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## **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

### **Convenor's November Report**

I won't talk about the weather! Hope everyone had an enjoyable Labour Weekend. I got stuck into the garden when it was fine and into my research when it wasn't.

Due to an advertisement in the North Shore Times (thanks to Lyn) we were delighted to welcome 13 new people to our October Day Meeting. They were fortunate to hear Ian Handricks giving helpful hints on using various popular online resources such as 'Papers Past' and being introduced to other useful sites that are featured on his website. At the Evening Meeting a group of 14 shared mementos and memories that meant a lot to them. Jewellery was a popular item as a memento.

We have been making slow progress on our future accommodation but I hope to have more definite news for the next newsletter.

Financing the new premises and its fit-out are being discussed.

Unfortunately Bruce Graham has had to resign from the committee due to other commitments. We are co-ordinating with him over the management of the transferred assets from the computer group and extend our thanks for his input.

We have appointed Paul Ashton to fill the vacant place on the committee. He has recently constructed a new website for our Branch.

It is very user friendly and is expanding rapidly. Our calendar and other relevant dates are accessed through google. There is even a place to record your research interests. The web address is [www.tinyurl.com/nsgenealogy](http://www.tinyurl.com/nsgenealogy).

Can I remind you that the purpose of our November 18<sup>th</sup> Evening Meeting is to remember our WWI relations. You are invited to bring along your WWI soldier photos with a short piece about them. After you have presented them I will scan the photos and ask you to email me their info so that it can all be cut to a DVD. Copies of this DVD will be sent to the Auckland War Memorial Museum, NZSG and we will



keep the original. This is our WWI memorial project. If you cannot come to the night meeting I will arrange to be at the Resource Room one Wednesday so your people can be added.

We intend to have a Beginners' Course starting at the beginning of next year. If you are interested could you please contact the Secretary Linda 478-5201 or me 443-3040 and tell us what you want to learn so we can tailor it to meet the needs of our members.

Cheers  
Raewyn

## MEETINGS CALENDAR

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014**  
1 p.m.

**Speaker** – Theresa Graham  
**Subject** – Auckland Museum Library  
WW1 Collections and Projects

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014**  
7.30 p.m.

WW1 soldiers – bring photos & biography. We aim to scan and make a CD

Please bring a plate for a festive supper

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014**  
1 p.m.

**FINAL DAY GET-TOGETHER**  
Family Christmas Traditions

Please bring a plate for a festive afternoon tea

### **Liverpool crew lists dock at Ancestry**

There are over a million entries in the [Liverpool Crew List](#) collection which has recently been added at [Ancestry](#), and they cover the period 1861-1919. Although the ships were registered at Liverpool, you'll discover crew from all over the country (indeed, some are from other countries).  
*From Lost Cousins newsletter.*

### **In April the General Register Office of Northern Ireland began offering online access to historic Birth, Death and Marriage details.**

The time restrictions are 100 years for births, 75 years for marriages [i.e. 1939] and 50 years ago for deaths. A basic search of the index can be carried out for free, without registering. You must search in a maximum time period of five years.

A search using the link below and a surname (e.g. Holland) 1860-64 will produce a list of records available e.g. births 16, deaths 9, marriages 30.

To view them you will have to register and create a password.

This will allow for a more detailed search of the index. Credits have to be bought to view the full registration details. Credits cost 40 pence (about 80cents NZ) each.

Once registered you have free access to the townland maps, which is really useful, super imposing the old townland boundaries on a modern map.

However, unlike in Scotland, the actual registrations cannot be printed nor can they be downloaded, but only viewed. This means you have to transcribe these details yourself, or capture an image of the screen.

A link to the site is <https://geni.nidirect.gov.uk>

*From Wellington Branch NZSG Newsletter*

NZSG North Shore Branch <http://www.tinyurl.com/nsgenealogy>

As you will have read in Raewyn's Report we now have our very own Branch website. Long time member Paul Ashton has produced a very useful website for us and is to be commended on the way it is set out. Please pay a visit regularly and while there how about adding your research names to the Members Interest Page. It is very easy to do and needs more names to make it worthwhile. I'm sure Paul would appreciate some feedback from Members also. His address is on the front of this newsletter.

## NEW AT THE BRANCH RESOURCE ROOM

### Family Tree Magazine – November 2014

Contents:

- p. 10 **Genealogy Snacks in 30 mins.** Chris Paton has 7 genealogy themed ways to spend 30 mins a day, which could be slotted into your lunch break.
- p. 14 **Which Software?** Get the lowdown on the most popular genealogy programmes on the market.
- p. 24 **Enrich your research with real records** Discover the world class records at Kew.
- p. 30 **Taking up the Genealogy Gauntlet** Discover what happened when researcher Richard Morgan took on a stranger's genealogical challenge.
- p. 36 **30 years at the heart of family history** Looking back at 30 years of Family History Magazine.
- p. 41 **From W to Z** Amanda Randall explains the value of film archives for Family Historians as she ends her special WW1 film series.
- p. 42 **Buried in Israel** War cemeteries in the Middle East
- p. 44 **Family History Bookshop.** Browse our online bookshop
- p. 46 **Truly French** John Titford examines surnames with an apparently French flavour.
- p. 47 **Family Names** Are these names in your Tree.
- p. 18<sup>th</sup> **Century Tradesmen & Tradeswomen** – sources to help you uncover their working lives.
- p. 54 **The Great War at home**
- p. 62 **Linking branches of tree** Find how best to share research with distant relatives
- p. 64 **Search 1.3m WW1 casualties** - The Genealogist's newly available collection of records.
- p. 65 **Labelled a Lunatic** Exploring the reasons some of our ancestors were locked away.

