

CANTERBURY BRANCH NZSG NEWSLETTER

Meetings - Parkview Community Lounge Hall, 75 Queenspark Drive, Parklands
Monthly – 2nd Thursday evening at 7:30pm & 3rd Thursday morning at 9:45am
Visitors welcome – Gold coin donation

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Our meeting venue - Parkview Community Lounge Hall, 75 Queenspark Drive, Parklands

Thursday 13th June - 7:30pm - Evening Meeting – **Parkview Community Lounge - Hall** (*Library open 7:00-7:30pm – cuppa after*)

AND

Thursday 20th June at 9:45am - Morning Meeting - **Parkview Community Lounge – Hall** - (*Arriving earlier for a cuppa*)

Note earlier start time for our morning meetings. The meeting will start at 9:45am with morning tea while we have notices & members input, followed by the speaker from 10 -11am. You are most welcome to go down to the Donnington Room to continue chatting following the meeting.

“ RESEARCH MEETINGS ”

BOTH – the evening and the morning meetings will be Research meetings and there will be people from the Australian, European, Irish, and UK & Scottish interest areas available to assist you with those brick walls.

Also all our library and computer resources will be available and some knowledgeable members will be available to help you individually.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN IMMEDIATE ISSUE, COME ALONG ANYWAY AND MEET OTHER MEMBERS FOR A CUPPA. YOU MAY PICK UP SOME FRESH IDEAS.

June - NZSG Canterbury Branch Events

1st – 30th **Celebrate Matariki** - *Matariki marks the beginning of the Aotearoa / Pacific New Year according to the lunar calendar. In 2019, the stars set on 27 Haratua / May, and rise 25-28 Pipiri / June 2019.* (See Page 4)

Monday 3rd **Queen's Birthday**

Saturday 22nd & Tuesday 25th **Family History and Understanding Your DNA** - 10am – 12pm, Shirley Library, with Bruce Holm
(See Page 3 for further details)

July - NZSG Canterbury Branch Events

Saturday 6th **Irish Interest Group** - Bi-monthly informal group asking & answering questions, sharing information, resources & knowledge.
10:00am - Parkview Community Lounge – Donnington Room

Thursday 11th **Evening Meeting** – Fiona Brooker will speak about Free Genealogy sites.- 7:30pm - Parkview Lounge Hall

Thursday 18th **Morning Meeting** – Comte de Paris will talk about the early French families of Akaroa.- 9:45am - Parkview Lounge Hall

Saturday 27th **Computer Interest Group** – Bi-monthly informal group asking & answering questions, sharing websites, discussing computers & genealogy programs. We will also look at some *FamilySearch* Affiliate Library records. 10:00am-12 noon. We will stop half way through for a cuppa break. *Led by Fiona Lees.* **10:00am - Parkview Community Lounge – Hall**

Saturday 27th **Continental Europe Interests – individual research session** – led by Kathy Bisman (kathmark5354@gmail.com) and other experienced genealogists. This will be from **12:30-2:30pm.** **Parkview Community Lounge – Donnington Room**
Canterbury Branch Library will also be open from 1pm – 3pm.

August – FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

Thursday 8th **Evening meeting – Advance Notice** - *Our normal evening meeting for the 8th August has been cancelled to allow members to take the opportunity to hear Nick Barratt, a very well known genealogist from the UK.*

Nick Barrett, English genealogist and Director of Senate House Library at the University of London, best known as genealogical consultant for series 1 to 4 of the BBC show ***Who Do You Think You Are?*** will be speaking in Christchurch. We have decided not to have our usual meeting, so anyone can attend this meeting instead. *There will be a door charge and the venue is to be at Tūranga Central Library. Further details will be provided later.*

To find out more about Nick's work see <https://www.nickbarratt.co.uk/>

Thursday 15th **Morning meeting – Edwina Swingler** will show us how to show citations for our research.
9:45am – Parkview Community Lounge – Hall

For user groups, why not stay for lunch & use Branch Library resources for research after a meeting! If your surname is between I & Q please offer to help with meeting tasks & looking after raffle & sales table at meetings this month.

