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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

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**

I am writing this report a week earlier than usual due to the bringing forward of our June day meeting to Monday 27 May. This has been necessitated by the first Monday in June being Queens Birthday Weekend when most people have other activities to attend, not least being the NZSG conference. I hope some of you will be attending this as these occasions are great for revitalising your interest and networking with fellow enthusiasts. I will be going down on Friday and coming home on Sunday if anyone needs a lift. If you want to attend the AGM on Saturday 1 June there is a bus leaving from the FRC at noon to attend and coming back straight after. It costs \$10 but you need to let the NZSG Office manager know you are coming by the end of working hours on Monday 27th May. In other words NOW!

At the May Monday day meeting Ian Handricks gave us lots of useful sources of genealogical information as well as hints on producing family history books. As a veteran producer of many family volumes he certainly knows his craft. If you have not been to his webpage www.ianhandricks.com it is well worth a visit to find valuable links and a guide to producing your own book.

Our AGM was held last Tuesday 21 May. I am happy to report that we had in excess of the required quorum of 15 NZSG members and the following officers were elected:-

Convenor: Raewyn Nevin

Secretary: Linda Pinder

Treasurer: Colleen Petricevich

Committee: Shona Michie

Sharron Peters

Lyn Winkel (we would still like at least one more member!)

We farewelled Louise Colletette from the committee after many years of service. Thank you Louise.

The Treasurer sought approval for the door charge to increase to \$4 and after some discussion this was passed with one nay vote. There was a loss of nearly \$1,000 over the year due to a fall in income and increase in costs. If you would like to see a copy of the Treasurer's report please contact Colleen on petcom@ihug.co.nz.

After the AGM Michelle Patient, President of NZSG gave a presentation on NZSG - Who we are. She challenged those present as to whether they knew all the services available to members, not just at the FRC. I was a bit of a spoilsport as I did know them whereas a number of members found things they didn't know. It was suggested that we make a branch trip to the FRC to take advantage of their Orientation session which is followed by access to the FRC facilities. The committee will look at arranging this if there is sufficient interest. I remember some years ago, 2009 I think, I went on a visit with the branch.

After her presentation Michelle told us of her visit to the Vaults outside Salt Lake City (where RootsTech was held) which contain the LDS film and microfiche depository. This is where they copy the material that you see at the LDS library or using the FRC Remote Film Reader. She missed a lot of RootsTech because she got food poisoning on the first night!

We still need:-

a replacement librarian or someone to do duty on Mondays

someone to check the Schnapper Rock transcriptions against the photos – computer work

raffle donations

someone who would act as Publicity Officer

to dispose of fiche readers.

more people to go down to The Treasury in Thames (see www.thetreasury.org.nz)

If you can help please contact me or Linda. Thanks.

Raewyn

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF THE BRANCH

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:-

Margaret FLORES who joined us in April

Margaret RICKETTS and Bronwen JOHNSON who joined in May

We trust that their association with the Branch will be both pleasurable and productive to their research.

MEETINGS CALENDAR

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.

Monday 1st July 2013 – Day Meeting

Speaker will be Jan GOW (subject to be notified later).

Tuesday 16th July 2013 – Evening Meeting

Speaker --Eric BOWATER

Subject – “My Journey into writing Family History”.

AUCKLAND CITY LIBRARY Lunchtime 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](#).

Technology trends for today's genealogist with Sandra Metcalfe

Wednesday 5 June, 12pm – 1 pm

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.

Matariki themed presentation with Rereata Makiha

Wednesday 3 July, 12pm - 1pm

Details to be confirmed.

AT THE BRANCH LIBRARY

Newsletters from the following:-

Dunedin Branch NZSG May/June 2013

If you have an interest in a grave in the Dunedin Southern Cemetery check the on-line index as the recording of photographs of all the grave-stones is continuing as an ongoing exercise.

Wellington Branch NZSG May 2013

Kilbirnie Branch NZSG May 2013

Hutt Valley Branch NZSG May 2013

Most popular Surnames in UK mapped
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/news/datablog/interactive/2013/apr/22/popular-surnames-great-britain-mapped>

Dunedin Family History Group May 2013
 See items on the following:-

Instructions for obtaining NZ Probates and Wills Free on-line

Occupations U.K. Finding Apprenticeship Records, Farming 18th & 19th Century, Tradesmen.etc.

IRELAND – unique source of tracing an occupation in Ireland is the “SPINNING WHEEL INDEX”. This is an alphabetical list of Flax Growers who were given spinning wheels in 1796. This record lists 57,000 Irish people. The indexes to these records have been microfilmed and a copy is available at **Auckland Public Library**.

