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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**Convenor's Report**

As I suspected the rain has come and we are certainly getting enough of it. Too much of a good thing at present! Despite the weather we had 10 people turn out to hear Owen Ormsby at the April Tuesday night meeting and they enjoyed a varied and interesting talk on education and the Maori Interest Group of which he is convenor. If you have any maori genealogy/history questions do not hesitate to contact him on heritage.research@yahoo.co.nz

At the April Monday day meeting we had a very interesting talk on department stores by Helen Laurenson. Members recalled nostalgic memories of stores like the Farmers Trading Company (peddle-cars on the roof and Hector the parrot) and looked with interest at the histories that have been published. Helen says that if your ancestor worked in a department store there may be records in their archives, which are stored in various places. If you have difficulty locating them we could pass a query on to Helen as she had to locate them for her research.

Our AGM is the next evening meeting and we are fortunate to have the President of NZSG coming to talk about RootsTech which was held a couple of months ago in USA. Please consider standing for office as the more helpers we have the less load is placed on each. The Treasurer will seek approval for the door charge to increase to \$3.

We have been unable to secure a replacement librarian so we are looking at ways to keep the resource room and its functions going with a team of helpers. The resource room will close at 3pm on Mondays in future. Our raffle donation box is about empty so if you have anything suitable (especially uni-sex) could you please drop it in at your next visit. We have decided to discontinue evening raffles at present due to the small numbers attending these meetings.

We also need someone who would act as Publicity Officer, not necessarily on the branch committee. We need to make ourselves more visible. One way is to advertise ourselves in Family History Month in August. We need people who are prepared to help man a stand in a library or even a mall (if we can get permission). Please think about this as our numbers are declining and we need more members.

On 19 September our group has been active for 35 years! We are investigating holding a celebratory lunch one Saturday in September. We would like to have as many life members present as possible and put up a display of historical

pictures. We will advise the date as soon as possible and ask for expressions of interest. Partners are of course invited.

We are undertaking a review of fiche readers. There are machines lodged in a number of member's homes. Some of them are no longer repairable and they will be disposed of, but there are others that still have life left in them. If you would like one please let me or the secretary know.

I now have 3 people interested in forming a group to go down to The Treasury in Thames (see www.thetreasury.org.nz). There is information on the meeting noticeboard. No day or date has been set yet but if you are interested in this trip can you let me or the Secretary know as soon as possible before we finalise details. *Raewyn*

MEETINGS CALENDAR

Monday 6th May 2013 – Day Meeting

Speaker: Ian Handriks

Subject: “Research Tips and much more besides”.

Tuesday 21st May 2013 – Evening Meeting ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Speaker: Michelle Patient
President NZSG

Monday 27th May 2013 – Day Meeting

(Please note this date is due to our regular date falling on Queen's Birthday)

Please bring your research names printed/written on a large sheet of paper. Tell something of your research – maybe an amusing incident or about a brick wall.

Tuesday 18th June 2013 – Evening Meeting

Bring your ship names printed/written on a large sheet of paper. Tell something of your research – maybe an amusing incident or you have a brick wall.

PAPERS PAST Update

New Zealand Herald to 1924 now available

AUCKLAND CITY LIBRARY

Lunch Time Series

When: Fortnightly on Wednesdays from February to November, 12 - 1pm unless otherwise stated

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](#).

From chaos to order with Lyn McOnie

Wednesday 8 May, 12pm - 1pm

Learn how to keep track of all your family history research and documents. [Read more about this event...](#)

Writing up your family history with Kirsty Webb

Wednesday 22 May, 12pm - 1pm

Learn how to clearly and effectively write up your family history for posterity, so others may benefit from your hard work! [Read more about this event...](#)

Technology trends for today's genealogist with Sandra Metcalfe

Wednesday 5 June, 12pm - 1pm

The internet has made it much easier for beginners to start researching their family history. Hear about the latest trends from genealogist Sandra Metcalfe

Dating photographs with Keith Giles

Wednesday 19 June, 12pm - 1pm

Join Keith Giles from Auckland Libraries and take a look at 19th-century photographs and formats for family historians.

Also at the Auckland City Library –
FAMILY HISTORY CLUB
Next Quarterly Meeting
5th May 10.30 am

AT THE BRANCH LIBRARY

NEW BOOKS

The History of Howick & Pakuranga
by *The Howick & Districts Historical Society*.