NZSG Canterbury Branch MEMBERSHIP Subscription Renewal

Renewal Notices were included with, or just after, your April newsletter, for the year ending 31st March 2020.

Many thanks to the many who have already paid their subscriptions.

For those who haven't already paid, we would appreciate payment as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continuing support.

FROM THE COMMITTEE**Branch News:**

As you know the branch AGM was held at Parkview on Thursday 9th May with an attendance well over our required quorum. The main points to note are that there were three committee members standing down; Philippa Wadsworth, Jim Copland and Maureen Kelso, who has been treasurer since 2011. Ian Dunbar was the only new member to be elected and he will take over from Maureen as Treasurer. Thank you, to those committee members standing down, to Ian for agreeing to take on this role, and to the other committee members for making themselves available for another year.

There was a vote taken on the notice of motion to increase the branch subscriptions from 2020 / 2021 to \$40 for an individual and \$50 for a joint membership. After some discussion this was carried with 2 votes against.

A suggestion was made that the minutes and financial accounts be made available to members prior to the AGM in future and as a result, our branch website <https://canterburygenealogy.wordpress.com> now has a "Documents" page where these can now be found from 2017 onwards. Next year's financial accounts, once approved by the auditor, will be posted here before the AGM and you will be advised by email or in the newsletter when they are available.

We also had some NZSG award certificates to present to branch members:

Certificate of Recognition: Atholin Pierre for her indexing project work & running the Australian → Group.

Certificate of Appreciation: Judith Charles, Kathie Hughes and Jan Watts for their indexing project work.

Branch Service Award and Pin: Prue Purser for her indexing project work & over 5 years as school register project co-ordinator; ↙ Lorraine Wilmshurst for over 5 years as committee member and Banks Peninsula Cemetery photographing and transcribing; ↓ Maureen Kelso for over 5 years' service as Treasurer.



Our thanks and congratulations to all these members for their contributions to the Branch.

Once the AGM had been completed everyone divided themselves into groups and Alan Tunnicliffe ran a quiz with genealogy and general knowledge questions which was enjoyed by all.

At the start of the AGM Meeting, the raffle prize of "One Year MyHeritage Complete Plan" was drawn, using a computer random number generator.

This prize was kindly arranged by Jan Gow who visited us in November. The lucky winner was Janet Miller, → who has been a keen genealogist for many years, an early member of NZSG National & Canterbury Branch.

On a less positive note, our library room was broken into sometime overnight on Sunday 19th May and our meeting laptop and data projector were taken along with a few other items. We are presently working with the insurance company to get these items replaced but it will of course mean a cost to the branch with the insurance excess we will need to pay.

Thankfully they did not vandalise the contents of the room or do any damage to our property. Police were notified and have taken fingerprints so perhaps they may be able to find the culprit. We have given them some information which may help so fingers crossed.



In the meantime, we will carry on as usual and if you have any queries, suggestions or gripes, please get in touch.

Phone 349-3806 serrals@xtra.co.nz Sandra Serra

Auditor Needed

Thanks to Stan Smith for carrying out the task of our Auditor for many years. Stan does not wish to continue as Auditor, so we are on the look-out for a replacement person. If any member is, or knows of, a suitably qualified person could you get in touch with either Ian Dunbar or me to discuss what is involved.

Ian - ianne.dunbar88@gmail.com or Sandra - serrals@xtra.co.nz

CANTERBURY BRANCH LIBRARY

AT PARKVIEW COMMUNITY LOUNGE - 75 QUEENSPARK DRIVE, PARKLANDS

Open: 1st & 3rd Thursday of Month from 12noon – 3:00pm & 2nd & 4th Saturday of Month from 1:00pm – 3:00pm.

Use your branch library - a great opportunity to have one on one help for your research.

Recent Acquisitions to the Branch Library

- **Ballarat, (Victoria Australia) the Formative Years** by A.W Strange, indexed
- **Harris in History and Legend** by Bill Lawson, indexed. (*Harris is an island off the coast of Scotland*)
- **Memories of Ferryhill, (County Durham)** by G.D Wall. (*Mainly photographs*)
- **Convict Women** by Kay Daniels, indexed. (*An account of the experiences of Australia's convict women*)
- **Governor's Ladies, The Wives and Mistresses of Van Diemen's Land Governors** by Alison Alexander, indexed
- **The Parish of Sydenham 1876-1976.** (*Includes list of Vicars and Assistant Clergy, lots of photos, many names*)

These books will be on display in the Donnington Room.

