

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****Secretary**

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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**SPEAKERS CALENDAR****Monday 2nd April 2012 – Day Meeting NOTE CHANGE OF SPEAKER****Speaker – Doug Bradley****Subject – “Writing Your Own Family History”**

Doug Bradley spent two years researching and writing his family history which spans a period from 1840 until the present day. He self published his book titled “The Bradley Family” in late November 2011 and launched his book on December 10th 2011. At the book launch, a copy of the book was gifted to this branch of the Society and is held in the Library.

“Colleen Petricevich will also address the meeting with regard to the NZSG's Kevin McAnulty Award for a published family history.”

Tuesday 17th April – Night Meeting**Speaker – Vicky Adin; Author****Subject – “The story of Daniel – now and then”**

Vicky will speak about why she chose this particular ancestor to write about, how she found the information she needed to join the dots and how she turned it into a biographical narrative.

Monday 7th May 2012 – Day Meeting**Speaker – Debbie Dunsford – Long-time Milford Resident****Subject – “Spend the day at Milford: Champagne, air & Auckland's Finest beach”**

The beach suburb of Milford was a popular holiday & entertainment destination in the decades of the 1920's to 1940's. Its population was a mix of permanent residents & people who moved to their holiday homes for the summer. Milford had an unusual number of visitor attractions & the Picturedrome, dance halls, beach kiosks, a huge salt water swimming pool & Auckland's only mini-golf course drew the crowds, especially during the summer months. Debbie will describe the summer atmosphere at Milford during these decades, drawing on interviews & photographs from her Milford oral history.

Tuesday 15th May 2012 – Night Meeting**Speaker – Robyn Williams, NZSG Treasurer****Subject – “The NZSG Website: How to use it to your advantage.**

Robyn will do a live Presentation of the NZSG website pointing out various pages which can be useful for members researching their families.



FROM THE LIBRARY

DUNEDIN FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

March 2012

School Records – page 2
 Waitati School & Cemetery – page 3
 Cairns in Otago & Southland – page 5
 Index to “Lime Hills” 126th Celebrations – page 8

FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE

March 2012

Research Know-How – page 10
 Ancestors at Work; The Special Constable— page 18
 Saving a Cemetery – page 24
 Law of the Land; Enclosure records – page 27
 Interpreting Records – page 32
 Women in History; Older Mums – page 34
 The value of social networking – page 38
 Army Secrets – page 44
 Military Records; Spain in Turmoil – page 52
 Temperance History – page 56

NEW CD

London Ancestors West London Area 1851 Census
 Baptisms for Bishopsgate St. Nicholas Acons 1539-1653

Latest branch newsletters for Wellington, Hutt Valley, & Kilbirnie Branch.

FAMILY HISTORY LUNCHTIME SERIES AUCKLAND CITY LIBRARY 2012

Wednesday 4th April 2012 12-1pm

**Using Anglican Archives for Family History
 Researching with Isabel Sutherland.**

Researching Auckland Anglican Diocesan Archives.
 Church archives are a wonderful family history resource.
 Join archivist Isabel Sutherland as she introduces us to the treasures that researchers can find in the Anglican Archives

Wednesday 18th April 2012 12 – 1pm

Researching Your ANZACS with Michael Wynd

Researching family history for those who have served in the Armed Forces has its own unique challenges. Michael Wynd, Military Historian & Researcher at the Navy Museum will talk about searching for family members who have served with the Royal New Zealand Navy and what resources there are for the NZ Army and RNZAF.

MORE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

28TH MAY 2012 IS OUR BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please give your attention to the following vacancies and think about helping the Branch by filling one of these positions.

- Convenor
- Treasurer
- At least two Committee Members.

We also need somebody to arrange the Speakers Calendar; this doesn't need to be a Committee position

THE NZSG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IS IN TAUPO ON SATURDAY 2ND JUNE 2012

If any of our members are considering going to Taupo just for the meeting and would be interested in joining a bus trip please contact Linda Pinder. If there are sufficient numbers we could hire a 12 seater bus.

Ref "The Star" (St Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands) issued Thursday 16th 1869; issue 36. 19th Century Newspapers Part 2. Category News.

