



From 'Our House' to Yours

Papakura Branch: New Zealand Society of Genealogists



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FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 29 April	Mon 30	Tues 1 May	Wed 2	Thurs 3	Fri 4	Sat 5
	Term 2 starts	AGM Speaker Isle of Man F H 7.30pm	Legacy 10 - 12 House open for research 7.30 - 9.30		European Interest Group 4pm Panmure	House open for research 1 - 4
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27	28	29 House open for research 10 -12	30 House open for research 7.30 - 9.30	31	1 Jun NZSG Conference Christchurch	2 House open for research 1 - 4 NZSG Conference Christchurch

WHAT'S ON:

Tuesday 1st May AGM 7.30pm Speaker Ed Austin. Isle of Man

Ed was born and raised in the Isle of Man.

He is the NZ rep for the IOM Family History Society, and a committee member of the NZ Manx Society.

His talk is largely about anything related to Manx history, its people, government and geography, supported by literature and maps.

Your questions and special interests in the Isle of Man are welcome.

Sunday 13th May, Computer Group 1.30. Websites, software programmes, help with problems. Informal and collaborative.

Convenors Report:

Hello all,

Well what a fantastic month we have had.

For me it was getting my DNA results on April 1, no it was an April fool's joke, good meetings in April about housing, and a successful garage sale despite the weather and a great end to the month with our afternoon with Michelle Patient on DNA with 48 in attendance.

I had a visit to the Franklin branch for their monthly meeting and joined them for a spot of lunch afterwards.

Back to the DNA results, thanks to Chris and Jane for giving me a few tips this month, and to Michelle - always read the HELP (it's the button with help written on it), once you know which button to press it becomes so much easier.

There are still some garage sale leftovers at the house, if anyone can help dispose of them that would be great.

I was so pleased how successful how our branch hosted and ran the event with Michelle Patient, which proved popular from outside our Papakura area.

Coming up, the AGM on Tuesday May 1st, please fill in the nomination forms for the committee, please put your hand up as many people make light work. We also have a guest speaker coming on Tuesday as well.

Look forward to seeing you

Regards

Gail Thompson

Convenor

Committee News: Fredda attended the Regional meeting on the branches behalf. Papakura local board meeting 23 May to consider applications for funding. DNA session went well with 48 attendees possible next session 27th May. Garage sale proceeds down due to bad weather, but some items to be advertised on Trade Me. Preparation for AGM.

LOST at the garage sale NZSG Name Badge Gail Thompson 17365

Coming Up:

May Meeting AGM and speaker Ed Austin Isle of Man Society. A raffle is also being held.
June 2018 1 – 4 June Queens Birthday weekend Christchurch Boys' High School, Straven Road, Christchurch. https://www.genealogy.org.nz/2018-conference_1604
June Meeting Meat on the bones – schooling
July Meeting Meat on the bones – transport
August is Family History Month Several activities are being considered for our programme

Legacy Sessions:

Next Legacy sessions. Wednesday 2nd May 10 – 12.
Monday 7th May 1 - 3
Held at 'Our House' Gold coin donation (This may change after the AGM)

Contact Jane Brooker at jane@cjarm.net or 296 0257

DNA group:

A very successful session was held at the Papakura RSA with people attending from as far away as Paeroa and from other parts of Auckland. Michelle Patient provided an interesting and informative session for us, covering things DNA for beginners (most of us) and for more advanced genetic genealogists. (Who knew that was what we were?) A further meeting will be organised soon.

25th April as well as being ANZAC day for us, is also DNA day – the anniversary of the day in 1953 when James Watson, Francis Crick, Maurice Wilkins, Rosalind Franklin and colleagues published papers in the journal *Nature* on the structure of DNA. Furthermore, on that day in 2003 it was declared that the Human Genome Project was very close to complete. (*Wikipedia*)

Although the anniversary itself is largely confined to the US many of the testing companies are offering specials worldwide to mark this anniversary. If you are thinking of getting a test done have a look and see what is on offer.

Remember too that Michelle recommended that AT THE MOMENT an autosomal test is the most useful for family history purposes.

Maurice Gleeson a speaker at conference is holding some sessions in other parts of New Zealand This one is in Howick on Saturday 9th June

1. Using DNA to solve unknown parentage cases 1:00-2:00pm 2. Marrying DNA and Irish family tree research 2:30-3:30pm

[/data/media/documents/Event Flyers/Maurice Gleeson Auckland.pdf](#)

Did you know? We have a Facebook page. Very New <https://www.facebook.com/Family-History-Papakura-612976212372952/> come and join us and add comments, pictures of the branch. We will try to keep you posted on activities.

AGM: The agenda and nomination forms for this have been sent out. Dorothy Walker from Panmure Branch will be acting as elections officer for us

There are a couple of remits regarding charges. Come along and have your say. We need your input.



Important: Someone is needed to take on the newsletter. I am unable to continue due to other commitments within the branch and at home. If no-one steps forward to take it on after the June issue, that will be it.

Looking for First World War Personnel Files?

Archives New Zealand holds the NZDF Personnel Files for all known New Zealanders who served in the First World War. These are listed by the person's name and can be viewed on Archway, our online finding aid. To find a file, search the name and/or service number of the person on Archway. The red restriction status only applies to the original records, which are too fragile to issue. The digital versions are open and free to view, download or print from your home computer or device.