**I'm a Genatologist
Genatologist Genielogist
I'm good at hunting
down dead people**

Search our library catalogue online, so when you come to the library, you will already know what is there.

<https://canterburygenealogy.wordpress.com/branch-library/>

Jan Slater phone 354-6494 or 022 351 9552, jan.slater46@gmail.com

WHERE TO NEXT WITH YOUR DNA RESULTS?

There is an informal group to explore the next steps in using your DNA test results including the use of GEDMatch, navigating the test results and participating in various Project groups. The format is collaborative and will use email round-robin or meetings to share information and ideas. Please contact Bruce Holm to join the group & share ideas and information.

Bruce bruce.holm@gmail.com

**NZSG members have access to DNA webinars in the Member's Only area of the NZSG website.**

Access to the DNA Bootcamps produced by Hack Genealogy covering a variety of topics by genetic genealogy expert Mary Eberle, JD of DNA Hunters. NZ Society of Genealogists Inc. have purchased a license so that our members can enjoy the Boot Camps free of charge.

Family History and Understanding Your DNA - with Bruce Holm

Saturday, June 22, 2019 (10:00AM – 12:00PM) and
Tuesday, June 25, 2019 (10:00AM – 12:00PM)

Shirley Library

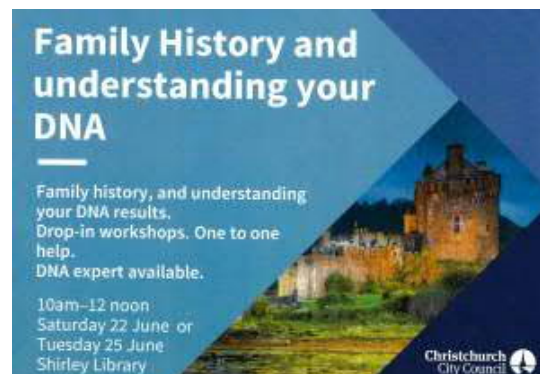
Description - Need help with your family history research or understanding your DNA results? We can help!

The New Zealand Society of Genealogists and library staff will be available to help, and introduce you to key resources. Drop-in sessions.

A DNA expert will also be available to help you understand your DNA results and explore the next steps in using them.

Free, No bookings required. Volunteers requested to assist with sessions.

<https://christchurch.bibliocommons.com/events/5ce1f6fa1d2ea2f005e9958>

**Three Die in Inangahua Earthquake - 24th May 1968 - 51st Anniversary**

This magnitude 7.1 earthquake was centred near Inangahua Junction, a small community 40 km east of Westport. It struck at 5.24 a.m., shaking many people from their beds.

At Whitecliffs a limestone bluff collapsed onto a farmhouse, killing one woman occupant instantly and fatally injuring another. Shortly after the earthquake a motorist was killed near Greymouth when his car hit a section of road that had subsided at a bridge approach. Three men were later killed when a rescue helicopter crashed.

See Simon Nathan's 'Experiencing the Inangahua Earthquake': <https://youtu.be/q6ak1krtiXA>
'Three die in Inangahua earthquake', URL: <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/three-die-inangahua-earthquake>, (Ministry for Culture and Heritage), updated 20-May-2018

Fiona

Murchison Earthquake - 17th June 1929 - 90th Anniversary

The 1929 Murchison earthquake occurred at 10:17am on 17 June. It struck the Murchison region of the South Island, with an estimated magnitude of 7.3, and was felt throughout New Zealand. There were 17 casualties, mostly as a result of landslides triggered by the earthquake. The rumbling sound of the earthquake was loud enough to be heard at New Plymouth, more than 250 km (155 miles) away.

Shortly before 10.30am, violent shaking was felt almost all over New Zealand. In Auckland, goods on shelves were thrown to the floor. In Hornby in Christchurch a passenger locomotive was forced off the rails and in Wellington, plate glass windows were shattered.

