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February to December**Night Meetings:** 7-30pm– 9.30pm: Third Tuesday of the month
February to November**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**MEETINGS CALENDAR****Monday 4th March 2013 – Day Meeting****Speaker:** Kirsty Webb from Takapuna Library**Subject:** North Shore Identities/Photos**Tuesday 19th March 2013 – Evening Meeting****Speaker:** Keith Stuart from Takapuna Library**Subject:** “Collection at Archives North and how
records are arranged for searching information.”**Monday 8th April 2013 – Day Meeting***(NB this meeting date is shown in error on the Calendar as 1st April, which
is of course Easter Monday.)***Speaker:** Helen Laurenson**Subject:** “Going Up and Down”
History of Department Stores**Tuesday 16th April 2013 – Evening Meeting****Speaker:** Owen Ormsby – NZSG Councillor**Subject:** “Education and Maori Interest Group”**AUCKLAND LIBRARIES LUNCHTIME SERIES***Family Footprints with Bruce Ringer***When:** Wednesday 27 March 2013, 12pm - 1pm**Where:** [Central City Library](#), (Whare Wānanga, Level 2)**Cost:** Free**Booking:** To secure your place, please contact the [Central Auckland Research Centre](#) on 09 307 7771, or complete our [online booking form](#).

Join Bruce Ringer from Auckland Libraries as he answers questions about what photographs can tell you about families, relationships and family activities in past years and how they can enrich our family narratives.

Convenor's Report

Firstly my apologies to Shirley McIntyre for naming her as Shirley McKenzie in my last report – a grey moment!

Members of the Snapper Rock Cemetery Memorial Photography Project held a meeting on 12th February and made plans to get the data to a point where we can pass it on to the NZSG for publication. However we badly need some volunteers to help with computer inputting and more photographers. Please ring me 443-3040 or Sheryl Pawson 479-5351.

I am very pleased to report that our application to the Charities Commission was successful and we are now registered as a charity. This means that if we make an application for funding we will have credibility as a non-profit organisation. It also helps with our tax status.

I felt it might be helpful in recruiting a new librarian for our Resource Room if you knew a little of its history. The North Shore Group started on 19th September 1978 and had various venues for its meetings until 1994. In that year June Taylor (who has served many years on the branch's committees in various roles and has a service award from NZSG) heard that the Plunket Society was giving up their room in Marlborough Hall. She approached the local council to see if we could take it over. In a letter dated 8th April 1994 they agreed. It was just a bare room but Alan Taylor got stuck in and constructed wooden shelves with wood donated by Shirley Turner's husband who had it as surplus to requirements at his work. Some further shelving was subsequently bought. Alan came to the rescue again, salvaging materials being thrown out of the local council office, and constructed the desks in the Resource Room from desk tops to which he welded metal legs.

The first person who took responsibility for the library which had previously been spread amongst members' homes was Joan Hall. She set up written records and acted as librarian for 2-3 years. Shirley McIntyre then took over and with her computer skills developed the catalogue and compiled an accessions book. She was assisted for some years by Elaine Paul and these two people were the original paste-up group that was started by Alice Loose and continues today. For the last 10 years Pam Hamblin has been the guardian of our resources and has earned a well deserved rest. Please consider helping either as librarian or assistant librarian and ring me 443-3040 or Pam Hamblin 444-9151 to talk about it. We need someone to take up this task or our branch will suffer.

I attended the NZSG Auckland Regional meeting on Friday 22nd February. The main items were

- the NZSG Council held a Strategic Planning Meeting on 19/20 January and revised the Mission statement, aims and objectives, mainly by simplifying them
- we have reciprocal rights with the Queensland Family History Society should you want to use their services
- the President met the new head of National Archives who was unaware of our close ties and they are reviewing our agreement
- Taupo Branch has completed the wrap up from 2012 AGM and passed on a profit
- the gmail list has been approved as the official list for NZSG members to discuss matters
- the winner of the 'Trip to NZSG' prize came from Ashburton and was thrilled with the resources and assistance she got at the FRC
- the Four Winds Foundation gave NZSG a grant to purchase 6 new computers

