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# NEWSLETTER



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## NEXT MEETING

7.30pm on Wednesday 10 July 2019

This month's speaker is

**BRUCE HOLM**

whose topic is

**"DNA & GENEALOGY"**

Bruce is Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the NZSG and has a particular interest in DNA

### AGM REPORT

A short but successful AGM was held last month with the result that very few changes were necessary. The Convenor, Treasurer, Librarian, Editor and other positions remain as before.

Judith Pay has stepped down as Secretary but stays on the committee and Kate Trotter has stepped up to become our new Secretary. Jean Sharfe has resigned from the committee but continues to work on our proposed World War One stories publication.

**Meetings:** 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month (Feb to Nov) at the Upper Riccarton Library, 71 Main South Road. Visitors are welcome.

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## **FROM THE CONVENOR'S DESK**

Last month was a great meeting: AGM first and then Jo Bailey providing an interesting snapshot of WWII stories. Unfortunately, we also heard that the Canterbury Branch had a break in to their valuable genealogical collection. Our warm regards go out to the Branch due to a senseless act and hope that the damage can be mitigated or replaced over time.

When Alan asked for the article I wasn't sure what to write as it had been a quiet month until I considered their loss. Canterbury branch's loss is a timely reminder that backing up of your information is essential for a number of reasons (burglary, fire, EQ etc), ensuring precious family items are in a secure place and if you are still working on a manual system, perhaps it's time to digitize some of your hard work and resources. There are many tools or systems out in the market and I encourage you to consider how your collection is managed (I for one, could do with some tidying up...any ideas??)

Did you know Autosomal DNA testing has been around for almost 2 decades? This month's talk is on DNA testing. I for one, am looking forward to the evening as it may provide more genealogical tidbits from the long distant past.

As always good luck with your search for the elusive photo, name or information that brings together your stories. I look forward to catching up with you all at the meeting.

Lance

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## **REPORT OF JUNE MEETING**

Jo Bailey, a Canterbury-based author, gave an excellent presentation about her latest book (the fourth) "Never Forget". She called this "A Book for the Present to Remind us of the Past". This publication is a mix of stories of people who fought in or lived through the Second World War and who were born in New Zealand or who came to live here during or after the war.

Examples included veteran Air Force navigator Naylor Hillary who was involved in the dropping of British agents in Europe, Dutch people from the East Indies and from Holland, a British child migrant to Australia and Polish orphans who came to Pahiataua via Siberia.

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## **DONALD TRUMP'S ANCESTRY**

by Alan Tunnicliffe

I had never heard of Donald Trump until he became a candidate for the United States Presidency. However, I am told that he was on a US TV programme shown here in New Zealand prior to that, but not having a television set I did not know about that. A couple of months ago I came across issue 37 of *Scotland Magazine*, dated March/April 2008 which I had acquired at a sale some time ago because it contained an article on the Northern Highlands of Scotland which interests me because my ancestors lived in Caithness, Sutherland and Ross-shire. After reading that article I read the remainder of the magazine and came across an article on their regular genealogy page about a man described as an American tycoon currently and somewhat controversially re-establishing a link with Scotland, none other than Donald Trump who in 2008 was wanting to build a luxury golf complex near a bird sanctuary in Scotland. It further described him as a "brash, loud and very American businessman who might well have been rocked to sleep while listening to a Gaelic lullaby".

His mother was Mary Anne MacLeod, born in 1912 at the village of Tong in the parish of Stornaway on the Hebridean island of Lewis. It is highly likely that all of her ancestors were also from the Hebrides. Her parents were Gaelic speakers so she also would have spoken the language. She emigrated to USA and married Frederick Trump. Mary Trump's mother was Mary Smith, whose mother in turn was Mary Macaulay, wife of Donald Smith, so that is where the current US President gets his first name from. Mary Trump's paternal grandparents were both MacLeods. Donald Smith's mother was Henrietta McQueen.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Books currently out on loan

### **February 2018:**

The Press: first with the news

### **February 2019:**

NZ107 Local Lives, Addington

### **March:**

UK4 Basic Sources for Family History

UK97 Tracing London Ancestors

UK49 Tracing Pre-Victorian Ancestors

### **April:**

NZ89 and NZ90 We Will Remember Them, 2 Volumes

RES33 Tracing Your Ancestors Parish Records

### **May:**

RES24 Guide to DNA testing

NZ47 Riccarton, The Founding Borough

NZ95 Victoria Square

### **Issued in June:**

AU3 The Convict Ships

RES25 How our Ancestors Died

NZ124 Rushing for Gold

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Thank you so much to everyone who has returned books. Our "Missing" book list has greatly reduced this year.

It has been suggested that I see if I can buy an Inwards List of Passengers from Victoria to NZ. We have the Outwards list. Any further suggestions will be gratefully received.

Our new book, "Rushing for Gold", was in demand at our last meeting.

Kathy Hill

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## MAGAZINES CIRCULATION

Win Loach advises that it is important at this time of the year to ensure that magazines are well protected when passing on to other members. This means that as well as being in a paper envelope, this should also be enclosed in a plastic wrapping to ensure the magazine does not suffer from water damage.

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## FINDMYPAST UPDATE

Recent additions to this website include:

- Donegal Workhouse Records 1840-1922
- Philadelphia Roman Catholic Baptisms and Marriages
- Shetland Newspaper Birth Index 1872-1990
- USA Newspaper Death Notices
- Kent Northfleet St Botolph Baptisms, Marriages and Burials
- UK Electoral Registers 2002-2019

**Sister Gladys Laura HUGHES VFX 61331**

Sister Gladys Hughes was a cousin of my husband. She was born on 19 September 1907 at Waikino, Coromandel, the daughter of James and Elizabeth HUGHES.

A graduate of Thames Hospital in 1932, Gladys took up midwifery training at St. Helen's Hospital Auckland. She was later on the staff at the Patea and Rotorua Hospitals.

In February 1941 while nursing in Australia, Gladys enlisted with the Australian Citizen Military Forces at Melbourne and in August of that year she transferred to the 2nd Australian Imperial Force. On 2 September 1941 Sister Gladys HUGHES embarked at Melbourne on the *Wanganella* for service in Malaya with the 13th Australian General Hospital; Australian Army Nursing Service. The AANS was an Australian Army Rescue Unit who provided a pool of trained civilian nurses who had volunteered for military service during wartime. Gladys was the only New Zealander amongst the group of Australian nurses.



On 12 February 1942 Sister HUGHES was amongst the group of 65 Australian nurses evacuated on the *Vyner Brooke* from Singapore, three days before the fall of Malaya to the Japanese. The *Vyner Brooke* was attacked by Japanese bombers and sunk in the Banka Strait on 14 February 1942. She was one of the 32 nurses who survived the sinking and were captured and interned. Posted as missing for two years, she was finally reported as being a Prisoner of War on 23 March 1943.

Sister Gladys HUGHES died on 31 May 1945 of beriberi in a Sumatra Camp, a few months before the end of World War Two.

She is remembered with honour at the Jakarta War Cemetery, Indonesia, the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, the Waihi RSA and the Auckland War Memorial.

Sister Gladys HUGHES was awarded four medals. The 1939/1945 Star, the Pacific Star, War Medal 1939/1945 and the Australian Service Medal, which were forwarded to her mother.

