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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**

Well Family History month will be over in a few days and what a busy month it was. I spent two days at the Family History Fair. On the Friday I manned (or womanned) a stand for the British Newspapers Archive. I had been given free access to the site for the Fair but unfortunately there was a technical problem and no one had internet access unless they had brought their own. As a lot of the exhibitors were relying on that internet access to provide information it was a struggle for them. Luckily I had a power point presentation on the British Newspaper Archive on my laptop and so I used that to demonstrate what was available. On Saturday they were still struggling to connect everyone – this is at the Vodafone Event Centre – not a good look for Vodafone. I was helping on the Continental European stand and although some of our people got onto the internet in the afternoon they said there was something 'wrong' with my computer so I didn't. However I had my power point presentation on my Swedish Research with me so I used that to show visitors what Swedish records looked like. We had books and printouts of databases on the stand so we were kept busy all day – there were a lot of enquiries on Germany and France in particular. It was good to see branch members at the Fair and I hope they enjoyed it.

I am very grateful for the support of volunteers on our table at the Takapuna Library. Thank you. Although there were not a lot of visitors those who came were very interested and our volunteers helped point them in the right direction. The Family Centre Librarian has suggested that after the re-organisation of space at the library (due to happen soon) we could look at setting up a research morning once a week where a branch member could help visitors use the resources at the library including the reserved use of the two computers there.

Again I must thank the volunteers and committee who set up and assisted at our Open Night. There was a disappointing turn out but we did get a few new visitors in response to our flyer at the library. I realise an evening is not the best time for some of our members but for people still working it is the best time. We tried to get a weekend booking but the hall was not free and we can't move the Resource Room!

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A reminder that the date of the branch's 35th Anniversary Lunch is Saturday 21st September. We are holding it at 12 noon at McHugh's in Devonport and the cost is \$30 per person with a cash bar. Please book now by either sending a cheque to

The Treasurer,
North Shore Branch of NZSG
1/20 Westwell Road
Belmont
Auckland 0622

or by depositing to our Westpac bank a/c
North Shore Branch of NZSG
03-0275-0136855-00
Ref: YOUR NAME

If you are bringing your money to a meeting the last time for booking is the Monday September 2nd day meeting. Bookings close 9th September as we have to confirm numbers. I am pleased to announce that Lucy Marshall NZSG member no.1 will be our guest of honour.

We are still looking for someone to do duty in the Resource Room on the third Wednesday of the month from 1-3pm. Can you help?

Raewyn

YORKSHIRE FILM ARCHIVE

This is a fabulous collection of films, both amateur and professional from all over Yorkshire dating from 1890 right up to the present day. A number of them are now available to view on their website:- <http://yorkshirefilmarchive.com/>
Be warned, you could be busy in there for several days! Try a search for your area of interest.

MARRYING HIS SISTER-IN-LAW?

It wasn't until 1907 that the Deceased Wife's Sister's Marriage Act was passed in England. Before that date it was illegal for a man to marry his dead wife's sister. This was unfortunate as there were numerous cases where the sister took over the care of the family and a relationship between the father and his sister-in-law would develop.

Information from WDUTUR magazine

MEETINGS CALENDAR

Monday 2nd September 2013 – Day

Speaker – Roger Shearer, NZSG Webmaster

Subject – NZSG Website

Tuesday 17th September 2013 – Evening

Share unusual discoveries in your research

Monday 7th October 2013 – Day

Speaker – Desma Howarth

Subject – Embroidery Tour of Ireland

Tuesday 15th October 2013 – Evening

Share where your ancestors lived

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

We are pleased to welcome Judith Hopkinson as a member of our Branch and wish her success with her research.

AUCKLAND LIBRARIES

Historypin - pinning the world with Natasha Barrett

When: Wednesday 11 September, 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](#)

Part of the [Auckland Libraries Family History Lunchtime series](#).

Historypin is an interactive worldwide map and archive, which allows anyone to add or 'pin' photos, video and audio to geographical locations.

Find out about this great social media initiative, Auckland Libraries' involvement with Historypin and how you can get involved too!

Speaker bio

Natasha Barrett is the Heritage Collections and Content Planner for Heritage and Research at Auckland Libraries. Part of Natasha's role is getting Auckland Libraries' wonderful range of heritage collections out there into the big wide world through social media channels such as Historypin and the Heritage et AL blog.