- the lease at the FRC has been renewed for 12 months but the Council is investigating a cheaper, roomier venue
- the Council has been using Skype to address single items such as our bylaws and funding applications so that matters can be expedited
- entrance to the Family History Fair will be free as Ancestry has sponsored the venue hire and they are seeking other sponsors to cover costs
- reminder early bird registration for 2013 AGM and conference at Franklin closes 17 March
- Dame Kate Harcourt will present her YURY story on opening evening of conference
- warning - there are no trains running to conference on long weekend
- 2013 AGM motion to increase single and joint subs by \$1 and institutions by \$3
- GRINZ funds held by the society to be allocated to NZSG education initiatives as developing a qualification has proved impractical
- 2014 AGM and conference will be at Queen's Birthday Weekend at Wellington Girls High School in Wellington with keynote speaker Colleen Fitzpatrick a forensic anthropologist speaking on DNA
- Taihape and Motueka Branches have disaffiliated and their resources transferred to local historical societies
- The President and the Liaison Councillor Barbara Wylie are going on a roadtrip to meet members in the Lower North Island after the success of their recent trips in the South Island

Any questions about any of these items please ask.
Raewyn

The index for "The New Zealand Herald" death notices for 2002

is now in the Resource Room. This index will be loaded onto the computer for researching and a disk is also in the front of the bound book. In due course, a printed hardcopy will be incorporated into the bound volume.

The Committee advises that photocopying will now cost 20 cents per sheet (up from 10 cents) and raffle tickets will now be \$2 for 3 tickets (up from \$1).

READING.....

"THE GOLDEN GREY" West Coasters 1860 – 2010 by (Mayor) Tony Kokshoorn
Available from Takapuna and Birkenhead Libraries

150 years of Westland's golden Grey -- Early river transport on the Grey -- Port history -- Floods -- Westland Māori -- Chinese -- Shipwrecks -- Coal -- Timber -- Unions, boycotts and protests -- Murders, unrest, law and order -- Wildlife, whitebait, fish and fauna.....It is all to be found along with a great many photos in this quite large book..

AT THE BRANCH LIBRARY

Dunedin Family History February 2103 Newsletter

Blast from the past - The Exchange

Goldrush on-line

Question and Answers

Alexandra - cemetery, school, war memorial

Fruitlands

First Church, Dunedin

World War One Silver War Badge.

Dunedin Branch NZSG January 2013 Newsletter

Kilbirnie Branch NZSG February 2013 Newsletter

Hutt Valley Branch NZSG February 2013 Newsletter

Wellington Branch NZSG February 2013 Newsletter

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Ancestors at work; the Pawnbroker – page 34

Exploring the Bodleian library – page 40

Working within the privacy laws – page 44

NEW BOOK – “SPIRITED SALLIES” Donated by Eric BOWATER

How the Bowater, McLean and Hall Ancestral Lines
Converged in Wellington by *Eric Bowater*.

CHANGES IN ENGLISH PARISH RECORDS OVER THE YEARS

1538 Introduction of Parish Registers in England and Wales.

1558 The start date of many older registers.

1598 Parish Registers to be written on parchment from now on. Bishop's Transcripts introduced – copies of the original registers to be sent annually to the Bishop.

1642 -1660 The Civil War when people called “Parish Registers” took over responsibility for filling in the registers. Many registers incomplete in this time and late entries found after 1660.

1695 –1706 Fees charged for baptism, marriage and burial. Look out for a rush of baptisms at the end of this period.

1752 Calendar changes from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar.

1754 Hardwicke's Marriage Act. Set format introduced for marriage registers and stricter rules applied to the reading of banns. Witnesses named and the home parish of bride and groom entered. Legal marriages had to take place in a Church of England. Only Jews and Quakers were exempt.

1777 – 1812 Dade registers introduced in the Diocese of York, giving scope for a great deal more information to be included in the parish registers.

1783 The Stamp Act was another attempt to charge for entries in parish registers. This time it lasted for ten years before being discontinued.

1812 Rose's Act resulted in a set format for baptism and burial registers. Generally more information was required. Baptism pages had columns for the father's occupation and the home address. New burial registers now had columns for a person's age at death and an address.