



Beanacht = Greetings

Our Group was formed in February 2005 as an informal research group. We were granted NZSG Special Interest Group status in May of 2008. Our aim is to assist you with your Irish research.

Your annual subscription covers emailed updates then a small entry fee if attending any of our research days.

We do not hold a regular meeting at particular times or at a fixed venue.

We are a little different in that we operate similar to a mobile library and take the research data out to various venues. This is because many people cannot travel to Wellington to do research and many smaller Libraries etc do not carry a lot of Irish research information, so we decided to make it a little easier for you all.

We cover the lower North Island region from Wellington to Wanganui, New Plymouth, Taihape, Napier, Palmerston North, Wairarapa and all towns in between, back down to Wellington. (We are open to travelling further if required)

Our research days can be any day of the week or weekend and for any length of time, depending on the requirements of those who are hosting us.

We have extensive material of books, magazines, CDRoms and Microfiche, all relating to Ireland, plus laptops and Microfiche readers, for viewing.

All members are sent a flyer advertising each research day or event.

If you can't attend yourself but have a family member in the area, get them to come along and look for you.

These research days are not restricted to NZSG or branch members, but we do encourage members to join the NZSG to avail themselves of the many advantages the society has to offer, so if you have a friend doing family history research in Ireland, bring them along to any of our meetings.

We have plenty of new and exciting Irish research resources to help you find those elusive ancestors.

We are compiling an Index of all the names and counties, members are researching, in the hope we can unite some of you researching the same names and places.

We are willing to do lookups for members, but we don't have researchers. We do what we can time permitting so please restrict your requests to one at a time and please don't expect it to be all done for you or instantly. Discovering your ancestors yourself is half the fun, besides you don't want us doing your genealogy dance for you when we discover your long lost ancestor!

The impossible can be achieved at once - but miracles may take a little longer. ☺

We have a committee of five who run the group for you and are elected each year at our AGM, sometime after the end of the financial year 31st March. We hold Education days to help you understand the difficulty in Irish Research which, although difficult, is not impossible. There is more new data coming out of Ireland every day.

We try to keep you all informed and up to date with these releases by sending out news updates as well as the occasional educational Newsletter.

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