Scottish Interest Group - SPECIAL RESEARCH DAY

As a result of all the interest in Scottish Research at the Fair, there will be an extra afternoon of research on Sunday 15 September 2013 at the Family Research Centre, 159 Queens Road Panmure, 1-4 pm. Help will be given to new genealogists. All are welcome to come and bring non-members too. Afternoon Tea and a warm welcome await you. There will be a door charge of \$5.00

Free access to England & Wales

1911 census

Until 14th October you can search the England & Wales 1911 census free at [Ancestry.co.uk](#)

NEW AT THE BRANCH LIBRARY

Hutt Valley Branch NZSG August Newsletter – News and Views

Where to look for New Zealand, Australian, English, Scottish, Welsh and Irish records.

Kilbirnie Branch NZSG August Newsletter - Genealogix

Includes report by roving reporter from London Interviews, Short Story competition etc.

RE-USE OF GRAVES

Unlike in some European countries the re-use of a grave is extremely rare in Britain. It is allowed in London, but not generally elsewhere. The Ministry of Justice won't approve it. However the people who run cemeteries believe it's the only way they can safeguard their cemeteries' future.

Therefore it is gradually becoming more common. The London borough of Enfield has recently started the practice. Southwark and Westminster are considering it. (*From article in the "Spectator" 15th June 2013.*)

READING.....

For those with an interest in Yorkshire history and in particular WRY you will find books by Phyllis Bentley well worth reading. Most of her writing is in the form of historical novels in which she incorporates true events of political and social interest. However some volumes of short stories are true stories gleaned from the earliest newspapers, news sheets and journals held in the archives. She has a particular interest in the earliest woolen mills. Many of her books are available from Auckland Central Library through local branches. (*see on-line catalogue*)

. CORRECTION OF ERRORS FOUND ON NEW ZEALAND BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES HISTORICAL DATABASE

*The following article was written for our newsletter by **Fleur Chalk**, Registration Officer , Births, Deaths and Marriages
The Department of Internal Affairs Te Tari Taiwhenua*

If we amend the electronic database version, it then states what is on the printout (which is a copy of the original). We are amending because a transcription error has been found. *There is no way this changes the original document - we are changing the electronic record to be exactly the same as the original.*

When the registers were scanned there were 8 million records. We know that this has resulted in around 60 000 transcription errors, which are displayed on the website. Correcting these does not in any way change the information on the original record. and BDM are forever grateful to people like you who let us know about these transcription errors as you are helping us to have a more correct database.

In circumstances where the original birth record needs to be changed because it contains information we are not allowed to release, we have to provide a white copy. An example of this is adding dissolution details to a marriage record.

If people advise us of errors in the actual registers we cannot release the original document because it does not contain correct information. We have to release the most recent record.

When we receive an email advising us of an error but we can't find one, we email the person back and let them know how they can go about proving the error exists, how to get it fixed, and we explicitly warn them that this will result in having to order a typed white copy not a printout in the future. We don't need to do this when we haven't had to correct what was stated on the original document.

It is totally up to the individual whether they want to go through this process and have the record corrected. While we want our records to be correct, it makes an interesting addition to the family tree when you have the printout with an unexpected error on it.

If you have any queries, it is best to contact us via the Historical Website
<https://bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/contactUs/> or by calling our Contact Centre on 0800 22 52 52

Two New Computer Databases Available at the FRC Panmure

Cornwall Family History Society

Now available on computer at the FRC is an on-going Index generated from 5 million records created by members of the Cornwall Family History Society.

Data sets include:

- Census 1841-1901
- Baptisms (from 1538) , Marriages (to 1837) and Burials (1538-1837)
- Burial Registers (to 1837) and Monumental Inscriptions (Index only at present)
- Probates

Miscellaneous Records:-

- o Cornubian Index - lists Cornish travellers printed in the Cornubian Newspaper 1911-1916
- o Deaths in Victoria Australia
- o Cornwall Gazetteer - worth looking at to see which records have been indexed
- o Strays
- o Pestilences and Epidemics in Britain - a useful list may explain why you can't find family
- o Masters and Mates
- o Apprentices

Deceased on-line

Search registers by Country, Region, County, Burial Authority or Crematorium. Records mainly from the 1850s onwards