



# From 'Our House' to Yours

Papakura Branch: New Zealand Society of Genealogists



## July 2018

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### FOR YOUR DIARY

| Sun 1 July                                  | Mon 2                           | Tues 3   | Wed 4   | Thurs 5             | Fri 6   | Sat 7   |
|---|---------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|---|---|
|   |                                 | Meeting <br><b>Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b><br><b>7.30</b> | House open for research<br>7.30 – 9.30  |                     | <b>European Interest Group</b><br><b>Panmure 4- 10</b>        | House open for research<br>1 – 4                              |
| 8<br><b>Computer Group</b><br><b>1.30pm</b> | 9                               | 10<br>House open for research<br>10 -12  | 11<br><b>Legacy 10 -12</b><br>House open for research<br>7.30 – 9.30                | 12                  | 13<br>Getting It Right<br>Workshop<br>NZSG<br>Panmure 10 - 12 | 14<br>House open for research<br>1 - 4                        |
| 15  | 16<br><b>Legacy 1 - 3</b>       | 17<br>House open for research<br>10 -12  | 18<br><b>? Visit to Auckland Archives</b><br>House open for research<br>7.30 – 9.30 | 19                  | 20  | 21<br>House open for research<br>1 – 4                        |
| 22  | 23                              | 24<br>House open for research<br>10 -12  | 25<br>House open for research<br>7.30 – 9.30  | 26                  | 27  | 28<br>House open for research<br>1 – 4                        |
| 29  | 30<br>Committee Meeting<br>7.30 | 31<br>House open for research<br>10 -12  | 1 August<br><i>Family</i><br><b>Getting started With your family tree. 7-9</b>      | 2<br><i>History</i> | 3<br><i>Month</i>   | 4<br><b>Legacy 10 - 1</b><br>House open for research<br>1 – 4 |

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**FROM 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2018 EVENING MEETINGS AND RESEARCH SESSIONS WILL RUN FROM**

**7PM TO 9PM**

### WHAT'S ON:

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:           Monthly Meeting**

7.30pm                   Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – bring a small plate, any photos or artefacts from the early days, share your reminiscences. – Those bus trips, cemetery visits etc

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July**           Heritage Talks at Auckland Central Library *Let the Elders speak with Ian Lawlor* 12 noon  
<https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/pages/event.aspx?EventId=1630>

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July:**               **Computer Group.**  
1.30pm                   Websites, software programmes, help with problems. Informal and collaborative.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July**               Peter Krafft - Getting It Right Workshop (Bookings Essential) NZSG Panmure 10 – 12 <https://www.genealogy.org.nz/workshops2/getting-it-right-presented-by-peter-krafft>

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July**       Heritage Talks at Auckland Central Library *Zines with Renée Orr and Zoë Colling*  
<https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/pages/event.aspx?EventId=1631>

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July**       **Possible visit to Auckland Archives.** A few people have expressed interest in visiting the Archives in Mangere. If you have never been and would like some help or would just like transport out there. (car-pooling) please contact Jane ([jane@cjarm.net](mailto:jane@cjarm.net) ph: 2960257) as soon as possible, so I can co-ordinate with the Archives on numbers.

This month we farewell 2 branch members.- Margaret Mundy (NZSG 14426) long time branch member, committee member, house opener and a great help to many new members. A member of the European Interest group and Legacy Ft software support. We wish her well with her move to the South Island to be closer to her family.

Gail Thompson (NZSG 17365) last year's Papakura branch convenor and committee member for several years. We hope her endeavours in the Waikato bear good fruit.

Good luck to you both and keep in touch.

The committee would also like to pass on best wishes to all those recovering from surgery and coping with life's turmoils and ills. There seems to be many of you not going too well at the moment. Our thoughts are with you.

## Convenors Report:

Hello all,

July already and well over half way through the year, hoping you are all managing to somehow stay warm and probably more to the point, dry! I am convinced time goes by faster now every month!

What's been happening for our branch? Some very good news from Council as they have approved funding for us to start on our digitisation project for the cards at our research centre. As soon as the funding is credited to the bank account, we will re look at the solution and what is available at the best price to meet our requirements. Then the real fun begins, scanning all those delightful little gems of information into a future proofed system for us all to utilise.

I have not had much of a chance to work on my own history at this time. I know I have a lot of 'tidy' up to do and think I should embark on that as a 'little project'. Do you ever get that feeling with your research, you 'can't see the woods for the trees?' That's how I feel with all my notes and papers and goodness knows what else I have floating around.

Oh, I have done something a little exciting! I have just ordered my first ever DNA kit, I had been looking at this, for some time now, (couple of years to be exact) and the other day saw a special offer and went for it. So now I am waiting for my little kit to arrive, so I can perform the deed and anxiously wait for the results 😊 I am also going to try and learn (not necessarily understand), as much as I can about the DNA testing before my results arrive. I guess I will be spending a lot of time on YouTube and looking at Webinars and the like!

We have a few awesome sessions booked with the lead up to History month in August. Our branch 40<sup>th</sup>, a beginner's night for Genealogists, a great way to self-check how you are doing with your research! More DNA and Legacy sessions. Check our latest calendar for these upcoming events.

Well that's all from me for now, hoping everyone is keeping warm and dry!

