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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,

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

Committee's Report for July 2015

In the absence of Raewyn, the Committee have all contributed to bring you this month's news.

Everybody has been focussed this month on the search for new premises for our Resource Room. Unfortunately despite having phoned & visited innumerable halls, clubs & churches & followed up various other suggestions, we have not yet found anything suitable. Space on the North Shore is clearly at a premium. There is still a possibility that the Council may be able to provide us with something suitable but any rooms that come available are keenly sought after and Council understandably feels a duty to offer them first to people who will be using them on a daily basis. However we do not yet have a definite date when we must move out so we will continue the hunt. Meantime anyone interested in using the resource room should do so without delay. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to keep it.

For our June Day Meeting David Verran talked about "The 1882 Cemeteries Act" and offered suggestions to members trying to find the graves of people buried prior to that date. The fourteen Evening Meeting attendees shared stories about what their ancestors were doing in 1881. The majority were already established in New Zealand & included some very colourful characters so it was an entertaining evening.

Shona, our programme organiser, has lined up some interesting speakers for the next couple of months. The calendar will be available at the next meeting. She is always looking for inspirational orators & any suggestions members may have are always welcome.

Webmaster Paul reminds everybody that our home on the web can be located at <http://www.tinyurl.com/nsgenealogy>. Here you can find usual information of upcoming meetings, links & the Catalogue of Branch Newsletters. We also have a copy of the Branch Library catalogue. Under Members' Interests you will find the Research register & Shipping Register. Please feel free to contribute.

An area that will grow over time is the Research Files, found under Resources. If you have any suggestions for the Website please contact the Webmaster.

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Thanks to the ongoing work of Dennise & the paste-up team the bound volume of the Herald Death Notices for 2013 is now in the library & work on the 2014 Notices is well under way. NZSG have finally sent us the Indexes for the 1997 & 2007 Herald Death Notices & these are now on the Library computer

Our new treasurer, Ian, has been busy ensuring that procedures to ensure reconciliation of monies received & spent are in place. He is also re-evaluating our assets to ensure that a realistic value is recorded for them and in the process of the inclusion of the now defunct Computer Group assets. The finding of new premises for our meetings & resource room at a price the Branch can afford is presently a major concern.

Despite the best efforts of Publicity Officer Lyn, the recruitment & retention of new members remains a serious concern for the committee. We usually have at least one visitor to our monthly meetings but few of them sign up as members & those that do often disappear after a year or so. We do have a solid core of established members but we are all getting older and it is becoming increasingly difficult to find people to help with the various tasks which need to be done to keep the branch functioning. The work our volunteers do behind the scenes is immeasurable and the committee would like to thank each and every one of them for their support.

Ian, Julie, Linda, Lyn Paul & Shona

MEETINGS CALENDAR

Monday 6th July 2015 at 1 p.m.

Speaker: Joyce Fairgray

Subject: "The Day and Pegler Families of early Waiheke Island"

Tuesday 21st July 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

Speaker: Brian Potter

Subject: "From Birkenhead to Battlefield" includes Glenfield/Northcote

Monday 3rd August 2015 at 1.p.m.

Speaker: Pam Hamlyn

Subject: "Scottish Research" using Family Search, Ancestry, Scotland's People

Tuesday 18th August at 7.30p.m.

Speaker: Paul Ashton

Subject: "Digital Genealogy: Tips, Tools and Files" How to manage your Family History with Technology.

NEW AT THE BRANCH RESOURCE ROOM

We will no longer be printing out the other Branch Newsletters but anyone wishing to read a particular edition should contact the secretary who will send them a copy.

Hibiscus Coast Branch NZSG

June 2015 Newsletter - Content includes:

Interesting YouTube clip of Berlin and Potsdam immediately after WW11

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=AhyifvjSHbU

Article on USB Flash Drives – Life Expectancy, Storage etc.

Hutt Valley Branch NZSG

June 2015 Newsletter - Content includes:

Heritage Collections – Items held in the Heritage Centre, Petone Community Library.

Eastern Hutt School celebrating 100 years at Labour week-end. Belmont-Lower Hutt celebrating 50 years 19th to 21st November 2015.

Battle of Messines

Scottish Heritage – 175 years since arrival of Blenheim carrying mainly Highland farmers and their families.

Closure of Kirkaldie & Stains Store established 1863. Outlining the history of the Firm.

Wellington Branch NZSG

June 2015 Newsletter – Content includes:

1890's Bond Store – now Museum of Wellington City and Sea..

1st June 1960 New Zealand's first official TV broadcast.

Kilbirnie Branch NZSG

July 2015 Newsletter – Content includes:

How Wellington became the Capital

Celebrating early Wellingtonians – Brown Family by Margaret Brown; Capt Robt. Houghton by Chris Underwood; Walter Ockenden by Brian McGlinchy; Billman and Prince Families by Betty Knight; Aloysuis John Thomas McCurdy by Rodney King;

Report on talk by John Boyd on how to access records for seafarers in the mid to late 19th century, especially those from the UK.

