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**Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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**Next meeting:**

**June** **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>: 2pm.** Post NZSG conference speaker, *Else Churchill*, from the Society of Genealogists in London. \$5 entry.  
**Topic:** "I'm Stuck! Techniques for localizing that elusive English ancestor."

Else is a leading English genealogist with more than 20 years of experience as a professional genealogical librarian and researcher. She has worked for the SOG since 1994, leading the society's education and publishing programmes as well as being the subject expert.

**Please note meeting time and date. This replaces our regular meeting on the first Tuesday.**

**Coming up:**

**July** 3<sup>rd</sup> *Ron Lambert* from Puke Ariki will speak about 'Dating Old Photos'.  
So, start looking out those old photos. Bring them to the meeting in July and Ron will help you date them.

**August** 7<sup>th</sup> *Adrienne and Mike Nightingale* on 'Recording Oral History'. A very important topic for all genealogists.

**September** 4<sup>th</sup> *Ocean Reeves* from Zenith Publishing.

**News:** Welcome to our new member for this month, *Beverley Mulqueen*.

**May meeting:**

Our May meeting topic was Ancestry.com. This program is available free to use at Puke Ariki and many of us have been finding out how great it is.

Marilyn, our librarian, was able to show us how much her family tree had grown in a short time, thanks to her use of Ancestry. She explained where to find it in the Research Centre at Puke Ariki and how to use it when you get there. Her tips included the advice to ask for help from the staff when you are new.

Some of our committee members also showed examples of their finds on Ancestry.com. Michael and Marjorie had tracked down relatives in the USA through censuses, military and naturalization records. Judy had found passenger lists, parish and military records.

This taught us just what a variety of records you can access besides the censuses for different countries. Through Ancestry.com we have easy access to the 'world's largest online collection of historical records and family trees', which is growing every day

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**Genealogy Research Course**

Michael Butler will be holding his course on research methods and resources again in July. The course will begin on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, running for four Mondays from 7pm to 9pm. Fee for the course: \$20.

If you are interested, please contact Michael [raymus@xtra.co.nz](mailto:raymus@xtra.co.nz) or ph. 753 2449 as soon as possible.

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**Projects**

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



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**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



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**A new cousin a day keeps the boredom away**

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Stratford branch of the NZSG is moving on June 4<sup>th</sup> to new rooms at:

Miranda House  
65-67 Miranda St,  
Stratford 4332

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### *Library news*

#### NEW BOOKS

*Basic facts about using marriage records for family historians/* Pauline M Litten

*An introduction to poor law documents before 1834/* Ann Cole

*An introduction to church registers /* Lilian Gibbens

*An introduction to planning research : short cuts in family history /* Michael Gandy



#### MAGAZINES

A card index has been created for the magazines. This will show the location and holdings on the front and additional information on the back. The information on the back will show if it is held at FRC (Family Research Centre - Auckland), subject headings, web address (if there is one) and other comments. This information will also be added to the Library Computer.

#### *Family Tree Magazine*

We have almost complete holdings from Nov 1984. All the sellotape has been removed from these and there are pockets and cards in all issues, so they are readily available for loan. I have found when going through these that the back issues are just as informative as current issues and it is interesting to note the changes in the way we do our research and the resources that are available.

Do remember to use the online index at [www.family-tree.co.uk](http://www.family-tree.co.uk)

*Marilyn Armitstead, Librarian.*

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### **FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE**

322 Mangorei Rd, New Plymouth  
Phone 06 758 9646

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

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.



## *Useful websites*

**Australia – NZ migration:** The Public Record Office of Victoria's on-line searchable database has passenger lists for ships leaving the state from 1852 to 1876. [www.prov.vic.gov.au](http://www.prov.vic.gov.au)

Choose "Access the collection" then "digitised records and online indexes". Scroll to "Immigration Database Indexes" and select the third item "Index to Outwards Passengers 1852 – 1876".

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## **Publisher Seeks War Photos**

A photographic record of New Zealand's involvement in World War 1 is being compiled and its creators are appealing to the public for images.

Harper Collins Publishers, the Queen Elizabeth II Army Memorial Museum and Associate Professor, Glyn Harper of Massey University are compiling the book *Images of War*, which will be published in time for Armistice Day, November 2008.

To compliment its collection of photographs the museum is asking for all kinds of pictures from WW1, including battle scene photos.

Those whose photos are selected will receive a complimentary copy of the book.

Copies can be submitted as a low resolution digital scan to [editors@harpercollins.co.nz](mailto:editors@harpercollins.co.nz) or as a photocopy by mail to:  
Images of War Project, Harper Collins Publishers, PO Box 1, Auckland.

Do not send original photos, but photocopies or scanned images only. Include full contact details.

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## **1911 Census for England and Wales**

The National Archives (UK) has announced that Scotland Online will partner the UK government's official archive in the forthcoming project to put the 1911 census for England and Wales online.

The 1911 census is huge. It currently occupies 2 kilometers of shelving at the National Archives. Comprising of over eight million householder schedules and a further 38,000 enumerators' summary books, it details information relating to approximately 35 million people then living in England and Wales.

Once digitized, the census will take up an equally large ½ a petabyte of computer memory or physically 800 data tapes. The digital scanning alone in preparation for digitization will create 18 million images – 14 times the number of images created in advance of the 1901 census launched in 2002.

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/news/stories/156.htm](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/news/stories/156.htm)

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Contributions from members are always welcome for this newsletter.  
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