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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



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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

Well hello for the last time this year 2009 to the folk who attend our evening meetings. I feel we have had very good evening meetings this year and well attended – at the only one not very well attended there were thirteen of us there but we all got something out of our question and answer session. The research evening was great and many thanks to Vivienne Parker, Keith Vautier, Shirley McIntyre, Jackie Walles and all those who helped make the night a success. The day meetings have been terrific as usual – our speakers interesting and varied

In this newsletter I would like to thank all the committee for their help in whatever was asked of them. Pam Hamblin our Librarian and Newsletter Editor, Alison Da Prato for her help with all beginners, Sally Going for the Raffles, Pam Ogier for the email reminders and also helping with the cup of tea, Pam Hamlyn for her advice with all Scottish Interests that we may have had, all our Wednesday Librarians, Peter Cross for his help with opening the Resource Room for the evening people (this will start on the 2nd Tuesday in November) Dennise and Pam for the supper/afternoon tea and their helpers, Royce Overend for helping set up and dismantle the hall, finally the paste up group and the people who have started on Schnapper Rock Monumental Inscriptions

We have a trip to Panmure in November which should be good, thanks to Di Ross for the organisation of this.

Our new calendar will be out for the final November meeting, could all those attending please bring a plate for our break - up of the evening meetings

Leone

Convenor

Any members requiring transport to meetings please ask a committee Member and we will try to arrange this for you.

SPEAKERS CALENDER



2nd November 2009 – Day Meeting

Speaker – Jan Gow
Subject – “Pot Pourri of new things”

17th November – Night Meeting

FINAL NIGHT GET-TOGETHER

“Spying on the past.....”
What event would you like to spy on?
- family, local, national event, and why?

All Members, Volunteers, Helpers and Visitors please come for a festive evening.

Please bring a plate.

7th December 2009 – Day Meeting

FINAL DAY GET-TOGETHER

Afternoon tea with.....?????

Please bring a plate

8th February 2010 – Day Meeting

Speaker – Carol Redgrove
Subject – to be arranged

16th February 2010 – Night Meeting

Speaker – Jan Gow
Subject – to be arranged

FROM THE LIBRARY

NEW TO THE LIBRARY

Genealogical Research Directory 2007 – CD

Tracing your ancestors – a guide to Sources in J S Battye library of West Australian History

Ancestors for Australians – how to trace your family tree

Land Fall in Southern Seas – proceedings of the 8th Australasian Congress 1997

Greater London Cemeteries & Crematoria



The Resource Room will close on Monday 7th December and reopen Monday 8th February 2010. Please return all books before Monday 7th December 2009.

We have a number of overseas stamps for sale. Prices are as follows -
Australian stamps – equivalent of face value of stamps
USA – double face value of stamps
United Kingdom – treble face value of stamps

REMINDER ABOUT BORROWING BOOKS FROM RESOURCE ROOM.

Books are to be signed out and in by Librarian, volunteer librarian or another committee member. Please note the loose leaf folders are for reference only and not to be removed from the library.

DUNEDIN FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

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TRIP TO PANMURE

Thursday 5th November

Meet at Marlborough Hall 9am

Please put your name on notice board or phone Di Ross 09-428-3998

Cost is \$3 for members and \$15 for non-members.

An older woman recently returned from her hometown in North Carolina and told a friend they'd spruced up the churchyard cemetery since her last visit several years past. "Lots of new greenery," she said. "And families are together now."

"All together?" her friend asked, puzzled.

"Well," the first replied, "years ago they never much worried where they buried someone because everyone was a neighbor anyhow. They'd just dig a grave wherever it seemed to balance things. But they've redone it so people are with their children and grandchildren, instead of scattered."

The friend was aghast. "You mean they exhumed all those people and reburied them?"

"Oh my, no," was the reply. "We just shifted the headstones."
 (from Desma Howarth)

 From Pam Hamlyn

IRELAND

http://genealogyresearch.org.uk/IRL_RegistrationDistricts1871.pdf - An alphabetical list of the registration districts of Ireland with details of counties, sub-districts and adjacent districts (searchable PDF document)

SCOTLAND

Catholic Parish Registers are now available on the Scotland's People website.

Catholic Parish Registers comprise records of births and baptisms; marriages; confirmations; deaths and burials; communicants; sick calls; status animarum; converts; first confessions and sent rents. The records cover all Scottish parishes in existence by 1855 – before the introduction of civil registration; the records of the main Catholic cemeteries in Edinburgh and Glasgow and the records of the RC Bishopric of the Forces, which records all sacramental events for British service men and women serving in the armed forces worldwide. Under the provisions of Church Law, all faithful are to have sacramental information recorded in the registers of the parish. Record format and content varied over time, with the responsibility for the information gathered being placed with the parish priest - since there was no standard format proscribed, record keeping varied enormously from parish to parish and also from year to year. As a result, the information may be sparse, unreliable and difficult to read.

Approximately 700 registers have survived, the earliest dating from 1703, but most records only beginning in the 30 years following the relaxation of legislation against Catholics in the 1790s.

Indexes to Marriages in Scotland are now available from 1855 to 2006. Note that only transcripts are available after 1934.

ENGLAND

Congregational Ministers

<http://surman.english.qmul.ac.uk>

Surman Index of Congregational ministers, with dates, education, employment and sources. Covers from mid 1600's to 1972. Mostly for England & Wales, but includes those who served abroad if they trained locally.

