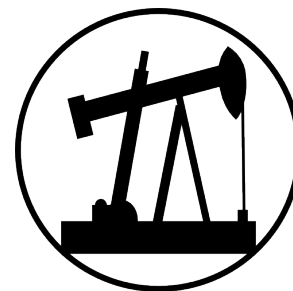




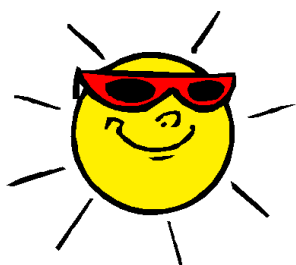
NZSG New Plymouth Branch Newsletter



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Branch Library: Open free to members. A small charge to visitors.
Opening Hours: Monday: 10am to 3pm:
 Wednesday: 12 noon to 3pm
 Saturday: 10am to 12 noon
Computer Group: every third Sunday every 2nd month at 1:30pm at the Branch Rooms
 Open to everyone - \$2 door charge. Convenor – Bruce Bellini



Summer Break 2011/12

The branch rooms will be closed over the Christmas / New Year period.

last day for 2011; Sat 10 December 2011

first day for 2012; Monday 16 January 2012

The branch committee wishes all our members a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2012.



Next meeting: 5:00 pm Sunday 4 Dec 2011

Pot Luck Dinner

The branch Christmas event will be a pot luck dinner. This is the last branch event this year and will be on Sunday 4 December at the branch rooms. Doors open 5:00pm and dinner is at 6:00pm.

BYO plates, cutlery, drinks and a food dish. Please note that there is one microwave available, but **no oven or fridge**.

The branch will provide some orange juice and lemonade, but please bring along your own drinks if you'd like something stronger.



POTLUCK DINNER

Convenor:
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Last Meeting – Tuesday 1 November 2011

Guest speaker at our November branch meeting was Vicki Price, who writes a history column for the Daily News newspaper. A combination of research and interviews sees her stories brought to life and a valuable resource is created for future Taranaki historians and genealogists. Vicki brought along a series of scrapbooks containing the many articles she has had published.

Although using Puke Ariki as a main research point, the collation from various sources can break new ground. The phone book has been an important tool for Vicki in tracking down living descendants for help with her articles. Also she uses the Paperspast site on the internet extensively, plus the Dictionary of NZ, and the book *Women of Taranaki*.

Vicki said that having, or making a deadline for our writing is important to motivate us to get it done. She always adds a list of references with her articles. Another thing we should take on board in our own writing.

Vicki's aim has often been just to shed light on the lives of ordinary people. She gave us some interesting side-lines on articles she has written. Vicki said what a privilege it was to present people's stories and she tried to honour the subjects and be positive. Her interest in buildings, objects, and how things used to be also is a driving force, when looking for topics for her articles.

Sometimes her articles bring up things for people and Vicki receives letters or letters are sent to the newspaper eg. her article on baby farming in Taranaki. She appreciates that the newspaper gives her freedom with her subject matter.

Vicki is aware that we often receive a European perspective in our newspapers.

Thank you, Vicki, for your relaxed and enjoyable talk.

Annette Larsen.

Next Meeting

The first meeting of 2012 will be on Tuesday 7 February. Charles Le Breton will explain Channel Island research.

Judy Kirkland

It is with sadness that we record the passing recently of past branch member Judy Kirkland.

Judy was a founding member of the Genealogy Computer Group, and was at its first meeting on 18 October 1992. She was GCG treasurer for the first two years.



Earlier in her career, Judy was receptionist for photographer Joe Swainson. Later, she was the leader of the GCG project to index the negatives and, more recently, she was instrumental in rescuing the Swainson / Woods negative collection, which was otherwise headed for the dump. This collection of photographs is now at Puke Ariki and has become a hugely significant historical resource for the Taranaki community.

Royal Society Archives

The Royal Society has made its journal archive freely available on line. This covers approximately 60,000 scientific papers published over 70 years ago.

The first edition was in 1665, so the archives span some momentous events in English history.

<http://royalsociety.org/>

British Newspaper Archive

The British Library has launched a website to provide access to historical British newspapers. This features over 3 million pages from over 200 newspapers of the UK and Ireland.

