



**Next Branch Meeting at St Chads Church,  
117 Centreway Road on  
Tuesday 18 June 2019  
2 – 4 pm**

### Speakers for June



This month we have two speakers – Diane Hooper and Maria Good. Both are experienced genealogists with a passion for helping people discover their family history. Diane is the Director of the Family History Centre based at the LDS church on Sunset Road. Diane and Maria will be looking at “**An introduction to FamilySearch**” all the ins and outs that will help



you enjoy and feel confident using this free website. Questions will be welcome.

### Last Month's Speaker

**Wendy Inskeep** gave a detailed account about her husband's 3 x great grandfather's brother Peter Bussey and his involvement in the Chartist movement. The name Bussey originated from the de-Bussey family.

Peter was a well-known Chartist leader. Also known as “Fat Peter” to his peers. A contemporary source (The Charter, Sunday 5 May 1839) says of him “In person, Mr Bussey is exceedingly corpulent, and in height about five feet nine or ten inches. His countenance is indicative of much thoughtfulness; albeit there is an expression of restlessness and of stern resolve that cannot be mistaken. His manners are somewhat rough, and his address blunt, though by no means offensive.”



*Peter Bussey was undoubtedly one of those who had been involved in the conspiracy from the start. He was a beer house keeper who ran the Roebuck Inn at Bradford, one of the most militant centres of Chartism, and an ardent advocate of physical force*

#### **Who were the Chartists?**

Living conditions for the working man in Victorian times were appalling. This was the age of Charles Dickens, who wrote about the plight of the poor people. Many working-class people were disgruntled and discontent about the new conditions of the nineteenth century factory discipline such as low wages, periodic unemployment, long hours and bad working conditions. They had no vote or say about the failed industrial laws of 1832 – 1834. Typically, the Tolpuddle Martyrs, a group of six farm workers in Dorset who were transported to Australia for trying to get a wage increase from 9 shillings a week. William Lovett and Henry Hetherington were among

the Chartist founders. In 1838 Lovett and fellow Radical Francis Place drafted a parliamentary bill which was the foundation of the Peoples' Charter. It had six demands:

1. votes for all men;
2. equal electoral districts
3. abolition of the requirement that Members of Parliament be property owners;
4. payment for M.P.s;
5. annual general elections;
6. a secret ballot.

The Chartist movement started in Bradford and spread throughout the country. A huge petition of 2 million signatures was presented to Parliament, who rejected it. Uprisings were planned, but on the day of the revolution, Peter failed to rouse the troops. Many were arrested and tried for treason against the Queen, and hanged. Others were transported. Peter instead fled to America. He did return back to England about 1854 where he married Hannah, 20 years his junior, and had two children. Peter died on 11 Sep 1869 and is buried in the churchyard at Farsley.

### **Was your ancestor a Chartist?**

Wendy concluded by pointing out that because the movement was so widespread, there is a good chance that one of your ancestors was involved. Women as well as men took part. Also, there were two sides to the story, the rebels and the law enforcement. Ancestry has estimated that over a thousand families can be traced back to the Chartists. Is yours one?

*Review supplied by David Knell*

*Wendy Inskip will have a chocolate for anyone who finds a Chartist!! (Hint...try the website for chartistancestors to be in the running)*

## **Updates from the Branch**

**The Annual General Meeting** was held prior to our May Branch Meeting. NZSG members returning to the committee include Wendy Inskip (Convenor), Alison Wesley (Secretary), Frank Shelmerdine (Treasurer), Wendy Fitzpatrick, Alan Jenner, Diane Shearer, Shirley Hunt, Levina Cuthbert, Carol Bell, Joy Todd. Willing to be co-opted onto the committee are Maggie Chan, John Curtis, Dave Knell, Jan Rawley and Bob Howard. Healthy Finances were presented by returning Treasurer Frank Shelmerdine. The AGM was followed by the monthly meeting with afternoon tea.