Focus on WAIKOUAITI including names and details from area War Memorial of those who fell and also a list of those who served and returned to NZ.

MOSGIEL War Memorial Details of those who fell in WW1 and in WW2.

Account of sinking of SS WAIRARAPA on 29th October 1894. Names of those who perished and of those who survived.

FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE MAY 2013

Using Irish Church Records – page 10
 Distinguishing Features – page 16
 Researching the realities of War – page 26
 An unconventional Ancestor – page 28
 Feeling busy? 25 tips to save you time – page 32
 In the hours before Paris fell – page 38
 Bound for Australia – punishment or promise of a better life – page 46
 Ancestors at work – Cook – page 66

HOMECOMING - SCOTLAND

To commemorate the 700th Anniversary “The Battle of Bannockburn Re-enactment” will be held 28-30 June 2014

This will be one of a number of exciting events running as part of “Scotland’s Year of Homecoming”. To find out more about **Homecoming 2014** please visit www.homecomingscotland.com

LEGACY FAMILY TREE WEBINARS

The following website offers talks on many subjects associated with genealogy. These are free from the archive area for a couple of weeks after the presentation. Others listed are previews which give you about a quarter of the hour-long talk. Alternatively you can join and pay by the month or annually to hear the full lectures.

<http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/webinars.asp>

GLOVE MAKING IN YEOVIL, SOMERSET

In the early years of the 19th century up to 20,000 people were employed in this area in the making of gloves. Cheap imports from France threatened the industry in 1831. A public meeting in the town agreed to form a committee to petition against this unfair trade.

From booklet “Sheep, Donkeys and the Pig” compiled by Jean Harper. Pub 2000 by the South Somerset Dist. Council Museums service.

At the Branch Library contd:

FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE JUNE 2013

What’s your family story? – page 14
 Political Ancestors – page 22
 WRVS Fact file – page 26
 Workhouse Life – page 28
 History in the garden – page 32
 Key Irish Records – page 36
 The Soundtrack of history – page 42
 Researching the realities of war – page 46
 Upstairs and downstairs – page 50
 Making military records add up – page 60

BONA VACANTIA

Those of you who watch "The Heir Hunters" programme will know all about the Bona Vacantia. The term means "vacant goods" and is the legal name for ownerless property. Each week in England, the Treasury publishes the latest Bona Vacantia list. It contains a list of people who have died without leaving a will and who have no known kin. You can search the list at -

<http://www.bonavacantia.gov.uk/output/are-you-an-entitled-relative.aspx>

The estates are valued at over £500 and remain on the list for 30 years after which time, the money reverts to the Treasury. The computerised list began in 1997.

It covers all of England and Wales except the Duchies of Cornwall and Lancaster

Surname	Forenames	Date of Death	Short place of death
Aaronovitch	Julie	20/09/1996	Stoke Newington, London N16
Abberey	Samuel	25/10/1992	Sheffield, South Yorkshire
Abbott	Hilda May	08/02/1990	Birmingham, West Midlands
Abbott	Doris Muriel	08/03/1990	Cricklewood, London NW2
Abbott	George	18/03/1999	Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire
Abbott	Derek John	26/05/2010	Redditch, Worcestershire
Abdullah	Mary	26/08/2000	Finchley, London N12
Abouarh	Allotta	05/02/1998	Chiswick, London W4
Abrahams	John	29/07/1995	Highgate, London N6
Acock	Kenneth Roy	10/06/2000	Purley, Surrey
Acosta	Mercedes	04/12/2003	Hampstead, London NW3
Adair	Frederick	02/12/2008	Shoreham by Sea, East Sussex
Adair	James	14/05/2010	Coulsdon, Surrey
Adams	David Michael	04/12/1999	Gloucester
Adams	Charles	22/04/1997	
Adams	George Albert	24/01/2001	Muswell Hill, London N10
Adams	John Charles	18/03/2001	North Kensington, London W10
Adams	Elsie Winifred	24/02/2002	Finchley, London
Adams	Jack	26/01/2003	Leytonstone, London E11
Adams	Eric	11/01/2008	Whitechapel, London E1
Adams	Vera May	18/12/1992	Birmingham
Adams	Arthur William	14/10/1996	Edmonton, London, N9

For a list of Scottish unclaimed estates go to –

<http://www.qltr.gov.uk/content/estates-which-administration-has-been-completed-and-which-remain-available-claim>

Supplied by Pam Hamlyn