The Great Northern Wairoa by *E.K. Bradley*

FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE APRIL 2013

Trace your tree for free – page 10
Tracking down the early censuses – page 20
Clothing our ancestors – page 26
Nonconformist records – page 30
Understanding social rank – page 40
Unusual Resources – page 44
Ancestors at work – The Navy – page 50
The wars of the Roses – page 56
Women in industry – page 74

Newsletters from the following:-

Wellington Branch NZSG March 2013

Occupation Codes UK 1911 Census
UK Workhouse website at:-
www.workhouses.org.uk

Wellington Branch NZSG April 2013

A Personal File from a survivor of Dunkirk p5
Websites – Genealogy Military matters p5

Dunedin Branch NZSG Mar-Apr 2013

Kilbirne Branch NZSG April 2013

Hutt Valley Branch NZSG April 2013

Kilbirne Branch NZSG May 2013

Dunedin Family History Group April 2013

Irish Lives Remembered on-line magazine
www.irishlivesremembered.com/magazines.html
Palmerston – Churches, War Memorials,
Newspapers.
Brighton, Kiwi Bush and Saddle Hill - Roll of
Honour
Dunback – Roll of Honour
Tips on Searching IGI

FAMILY RESEARCH CENTRE NEWS ITEM

In reassessing services Council identified that the Irish Newspaper Archive online is poorly used but expensive, and made the decision not to renew the subscription when it expires. If you have Irish research, **use these newspapers now as they will no longer be available after 31 July.**

"New app helps Icelanders avoid accidental incest."

Isn't that a typical newspaper eye catcher. But it is also quite informative. The authors of the APP are Jenna Gottlieb and Jill Lawless see:-

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2013/04/18/new-app-helps-icelanders-avoid-accidental-incest/2093649/>

Iceland has about 320,000 citizens where almost everyone is related. Seems that Icelanders have been highly literate and their knowledge of their ancestors highly valued.

So 2 University of Iceland software engineering students built an online database from "The Book of Icelanders" database. It contains the genealogy of residents and their family trees going back 1200 years. These students built a Smartphone App where 2 people by bumping their phones together can see if they are closely related. The database can be scoured online by any Icelandic citizen or legal resident. It is said to cover 95% of all Icelanders.



The Business Index on Find my Past 1892-1987

This project is an index to British shopkeepers, business people, 'captains of industry' and their companies. The initial source material is a series of books published in the 1890s by the London Printing and Engraving Company and the Brighton firm of Robinson, Son and Pike which later became W T Pike. They seem to have travelled to large towns and cities all over the British Isles, offering the local corporation and businesses the opportunity to appear in a book containing a history of the area, its attractions, major institutions and its commercial life. There are sometimes details of town councillors, often with vignette-sized photographs and one has a picture of the local football team! Shops, businesses and manufacturers probably had to pay for inclusion, the amount depending on the size of the entry. The proprietor or manager seems to have been visited at work and interviewed to provide the copy for the book.

Trade directories only contain a bare listing of local businesses but those included in these books have a minimum of a paragraph about each shop or company, often showing a photograph of it or the proprietor and there are frequently details of when and from whom the business was acquired (often a named relative).

Family members working in the business are usually listed and, if a person is prominent in local society, the entry often mentions membership of the corporation and leisure activities including involvement with clubs, charities and other institutions. This kind of information tells a lot about an individual's character and is extremely difficult to find elsewhere in such a comprehensive form. The illustrations are photographs of people and places which were taken for the purpose or acquired from local sources and often include line drawings of products sold by the business.

Currently the records contain Edinburgh for Scotland with Berwick upon Tweed also present in the list

From Glasgow and West of Scotland Family History Society News Letter

BOOK REVIEW:-

JEWISH LIVES IN NEW ZEALAND – A HISTORY Leonard Bell and Diana Morrow editors



Available Birkenhead, Devonport, Orewa and Takapuna Libraries

Jews have never formed more than a small minority of New Zealand's population, no more than 0.5% but from their ranks there have been many well known figures. Three Prime Ministers of this country can claim Jewish Ancestry as can a great many past and present local body politicians. Auckland alone has had five Mayors who were Jews. Captains of industry abound in their ranks as do those in medicine, the arts etc. New Zealand's first woman lawyer was Jewish. Even if you have no hint of Jewish ancestry this book is an interesting read.

"Curious Fox" is a website for connecting with others who have research in the same UK town, area or village as you in the hope that you can find useful information with regard to your research. There are two levels of membership, "Free" or "Paid", but it seems the Free version is quite satisfactory for most. Paid is NZ\$12. Worth a look at:-
<http://www.curiousfox.com/uk>

MAGAZINES AVAILABLE

Paul Ashton has a large collection of The Genealogist, Devon Family Historian and GenCom magazines. If you are interested in any of these please contact Paul at:-
021-774-124 or
pgashton@gmail.com

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Date

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