



NORTH SHORE BRANCH

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MEETINGS are held at Marlborough Park Hall, Chartwell Ave. Glenfield.
Day Meetings: 1pm – 3pm: 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 12-30 pm
On Tuesday Meeting Nights it will open at 6-45 pm

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CONVENOR'S JULY REPORT

I attended the NZSG AGM and what remained of the 2014 conference on Sunday and Monday and enjoyed seeing many people I knew including a 3rd cousin on my Swedish side who is also a member of NZSG. I was able to give her a memory stick with all the research I had done in Sweden in 2012. The acting President Gay Williams was elected President and Councillor Diane Wilson (also from Auckland) has subsequently been made Vice-President. Two new Councillors Peter Gibson and Gill Knox from Porirua Branch were elected from the floor to fill the remaining vacancies. I was sitting behind Lily Baker and her Branch members when the Award of Life Membership of the NZSG was announced. It was a very popular award and well deserved for all her contributions over the years. She received a great ovation from all. I heard two talks by the Keynote Speaker Dr Colleen Kirkpatrick, one about tracing the identity of a crash victim from DNA taken from a body part and the second on the 'Six Degrees of Separation' backed up by statistical proof. The second talk was in place of a panel discussion on DNA in Genealogy that was cancelled. On 20 June Marion Corles and I went to her talk at the FRC which was the last of her post-conference tour. There were so many people there we were sat in the library and watched the same-time video of her speaking in the lunchroom on a big TV screen!

As I was away I missed the day meeting on 'Learning about your ancestors through recipes' but I was told it was quite nostalgic for some people, bringing up memories of old family cookbooks. I attended the 'show and tell' evening meeting where we produced documents with unusual entries. It's amazing what comes to light at these meetings. At the last committee meeting we welcomed Bruce Graham who has consented to join our committee and is a welcome addition to our computing knowledge. The problem of poor attendance at the

continued over

Wednesday 1-3pm Resource Room sessions was discussed. The volunteers would be sorry to close this service down but feel that it is not meeting the needs of the members if they don't use it. We want to hear from you what you want. Suggestions that have been made:-

- we change the time – perhaps stay open longer after meetings?
- we investigate purchasing a dongle (USB modem) which would allow access to the internet in the Resource Room (and for our speakers) – with the possibility of getting a subscription to Ancestry or Find My Past which would entail a cost to the user – would members use it?
- Review the contents of the Resource Room to find what is still relevant today and determine what we lack

The new timetable for the rest of the year is now available. Ring the dates on your wall calendar so you don't miss them. And don't forget to look out your WWI photos and gather their bios together for November – we always run out of time!Raewyn

MEETINGS CALENDAR

Monday 7th July 2014
1 p.m.

Speaker – Peter Cross

Subject – Brick Walls, knocking them down.

Tuesday 15th July 2014
7.30 p.m.

Speaker – Sarah Ward

Power point presentation about her g.g.aunt Matron of the Auckland Industrial School from 1884-1916

Monday 4th August 2014
1 p.m.

Speaker – Jill Williams

Ancestor Hunting in the UK
(Power point presentation)

Tuesday 19th August 2014
7.30 p.m.

Discussion – have you a connection to someone famous or infamous?

Tolpuddle Martyrs

These were the six Dorset agricultural labourers who were sentenced to transportation to Australia in 1834 for being members of a secret society which aimed to improve their wages. They subsequently became symbolic heroes of the Trade Union movement

From Family Tree Magazine 'Genealogy Insider' column 18 June 2014

Ancestry.com went down today, so I spent some time with family.

They seem like nice people.



Twisted Twigs
on great twigs

Sent in by Raewyn Nevin

From West in New England blogger: Bill West posted on his own Facebook page:

And lo, the servers of Ancestry were beset by the Plague of DDOS, and then were the genealogists locked out from the Realms of Ancestry. Neither could they work on their family trees, nor add photos nor memorials to Find A Grave. Then great were the lamentations of the genealogists, and many were beset with frustration, weeping and gnashing their teeth in the outer darkness as they waited for the servers of Ancestry to once more open unto them.

Meanwhile, others turned to worshiping the false idol, Television.... *Sent in by Raewyn Nevin*

NEW AT THE BRANCH LIBRARY

Hutt Valley Branch NZSG – June 2014 Newsletter

Reference to Hutt City Council Cemetery database online.

Hibiscus Coast Branch NZSG – June 2014 Newsletter

Events in NZ in June in previous times –

10 June 1886 Eruption of Mt Tarawera

15 June 1935 Jack Lovelock wins “mile of century”

30 June 1939 First issue of NZ Listener published. Free to all 380,000 radio licence holders.

Wellington Branch NZSG – June 2014 Newsletter

Dawn Chambers responds to the presentation delivered by Jeremy Cauchi of Archives NZ who spoke recently at the NZSG Conference.

Kilbirnie Branch NZSG – July 2014 Newsletter

Wind up of NZSG Conference and AGM.

Roving Reporter – a week in Croatia.

Visit to Sweden with Chris Underwood.

Dunedin Family History Group July 2014 Newsletter

Who is F. J. Weatherall?

