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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 February 2015 Report

Here we are at the beginning of another year and I hope to see a lot of you at our meetings in the coming year, commencing on Monday 2nd February when we have Jan Gow who will speak on 'The 5 Rs'. Jan's talks are always popular as she has so many good ideas and long experience in genealogical research.

The December day meeting of 2014 was a very social occasion with many interesting anecdotes about family Christmas traditions and memories. We followed with a festive afternoon tea and the drawing of the raffle. Thanks go to Shirley Turner for the lovely festive prizes. What amazing weather we have had over the Christmas and New Year period. To those who have found it a bit hot I can only say that my 12 days at Perigean Beach, Queensland with my daughter saw us streaming in temperatures of 38-40 degreesC. I suspect my water bill will be a bit higher this summer as I am watering my garden every day.

I managed to get some researching done over the holiday period and I hope you did too. I spent New Year's Day at the Waipu Gathering helping on the Stewart Association Tent. A lot of people seem interested in their Scottish Genealogy and the Waipu Branch of NZSG was there to help.

I was disappointed that the number of WWI photos and biographies I collected was so small. Seven people have contributed but I am sure there must be more photos out there. If you would like to contribute either NZ or other British forces photos please contact me on 443-3040 or email rnevin@snap.net.nz.

I know a lot of people have been concerned by the article on Marlborough Hall that appeared in the North Shore Times on 31st December 2014. Do not panic! The committee is in contact with the local community advisors and is actively investigating alternative



accommodation. If you have any suggestions please don't hesitate to contact us. Nothing is likely to happen till the middle of the year and we will not be thrown out on the street! The main problem is finding somewhere to house the Resource Room at a reasonable rent and in a convenient place. We can find places to hold our meetings. We will keep you informed on developments.

Raewyn



Waipu Highland Gathering
From left to right:
Raewyn Nevin,
Jenny and Trevor Stewart

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](#)

Toitū te whenua, whatungarongaro te tangata with Margaret Ngaropo

Wednesday 4 February, 12pm - 1pm

Join Margaret Ngaropo and learn how to research whakapapa using the Māori Land Court Minute Book Indexes.

New Year customs of the Chopstick Societies with Lai Lam

Wednesday 18 February, 12pm - 1pm

Discover how the peoples of the Chopstick Societies - China, Japan, Korea and Vietnam - celebrate their New Year and what ties them together at this special time.

Join in discussions and see how similar and yet different we all are within the CJKV Sinosphere!

The records of the English Parish Church with Viv Parker

Wednesday 4 March, 12pm - 1pm

The records of English parish churches recount the day-to-day running of the parish, including not only baptisms, marriages and burials but also a wealth of information about our ancestors.

MEETINGS CALENDAR

**Monday 2nd February 2015
1 pm**

Speaker: Jan Gow

Subject: 'Checking the Big 5'
(a checklist for UK Research)

**Tuesday 17th February 2015
7.30 pm**

Discussion – Look what I've found – discoveries during the holidays

**Monday 2nd March 2015
1 pm**

Speaker: Lorna Clauson

Subject: Will speak about her recent book
"They sailed to the South"

**Tuesday 17th March 2015
7.30 pm**

Fossicking around in the Resource Room.

NEW AT THE BRANCH RESOURCE ROOM

Family Tree Magazine – January 2015

Content includes:

P 14 **A Stitcher's Tale** – How Caroline Makein unpicked the clues in a Victorian sampler.

P 20 **Their Place in History** – Discover how to start researching the communities where your Ancestors lived.

P 26 **Getting started with your Blog** First part of new series on starting a Family Blog.

P 28 **Naming the unknown voyager** – a genealogical journey to name the writer of a travel diary.

P 31 **When is a will not a will?**

P 39 **Help! I need a Professional.** Maggie Loughran offers guidance for finding a professional genealogist.

P 43 **Planning for promised joy.** Chris Paton suggests ways of tapping into a world of genealogy potential in 2015.

P 48 **Who was the daddy?** Ruth Symes suggests handy ways that may help you identify an unnamed father

P 52 **Books glorious books.** Rare genealogical vintage books - guide to best free digital libraries

P 60 **Chancery courts**

P 66 **The stranger side of genealogy** Are we connected to our ancestors by more than our genes.

P 69 **Just the job!** Trace your ancestor's working lives through the range of occupations records on TheGenealogist.co.uk.

