

Papamoa Branch



June

NEWSLETTER

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. Free Entry.

The next meeting will be on Monday the 13th June, 2016

PROGRAMME: see page 4. **OPEN DAY** our doors will be open to the public. Various members will present their Research Successes.



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Last month was our A.G.M.

There were no changes to our Committee, & so the 'Seven Petticoat Pioneers' were elected for another year. Welcome back Betty, Gloria, Kate, Shirley, Heather, Daphne, & Lorrimer.
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Almoner: Please notify Carole Bridge of sick or bereaved members.
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Genealogy Friendly: meets on the 3rd Monday of the month, 1pm-3pm, in the Mako Room at the Papamoa Community Centre.

The next meeting will be on the 20th June, 2016.

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The Convener's Comment

Betty Atkinson betty.ra.atkinson@xtra.co.nz

Greetings,

May 2016 –Meeting Review

After a brief branch meeting followed by morning tea, the Annual General Meeting was conducted according to the requirements of the Society. Last year's branch officers and committee members were re-elected for another year and look forward to serving you.

After the AGM we enjoyed a presentation by our member Anne McEwen. We heard about the occupations of Anne's ancestors and the people of East Chinook in Somerset, England. Her talk was followed by a DVD highlighting the history of some churches in England and in particular the history of the church where Anne's family worshipped. A surprising New Zealand connection with pews in the church being made from Kauri from New Zealand which had originally been used as ballast on the return journeys of the immigrant ships.

June Meeting

As part of the celebrations of the 10th birthday of the Papamoa Library being held between Monday 13th June and Friday 17th June we are all invited to be there at **9.00 am on Monday 13th June** to join in the opening of Library birthday week. There will be speeches, displays by the library and our branch and coffee and cake to share in.

Our June meeting will be open and free entry to members and any public attending the library celebrations and we will start around our usual time of 10.00am with a brief branch meeting.

Several of our branch members will be giving short presentations on genealogy related topics, research successes etc. and the public will be welcome to come and go as they please.

To conclude the week of celebration we will hold an extra research session in the Library on **Friday 17th June between 9.30 am and 12.00 noon**. This is in addition to our usual fourth Friday of the month session in the library between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon on **Friday 24th June**.

Non-committee tasks:

Thanks to Elaine Downs who has offered to be Door hostess for another year; to Jan Saxton for taking over as Raffle co-ordinator; Pam Jones who has offered to assist Barbara Spratt with Morning Tea and Lunch duties; to Carole Bridge who has offered to continue as our Almoner. Thanks to you all for your willingness to help out.

Looking forward:

In July we will welcome Coral Shearer who will speak to us about using the Papers Past website. In addition Coral has agreed to talk to us about Mackie, the company who are the new owners of Family Tree Maker Software. See their website at: <http://www.mackiev.com/ftm/index.html>. This should be of great interest to those of us who use FTM and have maybe attended Coral's classes on FTM in the past.

Meanwhile, enjoy another month of happy and successful researching!

Betty Atkinson - NZSG 17053

SPEAKER AND ACTIVITY

JUNE

Programme for the Papamoa Branch of NZSG

- Saturday 4th June 2016** Our Branch is Hosting the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Annual General Meeting at the ASB Tect Arena.
- Sunday 5th June 2016** The Branch has organised a local history bus tour for AGM attendees 1pm – 5pm.
- Monday 13th June 2016** Papamoa Library Birthday Celebrations and open Branch meeting with various Branch Members presenting their Research successes.
- Friday 17th June 2016** Jan Saxton, Elaine Downs, Blue Hone, Daphne Friis, Betty Atkinson, at the Library for Birthday week – assisting folk with their family history Research.
- Friday 24th June 2016** 10am – 12noon. Helping at the Papamoa library. Elaine Downs, Daphne Friis, Betty Atkinson.
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**The Papamoa Branch of
The New Zealand Society of Genealogists**

Meeting to be held:
Monday 13th June 2016
10.00 am - 2.00 pm.
In The Tohora Room at
Papamoa Library and Community Centre
Gravatt Road, Papamoa
Free Entry
Visitors Welcome

**As part of the celebrations of the 10th Birthday of Papamoa
Library being held
between Monday 13th June and Friday 17th June**

You are invited
to attend an open Branch meeting on: :

Monday 13th June

After the opening of birthday week at the library you are welcome to attend the meeting of the Papamoa branch being held in the Tohora Room between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm BYO Lunch

Free entry.

Various branch members will be giving brief presentations about their family research successes.
All Welcome

Friday 17th June

between 9.30am and 12.00 noon

To conclude the week of birthday celebrations at the Library you are invited to meet with volunteers from the Papamoa Branch in the Library computer area who will be available to assist you with your family history research queries.



