant.

The AGM also re-elected an honours sub-committee of Judith Munro, Barbara Miller and the president. No honours were presented at this year's AGM, but this certainly does not mean there was no-one deserving of an honour.

I wish to thank the outgoing committee for its service and look forward to working with the new committee.

Since the AGM, the committee has also filled several ex officio positions. Philip Creed will carry on in his role as editor, while Jill Lord and Kevin White are our research officers. Tony Gordon is our membership officer, Jill Lord our librarian, and our IT sub-committee is Tony Gordon and Stuart Taylor. Kevin White has agreed to be our society contact, and Margaret White and Paul Munro will continue to assist with the magazine as proofreaders.

The president and secretary are still to divvy up some roles. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to contribute to our society.

David Hill

President

Exchange Newsletters

Do you have research interests overseas?

Our society exchanges newsletters and magazines with societies around the world. Some come to us as a hard copy and are available in our library, including the Family Tree magazine, which comes from the United Kingdom monthly and contains lots of interesting articles and research tips.

We receive newsletters and magazines from the societies of various different counties in the UK, from North America and Australia, so pop into our library and have a look in our magazine stand.

Several newsletters and magazines come to us by email, so if the following are of interest to you, we can make these available on a computer in the library, or you can email **familyhistory.nz@hotmail.com** and we can forward them to you:

UNITED KINGDOM

- *Berkshire Family Historian* – Berkshire Family History Society.
- *Origins* – Buckinghamshire Family History Society.
- *Cheshire Ancestor* – Family History Society of Cheshire.
- *East Surrey Family History Society Journal*.
- *Family History Federation Bulletin*, United Kingdom.
- *Hertfordshire People* – Hertfordshire Family History Society.
- *Liverpool Family Historian* – Liverpool and South West Lancashire Family History Society.
- *Manchester Genealogist* – Manchester and Lancashire Family History Society.
- *Midland Ancestor* – Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry.
- *Nottinghamshire Family History Society Journal*.
- *The Cedar Log* – Richmond Tweed Family History Society.
- *Suffolk Roots* and *Suffolk Family History Society Newsletter*.
- *Roots in the Forest* – Waltham Forest Family History Society, Essex.
- *Aberdeen and North-East Scotland Family History Society Journal*.
- *Highland Family History Society Journal*, Inverness, Scotland.

CANADA

- *British Columbia Genealogist* – British Columbia Genealogical Society, Canada.
- *Generations* – the digital magazine of the Manitoba Genealogical Society, Canada.

AUSTRALIA

- *Bega Valley Genealogy Society Journal*.
- *Bremer Echoes* – Ipswich Genealogical Society, Queensland, Australia.
- *The Ancestral Searcher* – The Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra Inc.
- *Central Queensland Family History Society Journal*, Australia.
- *The Genealogist* – Family History Connections (Australian Institute of Genealogical Societies Inc).
- *Progenitor* – Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory Inc, Australia.
- *Toowoomba & Darling Downs Family History Society Journal*.
- *Wendish E-news* – Australia.

AGM President's report 2023-24

It feels a bit strange knowing that someone else will be reading my report for me whilst I enjoy the delights of Canada. All the best.

2023 / 2024 has been a busy year with a number of excellent speakers, a field trip to Waimate, a visit to the New Brighton Museum, three open promotions, The Family History Expo in August, Heritage Week in October, and The Hororata Games in November. We also held our annual mid-winter dinner and BBQ. Despite our promotions, membership continues to dwindle, as the internet gives prospective members alternative options for their research.

Our hardworking committee, as well as Tony Gordon and Ray & Mary Pointon, have manned our rooms on Mondays and Saturdays. I thank you all for you undertaking these duty sessions. Unfortunately, very few of our members have taken the opportunity to ask for help with their research.

Our finances have improved, thanks to grants and we have been able to keep our fees to a minimum.