Lumsden - its history and war memorial

Websites mentioned at our May meeting

Websites mentioned at our June meeting

Tips for drawing personal family tree charts

Warrington - its history

St Barnabas Anglican Church and churchyard

Samuel Tarratt Neville, Bishop of Dunedin

Elizabethan Wedding Customs

First Church of Otago Young Men's Bible Class Roll of Honour

Recommended websites for family history

Winton - its history and war memorials

Does DNA lie?

Upcoming School re-unions

Beaumont - its history and war memorials.

Family Tree Magazine – June 2014

(Sorry - no content details available)

North Shore Branch Library (Resource Room)

This is a greatly under-used resource, which includes many CDs as well as books. Also current copies of various branch newsletters are available that contain much of interest.

Members are reminded that they can check our Branch's Library catalogue on the NZSG Webpage to see just what is held. Go to “site map” at the bottom of the log-in page and from there - NZSG Branches – North Island – North Shore Branch.

Auckland Central Library

Family history lunchtime series

When: Generally fortnightly on Wednesdays from February to November, 12pm - 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](#)

Wednesday 9 July 2014, 12pm – 1pm

Beginning a one-name study with Anne Brady Learn how to explore the unusual names in your Family History. The Guild of One-Name Studies can help you break through many of the brick walls on all your family lines.

Wednesday 23 July 2014, 12pm - 1pm

Join [John Snashall](#), Walks Co-ordinator for Friends of Waikumete Cemetery, as he takes you on a journey through the History of the Waikumete Cemetery in Glen Eden.

Wednesday 6 August 2014, 12 – 1 pm

New Zealand at War: on land, in the air and at sea, with [Michael Wynd](#). As we approach the centenary of the First World War, it is important to remember the context and depth of New Zealand's participation.

Wednesday 13 August 2014, 12 – 1 pm

Introducing the Auckland Museum Library's First World War manuscript collections with [Martin Collett](#). More than just letters and diaries, this surprisingly rich military resource has been collected by the Auckland Museum for nearly 100 years

Wednesday 20 August 2014, 12 – 1 pm

100 New Zealand WW1 memorials with [Helen Vail](#). To commemorate the centenary of World War One, Helen Vail set herself the goal of personally visiting and collating information from more than 100 World War One memorials.

Wednesday 27 August 2014, 12 – 1 pm

Online Cenotaph – recording the stories of New Zealanders who served in many international conflicts, with [Michaela O'Donovan](#). This session showcases what to look out for when new Online Cenotaph is launched later this year and discusses how family members and private researchers can contribute.

Spurrings is a Lancashire dialect word for banns of marriage. Sometimes used as the heading in Parish Registers for the Banns pages of other areas in the vicinity also.

Sir Tony Robinson Reviews Life Before World War I

In a video presentation, Sir Tony Robinson uses the records available today to get a better understanding of what life and times were like before World War I. If your ancestors lived in England at that time, you can obtain a better understanding of their lives, thanks to this video.

You can view the 44-minute video on the Ancestry.com Blog at <http://goo.gl/uNtcVu> or on YouTube at <http://youtu.be/gCSXXsrytBs>.

Sir Tony, who played the part of Baldrick, in the Blackadder TV series has now become an expert in history and genealogy. When he was knighted in 2013, he stated, "I'll use my new title with abandon to highlight the causes I believe in, particularly the importance of culture, the arts and heritage and the plight of the infirm elderly and their carers," adding, "I also pledge that from this day on I'll slaughter all unruly dragons, and rescue any damsels in distress who request my help."

Findmypast buys Origins

Findmypast.co.uk announced in London on 17th June 2014 that it had bought Origins. The first company to set up a pay-as you-go model for online family history records, Origins.net specialises in unusual and often hard to find British and Irish records. Its many early records include rare marriage indexes, apprentices and poor law records. Another key strength is its National Wills Index, which, combined with collections currently on Findmypast and those in development, will provide the largest online resource for UK wills and probate material.

Soldiers' wills at Scotlandspeople

[Scotlandspeople](#) have recently made available the wills of 26,000 Scottish soldiers who served in the Great War.

Scotlandspeople also has the wills of about 5,000 Scots who served in World War 2, and a small number for those who fought in the Korean War or took part in other operations between 1857-1964. It's free to search the wills, but it will cost you 10 credits or £2.50 to view a will.

If a member of your family served in the Army and died on active service before 1966, searching the Soldiers' Wills in ScotlandsPeople may bring you face to face with their last wishes, written in their own handwriting.

From Lost Cousins Newsletter

MyHeritage Employees Digitize an Entire Cemetery to Kickstart Global Initiative

Eighty MyHeritage employees from the company's headquarters in Israel arrived in full force early one Sunday morning recently at the Segula Cemetery in Petah Tikva, Israel, to digitize gravestones using the BillionGraves mobile application. The primary goal was to "practice what we preach." By gaining hands-on experience, the company's employees aimed to create best practices, improve the product and fine-tune methodologies for digitizing cemeteries all around the world in the most efficient manner.

The team managed to take 51,000 gravestones photos. Each photo was automatically uploaded to BillionGraves.com within seconds, along with metadata that included the precise latitude and longitude where the photograph was taken. The immediate uploading of cell phone pictures is an option in the BillionGraves app for both iPhone and Android devices. The photographer also may add a text description while still standing in front of the tombstone or add the information later, as desired.

From Eastman's Newsletter