### Hutt Valley Branch NZSG – October 2014 Newsletter

Story of soldier in 8<sup>th</sup> Service Battalion of East Surrey Reg. who lost his life at Passchendaele.  
New centre for Huguenots due to open in Kent mid 2015.

### Wellington Branch NZSG – October 2014 Newsletter

First Scottish Colony for New Zealand  
This month in history – 10 NZ nurses lost in Marquette sinking.

## 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 12 November, 12pm - 1pm Remembering the war: First World War memorials today with Bruce Ringer

Few if any communities in New Zealand did not mourn the loss of sons, brothers, fathers and friends during the war. Bruce Ringer examines the various ways New Zealanders sought to acknowledge their loved ones' service and sacrifice.

### Wednesday 26 November, 12pm - 1pm "Frae the land of heather and thistle they roamed" with Marie Hickey

Of all the people who left their homelands to settle in other parts of the world, the Scots are among the most prolific, settling not only within the UK and Europe, but further afield in countries such as the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Marie will take a look at some of the places Scots emigrated to, and some of the records generated as a result.

<http://discoveringanzacs.naa.gov.au/>

has records of more than 600,000 NZ and Australian WWI soldiers, munition workers, merchant marines, nurses and others who helped the Anzacs.

*From NZ Herald 29.10.14*

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More than 8 million newspaper pages from 1710-1954 are now available to search at The British Newspaper Archive

[www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk](http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk).

These are available to search free on one of the computers at Panmure and can also be found on Findmypast

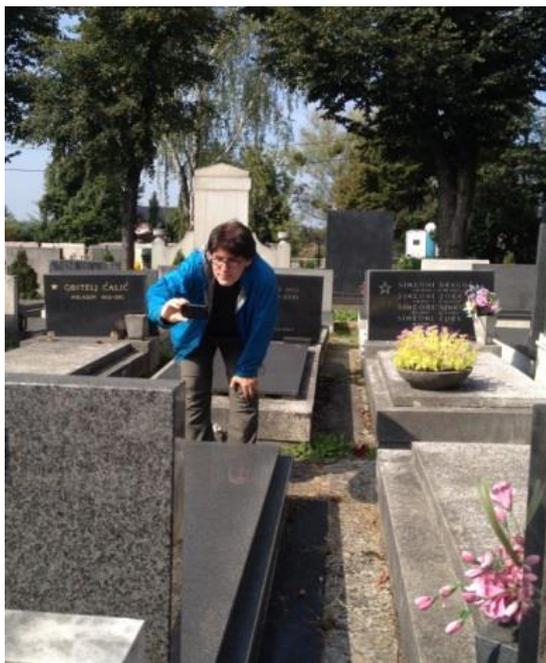
*We extend a Warm Welcome to  
these new Members*

*Alex Sharp*

*Ann Gillespie*

*Kathy Heke*

## Travelling the World by Digitizing Cemeteries



As part of our global initiative to digitize cemeteries, MyHeritage was contacted by a couple with an interesting idea that allowed them to embark on an international adventure.

Michael Kerr and his wife, Sabrina Rowe, decided to leave the comfort of their home, and bicycle across Europe, stopping to photograph entire cemeteries on the way. All the photos are being shared with the community for free on MyHeritage and BillionGraves.com

*Opposite:-* Michael digitizes graves in Mirogoj cemetery (Zagreb, Croatia). The beautiful Mirogoj is listed as one of the “Significant Cemeteries” of Europe. It is unique in that it has long been multi-denominational and has beautiful grounds surrounded with long arcades with arches, columns and cupolas. *From My Heritage Blog*

### 6... 7... 8... 10... Wait a minute... Isn't there something missing in those numbers?

According to an article in the GizMag web site, “Microsoft has decided to skip a number with the new release. Apparently somebody in Marketing thought “Windows 9” didn't sound like a big enough departure from the maligned Windows 8. But “Windows 10?” The same web site also states, “It's no secret that Windows 8 was not a particularly successful release, as Microsoft struggled to convince both consumers and businesses of the virtues of its split nature.”

### What is meant by the United Kingdom?

There's a lot of confusion about the difference between the terms England, Britain, Great Britain, the United Kingdom, and the British Isles.

Until fairly recently the term England often referred to England & Wales; however England & Wales are more correctly described as Britain, a term that derives from the Roman name Britannia.

In 1801 Great Britain and Ireland became the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland following acts passed by both parliaments (although the Irish parliament was far from representative of its population).

In 1922 the Irish Free State was created, so from that point onwards it was the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The British Isles is a geographical term for the islands of Ireland and Great Britain, together with thousands of smaller islands.

Some specific examples which have caused confusion for genealogists in the past:

The England & Wales censuses include the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands

The Britain subscription at [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk) does not include Ireland, not even Northern Ireland (although there are some exceptions, such as passenger lists and army records)

The Premium subscription at [Ancestry.co.uk](http://Ancestry.co.uk) includes Irish records

*From Dick Eastman's newsletter (abridged)*