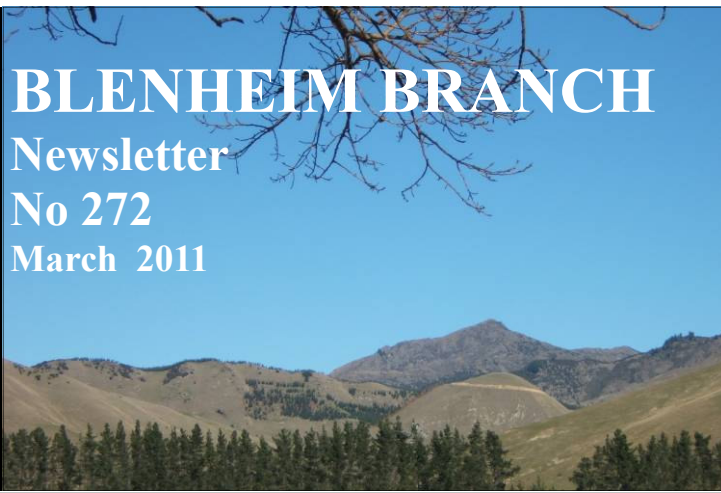




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**Branch meetings**  
3rd Tuesday of each  
month - February  
through to November  
at 7.30pm.  
**Venue: Beavertown  
Hall, Brayshaw  
Heritage Park**  
Arthur Baker Place  
(off New Renwick  
Road)  
at 7.30pm

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**MARCH NEWSLETTER**

Welcome to our March Newsletter - being produced after our meeting instead of before it due to unforeseen circumstances.

I have been in Christchurch attending the funeral of a friend who was killed as a consequence of the February 22 earthquake - so a number of things were placed on hold including the our monthly committee meeting and the production of this newsletter. The committee meeting was held a week later than usual— Monday night of this week..

Having seen the damage caused I am amazed that there were not more deaths. My friend was killed when working on the organ in Durham Street Methodist Church. Paul (Dunlop) was one of New Zealand's leading optometrists and a gifted musician. He will be missed in both areas.

We have kept this newsletter to two pages instead of the usual four— *Alan*

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**OUR APRIL MEETING**

is our

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday April 19, 7.30pm**

**Beavertown Hall, Brayshaw Park, Blenheim**

The occasion when we review the year past and look to the year ahead.

Have you considered coming on to the Committee— as invited by our Convenor in last month's newsletter?

The current Office Bearers and Committee are available for re-election. We would value 'new blood' on it.

We meet monthly and our meetings not long and are fairly informal.

**We look forward to see you there.**

**From your  
Convenor**

**March 2011**



Dear Members,

Convenor's Report March 2011

One can't help but be affected by the consequences of the earthquakes in Christchurch. We all know people down there whose lives have been turned upside down and we feel for them! Things will never be the same again for any of us.



One also feels for the people of Japan with the disastrous earthquake followed closely by the huge tsunami and now the nuclear power plants going haywire.

Very sad times!

Regards,

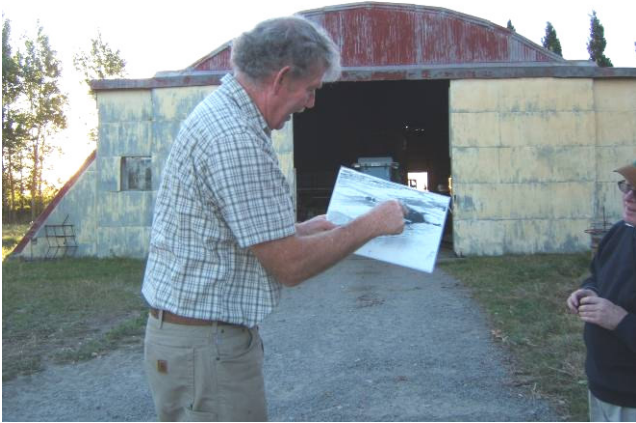
Don HENRY  
Convenor

## SYMPATHY

**Iris Mary Matthews  
Died Tauranga March 8, 2011**

Iris was a member of our branch until she and Harry moved to Tauranga. She was also a valuable member of our branch Committee.  
*We have extended our sympathy to Harry*

## MEETING REPORTS



*John Walsh was our host when we visited Woodbourne farm in February. The property was taken over by the airforce during World War Two*

**FEBRUARY**— an enjoyable picnic outing was held at John Walsh's historic property "Woodbourne Farm". John later told us of its history and took us on a tour of the property and homestead. We have so much history sitting on our doorstep.



**MARCH**—Peter Peterson presented a PowerPoint on the use of genealogical computer programmes. Thank you Peter—it was a most informative evening.

## SENIORS EXPO MARLBOROUGH LINES STADIUM 2000

**Wed March 23  
10am to 3.30pm**

Look for our stall at this highly popular Expo—the 4th time such an event has been held.

*Peter Peterson will be pleased to see you there*



## 2011 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

*"Pack your swag and be  
ready to join the*

***Gold Rush to Otago,  
Queen's Birthday Weekend 2011"***



See Pages 166 and 175 of the July/August 2010 issue of  
*"The New Zealand Genealogist"*  
for further details.

Hosted by the DUNEDIN and MOSGIEL  
Branches of the NZSG.

**Start planning to attend this Conference NOW**

### Blenheim Branch Committee

<b>Convener:</b>	Don Henry
<b>Secretary:</b>	Katrina Harris
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Stuart Kennington
<b>Committee:</b>	Peter Peterson
<b>Librarian:</b>	Terry Gardiner
<b>Newsletter Editor:</b>	Alan Harris
<b>Door &amp; Raffles:</b>	Sue Gill



### Branch Library & Rooms

**Beavertown Hall, Brayshaw Heritage Park**  
Arthur Baker Place (off New Renwick Road,  
Blenheim)

### Hours

Except for December & January our facilities at Beavertown are open to the public as below:

Day of month	Time period	Duty member	phone
1st Tuesday	3 to 5pm	Terry Gardiner	5785222
1st Sunday	2 to 4pm	Don Henry	5791987
2nd Tuesday	3 to 5pm	Terry Gardiner	5785222
2nd Wednesday	9 - 11.30 am	Ilona Alloway	5784658
3rd Tuesday	3 to 5pm	Terry Gardiner	5785222
3rd Thursday	2 to 4pm	Christine Koppert	5783408
3rd Sunday	2 to 4pm	Don Henry	5791987
4th Tuesday	3 to 5pm	Terry Gardiner	5785222

***The Library may be available by appointment outside these hours.***

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**Lauri Ashwell** phone 578 8385 during daytime.