London

A website for those with London interests can be found on <http://www.mernick.org.uk/thhol/> THHOL or Tower Hamlets History On Line. Included are articles on the history of Bethnal Green, Bow, Bromley-by-Bow, the Isle of Dogs, Limehouse, Mile End Old Town, Poplar, Ratcliff, St. George's in the East, Shadwell, Spitalfields, Stepney, Wapping, Whitechapel - or any of the other hamlets that make up the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

To NZSG branch newsletter editors: I have produced a small handbook called ***Your Family's History: research, write and publish it***. It is based on detailed audience notes that accompanied talks I've done to the National Library this year. People suggested the notes should be made more widely available, so I've expanded them into a modestly priced booklet that I hope will be useful. It would be great if you could mention it in your newsletter. Some material about the publication is below, and I've attached a jpeg graphic of the cover that you are welcome to make use of.

Your Family's History is an introductory handbook written by John MacGibbon as an extension to talks he gave this year at the National Library, about researching, writing and publishing a family history. The book is based on his long experience in genealogy, and as a professional writer and publisher. "Plus plenty of advice given to me by other people," he says.

Information on how and where to do research is particularly aimed at people new to genealogy. People who want to take the next step and publish their work, will find John's professional advice on writing, layout, working with graphics, publishing and printing particularly helpful.

The handbook strongly advises family historians to join the NZ Society of Genealogists and their local NZSG branch.

Your Family's History is a 40 page, A5 booklet, containing 11,000 words and 24 illustrations. It is available from the Ngaio Press website (www.ngaiopress.com/familyhistory.htm) and on TradeMe (search for the book title). Or send a cheque to Ngaio Press, PO Box 29-010, Wellington. The price is \$15 plus \$2 postage.

The book contents include:

Part one: doing the research

Your family and other people
 New Zealand Society of Genealogists
 Family history societies
 Genealogy courses
 Libraries and archives
 Researching on the Web
 Special interest internet groups
 Books and journals
 Genealogy software
 Supporting acts: backing up, a blogsite and Evernote

Part two: writing the book and sorting out the graphics

Limit your horizons...really
 What will confuse or bore your readers?
 Footnotes and bibliographies
 Plan your book content
 Assemble and sort your research material and notes
 Preparing your graphics
 Getting down to writing
 Do a family timeline
 How to do an index
 Publishing the separate family tree

Part three: publishing and promoting your book

Doing it yourself:
 General tips
 How many should you print?
 Legal deposit
 Bar codes and ISBNs
 What you need to give your printer
 Using an established publisher
 Promoting and selling your book

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From A Settler's Wife (Auckland, 1850-52)

By Frances Southwell [Shal{le George], from Dickens, Charles (ed.), Household Words, London, 6 March 1852.

The writer of this letter is Sue Speight's great great grandmother

Continued from last month

In a few days, when we became a little more settled, my husband was out from morning to night, walking the country in search of land; for although he is an attorney and has now good hopes of a moderate practice here, we thought it advisable, as we were not rich, to put ourselves out of the reach of want, by undertaking the tillage of a little land.

It was some time before he could find any that exactly suited us; at last he hit upon

five acres, with a small house on it, two miles from town, for which we gave forty pounds. It is partially inclosed, and consists of rich scoriae soil. The house is built of the rough, unhewn scoriae stone, plastered and whitewashed within; the roof is thatched with rapu, a kind of reed; of which the natives form their huts. The flooring is sound, and the roof not low. The interior area of the entire mansion measures exactly twenty feet by ten, but, by means of a curtain, is divided into an eating and sleeping apartment; these in their time, play many parts; dining-room, drawing-room, boudoir, kitchen, nursery, library, and study. I - brought up an idle English lady, accustomed to pass my time as I pleased, to divide it between books and amusements, but giving much more of it to pleasure than to study - am the household goddess of this paradise; here I wash, and cook, feed my goats, and dress my baby, or when the little gentleman sleeps, endeavour to give you some faint idea of the toils and pleasures of an emigrant's life. But rude as our home is, we love and enjoy it more than I can describe; for it has the inexpressible charm of being - OUR OWN.

Labour is anxiously demanded here. The meanest carpenter gets eight shillings a day. We could not, for love or money, procure one to floor our house; so trifling a job being deemed quite unworthy his attention. Labourers get four shillings and sixpence a day - some more; and one told me, to-day, that he was wanted in four places at once. Whoever, therefore, comes out above this class, must make up his mind to work (unless he bring plenty of money out with him), and work hard, or he had better stay at home. I have been, literally, a hewer of wood and a drawer of water.

But, in New Zealand, all this is done in hope - in the steadfast and sure hope of every day improving our condition, of being able to rest in our old years, and of living to our children, be they ever so many, an ample provision.

But, because I dwell so much upon the labours that have to perform, you must not suppose that the New Zealanders are without their amusements. They have their races, and their regatta, and own an Epsom, if they cannot boast a Derby. At the races I was not present; but the regatta was sight worth the voyage from England; I mean on account of the Maori race, which was the ninth of the day. Three large and powerful canoes - their prows fantastically carved and decorated with feathers, manned by an unlimited of natives - started to contest for the prizes. At the stem, and in mid-ships, their dark and tall figures naked to the waist, with frantic gestures, and wild gesticulations, stood two chiefs, animating their men to victory. They almost flew over the course; and as returning they neared the flag-ship, it was neck-and-neck contest between the two leading canoes. But Te Whero Whero [*Potatau Te Wherowhero*] one of the most powerful chiefs of the north, with almost unearthly yells, urged on his men. Fast flew his canoe beneath the powerful strokes of their paddles, and, darting forwards by a length, Te Whero Whero gained the honours of that day. Then the savages gave themselves up to all the excitement of victory. They shouted, they danced, they sprung - reeking as they were - into the water, and raised loud, and long, their cry of victory.