### **2019/2020 Committee of Hibiscus Branch of New Zealand Society of Genealogists**

**Front Row (L-R)** Dave K, Frank S, Diane S, Levina C, Wendy I, Wendy F, Shirley H, Alan J.

**Back Row (L-R)** Jan R, Maggie C, Alison W, Carol B, John C.

**Absent** Bob Howard, Joy Todd.



### Life Membership for Shirley Hunt

The Branch was delighted to give a Life Membership to Shirley Hunt at the AGM. Shirley has been an active member for many years, going back to the early days. Wendy Inskip recalled Shirley putting up tables in hired halls, setting up equipment, humping boxes of books to and fro and sorting them out according to countries. This was pre-computer, and was the only way to find information. Shirley said she really enjoyed the Cottage Meetings in the early days. Amongst other callings, she was the Newsletter editor for many years, and has seen many changes. She has been on the committee for a long time (and still is) and after all these years is still a Library Volunteer. We value her extensive institutional knowledge. Frank Shelmerdine presented Shirley with the certificate. Thank-you Shirley, for all you do for the Hibiscus Coast Branch of NZSG.



### Beginners Course

John and Lyn Curtis have a Beginners Course commencing in July. Held on two consecutive Monday mornings between 10am and 12pm. Starting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July followed by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July in the Pohutukawa Room, at the Whangaparaoa Library. Numbers are limited so please get in early if you want a place. This course is perfect for people who have no experience in Genealogy. Contact John and Lyn on [john@curtis.co.nz](mailto:john@curtis.co.nz) for more details.

### DNA at Orewa Library

Veronica Storey, an Orewa librarian who is also a NZSG member, takes monthly DNA meetings which have become very popular. There are now two sessions. One in the morning (10-11.30am) and one in the afternoon (1-3pm).

### Welcome to the Branch

A warm welcome to the branch those new members who have joined in the last month. Helen Howard, Geoffrey Buttery and Ron Pemberton - We look forward to meeting you in the coming months and getting to know you better.

### New Brochures

Have you seen the new Brochures with information about the Hibiscus Branch? The committee worked collectively to get an easy-to-read-brochure created that could be passed out at meetings where local genealogists met. These brochures are in our library area and Orewa.

### Happy Birthday

Congratulations to Hermione Gracie who is celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday in June. Many happy returns for your special day.



### An unusual opportunity

Joy Todd raised at the committee meeting in May that Peak Rd Cemetery committee were looking for a new Sexton. Contact Joy if this sounds like something you would be interested in. Joy Todd can be emailed on [thyneafterthyne@hotmail.com](mailto:thyneafterthyne@hotmail.com)

## Recent Bereavements

The committee and friends in the branch would like to take time to extend our condolences to Sally Corbel on the recent passing of her husband Clary on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May after a short illness. Sally is one of our regular library volunteers



It was with sadness the committee received news that Whangaparaoa Librarian Melissa Kraaykamp had passed away suddenly. Melissa was a librarian who had a keen interest in what we were doing in the Genealogy area due to being a member of our Branch. Her smile and willingness to help our volunteers at the library was greatly appreciated. She will be missed by everyone who knew her through the Hibiscus Branch of NZSG and everyone who worked with her.



