

# Newsletter



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Meetings are held at the **St John Ambulance Hall** on Palmer Street, Te Awamutu, at 7.30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month – February to December.

Visitors most welcome. There is a \$2 door charge for casual visitors.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Organising your digital filing system with club member, Rae Selby.

**March Meeting:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Ireland with Avis Steed.

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## Club News!

Welcome to the March 2020 newsletter.

### From Sandra

#### March 3 branch meeting:

We're looking forward to hearing from Rae Selby on organising your digital filing system. The topic may sound a bit dry but it is essential to the quick retrieval of information. There are many ways of having an efficient digital filing system and Rae will show us what she has developed for herself. There will be opportunities for group participation from others who are equally well organised!

#### April meeting:

Avis Steed will be speaking on Irish research, focusing on her recent trip to Ireland, what she did to organise herself before she left NZ and what she found while she was in Ireland

Follow up from February meeting: What progress have you made with your writing? What techniques are you using to keeping yourself moving forward? Based on the Memories In Time Plan to Publish strategy,



month one was to spend time planning the sort of book you want to publish and who it is for. Month two was to prepare an outline based on what you know and organise your material. Month three is almost upon us!

## Upcoming Events:

**Scottish research.** One of our members will talk about his approach as a beginner to Scottish research.

**Morbidity Quiz.** Do you know the meaning of 19<sup>th</sup> century death terms? This quiz will be a chance to test your knowledge. In preparation, please scan those interesting death certificates lying hidden in your filing system and email them to [teawamutugenealogy.org.nz](mailto:teawamutugenealogy.org.nz) to help us compile the quiz.

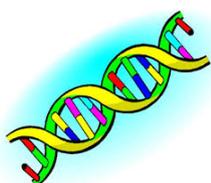


**Children's Day** is a special day set aside to celebrate children. Many countries in the world celebrate Children's Day, and New Zealand is one of them.

In New Zealand **Children's Day**, or Te rā o ngā tamariki, is always on the **first Sunday of March** each year. On that day, New Zealand comes alive with activities and events designed to bring families together and show how important children are in our community.



## DNA Support Group Meeting



The advanced session in the morning is for those who are into the analytics.

The afternoon session is for those starting out or who want to know more before dipping their toes in the testing pool.

The venue is St John's Ambulance Rooms, Palmer Street.

Dates: The second DNA meeting for the year will be on **Sunday, May 3**. At this meeting the morning session for experienced users will include feedback from those fortunate enough to attend the advanced DNA workshop in Auckland at the beginning of April.



Don't forget that this has been set down for this coming weekend – March 7, 2020.

*"Recycle today for a better tomorrow"*

Keep setting aside those items you no longer want. If you need to get them out of your house before the garage sale then Christine Ball has some spare storage space.

**582 Pakura Street, from 8.00am**

We are interested in household bric a brac and are happy to take your items on the basis that if they remain unsold at the end of the sale you are welcome to retrieve them, otherwise they will be given to a local charity shop. We are unable to take clothes, books or magazines.

Setting up will take place on Friday, March 6 from 12.30pm. Items can be dropped off at 582 Pakura St anytime in the afternoon. If that does not suit, then either bring your items to the March branch meeting or arrange to drop them off to Christine Ball prior to the event.

If you have some spare time on the Saturday morning we would appreciate extra helpers. Let Linda know if you are available.



**Who Do You Think You Are?** is Britain's best selling family history brand. The magazine explores the stories behind the popular TV series and helps its readers uncover their own roots. Each issue is packed with practical advice to help readers discover useful family history archives and get the most out of online resources. Features on what life was like on the past and local history give readers the tools to uncover the history behind where they live.



The branch subscribes to this popular monthly magazine and makes it available to financial members via a Round Robin system prior to it being accessioned into our library. To go on the Round Robin list please email [sandra@metcalfe.co.nz](mailto:sandra@metcalfe.co.nz)



rootstech 

**RootsTech** is a family history and technology conference and trade show held annually in the Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah.

It has just finished and you can listen to free podcasts from 2020 and earlier events by going to <https://www.rootstech.org/video-archive>



# What's on the Web?



Useful links to New Zealand cemetery searches

<http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/Resources/NewZealand/History/FamilyHistory/Cemeteries/>

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~shipstonz/genealogy/cemeteries.html>

Irish Graveyard Search

[https://www.irishgraveyards.ie/search\\_page.php](https://www.irishgraveyards.ie/search_page.php)

Search genealogy books and resources online with Genealogy Gophers and Internet Archive

<https://www.gengophers.com/#/>

<https://archive.org/details/genealogy>

Danish Family Search

<https://www.danishfamilysearch.com/>

## The Secret to Writing a Compelling Family History

You Too Can Be An Author

*by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack*

Most published genealogies aren't meant to be read. You know the type – the ones with just names, dates, and places, some of them no more creatively done than printing out computer databases. Keep in mind that no one's family history is compelling and interesting, until you make it compelling and interesting.

Writing your family history so people will want to read it is not all that difficult. You can write a completely factual account of your family, fully documented, yet as readable as a novel. By borrowing techniques from fiction writers, you can turn your dry facts into a compelling family history narrative.

Remember, all good stories have a beginning, a middle, and an end, and it's these three parts that are the secret to writing a readable family history.

[See the April newsletter for part two – **Grabbing your reader**]

### Legacy Users' Group

Venue: 5 Toi Toi Place, Rotorua, Hamilton  
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**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April – 1:00pm – 3.30pm**

**Note:** We have members who attend these meetings. If you are interested please contact Glenyss Hall.