For further information please contact the
Branch Convenor
Betty Atkinson: 07 542 0777 or 0274 475 448

John Warwick Darby Perston



29th March 1933 -- 29th April 2016

Members of the Papamoa Branch of Genealogists attended the Funeral Service for John Warwick Darby Perston which was held at the Mount Harbour Chapel on Thursday 5th May 2016 at 1:30 pm.

Darby joined the Papamoa Branch on the 12 November 2007. Since then he has served on the committee, and helped the Librarian, and with the morning tea and lunchtime refreshments.

We shall miss his enthusiastic, willing and friendly personality, especially when setting up the room for our meetings.

Here is the link for Darby's excellent writing of the Perston Family's history on the Wairoa Road, Bethlehem, Tauranga, which he presented to our Branch. Please take the time to read this excellent memoir.

http://tauranga.kete.net.nz/tauranga_local_history/topics/show/1450-wairoa-road-bethlehem-the-perston-family

Papamoa Library 10th Birthday Celebrations between Monday 13th June and Friday 17th June:

If you are keen to contribute a family tree or some other type of family history item to be displayed, please drop it in to Ngareta at the library on Wednesday 8th June. Shirley and I will be at the library on Friday 10th to assist with assembling the displays. Alternatively, I will be out and about on Wednesday 8th and can collect from you sometime between 10.30 am and 4.00 pm. Please email me on betty.ra.atkinson@xtra.co.nz or text me on 0274 475 448 to arrange pick up.

At the end of the week we will ensure your items are returned to you. Please name them so we know who to return them to!

Branch meeting: Other items such as family history books or folders you have written up featuring family members can be brought to our branch meeting on Monday 13th. They will make interesting viewing for visitors to our meeting that day.

Cheers Betty

Our Branch has a closed Facebook group which is for branch members only.

To join:

On your Facebook page, on the search bar at the top, key in: Papamoa Branch of the NZSG This will take you to the page where you can place a request to join.

If this feels too hard, send me an email and I'll send you an invite to which you can respond and you will be added.

We have posts on this page from other useful Genealogy groups, photos from our meetings, etc.

It is just another way to help each other.

Cheers

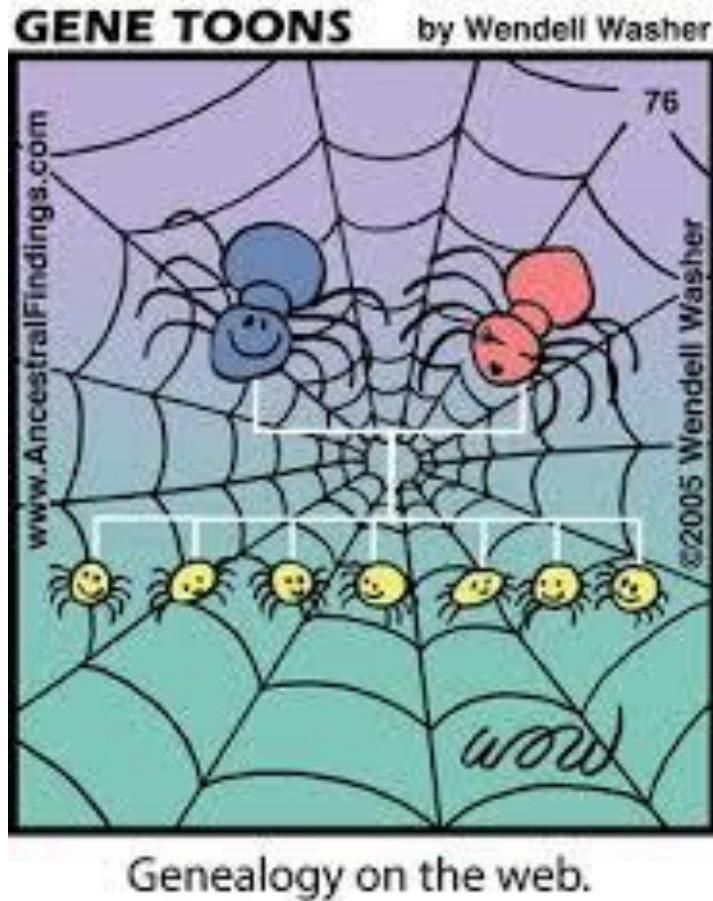
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It pays to advertise.

Last August I wrote a story for the Newsletter called “Who’s your Daddy Mary Ann?” About 3 weeks ago I got a response from a gentleman in Brisbane who has all the answers and with documentation to prove these. I have also been able to send him some information so there has been some very exciting emails going back and forth. I am looking forward to meeting him and his wife. He used to be in business in Tauranga back in the 70s. I shall be able to copy a lot of photos for him as I have inherited these from my Mother’s family.

The Editor



Stories & information in the Newsletter are sourced from various publications & the Internet. While every care has been taken, their accuracy cannot always be guaranteed.

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NZSG 1091**

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