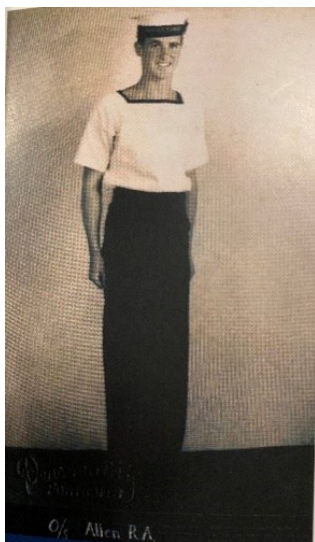
Our e-magazine has been a success, and we seem to be able to continue to come up with interesting family histories and articles. Thanks to Philip Creed, Margaret White, Judith Munro and Tony Gordon for working on this ongoing project.

There are a number of unsung volunteers in our Society, those who have donated their time and money to ensure that we have tea, coffee, milk, biscuits, writing paper, toilet paper, napkins, detergent, raffle prizes, plants and a website. Thank you for your continued support. It's you who keep this Society ticking over.

Finally thank you all for your support over the past eleven years. Rest assured we still have a future in this digital age. I will not be seeking re-election.

Kevin White

Roger Albert Allen 1934-2024

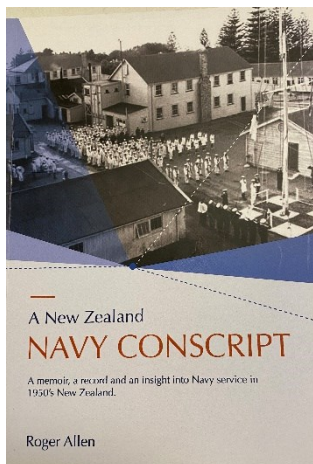


Roger Allen, who was a member of the Family History Society for 10 years, died suddenly on 11 March 2024 aged 89 years. Roger was a retired primary school principal and had lived in the Christchurch suburb of Shirley much of his life.

Roger contributed much to society, as an educator and through his involvement in local community groups.

Roger had a love of boats and yachting, arising from his performing his compulsory military training (CMT) as a naval cadet for 3 years from 1953 to 1956. During this time, he was stationed at *HMNZS Tamaki* at Devonport and *HMNZS Philomel* on Motuihe Island in the Hauraki Gulf near Auckland. From this experience, Roger developed good navigation and seamanship skills and was later involved in the Sea Scouts.

From these experiences, Roger wrote a brief memoir of this time in “A New Zealand Navy Conscript: a memoir, a record and an insight into Navy service in 1950’s New Zealand”.



Life was tough in the navy for conscripts and Roger recalled the severe punishments and bullying which were part of naval life in the 1950s.

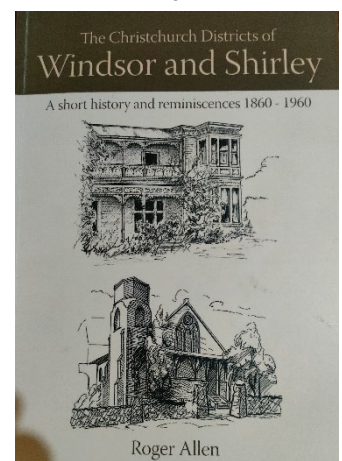
Roger and his wife Valerie (Val) Allen (nee Hatch) lived in Cresswell Avenue, off New Brighton Road, and later in Gayhurst Road, almost on the original section which his great grandfather Daniel Pankhurst had purchased in the 1870s. As Roger’s grandmother, father and his own four children all lived there, it can be said that five generations of the same family lived in this place – something of a record perhaps?

Roger attended local schools, and later Christchurch Boys’ High School. He worked for three years as a land survey cadet, and after his compulsory service in the navy, completed teacher training at Christchurch Teachers College in 1956-57. He also completed a B.A. degree in sociology and history at Canterbury University.

Roger had a long teaching career from 1958 to 1993, including stints at Te Aroha, Heaton Intermediate, Little River, St Albans Primary, Shirley Primary, Linwood Intermediate, Glenmore, Central New Brighton and Avondale primary schools.

As a child, Roger explored his neighbourhood, later becoming interested in the local history of Windsor and Shirley. This led to his compiling a district history by interviewing local residents and researching the history of the names of Shirley and Windsor and local streets. The district history covered the settlement and development of the district, from pastoral farming, market gardening and poultry farming, to housing development and closer settlement. Local orphanages and girls' homes, and hospitals, shops and businesses and small industries such as engineering, joinery, caravans, wire works, confectionery, clothing and an analytical laboratory are detailed. Roger approached the Family History Society for funding to support the release of his 124-page book: ***“The Christchurch districts of Windsor and Shirley: A short history and reminiscences 1860-1960”*** which was launched at Shirley intermediate School in 2014. Originally printed in a run of 400 copies, the book was reprinted in 2017 and has sold very well.