Kindest Regards

From the desk and thoughts of

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## Coming Up:

July Meeting **Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. Social event come and meet some former members, see photos and share.

### ***Family History Month Activities***

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| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August                   | Getting Started with your Family Tree 7 - 9      |
| Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> August                    | Legacy Workshop 10 – 1                           |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August                     | Meeting      Flesh on the Bones – Schooling      |
| Weekend 10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> August | Family History Fair - Fickling Convention Centre |
| Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> August                   | Combined Research Day at Papakura Library 10 – 2 |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August                  | DNA and Genealogy                                |

## **Legacy Sessions:**

Next Legacy sessions.            Wednesday    11 July 10 – 12.  
   Monday        16 July 1 – 3                    Held at ‘Our House’ \$3

Contact Jane Brooker at [jane@cjarm.net](mailto:jane@cjarm.net) or 296 0257

**Branch Raffles:** We haven’t been holding regular raffles at our monthly meetings this year as interest was minimal. Do you want to bring this back? If you do and have items to donate please contact Gloria Buddle ph: 2999550 [gloria.buddle@nettel.net.nz](mailto:gloria.buddle@nettel.net.nz) We will be running a raffle throughout family history month, which will be for something genealogical.

**DNA Group:** A good number attended our meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> June with the showing of ‘No Tree No Problem’ A Roots tech presentation by Diane Southard and Lisa Louise Cooke. Diane attended or conference last year. Many of us were somewhat disturbed by how easily Lisa got around all sorts of apparently impenetrable obstacles to find and contact DNA matches who had no trees.

The next DNA session will be during Family History Month when we hope to do a basic introduction to DNA and genealogy on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 7 – 9 pm

## **Did you know?**

Coimetromania is an abnormal attraction to and desire to visit cemeteries. At least genealogy is easier to say!

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

Findmypast has added different types of Wiltshire social and institutional records spanning from 1123 to 1968 it contains searchable transcripts of 422,199 records altogether, including legal, Poor Law union and Nonconformist records.

In addition, an index of 265,974 Fife death records, covering the years 1549-1877 is available.

TheGenealogist has published an index of the [Change of Names Database](#) which contains names listed in sources including Private Acts of Parliament; Royal Licences published in the London and Dublin Gazettes; notices of changes of name published in *The Times* after 1861; notices from other newspapers; registers of the Lord Lyon, where Scottish changes of name were commonly recorded; records in the office of the Ulster King at Arms; and private information.

Much of the information is taken from William Phillimore Watts Phillimore's [An Index to Changes of Name](#), which is available for free from the Internet Archive, but TheGenealogist has made it searchable.

[FamilySearch](#) has announced a major new release of 135.4 million digitised records from Denmark, Finland and Sweden.

New Roman Catholic church records are now available on [the County Westmeath database on RootsIreland](#).

**Remember** Ancestry, Findmypast and The Genealogist are available at Auckland Library libraries, so you don’t need to subscribe. You can also access My Heritage from the comfort of your own home if you have a library membership card.

**Have you seen?** I Googled “help reading old wills” and in .50 seconds it brought up over 14 million results. Here are some of them: -

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/palaeography/> This is an online tutorial from the National Archives in the UK

FamilySearch gives links to online resources at <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/reading-year-old-english-records-is-not-impossible/>

Cambridge University has an online course called English Handwriting 1500 – 1700  
<http://www.english.cam.ac.uk/eres/ehoc/index.html>

There are images of the alphabet written in different scripts and u-tube videos of how to write in the script yourself.

Someone posted this chart on Facebook to help others struggling. It still doesn't help when the ink has faded or has blots though!

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

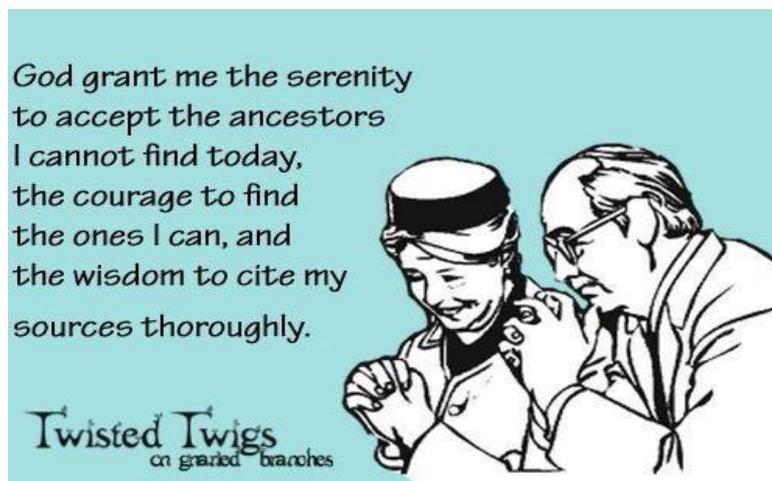
We have also had a number of fiche and other material donated by various members news of these in a later edition as the librarians are still working on these.

**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](mailto:jane@cjarm.net)**

Contributions, articles, topics, event dates etc. for the next edition are always welcome. Please send to [jane@cjarm.net](mailto:jane@cjarm.net) no later than the **30 July 2018**.

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