

## NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

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**MEETINGS** are held at Marlborough Park Hall, Chartwell Ave. Glenfield.**Day Meetings:** 1pm – 3-30pm: First Monday of the month, February to December**Night Meetings:** 7-30pm– 9.30pm: Third Tuesday of the month February to November**COMMITTEE****Convenor**

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**North Shore Branch Resource Room** at Marlborough Park Hall is open on Wednesday and Friday from 1pm – 3pm.

**On Monday meeting days** it will open at 12-30pm:

**On Tuesday meeting nights** it will open at 6-45pm

Hello to all and welcome to new members - **WELCOME TO 2009**

I sincerely hope you all had a most enjoyable Christmas and New Year - I look forward to working with you all this coming year.

As you all know, our AGM will take place at the evening meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Alison Glennie, the librarian from the NZSG FRC will conduct part of that meeting to introduce all members who have put their hand up for the committee - see Committee Form on the last page of this Newsletter. **PLEASE READ THIS PAGE CAREFULLY AND GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AS TO HOW YOU CAN HELP. WE REALLY DO NEED A FEW MORE MEMBERS TO KEEP THE MEETINGS FUNCTIONING SUCCESSFULLY.**

Members wishing to help or become part of the committee must be financial NZSG members and be nominated and seconded by two people who are also financial members.

Now, on a lighter note we have a good range of speakers for you for the 1st half of this year and even have a few for the next half. If any of you wish to speak we would be only too pleased to hear from you.

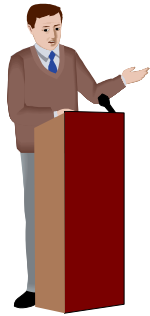
Carol Redgrove is kicking off our New Year with 'Meet your Ancestors'. For the evening meeting we have Desma Howarth with our Australian Convicts – “Looking outside the Square”.

Also, everyone needs to know how to make the most from your subscriptions to the NZSG. Look in the back of your January/February magazine and see just what the NZSG have to offer you. If you think you only have overseas interests there is a good selection of books that you may borrow at any time about most countries.

Leone  
Convenor

**PLEASE NOTE: The night meeting in June is Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Please amend your calendars accordingly.**

## SPEAKERS CALENDER



**9<sup>th</sup> February 2009 – Day Meeting**

Speaker – Carol Redgrove  
 Subject – Meet Your Ancestors  
**Resource Room Opens Today**

**17<sup>th</sup> February 2009 – Night Meeting**

Speaker – Desma Howarth  
 Subject – Australian Convicts –  
 Looking Outside the Square

**2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 – Day Meeting**

Speaker – Edward Bennett  
 Subject – Symonds Street Cemetery

**17<sup>th</sup> March 2009 – Night Meeting**

Speaker – Vivienne Parker  
 Subject – All Roads Lead to London; the  
 Records Are There – But Not Your Ancestors!

## NEWSLETTERS AND MAGAZINES RECEIVED OVER THE HOLIDAY PERIOD

### WELLINGTON BRANCH

Golden Rules of Genealogy – page 3  
 Useful Websites – page 5

### HUTT VALLEY BRANCH

The Parish Chest – page 3  
 Rules for drawing traditional family trees – page 7

### DUNEDIN FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

#### December

#### News from around New Zealand

Index to Christchurch Death Notices in  
 “The Press” newspaper

#### News from England, Scotland & Ireland

#### Cadzow/Michie Family Reunion

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Surnames and Naming Patterns

#### Page 5

Early Occupations

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Old Medical Terms

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Parish Registers

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Common Abbreviations found in

Records used by Genealogists

#### Page 15

Kelso – small settlement history etc.

### DUNEDIN FAMILY HISTORY GROUP January

#### Page 3

News from around New Zealand and overseas

#### Page 4

Robert Burns – 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his birth

#### Page 5

The story of Flora MacDonald (1725-1790)

#### Page 6 and 7

The Old Age Pensions Act; Divorces in N.Z.

#### Page 8

St. John’s Church Waikouaiti 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary

#### Page 9

Fire Disaster at Seacliffe Hospital 1942. Names and  
 burial records of some of the women inmates.

#### Page 11

Quarantine Island and cemetery with names and  
 details of the known burials.

## PRACTICAL FAMILY HISTORY

### DECEMBER 2008

What did you do in the war Grandad? – page 12  
 Why social history matters – page 20  
 Trace your forebears in Nottinghamshire – page 26  
 Canal & river people – page 30  
 Search for adoption records – page 50  
 Beware the digital age; Preserve your documents  
 And treasures – page 63  
 Track down your Irish ancestors; there is a  
 surprising amount of census information available  
 for Ireland – page 80  
 Chronicles 1650-1700; how life changed in the  
 post-civil war period. – page 83

### JANUARY 2009

Where there's a will; Wills tell us about the  
 worldly goods our ancestors left behind & they  
 can often confirm dates & relationships – page 12  
 History on your doorstep; the history of a house  
 can be just as rewarding as researching your  
 ancestors. – page 25  
 Trace your forebears in Sussex – page 30  
 Customs and collectors; exploring the records of  
 the Custom and Excise Service – page 38  
 Web resources for maps – page 49  
 Research down under – page 50  
 How to smash brick walls – page 66  
 Chronicles 1700-1750 – page 80

## FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE

### CHRISTMAS 2008

The Chimney sweep; Folklore and traditions  
 – page 12  
 Tudor & Stuart documents; with a little  
 effort they can be a gold mine – page 18  
 School Uniform through time – page 22  
 Between a rock and a hard place; the life and  
 times of Charlotte Bennett – page 28  
 Innocents abroad; for 350 years Britain  
 'deported' thousands of children abroad for a  
 better life – page 35  
 Preservation of documents, mould in the  
 archives. – page 44  
 Major family history databases, which  
 website should I pay a subscription to?  
 – page 50  
 Russian Genealogy – from empire to  
 democracy – page 60

### JANUARY 2009

Stories told in stone – cemetery iconology – page 16  
 The Lords and the lunatics; the private "madhouses"  
 in the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. – page 20  
 The body snatchers, the vile trade of grave robbery  
 – page 25  
 Mystery of the missing 'heiress' – page 30  
 Years of famine, the potato famine in Ireland – page  
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 Ranks and their insignia – page 48  
 Volunteer training corps in the first world war –  
 page 50  
 Inventors & inventions – page 54  
 Stitches in time – climbing family trees – page 58  
 Free census & parish records online – page 68  
 French genealogy, tracing ancestry in France –  
 page 88

**CONGRATULATIONS TO PAM HAMLYN WHO WON THE RAFFLE PRIZE AT THE AFFHO  
 CONGRESS. THE PRIZE IS A TRIP TO SALT LAKE CITY. WELL DONE PAM!!**



