

*Saturday, 31 May 2014 ~*

***Farewell Ellen & Tom***

*Saturday morning came - the 15th of March - and it was time to say farewell to two lovely folk.*

*Just after breakfast, Vivien and her husband, Tony arrived as they were taking Ellen & Tom back to Auckland by car to their home to stay overnight as Ellen & Tom were flying to Melbourne the next day to begin their Australian tour.*

*A few photos taken just as they were to leave -*

*Ellen, myself & Vivien*



*Ellen & Tom*





*Thank you Ellen & Tom for coming to stay. It was a pleasure and a privilege.*

*You have enriched our lives and given us lots of memories to treasure. Keith and I sincerely thank you.*

*For those of you who do not know Vivien, she is the lady behind 'New Zealand Sampler' and the founder of the awesome 'Sampler Gathering' weekend. She is well known and respected throughout New Zealand as the expert on our NZ samplers and over the past few years she has visited most museums throughout NZ and visited many individuals at their homes to document samplers worked by New Zealanders. Many, many years, months, weeks, days and hours have been spent in research - with the purpose being to write a book to record these precious samplers and their makers. This is to be published and available some time in August of this year - and I know it is eagerly awaited. I will have this book in the Needlework Gallery for sale.*

*In closing, we three girls (Ellen, Vivien and I) are so thankful and grateful to our loving husbands for their support, help and encouragement as we pursue our passion for needlework. Thank you, you wonderful men!*

*Tony & Vivien,  
Keith & myself*



*Till next time, may you too be blessed and supported in all your endeavours.*