It is free to search online, but payment is necessary to access pages from the archive.

www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk



Twitter hashtags

Try the following hashtags to check out what people are tweeting right now about genealogy.

- #genealogy
- #familyhistory
- #WDYTYA (Who Do You Think You Are?)
- #ancestry
- #archival
- #familysearch
- #genealogist
- #memoirs
- #familystories
- #rootstech.

www.twitter.com

Genealogy Blogs

Out of the thousands of blogs on the internet, there are quite a few that focus on genealogy. Here are three popular blogs.

- www.thearmchairgenealogist.com
- Gary Eastman blog.eogn.com
- genealogy-new-zealand.blogspot.com

Australian Research

Terry Callaghan runs a website and provides a look up service on several resources. These mostly relate to NSW with some data from other Australian states and on British Isles records.

The service is free (for reasonable requests).

www.terrycallaghan.net/RootFolder4/Look_up_request.html

New Member

Please welcome Colin Shackleton, who has joined our branch this month.

New Plymouth Heritage Strategy

The New Plymouth District Council is currently inviting submissions on how our area's heritage should be managed. If you have any views on what our branch should submit on this matter, please contact a committee member. Of course, you are also able to make a submission to NPDC yourself.

www.newplymouthnz.com

(click on: have your say / current consultations)

Submissions close on 22 December 2011.

South Canterbury Museum Online

For those interested in South Canterbury, the South Canterbury Museum has an online database which contains BDMs from the Timaru Herald, church records, rate rolls, etc, which they continue to update.

www.timaru.govt.nz/online-databases.html

Far North Pioneers

The NZSG Far North branch is establishing a register of pioneers who settled in the area before 1900.

All genealogists and family historians (whether NZSG members or not) who have ancestors who settled in this region are most welcome to participate by contributing their Far North families' details.

For the purposes of the Register, Far North covers the whole area north of an imaginary line drawn from the Hokianga Harbour to the Whangaroa Harbour.

For a copy of the register form, please ask a NP committee member or email;

FarNorth@genealogy.org.nz



Irish Reverse Genealogy

The Ireland Reaching Out organisation is a project to reach all Irish diaspora and encourage interest in their heritage.

The project is based on reverse genealogy, tracking people with Irish ancestry on a parish by parish basis. It is run on a voluntary, not for profit basis. It seeks to identify those who emigrated from parishes down the years, and to try to connect with their descendants.

The project launched in July 2011, and in December, is holding a joint event with the Gaelic Athletic Association.

www.irelandxo.org

A Tale of 2 Parishes

From the 1861 England census, enumerator William Higgs gave this description of District no 10, Melton Mowbray, sub-district of Somerby, Leicestershire.

The whole of the parishes of Twyford and Thorpe Satchville.

NB Thorpe Satchville is sometimes called a hamlet in the Parish of Twyford, and also a Chapelry to the latter place; nevertheless, it is a Parish, or Township maintaining its own Poor, Highways, Chapel of Ease, etc and contributes one third of the rate towards the repairs of Twyford Church, being privileged to the use of the Bells at the death of its inhabitants, and all internments take place in the Churchyard at Twyford (which is rather regretted) as a considerable portion of ground surrounds the Chapel at Thorpe Satchville, but has never been consecrated.

NZSG 2012 AGM and Conference

The 2012 NZSG AGM and Conference will be held at Taupo from 1 to 3 June 2012. The theme is; Volcanic Taupo – Steaming Ahead.

Library News

Magazines received;

Inside History (Nov/Dec)

Family Tree (Dec)

Memories (Dec/Jan)

Newsletters received;

Blenheim, Canterbury, Hutt Valley, Matamata, Otaki, Palmerston North, South Canterbury, Stratford, Wairarapa, Wellington



Computer Group

The November meeting of the GCG was held on Sunday 20 November. Lea talked about a new website to share family history; www.mundia.com.

Peter showed a video about what could be coming with home and portable display devices.

The next computer group meeting is at 1:30 pm, Sunday 5 February 2012, at the branch rooms.



Newsletter

If you have any comments or suggestions for the newsletter, please contact Peter Hewett at peter.hewett@gmail.com.