Roger also had a keen love of tramping and camping, his first camping trip with his family being when he was age three. In the 1950s he was a keen hunter and trumper, and in 2023 he published a record of his trips to the Southern Alps from February 1952 until Christmas 1957 in a small book ***“From Rakaia to Rotoiti”*** Roger describes the conditions on his trips away to Lake Coleridge, Mt Self and Mt Ida, Harper and Rakaia Rivers, Mt Misery, the Cass Valley, Hawdon River and Edwards Stream, Mingha River in Arthurs Pass National Park, and the Kelly Range, Harpers Pass and Hope River further north, the Doubtful River and Mount Robert in Nelson Lakes National Park, and the Grey River. He describes in poetic language the glories of the Spenser mountains in a trip from Lewis Pass to Lake Rotoiti in 1955, via Cannibal Gorge, Ada Pass, Ada River, Waiau River valley, Malings Pass, Lake Tennyson, Island Pass, Wairau River and Rainbow River.



As well as his own recollections, he describes the connections of his father Geoff Allen, his great grandfather Daniel Pankhurst, and his father-in-law Arthur Hatch with Arthur's Pass. A well-illustrated and thoughtful book of 80 pages, it was published privately and printed by Amazon.

Roger was a thoughtful raconteur with an endless supply of interesting stories interspersed with a dry wit and humour. His many contributions to the NZ Family Tree magazine and our society will be missed.

The Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem

On 4 November 2023 at the Christchurch Transitional Cathedral, our patron Mrs Jillian Lord, was promoted as Dame of Grace in the Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem, in the annual investiture ceremony held by the Grand Priory of N.Z., Canterbury Commandery.

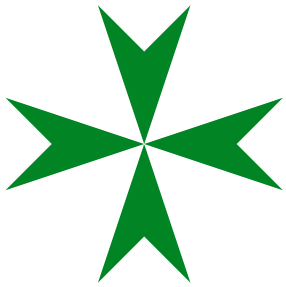


What is the Order of St Lazarus, where does it come from and what are its purposes and works?

Although a brochure from 1995 describes the founding of this Order about the year 370 AD, its hospital outside the gates of Jerusalem probably existed long before this date. The Order of St Lazarus was formally established in 1098 AD during the first crusade, at the leprosarium, or Infirmary of St Lazarus, outside the walls of Jerusalem. This was near the legendary home of St Lazarus, where according to tradition, St Basil the Great founded an ancient order of hospitallers in the 4th century AD, to look after the lepers, who were outcasts roaming the Middle East and Europe throughout the Dark Ages and Middle Ages. The Order of St Lazarus was the only chivalric order caring for the needs of lepers, and also ministered to those suffering from other contagious diseases. In order to protect the victims of disease from maltreatment and to defend their leper hospices against infidels, the Order assumed a military role.

Known as Lazarists or Lazarites, the Order received formal recognition from a Papal Bull in 1115 AD, two years after the Hospitaller Order of St John was recognised in 1113 AD.

In 1118AD the Order of Knights Templar was founded as a purely military order, and the Orders of St Lazarus and St John followed, admitting soldier monks. Templars and Hospitallers who contracted Leprosy were obliged to join the Order of St Lazarus.



After the capture of Acre in 1291 by the Muslims and the expulsion of all Christians from the Holy Land, the Order moved to France, where it came under the protection of the royal house. The Order established many leper hospitals, known as lazar-cotes or lazarettes in France, Spain, Italy, England, Scotland, Germany, Switzerland and Hungary.

As well as hospitals, the Order fulfilled a dual mission by maintaining a flotilla of warships in the Mediterranean to protect important sea routes against pirates and marauders.

