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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.

Next meeting:

May Tuesday 1st: **7.30pm.** *Ancestry.com* – ‘the world's largest online collection of historical records and family trees’.

Puke Ariki has this great resource available free. This is your chance to find out how you can use it - or make better use of it!

Remember! If we don't use it we lose it!!

If you have used Ancestry.com, you will already have a good idea of how much information you can find through this great website. Please bring your discoveries and ideas along to share with everyone else.

If you haven't used Ancestry.com, come along and hear what you can access, how to do it and about some exciting discoveries others have made through Ancestry.com.

Coming up:

June Sunday 10th: Post conference speaker, *Else Churchill*, from the Society of Genealogists in London. Topic: “I'm Stuck!”
July 3rd *Ron Lambert* from Puke Ariki will speak about ‘Dating Old Photos’.
August 7th *Adrienne and Mike Nightingale* on ‘Recording Oral History’.

News:

A very successful Scottish research day was held at our rooms on Saturday 28th April.



Margaret Pool of the NZSG Scottish Interest Group visited bringing books, CDs and other Scottish resources as well as her own expertise and knowledge of Scottish research.

The 34 people who attended enjoyed the day and thought it well worthwhile. The only frustration was not having time to use everything Margaret brought. Some of the books she brought are still available in our library until later in the week and hopefully we will arrange a further research day at a later date.

This was a small taste of what the NZSG Interest groups have to offer. If you have Scottish ancestors it is well worth joining the Interest group (\$12 a year). The newsletter alone is full of useful and interesting information.

April meeting: A research night was held at the branch rooms on the 3rd instead of our regular meeting.

Projects

The R C Hughes Lawyers documents dating from about 1890 to 1923 have now all been scanned and indexed. This index will be put onto the TBI in the next few days.



Copies of these documents are on CD's and are available at our library.

Help is still required with checking BDM's etc. If anyone can help with indexing or checking, please contact: Marilyn Reid Ph. 758 6930.

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



Reminder!! NZSG CONFERENCE
Wellington - Queens Birthday Weekend 2007.

If you are not yet an NZSG member, you can still attend the conference.
Download the conference registration form on the website at www.genealogy.org.nz

FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE

322 Mangorei Rd,
Phone 06 758 9646

The Family History Centre is now open **Tuesdays** 12.30 pm to 3pm and **Thursdays** 12pm to 2pm.

Anyone wanting to order films or do some research at the Family History Centre at **weekends** is asked to ring Joy Okey on 7534831 to arrange a time, so that she can open up for you.

Any queries please ring Judy Berntsen on 7539188



Focus on Surnames

There are thousands of people around the world who share your surname, but are not related.

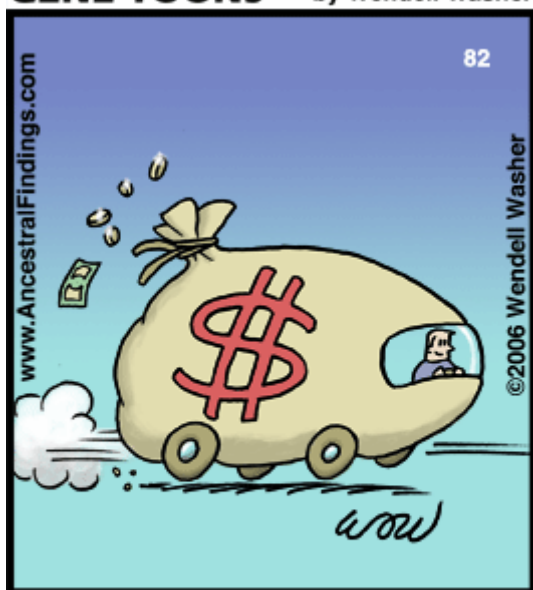
There are 60 million people living in Britain today and over 983,000 surnames. How many are related to you?

The top 100 surnames in Great Britain in current use today cover 21.5 per cent of the population. Meanwhile, 741,000 rare surnames are shared by three or fewer people each.

This website has links to references for thousands of surnames. You can find out details about people researching a name, search lists of names and find online family trees. www.surnameweb.org

Practical Family History Magazine, February 2007.

GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Well-prepared genealogist.

Contributions from members
are always welcome for this newsletter.
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