



From 'Our House' to Yours

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Convenor's Report

The days are drawing in and we put the clocks back this coming Easter Weekend. I do hope if you are going away you have an enjoyable time.

The upcoming meetings on 6th April look to be interesting with a focus on what our relatives did during war time if they did not serve in the services.

Do you have someone in your family who was a red cross worker, munitions worker, volunteer fire watcher, ARP warden, land army, WRVS or home guard member or was involved in one of the other myriad activities that helped the war effort. I know my family grew extra vegetables in the garden and gave them away. What did your family do? Come and share. We have looked out some of the records on-line for some of these non-military people too.

There is a good data set on Ancestry of civilians, who died during the second world war. For example.

We seem to have had a 'rash' of babies recently with at least 2 members having great grandchildren. Congratulations to them and their families. Our thoughts are with those recovering from surgery or sickness. Good luck to those moving away, retiring and having other changes of circumstance like house moving.

Jane

Coming up:

- May** AGM with guest speaker Peter Krafft topic to be advised.
- June** Show and Tell Genealogical treasures – Artifacts, Documents, Recipes, Photographs, What do you have?
- July** Are you prepared? Led by Marilyn transferred from March
- August** Family History Month - AM meeting Geraldine O'Reilly. Irish Interest Group Topic to be advised
PM Meeting To be advised
- September** TBA

Easter Raffle

Draw 6th April pm meeting.

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5



March events updated.

Yet again we were disrupted by a lockdown and the Tuesday meeting was not able to go ahead. The talk on being prepared will now run later in the year. Other activities still went ahead, and we had good turnouts to the DNA group and Legacy. The extended research hours day was not particularly well attended, but those who did come enjoyed the day. We will hold another one this month

NZSG Family Research Centre Panmure

The FRC will be closed on Good Friday, open Saturday and Monday 10am - 4pm, closed Sunday as usual.

In our Library:

The January Who Do You think You Are? Magazine has finally arrived we are waiting for – February, March and April. Waiting for Family Tree Magazines since December

Donated book: Otahuhu College Silver Jubilee Record 1931-1956

To be purchased - Clevedon Women and the 1893 Suffrage Petition Jessie Munro & Barbara Mansell.

Thanks to Ruvae for the work she has done recovering and tidying up some of our books and folders.

Have a birthday this month? Happy Birthday Who shares the date with you in your family tree?

If you use a family history programme that allows you to search by date (such as Legacy) do a search for individuals who share your date with you.

In my programme there are 51 individuals who share my birthdate although some of them are on my husband's side of the tree. I share my birthdate with my grandmother and a 4th cousin, 7 relations share that date with me as they were baptised that day, 1 died, 2 were buried and 2 were married on that day.



ARIES

Mar 21 - Apr 19



TAURUS

Apr 20 - May 20

April 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2 Good Friday	3 	4 Easter Sunday
5 Public Holiday	6 Morning & Evening Meeting 10 am 7pm	7 House open for research 7-9 Gloria & Carmen	8	9	10	11 Afternoon Tea for Anne Tonar 2pm
What did your non-military relatives do during war time? Discussion plus Sites for records		14 Legacy 10-12	15	16	17 House open for research 10 – 4 Gloria, Marilyn, Fredda & Jane	18
	13 House open for research 10-12 Gail & Jan	14 House open for research 7-9 Jane & Angela			Bring lunch, tea and coffee provided. Join us for research, help and chat.	
19	20 House open for research 10 -12 Gail & Jan	21 House open for research 7 – 9 Chris & Heather	22	23	24	Anzac Day 
26 Anzac Day Public holiday Committee Meeting 7pm	27 House open for research 10 -12 Gail & Jan	28 House open for research 7-9 Marilyn & Fredda	29	30 Papakura Library research assistance 11-1		

4th MAY is our AGM.

Agenda, nomination forms and minutes of last years meeting will be sent out shortly.

Please consider helping on the committee. Many hands make light work.

Do you know what a 'mangelwurzel' is?

I had heard of it, but not known what it was. In the course of doing some research I came across the following advertisement in an 1874 English newspaper.

WIMBORNE SEED ESTABLISHMENT.
A.D. 1815.

BEALE'S YELLOW GLOBE MANGEL ...	6d. per lb
BEALE'S ORANGE DITTO ...	6d. "
BEALE'S RED DITTO ...	6d. "
BEALE'S LONG RED MANGEL ...	6d. "
Beck's Champion Mangel (Yellow Globe) ...	8d. "
Yellow Intermediate Mangel ...	7d. "
Sutton's Golden Tankard Ditto ...	1s. "
Norbitant Giant Mangel (Long Red) ...	8d. "

W. W. BEALE respectfully solicits Early Orders.
April, 1874. [4995]



Further research told me that a Mangel and a Mangelwurzel (also known as Mangold) were beet crops grown as stockfeed and the term was most commonly seen in the mid 1800's declining thereafter. Although I came across an Australian recipe for Mangelwurzel Curry written in 2009.

Things like; sugar beet, silverbeet, beetroot and chard come from the same family.

I suspect this has become one of those bright shiny objects labelled by Fiona Brooker as I seem to have spent an inordinate amount of time on it.

What other strange words have you come across in your research?

COMPUTER CORNER

Windows Registry & Registry Cleaners, DON'T!

What is the Windows Registry?

The Windows Registry is a large database that stores all kinds of information for both Windows and installed software. Every time you install or remove software or make changes to Windows settings, the registry is updated to reflect these.

What is a Registry Cleaner?

Makers make bold claims about their usefulness to your PC. One cleaner, for example, says that it will "clean, repair, and optimize your Windows registry to eliminate errors and crashes, and to restore smooth and stable operation."

They'll also tell you that "the registry can become littered with old entries", which will "cause error messages and slow the computer down." They will scan your registry for "problems" and likely report hundreds of "critical issues" slowing your computer down.

What registry cleaners claim are serious issues are NOT problems at all. It is true that uninstalling software can leave registry entries behind, or there could be unused file extensions that still have registry keys. However, these almost never cause Windows to slow down or throw error messages.

Since registry cleaners are automated, there is a good chance that they could tag something as unnecessary when it is important. This could screw up your system and require you to reinstall Windows.

Removing a few hundred redundant entries will have no noticeable effect on the performance of your computer.

Microsoft does not support the use of registry cleaners. If they did, they would supply one along with all the other utilities they offer.

So please do not use registry cleaners on your computer.

BITS & BOBS

Lost Cousins.

The latest Lost Cousins newsletter has a master class on Tracking down pre-1837 baptisms and marriages. (UK)

The effort site owner Peter Calver puts into these masterclasses is impressive and he has done 10 so far covering a wide range of topics.

If you don't subscribe to this excellent newsletter, you should and it's free. www.lostcousins.com



Remote Access to Auckland Library resources is still available.

We had an email to say Ancestry was continuing and I've just checked and can still get into Findmypast too. Make the most of it, it won't last for ever. I did still have to be in the library to access the newspapers on either Findmypast or British newspaper archive, but at least the library is open to do that.

Scotland's People have added kirk session records to their website.

The Genealogist has added the 1939 register giving you another place to search for elusive people.

RootsTech 2021. Did you watch any of the presentations? There were several by New Zealander, Michelle Patient, Fiona Brooker and Donna Rutherford (UK based Taranaki born DNA guru) amongst them. I managed to view several presentations over the weekend and have earmarked a lot more to view. These are still available via the Family Search site until RootsTech next year.

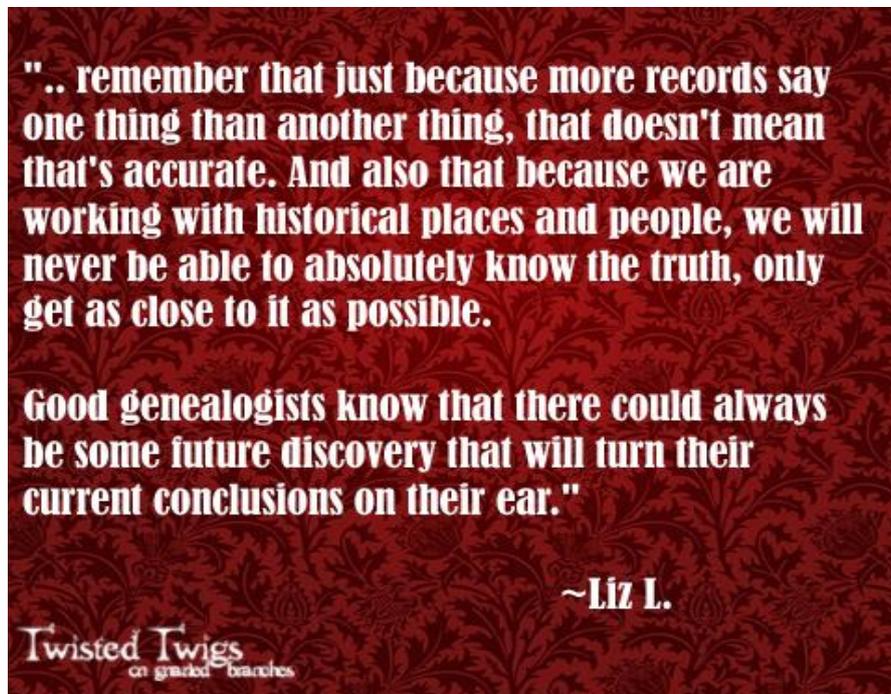
WANTED:

Ideas for topics both in the branch and for the newsletter

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

Ink Cartridges: We accept used Canon and HP cartridges only.

Last Word:



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Do you have an interesting story you would like to share? Any contributions, handy hints, or articles you would like to share for the next edition are always welcome. Please send to papakura@genealogy.org.nz.

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