

**NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS**

**NEWSLETTER** Volume 16, Issue 11, December 2011

**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**

**Secretary**

Linda PINDER  
Ph: 478-5201  
linda\_pinder@yahoo.com.au

**Treasurer**

Louise COLLENETTE  
Ph: 419-2035  
D.LOUISE@xtra.co.nz

**Branch Library**

**Newsletter**

Pam HAMBLIN  
Ph: 444-9151  
Cliff-pam@xtra.co.nz

**Maintenance/Repairs**

Alan TAYLOR  
Ph: 418-3971

**Night Meeting/Supper**

**Research Officer**

Dennise Cook  
Ph: 473-5351

**Speaker's Calendar**

Dennise COOK  
Ph: 473-5351

**Publicity NZSG &**

**Door/ night meetings**

Shirley TURNER  
479-4765

**Committee representative**

**Regional Council**

Raewyn NEVIN  
Ph: 443-3040  
rnevin@snap.net.nz

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

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

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



**5<sup>th</sup> December – Final Day Get-Together**

“Surnames – The Origins of.....”

All Welcome to a festive afternoon

**Please Bring a Plate**

**SPEAKERS CALENDAR**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012 – Day Meeting**

**Speaker – Christine Hurst, Library Supervisor NZSG**

Title –“NZSG – Steaming Ahead” (This ties in with the theme of the 2012 conference in Taupo – Volcanic Taupo Steaming Ahead)

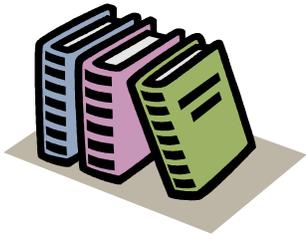
Christine will talk about how the NZSG is ‘steaming ahead’ with some new services on offer, as well as talk about some of the current services. She will also talk about some of the planned projects and services that are in the pipeline.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012 – Night Meeting**

**Speaker – Pam Hamlyn – NZSG Scottish Certificates Officer**

Title – “Finding Scottish Births, Deaths and Marriages”





## FROM THE LIBRARY

### DUNEDIN FAMILY HISTORY GROUP November 2011

Tram/Bus transport in Dunedin – page 2  
 War Memorial at the Bus Sheds, Market Reserve  
 Page 2  
 Index of names in the publican “Stewart Island  
 Explored” by John Hall-Jones – page 3  
 Woodlands – Burials at cemetery 1867-1950  
 Page 5  
 Woodlands War Memorial names – page 7  
 Orphanages & Children’s homes in Otago and  
 Southland – page 9

### FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE December 2011

Visiting the National Archives – page 10  
 First name fashions – page 15  
 Tracing WW2 Far East POWs – page 20  
 Tracing family history in Ireland part 2 – page 28  
 Family photos special – page 32  
 The silent St Leger – page 36  
 The Dissenter catacombs of Highgate Cemetery  
 Page 41  
 70 year on the sinking of HMS Dunedin – page 46  
 Journey online; Mid & West Scotland – page 52  
 Women at war – page 58  
 Australian ancestors – page 63  
 Workshop of the world – page 76

## Documents Online – for free

Great news – we currently have Documents Online (from The National Archives UK) for free on a trial basis. This can be accessed from any computer in the library at Panmure for the duration of the trial. Feedback is welcome – this will help us determine how useful it is and whether we wish to proceed with a subscription. So let me know what you think – was it useful, did it work, how much money it saved you (many of the documents are worth £3.50 or more each!)

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/>

### Congress Twenty Twelve

28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012

The 13<sup>th</sup> Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry

Your Ancestors in their Social Context

Adelaide, South Australia

### [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk)

10 million Cheshire records go online:

### **CHESHIRE REVEALED AS A WONDERLAND OF UNUSUAL FINDS AS NEW LOCAL RECORDS GO ONLINE**

- \* Lewis Carroll’s baptism found in Daresbury, 11 July 1832
- \* Earthquake hit Cheshire on 18 March 1612
- \* Ancestors of James Bond actor Daniel Craig sold coal and were iron moulders
- \* Over 10 million Cheshire records covering 1538 to 1910 – allowing researchers

to delve back further than ever before

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE WORKED SO TIRELESSLY DURING 2011 TO ENABLE THE SUCCESSFUL FUNCTIONING OF OUR BRANCH**

**CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTION  
PROJECT**

Sheryl Pawson & Sue Speight  
Shirley McIntyre; Jackie Walles  
And all the others who have helped.

**NZ HERALD PASTE-UP GROUP**

Janice Morris; Jackie Walles  
Gwen Wells; Gillian Wadham  
Jill Williams

**MEETING REMINDERS AND  
AFTERNOON TEAS**

Pam Ogier

**TUTOR  
BEGINNERS' CLASS**

Jill Williams

**ASSISTANT TUTOR AND  
MENTOR**

**FOR NEW MEMBERS**

Peter Cross

**VOLUNTEER LIBRARIANS**

Alison Da'Prato; Sally Going  
Anne Kilgour; Jill Williams  
Shirley McIntyre; Shirley Turner  
Pam Hamlyn; Desma Howarth  
Di Ross

**PHOTOCOPYING  
HERALD**

**B & D NOTICES**

Sally Going

**SCOTTISH  
INTEREST GROUP  
AND AFTERNOON  
TEAS**

Pam Hamlyn

**FINALLY, TO ANYONE WE MAY HAVE MISSED, A  
BIG THANK YOU.  
SEASONS GREETINGS TO YOU ALL.**

## The Green Thing

In the line at the store, the cashier told an older woman that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment.

The woman apologized to him and explained, "We didn't have the green thing back in my day." The clerk responded, "**That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment.**" He was right -- our generation didn't have the green thing back in our day. Back then, we returned milk bottles, soft drink and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 200-horsepower machine every time we had to go half a mile. But he was right. We didn't have the green thing in our day. Back then, we washed the baby's nappies because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts - wind and solar power really did dry the clothes. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that cashier is right; We didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of Tasmania. In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us.

When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used a scrunched up old newspaper to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn petrol just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a gym to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But he's right; we didn't have the green thing back then. We drank from a 'bubbler' when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water.

We refilled fountain pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the tram or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their parents into a 24-hour taxi service. We had one power point in a room, not an entire bank of them to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

**But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the green thing back then?**