THE NEW ZEALAND GOLDFIELDS

The New Zealand Examiner calls attention to the extraordinary richness of the New Zealand goldfields. As one instance :--- "For some time previous to the end of April the Long Drive Claim, now a company with a capital of £5,000, in 1,000 shares of £5 each, £3 6s. 8d. paid up, had been declaring good dividends. During May shares went up to £50. On June 8 the same figure is reported as market price. On July 2 they are quoted at £150, and on the following day £160 would not purchase a single share. That this is not the result of mere speculation, but a reality arising from the intrinsic value of the mine, the following statement of the gold obtained and the dividends declared will show.----During the two months up to June 26 the yield of gold was over 6,375 oz., of the value of £16,376; but of this over 3,350 was the result of two small specimens, weighing altogether about 8 cwt. On the 22 ult. A meeting was held, when it was stated that interim dividends of £1 and £3 per scrip had been already paid, and a further dividend of £4 was then declared. It was also reported by the manager that a crushing of 250 tons of general stuff was being proceeded with, which promised a large return; and that a specimen crushing would take place that week from which a dividend of £4 per scrip would be declared this day. The deeper the ground is worked the richer is the stone. The claim has only lately been prepared for stopping, and when that operation is commenced there is every evidence that the most fabulous returns will result.

On the 1st June his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh and Lord Charles Beresford bought 50 shares in the Long Drive claim for which they paid £2,500 or £50 per share. Since then there have been transmitted to the Duke's and Lord Charles Beresford's agents at home dividends to the amount of £400 or £8 per share as profit for the month of June. A further dividend, variously estimated at from £5 to £7 per share, will be declared in the course of a week. While the investment in the claim has paid the Prince and Lord Charles so handsome a dividend, the value of the capital invested has largely increased. That which cost those gentlemen £2,500 is now worth £8,000, for shares have steadily risen during the past month from £50 to £160. (Submitted by Pam Ogier)

First phase of Co. Wexford parish records now online

The Irish Family History Foundation is pleased to announce that some Co. Wexford Roman Catholic parish registers are now available as part of its Online Research Service.

The following parishes can be searched and the details of records purchased online:

Clongeen RC Parish
 Tagoat RC Parish
 Inch Church of Ireland Parish

Further records from Co. Wexford will go online in the coming months. We have no exact timeframe for particular parishes at this time.

You can login using your existing rootsireland.ie login details at <http://wexford.rootsireland.ie>

There are over 19 million records currently available at www.rootsireland.ie covering the majority of the Irish counties.

Remember that you can purchase and spend your credit vouchers on any of the IFHF online county genealogy centres' databases.

Please check out our [interactive map](#) to see which centres are currently online. Check Online Sources for details of what is searchable for individual counties.

If you have any questions or comments please check our [Online Help](#)

FROM KIT FEBRUARY 2012

Stop Press: Great News.

A Documents Online retrieval service is NOW available for NZSG members, via our Research Service. Yes you read it correctly, documents such as wills and probates from the UK National Archives, can be downloaded and emailed to you at no cost.

IT Contractors

As of last week, the Society has a new IT provider, who has been working very hard behind the scenes to solve the many technical issues we've been experiencing the last couple of months. We would like to thank you for your patience with this and would sincerely like to apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

On a more positive note, the Society would like to thank Informatics for their services rendered to the Society over the past few years. It has been a pleasure working with Informatics

Library Borrowing CHANGES

LIBRARY NEWS: Borrowing limits have increased – as of 13th February the number of items you are allowed to borrow has increased. Ordinary, lifetime and youth members may borrow 4 items and joint members may borrow 8 items. This is great news for those people who want to borrow more! Please note that due to the nature of 'glossy' magazines (Family Tree Magazine, etc) these will be limited to 2 copies at a time so that we can ensure everyone has a chance to borrow them in a timely manner.

Please remember that if you are using the postal borrowing service, outwards postage is free. When the volunteers are putting together your 'order', if they think the postage is going to be hefty, they will email you to ensure you are happy to pay the return postage

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NOMINATION FORM

I hereby Nominatefor the

Position of Committee member/Convenor/Treasurer (delete those not required)

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Proposed: #NZSG Seconded: #NZSG

Consent of member:.....#NZSG

Date:

Any person being nominated for the committee must be a current financial NZSG member.