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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: **October 2nd Tuesday 7.30pm**

Bill Irving will talk about his experience with 'DNA testing'. Come along and hear about this exciting service many people are now using for personal ancestry research.

Coming up:

November 6th AGM and Fun Quiz night.

We have some committee members stepping down this year, so please give a thought to taking a turn on our committee. It's not a big commitment in terms of work or time BUT you get to meet more of your fellow genealogists, learn a lot and have your say in the planning and organisation of our branch activities.

December 4th Xmas function at the RSA restaurant.

Contributions from members are always welcome for this newsletter.
Janice Goldsworthy, Editor; email janjon@infogen.net.nz

News: Welcome to our new members: *Diane Corbett* and *Carolyn Harris*.

PLEASE NOTE: Changes to Financial Year and Subscriptions

The NZSG national council is working to streamline their charitable status for tax purposes. In June 2007 they changed their year end to 31 March. One of the implications of that is that we must also change our branch's year end to 31st March.

This means that our next financial period can either be 18 months, or 6 months followed by a 12 month period. In future years, our AGM (after next month's AGM) will be held in either May/June.

Any decisions on adjustments to branch subscriptions must also take into account an expected increase in the rent for our rooms, due to changes in Whiteley Lease charges

Subscriptions will be discussed and any decisions will be ratified at the November 2007 AGM.

September meeting:

Ocean Reeves from **Zenith Publishing Group Ltd**, well-established New Plymouth publishers and printers, gave an enthusiastic and interesting presentation on the services his company offers to anyone wanting to publish a book of any kind.

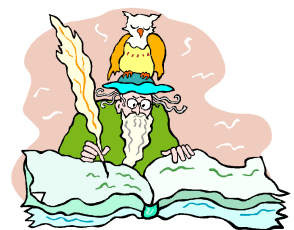
Zenith is a well established New Plymouth company specialising in publishing and printing. Based on the perceived needs of ordinary people (like genealogists) who want to publish maybe just one book, Zenith have developed an online self publishing service. This offers help with all the stages of publishing a book including planning, writing, editing, proofing, layout and design, printing and selling. Free advice is given whenever needed.

Visit their website at www.publishme.co.nz to learn more.

Projects

Several projects are in progress. If anyone can help in any way with inputting or checking it would be much appreciated.

Please contact: **Marilyn Reid Ph: (06) 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



FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE

322 Mangorei Rd, New Plymouth

Phone 06 758 9646

Open **Tuesdays** 12.30 pm to 3pm and **Thursdays** 12.30pm to 3pm.

Weekends: ring Joy Okey on 7534831 to arrange a time, so that she can open up for you.



FINDMYPAST.COM ADDS MORE NEW RECORDS TO ITS ONLINE COLLECTION

<http://www.findmypast.com/home.jsp>

Findmypast.com, the UK family history website, has added a number of new data records to its existing online collection, bringing the total number on the site to well over 500 million records.

Firstly, burial records from 75 more parishes have been added to the City of London Burials Index, which now contains 350,000 records of burials within the Square Mile of London, many pre-dating civil registration in 1837. The earliest record is dated 1742, while the majority cover the period 1788 to 1855.

Two more counties have also been added to the 1871 census on findmypast - Yorkshire and Suffolk. There are now 13 complete counties on the website's 1871 census - Cornwall, Devonshire, Dorsetshire, Glamorganshire, London, Middlesex, Norfolk, Staffordshire, Suffolk, Surrey, Wiltshire, Worcestershire and Yorkshire. Like all the censuses on findmypast.com, the new counties can be searched by name of person or by address, and also by a number of different fields, such as occupation or age.

In addition, a new decade - 1930 to 1939 - has been added to the outbound passenger lists at ancestorsonboard.com. These records now extend from 1890 to 1939 and contain details of passengers travelling on outbound voyages from all British ports to long-distance destinations. As well as potentially helping customers knock down their own family history research brick walls, the new decade also contains many records of broader historical interest. For example, within the new decade is a record of one Professor Albert Einstein travelling on 7 October 1933 from Southampton to New York.

Paul Yates, Head of Product & Services at findmypast.com, commented: "We're really pleased to be adding three new sets of data to our site this month. Now our customers have even more opportunities to find their ancestors at findmypast.com. By using the cross-database search facility on the home page, they can instantly search all these exciting new records, as well as the original collection, and getting a list of search results for your ancestor is still free at findmypast.com."

Contributed by Annette Larsen

Useful websites

Papers Past contains more than a million pages of digitised New Zealand newspapers and periodicals. The collection covers the years 1840 to 1915 and includes publications from all regions of New Zealand. This site now has a much improved search facility. You can type in your surname and the relevant articles or advertisements are quickly available on screen.

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast>