



Papamoa Branch



NEWSLETTER

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The Papamoa Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists meets on the 2nd Monday of the Month in the Tohora Room at the Papamoa Community Centre, 10am- 2pm. The doors open at 9.30. Entry fee \$5.00.

The next meeting will be on the 14th March 2016

Our March Speaker is Michelle Patient, Past President of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists and Regional Representative for the Guild of One Name Studies.

Having written and spoken, in New Zealand and overseas, Michelle Patient brings a wide ranging background to her presentations and enjoys combining education with entertainment. Whether you are new to researching your tree or you have been climbing branches for years, her talks aim to provide tools and tips to help you not only advance your research, but to do so more easily and confidently. Her topics at this meeting are: **Australian Research, Timelines and Facts, Fun, Fiction of Genealogy.** (Profile Page 3)



Happy St Patrick's Day, 17th March.

Yes it's the Irish Newsletter again. Did you play the music from last year's March issue? If not, I recommend this.

But you can't watch this without tapping your feet. Ctrl & Click [HERE](#)

This group called 'Celtic Thunder' gave so much pleasure last year. I had many emails about this item in the 2015 March Newsletter. I am so glad you enjoyed them. The sad news is that the lead singer, George Donaldson has died suddenly of a heart attack at the young age of 46.

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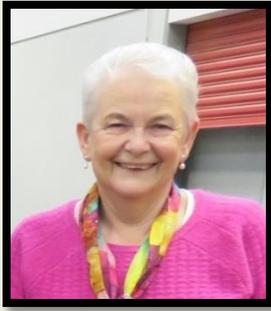
There is a lot of controversy about the spelling of Convener/Convenor. What does your Dictionary say?

Genealogy Friendly: meets on the 4th Monday of the month, 1pm-3pm, in the Mako Room at the Papamoa Community Centre. **Please note that this month the meeting will be one week earlier because of Easter.**

The next meeting will be on Monday 21st March 2016.

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The Convenor's Comment

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Greetings to all,

February 2016 Meeting – Review

Research Day:

Thanks to some willing and experienced branch members as well as our visitor and friend Christine Clement we all enjoyed a great day of research. I would like to acknowledge the following people who assisted on the day:

Christine Clement, Elaine Downs, Helen Riddell, Carole Bridge, Daphne Friis, Jill Spooner, Lorrimer McAlister, Jan Saxton and Blue Hone. We have a lot of people with a lot of research skills and talent in our midst. I am very grateful for their willingness to assist.

I hope you will come to the March meeting prepared to share your finds so that those who helped you will feel justified in the time they spent during the day, foregoing their own research in the interest of helping others. There will be a time slot for you to share before morning tea time!

What did we learn from the day?

Some members need more help with research and the committee is looking at ways to how best manage this.

However, to follow on from this please do not forget that as a member you are welcome to come along for assistance to **The Papamoa Library on the 4th Friday of each month** (except March which falls on Good Friday). These days are open to members and public alike.

The next day our volunteers will be at the library will be **Friday 22nd April** between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon.

March Meeting

I am looking forward to welcoming Michelle Patient to our March meeting. Michelle has a wealth of knowledge to share with us and details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter about her and the topics of her presentations.

April Meeting

We will be looking at libraries and their facilities for Genealogical research. Ngareta Payn, Papamoa Library Team Leader, has been invited to speak on the facilities available at our local Papamoa and Tauranga libraries. The NZSG library facilities at the Family Research Centre in Panmure Auckland will also be introduced followed by a sharing of what is in our own Branch library. It is not all on the Internet you know! You may be as surprised as the committee was in January as to what is in our Branch library! We reviewed the library holdings then and there were lots of exclamations of “I didn’t know we had that” and similar comments!

May Meeting

We will be holding our branch AGM and we are inviting nominations for the committee now. Please think about how you may be able to help the branch.

Following the AGM Anne McEwen, a branch member and experienced researcher, will give a presentation on using English Church Records for English research. There may be time after that for members to be assisted with their research.

Betty Atkinson - NZSG 17053

Michelle Patient Profile

Speaker at the March Meeting.

Michelle is a genealogist, embroiderer and a geek with a degree in Pure and Applied Chemistry and technical qualifications in Geology. Michelle has a love of data, facts and research. Working for many years in civil engineering laboratories before moving into programming databases for marketing projects, she has spoken to various community and work-related groups since the 1970s.



She started researching her mother's birth family back in the early 1990s and became seriously addicted to genealogy research over a wet Sydney Christmas at the end of 1999. Growing up with an elder grandmother's stories and being given her photos in 1999 started the roller coaster ride that has become her genealogy research journey. Michelle's science and engineering background has helped her develop research tips which she shares regularly with the wider genealogy community in face to face presentations, in magazines, and over the Internet. Having used the internet since the late 1980s Michelle is sometimes known by the nickname *The Patient Genie*.

Michelle's articles have been published in various magazines including: Sydney PC Users Group magazine *PrintScreen's*, Information for New Users (IfNu) column, *Australian Family Tree Connection Magazine*, *Inside History*, the *Royal Australian Historical Society's History Magazine* and *The New Zealand Genealogist*.

She has volunteered in various roles within the genealogy community, both in Australia and New Zealand including President of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists 2012-2014 and Regional Representative for the Guild of One Name Studies (GOONS) 2015

Overheard:-

On a bus:-

“My worry about genetically altered vegetables is that my daughter seems to be dating one.”

Mother to small child in a museum:-

“Now remember, what is the first rule when we are in a museum?”
Toddler at the top of her voice: “NO YELLING!”

On a Train:

“I really don't mind commuting. I use the morning ride to plan what I'm going to do and the return trip to work out why I didn't get it done.”

In a Restaurant:

“I have a feeling he is about to pop the question. Last night he took me home to meet his computer.”

Letters to the Editor

Greetings,

Saw this in the NZ Herald yesterday and thought some members might be interested if they did not see it in the paper.

It appears my ancestors may have come from Northern Scotland.

Regards Mark.

(Yes, but they married the Irish!!! - Editor)



Irish roots traced back to Middle Eastern farmers

The Irish are descended from early Middle East farmers and from bronze metalworkers on the steppes around the Black Sea, scientists have found.

Genome sequencing and DNA analysis of the remains of people living 5000 years ago in what is now Ireland uncovered the origins of its population. By sequencing the first genomes from Irish people of different eras, scientists found unequivocal evidence of the mass migration into Ireland. These genetic influxes brought cultural change such as moving to settled farmsteads, bronze metalworking – and may have been the origin of western Celtic language.

Geneticists from Trinity College, Dublin, and archaeologists from Queen's University Belfast studied the genome of a woman farmer who lived 5200 years ago near what is now Belfast. They also carried out DNA analysis of three men on Rathlin Island from 4000 years ago in the Bronze Age after metalworking began. The early farmer's ancestry originated ultimately in the Middle East, where agriculture started.

She had black hair and brown eyes – like current south Europeans. The Bronze Age male genomes are different again with one-third of their ancestry from the Pontic Steppe. They had the most common Irish Y chromosome type the blue eye gene variant.

Dan Bradley, Trinity professor of population genetics, said: "There was a great wave of genome change that swept into Europe from above the Black Sea into Europe from above the Black Sea into Bronze Age Europe. It washed all the way to the shores of its most westerly island.

The study was published in the journal, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the USA*
Telegraph Group Ltd.



KATIKATI PROUD OF TREASURE TROVE

A labour of love has created a valuable library of digitised archives in Katikati Library that is prized locally and internationally.

The Archives began as a room of shelves packed with lever arch files of Katikati's local history that had been diligently gathered over many years by Ellen McCormack, a descendent of one of Katikati's original families to emigrate from Ireland.

Ellen donated her collection to Council in 2001 where it remained on the shelves in the Archive room until Head Librarian Sandra Haigh realised the archives were a real treasure trove and she embarked on the task of digitising the whole lot. As the only planned Irish settlement in New Zealand, Katikati's history is of great interest to historians and a sought after resource by Irish descendants overseas. With the help of a former librarian from Auckland City and a roster of volunteers, the digitising has been achieved.

One volunteer, Joan Boggiss, received a TrustPower Community Award this year for her work on the Katikati archives. The Category was Heritage and Environment and Katikati Library Archives was Regional Runner-up.

Now the Archives Room is open most days and is of great interest to school students, family genealogists and people overseas with an Irish connection to Katikati. The Library is planning to launch **Recollect** – a software programme designed for local history. This will be developed over time to incorporate a comprehensive history of Western Bay and will enable all archives to be put online.