Family Tree Magazine – June 2015

P 6 Family History news.

P 10 My Waterloo ancestor by Rod Martin

P 18 Identifying coats of arms

P 25 Lost and found in the archives – Chris Paton explains why we should never give up trying to locate missing or lost records.

P 29 Magna Carta Modes – we celebrate 800 years of Magna Carta. Jane Shrimpton helps us to picture what our ancestors would have worn in the time of King John.

P 34 All the General's men. A unique art project inspired by a regimental photograph from the Great War.

P 42 Working for Salvation. Discover how a snippet from a family story inspired Helen Barrell to delve into the records of the Salvation Army.

P 49 Tracing Medieval ancestors. Discover some of the documents you can use back to the time of the Magna Carta.

P 56 What is a Scran? How to use a fantastic resource for anyone doing Scottish research.

P 59 Finding Amelia – researching i an ordinary ancestor and unearthing details of a remarkable life in 19th century.

P 64 British Lion Queens. Roy Stockdill uses historical newspapers to examine a phenomenon of Victorian entertainment and the amazing women who worked in the lions' den.

P 70 Syd "Puddy" Puddefoot – a forgotten legend. Robt Walsh explains how the internet revolutionised his research into his footballing ancestor.

P 73 Life work & Napoleon – The impact the Napoleonic wars had on our ancestors everyday lives.

P 76 Striking a Chord – music's part in WW1

P 82 New tools at UKBMD

Dunedin Family History Group

July 2015 Newsletter Contents:

Report of our June meeting - mapping out our Family History

A Genealogists Dream

200 years since the Battle of Waterloo - how to find out who died

Mossburn

Part 2 - Getting our records organised

A Dunedin icon - Shacklocks

Guy Fyans Clive Bridgeman - his ancestry

History of Dunedin Floods and how to care for your records if they get damaged

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](#)

Waikato Immigration Scheme with Sarah Mathieson

Wednesday 8 July, 12pm - 1pm

It has been 150 years since ships arrived in New Zealand bringing immigrants for the Waikato Immigration Scheme; a government scheme to populate the North Island with immigrants recruited in Britain, Ireland and SouthAfrica.

Many of these records have survived, detailing the occupations of the immigrants, the ships that brought them to New Zealand and the land grants they received, offering some insight into the hardships they faced.

Family trees and Facebook with Kelly Bold

Wednesday 22 July, 12pm - 1pm

Join Auckland Libraries' Social Media Coordinator Kelly Bold as she presents a "power hour" on Facebook for family history researchers.

Topics covered will include the difference between Facebook profiles, pages and groups and which is the best for you, tips and tricks for getting started, privacy settings and ideas for content.

This session is for those new to Facebook or just starting out, as well as anyone wanting to learn more about the world's largest social media platform.

Kelly will be available after the session to answer questions and provide one-on-one support.

August

New Zealand Family History Month at Auckland Libraries

1 August to 31 August 2015

Events will be taking place at library venues around the Auckland region – check with your local library. Includes the Auckland Family History Expo at Central City Library from 7 to 9 August.

Evernote for genealogists with Michelle Patient

Wednesday 12 August, 12 noon to 1pm

Want an easy way to save webpages or oral histories? Note-taking is an essential part of the family history research process, and so is storing and retrieving them - if you can find where you put them

Evernote is an easy-to-use, flexible tool that not only stores notes (text, sound, images and handwriting) but makes them easy to find. If you're curious, come along to hear genealogist and 'geek' Michelle Patient explain the features of Evernote and how it can help researchers be more focussed, and less frustrated.

Our Ancestors' Dental Care

One has to wonder at the dental care practiced by our ancestors.

Ready-made toothbrushes and toothpaste were not available until the mid- or even late-1800s. Prior to that, everyone had to make their own.Care

Throughout the Middle Ages, most people simply rubbed salt on their teeth.

Some people made up their own dentifrice and rubbed the resulting powder on their teeth with a small stick, called a "toothstick," with a rag over one end. This was the forerunner of the toothbrush.

By the 1700s medical knowledge improved to the point that doctors began to understand the importance of proper dental care. Toothpaste, properly called dentifrice, was made at home. Here is one such recipe:

...burned hartshorn, powdered oyster shell and white tartar. Also a mouthwash of sal ammoniac and water. Another uses cream of tartar, gum myrrh and oil of cloves. And if all this good dental care fails, you may get a set of artificial ones made from the tusks of the hippopotamus, or sea horse, or from the teeth of some domestick [sic.] animals. Teeth made of ivory or bone soon become discoloured and begin to decay and render the breath offensive.

From Dick Eastman's Newsletter

Those Members who do not receive eKit may not have heard the following news about the next version of the NZSG Kiwi collection.

The data is under testing at the moment and it is planned to launch this important resource to members on a Flash Drive during Family History Month (August).

If you are wondering on which day of the week an event in your ancestor's life took place go to this Perpetual Calendar site. You can alter the year to suit.

www.timeanddate.com/calendar/