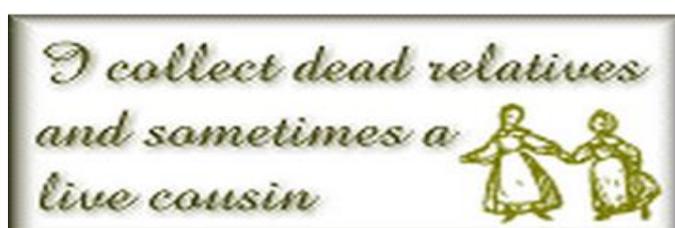
More information about how to find a file and what they hold can be found at <http://archives.govt.nz/world-war-one>

Have you seen?

Latest additions to Newspapers on Papers Past (April 2018):

- [Evening Star](#) (1921-1942)
- [Lyttelton Times](#) (1890-1907)
- [Marlborough Express](#) (1869-1872, 1879-Jun 1880)

Remember the younger generations do not use computers, everything is done on their phones including family history.



Facebook:

There has been a lot of negativity about Facebook over the past few months. However, it is an underused resource for many long-term Family Historians. (Though who can forget Bernice and her 'finds' and her contacts with missing relatives). Nearly all the pages for genealogy are closed group – you apply to join and then can ask questions or answer queries, which adds a level of protection for you. There are groups for surnames, specific locations around the world, DNA, photo recognition, military, places where you can add a portion of a document and ask for help interpreting or transcribing etc etc etc. If you have found a helpful page why not let others know.

Here are a few examples

[Ancestry UK - The Friendly Family History Group](#)

[Genealogy Addicts UK & Worldwide](#)

[Genealogy My Ancestors Came to Australia](#)

[Legacy User Group](#)

[Family History and Photography](#)

[Guernsey Family History](#)

[DNA Detectives](#)

[DNA Painter User Group](#)

Put in your surname or a location you are interested in or stuck with, and family history or genealogy and see what comes up. For example if I type Brooker in to the search, this group pops up [Brooker and Richardson Family](#).

WARNING you can waste a lot of time!!

From the Magazines and Websites: A bit of a round up.

Remember Ancestry, Findmypast and The Genealogist are available at Auckland Library libraries so you don't need to subscribe.

Findmypast has added British Army Officers' Widows' Pension Forms 1755-1908, records from Somerset, Rutland, Northumberland and Nottingham. England & Wales, Electoral Registers 1920, Canadian headstones, New South Wales Railway employment records.

Ancestry has added Yorkshire parish records, NZ WW1 Service records, US Evangelical Covenant Church Swedish American Church records 1868-1970 and New York Orphans placed in the New York Foundling hospital and Children's Aid Society 1855 – 1925

The Genealogist has added headstone and war memorial records

Family search has added Oklahoma school records 1895 - 1936

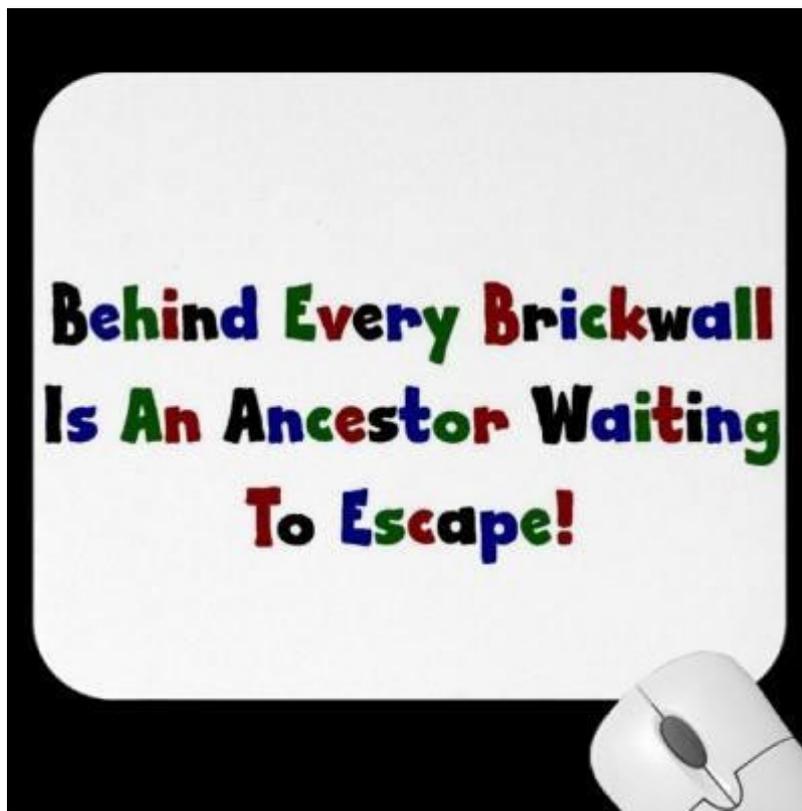
New in to Our Library: Family Tree Magazine, Who Do You Think You Are? Magazine May Issues.

Trading Table: Bring along your excess produce, jams, genealogy bits and bobs, no longer needed books etc and support the branch.

Ink Cartridges: Only Canon and HP are accepted.

Sharing: A problem shared is a problem halved. Hit a brick wall? Come and have a chat at one of our meetings and see if others have any suggestions, or come to one of our research sessions and have one on one help.

Last Word:



If there are any errors, omissions or any comments about this newsletter please contact Jane Brooker jane@cjarm.net

Contributions, articles, topics, event dates etc. for the next edition are always welcome. Please send to jane@cjarm.net no later than the **28 May 2018**.

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