## Library Duty at Whangaparaoa Library

### Library Duty Roster: June

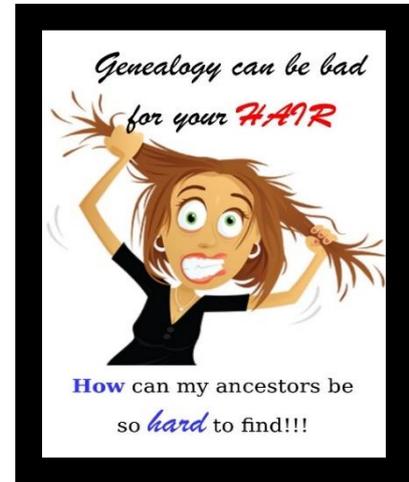
Hours 10 – Noon (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
					Duty: Wendy Inskeep Ros Cunningham	
3	4	5	6	7	FamilySearch & NZ 8	9
Queen's Birthday No Library Duty		Duty: Shirley Hunt Eileen Revell Alison Cairns	Duty: Alan Jenner MeganThompson		Duty: Maggie Chan Joy Todd	
10	11	12	LEGACY GROUP 13	14	15	OREWA LIB 16
Duty: Ann Viscoe Sally Corbel Judy Lilley		Duty: Alison Wesley Bob Howard	Duty: Peter Hill Brenda & Mick Munford Legacy Group - Pohutukawa Room 10am - 12 pm		Duty: Wendy Inskeep Jan Rawley	Veronia Storey - DNA 10am - 11.30am DNA 1-3pm
17	Branch Meeting 18	19	20	21	22	23
Duty: Lyn & John Curtis	St Chads, Orewa. 1.30 - 4pm Speakers: Diane Hooper & Maria Good	Duty: Wendy Fitzpatrick Wendy Jenner	Duty: Kate Ellis Dick Mogridge		Duty: Margaret Pool	
24	COTTAGE GROUPS 25	26	27	28	29	30
Duty: David Knell Brenda & Mick Munford	Sandra's Cottage Group 9.30am 86 The Circle, Manly.	Duty: Sandi Halling	Duty: Paula Denison Shirley Wills		Duty: Wendy Fitzpatrick	

If you are interested in joining the library volunteers - Contact Bob Howard on [bc.howard@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bc.howard@xtra.co.nz) (094267437) After Bobs heart felt plea in the last newsletter for new volunteers; Judy Lilley has offered to come on board – Everyone is looking forward to having Judy join the library volunteers. Thanks Judy.

**\*\* Legacy Group is now held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month in the Pohutukawa Room**

**Last Word from the Editor ...** I've long had trouble with finding my German ancestors who immigrated to Australia and then on to New Zealand. I received an email from a more experienced Genealogist and from one site - Find My Past, I was able to uncover immigration information. Many hours spent checking and eliminating people with similar names and possible connections have lead me to a tiny break through but you might have guessed ... I've had a few bad hair days this month. In 1876 Joseph Roessler his wife Eleanore and their children Antonia, Emile, Anna-Maria and Emma left Hamburg for Adelaide, but sadly on the journey Joseph and Emma both passed away. I can only imagine the despair Eleanore must have felt on the journey to a foreign country without her husband and her infant daughter and I can image the support that her children would have been to their mother as they started their new life too. I have found Antonia and Emile marrying in the Barossa region, but I have no idea what happened to Eleanore? I do know that Annie met a handsome young man called Johann Wolf in Adelaide, they married, had a couple of children in Australia and then moved to New Zealand where my grandmother Selma Wolf was born. Selma in turn met Alex Chan and they had six children before she passed of an aneurysm at just 32 years of age. I'm very grateful for her life and the life I have had because of her.



**Maggie C**

### **Our Branch Page at NZSG**

<https://www.genealogy.org.nz/HibiscusCoast69.aspx>

### **Our website**

<https://sites.google.com/view/hbcgenealogy/home>

**Email: [HibiscusCoast@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:HibiscusCoast@genealogy.org.nz)**

#### **Branch Information & Responsibilities**

**Meetings:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month - Feb to Nov  
2.00 pm at St Chad's Church, Orewa

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<b>Treasurer:</b>	Frank Shelmerdine	<a href="mailto:f.shell@xtra.co.nz">f.shell@xtra.co.nz</a>
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# Genealogy

## Beginners Course

Had a DNA test & want to find your family? Learn how to start your family tree and find your ancestors.

*Monday 8 July & Monday 15 July*

*10am to 12pm in the Pohutakawa Room*

*Whangaparaoa Library*

*Spaces Limited Book Now*

Phone John Curtis 09 4242903, 021903303

Email [john@curtis.co.nz](mailto:john@curtis.co.nz)

### **NZSG Scottish Interest Group AGM & Research Day**

Sunday 23rd June 2019, Time: 10am - 4pm

At: Family Research Centre, Level 1, 159 Queens Rd, Panmure

Programme: Morning for research,

1pm Bring your Antiques for valuing

3pm AGM followed by Afternoon Tea.

Bring own lunch. Door \$5 ALL WELCOME