



NZSG New Plymouth Branch Newsletter



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Branch Library: Open free to members. A small charge to visitors.
Opening Hours: Monday: 10 am to 12:30 pm
 Wednesday: 12 noon to 3 pm
 Saturday: 10 am to 12 noon

Merry Christmas

The branch committee wishes all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2016.



Please note that the branch rooms will be closed over the Christmas / New Year period.

Last day for 2015 Saturday 12 December

First day for 2016 Monday 18 January

The next branch meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 2 February 2016.

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 1 Dec 2015

Genealogy Research

For the December meeting, we are fortunate to have Michelle Patient as our guest speaker.

Michelle is a past council member and past president of NZSG. She has written articles for the NZSG magazine on genealogy and the internet, and has spoken at family history conferences in Australia and New Zealand.

The New Plymouth talk will cover a selection of family history topics (such as DNA, Evernote, GOONS, Google tips, and others) and also (hopefully) leave some time for a question and answer session.

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Last Event: Photobooks

At the November branch meeting, Charles Le Breton demonstrated the Jamjar photo book software. He showed how this was used to make his book on the Wehner family.

Charles explained that Jamjar prints these books in Christchurch and uses good quality paper.

Charles also discussed the use of DNA for family history, how to go about it and what information it produces. He described some of the things you can do with DNA services such as [Family Tree DNA](#), [23andme](#), [AncestryDNA](#) and [GEDmatch](#).

The [FamNet newsletter](#) has an excellent series of articles on DNA by Gail Riddell.

Next Meeting: 2 February 2016

The first branch meeting for 2016 is at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 2 February. Sarah Knowles will be talking about UK research.

Christmas Cake Raffle

Neville Richards has generously donated a Christmas cake to be raffled.

Tickets are \$1 each, available at the branch rooms. The cake raffle will be drawn at the December branch meeting.

New Members

The branch warmly welcomes our new members: Peter McMillan and Jacquie Morris.

NZSG Regional Meeting

The next Taranaki region meeting will be on Saturday 13 February 2016, at the New Plymouth branch rooms.

Convenor's Report

We are now into the silly season. On Sunday night we have our Christmas Dinner at the Fitzroy Golf Club, starting with drinks at 5:30pm and tea at 6pm. Hope to see all of you who have intended being there.

We are also going to draw the Xmas Hamper Raffle at the dinner. There are 3 draws and a good selection of items in each. We will notify the winners on Monday and then the prizes can be collected from our rooms from there on. We are only open until the 12 December, so please pick your prize up before then, otherwise we are not open again until Monday 18 January.

On Tuesday 1 December, we are having a special meeting with Michelle Patient at our normal starting time of 7:30pm. She is going to have a question & answer night. She is very knowledgeable on all subjects concerning Genealogy. She is also the NZ Representative for the Guild of One Name Studies (GOONS). We will also be drawing the Christmas Cake raffle at the meeting.

With the AGM coming up in May we are going to need to fill the main positions of Convenor and Secretary. Please give this your serious consideration as without them we cannot operate as a branch.

Well this is all for the year. I hope you all have a Happy Christmas & New Year.

We will see you all at the next meeting which is on 2 February 2016.

John Berntsen
Convenor

Canon Ink Cartridges

Do you have a Canon printer?

Four unused printer cartridges have been donated to the branch. These are available for a donation.



- 1 Canon 521 yellow
- 1 Canon BCI-24B black
- 2 Canon PG 40 black



Branch Projects

Indexing of the 2012 BDMs is complete, and is at the rooms. Work on the 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2015 BDMs is continuing.

Work has started on inputting NP courthouse volume one: births 1848 – 1900.

Our branch projects team can always do with some more members to help with transcribing and indexing of historical records. If you are able to help, please contact Loraine (753 4069) or Pat George (757 5434).

Branch Programme for 2016

The branch committee is putting together a programme of events for next year. Is there something that could help with your research? Or perhaps you know of someone or something that could be of interest to other branch members.

If you have any suggestions or requests, please contact a committee member.

Bonsai Display

Members of the New Plymouth Bonsai Club are presenting a show of their trees on Sunday 29 November, between 10:30 am and 4:00 pm, at the Blind Foundation club rooms, 131 Vivian Street.

Entry is free, but a gold coin donation would be appreciated.



UK 1939 Register

From November 2015, the 1939 Register will be made available online at Findmypast.

In 1939, at the outbreak of World War II, the British government introduced an act that would allow them to gather vital information about the country's population. This information would inform their decisions on identity cards, rationing, conscription and more, including eventually the formation of the NHS.

The 1939 Register contains the names, addresses and occupations of everyone in England and Wales at the time, and was used as the basis for rationing, identity cards and, in post-war Britain, the NHS.

It is free to search the register and to preview the transcript that includes the person's name, year of birth, town and county of residence. In addition, you'll be able to see how many other people lived in the house at the time and how many of them are closed due to being younger than 100 years old and still alive.

This will help you to confirm if you've found the right person and then you can choose to unlock the record. Unlocking will give you all of the additional information such as address, dates of birth, occupations and marital statuses of everyone that lived there, plus maps, newspapers and photos of the time.

Records cost £6.95 per household or £24.95 for a 5 household bundle (£4.99 per household).

www.findmypast.co.uk/1939register/



Library Roster: December / January

Monday 10 am to 12:30 pm
Wednesday 12 noon to 3 pm
Saturday 10 am to 12 noon

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Tues 1 Branch meeting, 7:30 pm
Wed 2 Jill Jackson
Sat 5 Mike Merrick
Mon 7 Ailsa McCrone
Wed 9 Judy Berntsen
Sat 12 Marilyn Armitstead
Closed for Christmas / New Year

January 2016

Mon 18 Charles Le Breton
Wed 20 Elly Harrison
Sat 23 Bruce and Lea Bellini
Mon 25 Lorraine Austin
Tues 26 Committee meeting
Wed 27 Fay Eaton
Sat 30 Neville Richards

For those new to genealogy and/or want help knocking down those brick walls, this is an excellent time and place to have our experts help you. Our helpers can show you what is available in the library and how to go about finding what you are looking for.

Empty Printer Cartridges

Please bring your empty printer cartridges in to the branch rooms. These can be either ink jet or laser cartridges, but **we can only use HP or Canon types of cartridges.**

These will be recycled to generate some income for the branch.



Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (Dec)

Memories (Dec/Jan)

Who Do You Think You Are (Nov)



Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Hutt Valley, Nelson, Otaki,
Palmerston North, Riccarton, Stratford,
Wairarapa, Wellington

Newsletter

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