The medical centres for treatment of lepers in Europe by the Order resulted in the decline of leprosy in the West, which reduced the need for special sanatoria. In the reformation, the Order's property was confiscated in Protestant lands, but it flourished in France under the protection of the Bourbon monarchy. However, in 1830 the restored French King Louis Philippe abolished the Order, and it then continued under the protection of the Greek Melchite Patriarch of Jerusalem, until he died in 1916, exiled by the Turks. Later the Order gained protection from the Duke of Seville, a prince of the Spanish Royal House of Bourbon.

In the 20th century, the Order was involved with providing relief for victims of Communist oppression, and in maintaining a Christian presence in the Holy land by the construction of medical facilities in the old city of Jerusalem and in other Christian communities. Since the breakup of the Soviet Union, the Order has organised the distribution of food aid, clothing and medical supplies to Poland, Hungary, Romania and Croatia, worth US\$125 million. Because of this expertise, the European Community commissioned the Order to transport more than US\$1.5 billion in food to the starving people in Russia.

The Order of St Lazarus was introduced to New Zealand in 1962. H.E. Lieut-Colonel Robert Gayre of Gayre and Nigg, Grand Bailiff-General and Commissioner General of the English Tongue of the Order of St Lazarus, wrote to Edward Roberts of Culverden (1913-2013), and to Douglas Arter of Raglan (1920-1980), asking if they were able to accept membership of the Order, and to establish a division of the Order in New Zealand. Lieut-Col. Gayre was successful in re-establishing the Order in the United Kingdom, based in Edinburgh, and in New Zealand. While Douglas Arter recruited new members to the Order in Auckland and in the Waikato, Edward Roberts recruited new members to the Order in the South Island.

The objectives of the Order in N.Z. are to assist with all work associated with leprosy and diseases of the skin, to succour the sick and elderly, to support skin clinics in underdeveloped countries, to maintain the unity of the Christian church and to promote and maintain chivalric ideals in modern society.

In the Pacific, leprosy was still prevalent in the late 20th century, and in New Zealand, there was a leper colony on Quail Island in Lyttelton harbour until 1925 when eight remaining lepers were transferred to the island of Makogai in Fiji.

The Southern Commandery distributes large quantities of medical supplies to the leper mission stations in the Pacific, it holds skin cancer clinics in Canterbury and Westland and has built and supported retirement villages in Henderson and Raglan. The Order runs the St Lazarus volunteer nursing and visitor service, which commenced in 1982 and numbers more than 200, providing qualified assistance for frail elderly people in their relative's homes.

The Order was granted vice-regal patronage in 2007 by Sir Anand Satyanand, GNZM, QSO, KStJ, and later by Rt Hon Lieut-Gen. Sir Jerry Mataparae GNZM, QSO, KStJ, GCLJ, and by Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy, GNZM, QSO, DStJ, former Governors-General, and by H.E. Dr Richard Davies.

In 2016, the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet recognised the Order as a dynastic honour, which allows for the wearing of St Lazarus order insignia with other state awarded or approved honours.

There are four Commanderies in New Zealand, Auckland, Wellington, Canterbury and Te Moanui a Kiwa. The latter was established in 2014 at

Turangawaewae Marae, Ngauruawahia, with the full support of the Kingitanga, and King Tuheitia Potatau Te Wherowhero VII was a member of the Order.

Members of the Order are recognised by their rank, which begins with a Confrere or Consoeur, rising to Officer Companion to Commander Companion, to Knight or Dame Companion, to Knight or Dame Grand Cross.

There are formal investitures on an annual basis, when new members, known as postulants, are admitted to the Order, and current members are promoted, or granted merit awards.

Formerly open only to members of the Roman Catholic faith, the Order now admits all people professing a Christian faith. In New Zealand, membership of the Order is by invitation only.

The Order is governed by a Supreme Council, based in The Hague, Netherlands, headed by the Grand Master. The current 50th Grand Master of the order is H.E. The Chevalier Francisco de Bourbon Graf von Hardenberg.

The Order is formally established in at least twelve countries, in Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, Australia and New Zealand, where it is known as the Grand Priory of New Zealand, formerly the Bailiwick of New Zealand.



The head of the Order here is the Grand Prior in New Zealand H.E. The Chevalier Professor Brett Delahunt ONZM, KStJ, GCLJ, GCMLJ, FRSNZ.

Dame Jillian Lord is a Dame of Grace in the Order and entitled to use post-nominal letters DLJ (Dame of St Lazarus of Jerusalem) and to wear the insignia of the Order – a black cape lined with green, with the cross of St Lazarus worn on the left breast.

It is worth recording that the founder of the Order in New Zealand, Chevalier Robert Charles Edward Trueman Roberts, was a keen genealogist and heraldist, and first patron (1976-2013) of the Armorial and Genealogical Institute of New Zealand, later the NZ Family History Society, and now the Family History Society of New Zealand.



Edward Roberts, a sheep farmer at “Riverside”, Culverden, Amuri, North Canterbury, was also a keen supporter of the Order of St John and many other local community organisations, along with his wife Amy Roberts (1909-1990) who was a Dame Commander of the Order.

It is fitting that our patron Mrs Jillian Lord is now a Dame of Grace in this venerable Order, which participates in local and nationally initiated community activities. The Order of St Lazarus is a corporate sponsor of Victim Support, and Research for Life, which is involved in the funding of medical research, and supports funds for hospital equipment in Sri Lanka and the Leprosy Mission in the Pacific Islands. The Order also supports funding defibrillators for Embracing Hearts charity, the Prostate Cancer Foundation of NZ, Korowai Youth Wellbeing Trust, and the New Zealand Hospital Chaplaincy Service.

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The Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem Grand Priory of New Zealand Investiture Ceremony 2023 held in the Transitional Cathedral cnr Hereford and Madras Streets Christchurch Sunday 4 November 2023

Library Report

The library continues to develop, and new items are being added to our collections regularly.

Ray and Mary Pointon have done an excellent job of sorting our family histories out from the general collection of local histories.

We thank Ray and Mary for their generosity in donating their time to achieving this task.

We are continuing to add brief descriptions of library items to our database, so that we can query this database and look up items to see where they are located.

In this regard, there will be an ongoing programme of renumbering our shelving, as it has expanded, due to the addition of new items.

Several years ago, we purchased a new bookshelf, and this is used to store our collection of family histories, which are shelved in alphabetical order, based on the surname of the particular family.

Did you know that we have a complete set of 2014 New Zealand Electoral rolls? They are useful for locating living people.

We have a complete collection of 2014 New Zealand Habitation Indexes, which are housed on one of the new bookshelves.

What are Habitation Indexes, you may ask? They are simply a listing of all persons on each electoral roll, ordered by street number or address, under the name of the electorate.

Unlike the electoral rolls, the Habitation indexes do not state the occupation of each person. However, they are most useful to determine who is in each household. There are 67 general electorates, and 7 Maori electorates.

Habitation indexes are published each three-year electoral cycle, but are not readily available in public libraries, so we are fortunate to have a set of them.

Jill Lord

Submitting Articles

Any members who may possess an interesting story pertaining to family or early historical matters and especially to the greater Canterbury area, or anywhere in New Zealand, are invited to write about it and submit it to the editor for inclusion in our future issues.

Any matter may be written down or typewritten and provided facts of the story, names etc., are clearly indicated, we can do the editing if you consider you are not that good at putting down a story. If you have a computer and e-mail facilities, this is the best way to submit material as it can be edited on receipt and inserted directly into our publishing program.

Regarding photographs: the best way is to submit electronic images in either a JPEG, TIFF or PDF format as reproduction proves better and sharper. However, a good photocopy will generally be adequate.

If e-mail is preferred the address to send articles, photos and stories to is: philipcreed@xtra.co.nz or address any correspondence to: The Editor, 28 Ensors Road, Opawa, Christchurch 8023.

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Meeting times – 2 p.m. on the 1st Sunday of the month at Elmwood Park Bowling Club, Heaton Street, Strowan, Christchurch.

Library hours – 401A Papanui Road. Every Monday 10 a.m. to 12 noon, every Saturday 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Closed on public holidays and public holiday weekends.

Classes of membership:

Full membership – Open to individuals – entitles them to receive magazine and newsletters.

Membership Fee – \$40 per year, Family \$50 per year.

Associate membership – Open to historical associations, genealogical societies, public libraries, and similar organisations. This entitles them to receive the magazine and advertise free of charge in the magazine on behalf of their organisations. These privileges do not extend to individuals in these organisations. **Fee** – \$50 per year.

