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Meetings: 1st Tuesday each month at the branch rooms, *Moturoa Shopping Centre*.
 Access from the Whiteley St car park.

Branch Library is open free to all members and to visitors for a small charge.

Library Hours: Monday 10am to 3pm; Wednesday 12 noon to 3pm;
 Friday & Saturday 10am to 12 noon.

Note: Library will close on Saturday 16th December & reopen Monday 15th January

Next meeting:

- **November 7th: 7.30pm** - Annual General Meeting

We are always looking for new committee members. This is your chance to put your own ideas forward or just to take a turn on the committee. The workload is pretty light and it's a friendly group. If you are interested, please let our convenor or a committee member know before the AGM.

Please note: To vote at the AGM and to become a committee member you must be a NZSG member.

Our speaker will be well known local historian *Ray Watembach* – his topic: 'Polish Settlers of Taranaki & European Research'.

Coming up:

- **December 5th: 6.30pm** Christmas Dinner at the RSA restaurant. Menu to be advised but cost will be approximately \$25. Please put your name on the list at our November meeting if you are planning to attend, or let Annette Larsen or Judy Berntsen (ph.753 9188) know as soon as possible.

News: NZSG regional meeting will be held at our rooms on Saturday 25th November.

October meeting: *Peter Nash*, Executive Officer NZSG, spoke about the society's resources including the NZ Gazette searchable index, which he brought with him

The Gazettes were the official newspaper of the New Zealand government going back as far as 1840. They contain information listing people under such varied categories as occupations including government employees, Maori adoptions, land grants, bankruptcies and patent applications. The index is available at the Research Centre in Panmure.

Peter also talked about some new publications being put out by the NZSG including a new version of the society's Index. This version will have 7 million entries and a public version will be available for non-members. The society is also organizing a new webpage which will offer services such as being able to pay subscriptions on-line.

Peter advised members to get in now and make use of the society's excellent certificate collection before privacy restrictions come into force. Those of us who have used it can heartily recommend it.

Members then lined up to take their turn at finding their ancestors in the Gazettes.

Puke Ariki Family Exhibition

Members of our branch have been asked to help with this exhibition which will run from 2nd December to 8th January at Puke Ariki. There will be an area known as the Research Hub where visitors who have been through the exhibition will be encouraged to begin finding about their own family history.

The museum wants people like us with some knowledge of genealogy to assist by answering queries from the public here. You don't have to be an expert - just keen to be helpful and willing to share your knowledge about getting started in genealogy. Some training will be given.

The committee will be drawing up rosters for volunteers, so if you are willing to help please let Annette know.

Computer Group

The Computer Group meets at the branch rooms on the **third Sunday of each month**, excluding December and January at 1.30pm. There is a \$2.00 door charge. All welcome.

Convenor: John Berntsen; **Secretary:** Bruce Bellini; **Treasurer:** Lorraine Austin



FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE

322 Mangorei Rd

Phone 06 758 9646

Hours: Tuesday/Thursday 9am –12.pm; Wednesday 1pm – 3pm;
Saturday 1pm - 4pm *Except* when closed THIRD SATURDAY each month

Closed evenings



BLUE THISTLE GENEALOGY

Blue Thistle is a new and enthusiastic Family History service, based in Scotland.



At Blue Thistle, we pride ourselves on being friendly and approachable, and are happy to tackle a wide range of tasks, from compiling a full family history, to a single look-up at Register House in Edinburgh.

We can locate and photograph places, gravestones, etc., or provide you with a detailed social history of an area - in other words, not just where your family lived, but how they lived - just let us know what you require!

With best wishes from Scotland!

Alastair Menzies www.bluethistlegenealogy.com

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SEARCH ENGINES

recommended by Jan Gow:

www.trovando.it

www.altavista.com

www.excite.com

www.google.com

www.yahoo.com

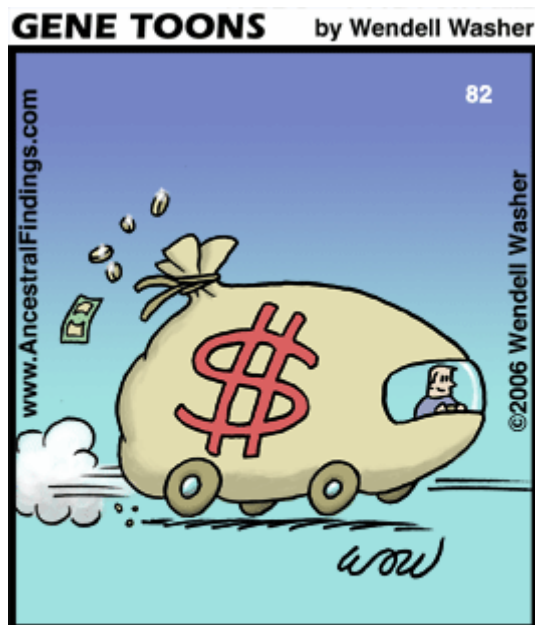
www.ask.com

www.alltheweb.com

www.gigablast.com

Jan says: ‘..search engines do not search every Web site; usually somewhere between 10-25%. The areas searched will overlap and many will be missed. Therefore you need to have more than one favourite search engine.’

(*Net Guide*, 2006)



Well-prepared genealogist.

Tracing WW2 Ancestors Fact Sheet

Before you start...

You need to know

1. Which service a person was in
2. The unit they served with
3. The rank they held
4. Where they served

REMEMBER *The closer to fighting a man was the more detailed the information you are likely to find out about him*

Useful addresses

The National Archives

Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU

Tel: 020-8392 5200, and www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

Imperial War Museum

Lambeth Rd, London SE1 6HZ

Tel: 020-7416 5000 www.iwm.org.uk

National Army Museum

Royal Hospital Road, London SW3 4HT

Tel: 020 7730 0717 www.national-army-museum.ac.uk

National Maritime Museum

Greenwich, London SE10 9NF

Tel: 020-8858-4422 www.nmm.ac.uk

RAF Museum

Graham Park Way, London NW9 5LL

Tel: 020-8205 2266 www.rafmuseum.org.uk

Fleet Air Arm Museum

RNAS Yeovilton, Ilchester BA22 8HT

Tel: 01935-840565, www.fleetairam.com

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

2 Marlow Rd, Maidenhead SL6 7DX

Tel: 01628-34221 www.cwgc.org

To find regimental museums visit www.armymuseums.org.uk

or consult Terence and Shirley Wise, *A Guide to Military Museums* (10th edition, 2001)

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**If you have Sky TV, don't miss the genealogy program 'Who do you think you are?'
on UKTV - Tuesdays at 8.30pm. Highly recommended!**

*Contributions from members are always welcome for this newsletter.
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