P 70 **Plotting the past** Records you can enlist to discover the land and property your ancestor owned or occupied.

P 76 **Your Q&A: advice**

Dunedin Family History Group Newsletter January 2015

Names and details from many WW1 and WW2 Memorials in and around Oamaru.

Kilbirnie Branch NZSG Newsletter December 2014

The Clarion Settlers – report of Guest Speaker's talk. NZ described as "the social laboratory of the world" in last half of 19th century.

Thinking about writing – by Margaret Brown

Wellington Branch NZSG Newsletter January 2014

News from NZSG by Councillor Peter Gibson
First Scottish Colony for NZ (Wellington) Part 3

Dunedin Branch NZSG Newsletter January – February 2014

Otago Archaeologists excavate first school & mission.
The Thomas Oliver Saga

New at the Resource Room continued:-

Dunedin Family History Group Newsletter February 2015

Contents:

Bluff - its history

Stewart Island - its history

St Clair Esplanade

Key Points of Victorian London

St Clair Presbyterian Church

Working out Family relationships

Can You help?

Useful Australian Websites

NZ HERALD DEATH NOTICE INDEXES

Another year of indexing has been completed by the NZSG indexing team - 2006. This has been put on the computer in our Resource Room along with the indexes for 2000 through to 2005 inclusive, and 2008. The index for 2007 is currently being worked on by NZSG team and we should have that soon.

From Dennise Cook

More Newspapers on Trove Website

"The National Library of Australia now has the largest freely available collection of digitised newspapers in the world with the 15 millionth page having gone on-line on the award-winning website Trove."

ScotlandsPeople add more BMDs

On 1st January each year ScotlandsPeople add an extra year of birth, marriage and death registers to their online collection. This year the additions are 1914 births, 1939 marriages, and 1964 deaths.

RESOURCE ROOM HOURS

For the next three months we are going to trial keeping the Resource Room open until 4 p.m. after the Monday Meeting.

ROTARY CLUB OF BIRKENHEAD

As part of the WW100 commemoration, the Rotary Club of Birkenhead has invited Brian Potter to speak on his specialist topic:

“FROM BIRKENHEAD TO THE BATTLEFIELD”

Sub Title

“FROM STRAWBERRY FIELDS TO POPPY FIELDS”

Brian’s talk explores Birkenhead Service people who served in WW1, their backgrounds, where some of them rest and how they are remembered overseas and in Birkenhead.

DATE: WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2015

VENUE: BRIAN GERRARD THEATRE,
BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE
BIRKDALE ROAD.

(Follow signs in school grounds)

TIME: 7.00 PM

GOLD COIN DONATION (To defray expenses)

As a further contribution to the WW1 commemorations, the Club is donating to the BIRKENHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL and to the citizens of Birkenhead, a memorial plaque mounted on a stone with the names of the twelve young men who attended Birkdale Primary School and gave their lives in WW1.

The stone will be sited within the school grounds but accessible by the public.

A blessing and unveiling of the stone will take place at the school’s WW100 Anzac Service to be held as follows:

DATE: FRIDAY 24TH APRIL 2015

VENUE: CORNER BIRKDALE ROAD
AND SALISBURY ROAD

TIME: 9:30 AM

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Battle of Waterloo: Search for UK soldiers' descendants

A search is being launched for Britons whose ancestors fought at Waterloo, on the 200th anniversary of Britain and its allies' victory over Napoleon. Hundreds of thousands of people in the UK are estimated to have relatives who fought in June 1815. The campaign is one of several events planned to commemorate a turning point in European history. Some 350 people have already come forward to register the details of their ancestors.

Waterloo 200 says anyone in the UK or abroad who can show their family connection to the British, Allied or French armies will then be given the opportunity to apply for tickets to attend a commemoration service at St Paul's Cathedral on the 200th anniversary.

From BBC News

When a name did make a difference!

Immigrants who Americanized their names earned 10 percent more — irrespective of occupation — than immigrants who kept their original, ethnically marked names, according to a study by the Institute for the Study of Labor.

Costanza Biacaschi, Corrado Giulietti, and Zahra Siddique used data from the first half of the Twentieth Century to determine that male immigrants who changed their first name to one of the three most popular American names — William, John, and Charles — earned 10 percent more than their peers no matter what their occupation was.

From Dick Eastman's Newsletter