Joan Boggiss receiving the TrustPower Community Award

**Ellen McCormack & Christine Clement
Ellen is a life member of our Branch**



A CASE OF THE LEFT HAND NOT KNOWING WHAT THE RIGHT HAND WAS DOING.

Is this a brick wall?

No, it is a computer keyboard.



At our last U3A Genealogy meeting one lady thought she had a brick wall.

She was very puzzled by the Informant's name she had found on her relation's 1970 death certificate.

The name was '**Gukkesoue**' an unlikely surname. We asked her what some of the family names were.

She suggested '**Gillespie.**' Now from a typist's point of view, the left hand letters are correct. However if you move the right hand one key to the left **i becomes u, ll becomes kk, p becomes o, and i becomes u.**

Which gives the result of the unlikely name of '**Gukkesoue.**' **That was not the end of the story.**

Someone in the group asked if there was an initial. Yes, it was 'N,' but that didn't help as there was no one with that initial in the family. O. K. Now following the same theory could that have been an 'M?'

That made sense as there was a relation with a Christian name starting with 'M.' However for this result the **errant right hand** has moved one key to the right. **(Smack that hand.)**

Problem solved.!!! **Typist's Error.**

So if you come across an unlikely or ridiculous name, maybe it is not a spelling mistake but a Typist's error.

If the typist had read what they had printed they would have realised their mistake.

Or if they had had a Sub-Editor maybe it would have been picked up.

(p.s. This story does not apply to one finger typists.)

The Editor

Irish Websites

Tithe Applotment Survey Books c1823-c1838

<http://www.nationalarchives.ie>

Eneclan

<http://www.eneclan.ie>

The IreAtlas of Townlands Database

<http://www.thecore.com/seanruad>

Irish Origins

www.irishorigins.com

1901 and 1911 census Ireland

<http://www.nationalarchives.ie>

Lewis' Topographical Dictionary of Ireland.

<http://www.libraryireland.com/topog/index.php>

John Grenham's Irish Heritage & Genealogy

www.Ireland.com/ancestor

Irish County Centres information holdings

www.irish-roots.net

Surname Search

<http://www.surnamenavigator.org/>

Counties Cork & Kerry-free site

www.irishgenealogy.ie

Ulster Web Site

<http://www.unsterancestry.com/ua-free-pages.php>

Irish Culture & Customs

<http://www.irishcultureandcustoms.com>

Avidly Interested in Irish history?

<http://www.irishhistorydvd.org>

Maps of the Past

<http://www.maps-of-the-past.com>

Modern Townland Maps

www.epa.ie

Ulster Counties Antrim & Down

www.Irishancestry.com

United Kingdom & Ireland Genealogy-GENUKI

www.genuki.com

Go Ireland Cemetery search <http://www.goireland.com/Genealogy/gravestone.htm>

Irish Genealogy Archive

www.iop-web.com/IGPArchives

Irish Archives Resource

<http://www.iar.ie>

Irish Family History Foundation – R.C. Records

Includes CLANN e-newsletter

www.RootsIreland.ie

Old Irish Newspapers

<http://www.irelandoldnews.com>

Irish Times; newspaper

www.ireland.com

Death records for Cemetery, Church & Parish Records

<http://www.ancestorsatrest.com/ireland.genealogy.shtml>

Free guide to Irish genealogy

<http://ballybegvillage.com/genealogy.html>

Rootsweb for Individual Irish County

www.rootsweb.com/-fianna/county

Ordinance Survey Maps

<http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite/>

Griffith's Primary Rateable Valuation

<http://www.failteromhat.com/gtiffiths.php>

Irish Pensions

<http://www.ireland-genealogy.com>

Irish War Memorials: names on memorials on the island of Ireland to all conflicts before 1969

<http://www.irishwarmemorials.ie>

PRONI: Public Record Office Northern Ireland

www.proni.gov.uk

Timeline Research Ireland

www.timeline.ie

www.irelandgenweb.com

Ireland e-Magazine FREE

www.irishlivesremembered.ie

Griffiths Primary Rateable Valuation with Maps

www.askaboutireland.ie



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**Tauranga Branch** meet on the first Thursday of the month at the St James Church Hall, 72 Poole Road, Greerton at 7.30pm. **3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016.**

This month's speaker is one of the members Janet Hetherington and she will be talking about using Facebook for genealogy.

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The Editor: Lorrimer McAlister (my 40th issue)