It was obvious that a large earthquake had hit somewhere but in the days before cell-phones and helicopters it took almost 24 hours for New Zealand to find that disaster had struck Murchison, on the West Coast of the South Island.

Damage was widespread with landslides, collapsed bridges and burst dams. An area 30 kms long and 16 kms wide was lifted 40 cms. The Murchison side of the fault line was raised nearly 4.5 metres and moved sideways 1.8 metres. Nelson, Westport and Greymouth were seriously damaged.

Link including a list of casualties of the Murchison Earthquake. <https://www.sooty.nz/murchison.html> Philip

See also Eileen McSaveney, 'Historic earthquakes - The 1929 Arthur's Pass & Murchison earthquakes', Te Ara - the Encyclopedia of NZ, <http://www.TeAra.govt.nz/en/historic-earthquakes/page-5> (accessed 31 May 2019)

Happy 90th Birthday, Eleanor Pointon

The family of our very own member, Eleanor Pointon were living in the Murchison area at the time of the earthquake and this is where Eleanor was born, just a few days after the earthquake. *Happy 90th Eleanor!!*

Queen's Official Birthday

The **Queen's Official Birthday**, or the **King's Official Birthday**, is the selected day in some Commonwealth realms on which the birthday of the monarch is officially celebrated in those countries. It does not necessarily correspond to the date of the monarch's actual birth.

The Sovereign's birthday was first officially marked in the Kingdom of Great Britain in 1748, for King George II. Since then, the date of the king or queen's birthday has been determined throughout the British Empire, and later the Commonwealth of Nations, either by Royal Proclamations issued by the Sovereign or Governor, or by statute laws passed by the local parliament. The date of the celebration today varies as adopted by each country and is generally set around the end of May or start of June, to coincide with a higher probability of fine weather in the Northern Hemisphere for outdoor ceremonies. In some cases, it is an official public holiday, sometimes aligning with the celebration of other events. Most Commonwealth realms release a Queen's Birthday Honours List at this time.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Queen%27s_Official_Birthday



MEMBERS' RESEARCH INTERESTS & QUERIES AND REQUESTS FOR LOCAL INFORMATION

Members are invited to submit a recent find, surnames or topics of interest, or to ask a question, for inclusion in this newsletter. This is a section for members to use – with members' names, interests & localities - this could link people who are researching same names or in similar areas.

- **NEWTON – Seeking a book (Barracks Records for Lyttelton) and an old Christchurch road (Days Road)** - I have had a very small break through with HENRY NEWTON. I received the printout for William George NEWTON who was Henry's last son. Henry put MARGATE, Kent as his place of birth. I don't think it's worth paying for any more printouts as this is as much info as he has to give on birth doc.

A cousin and I have found an Isaac Henry NEWTON born 1841 son of Richard and Ann, Richard also a Mariner. We think that this is possibly our HENRY, so looking along these lines now. This Isaac is a Merchant Seaman in the 1850's and then disappears.

- o My cousin met a person doing a Thesis on passengers. She was in the Napier Archives and this person told her to get access to the **Master of Barracks Records for Lyttelton. Have you heard of this BOOK?** Apparently this person was responsible for recording the name and details of every person who set foot on land in each Port??
- o **Image with Finlay, Samuel, living at Days Road, Spreydon.** The person involved has nothing to do with Newtons other than he is living in the same Road as Henry Newton and several of his children. I have tried to find **Days Road, Spreydon** but there is only a Days Road in Lyttelton listed. Can you advise me where else to go to find an old Christchurch Street. (Have searched CCC Streets Database.) As I live in Halswell and travel down Halswell/Lincoln Rd regularly I am interested to see if I can find this Road. There is a sort of lane on the hills side before you get to Spreydon Lodge, at about the right spot but it doesn't show on any maps now. It looks like there were possibly a few houses down it in years gone by.
- o In this article about Mr Finlay, is mention of a Mr Fred Humm a neighbour. I have just been looking at an old Map in the "Short History of Halswell" by Graeme Penny and opposite Nash Road is, "William Cupples", "Frederick Humm" & "Spreydon Arms Hotel" (not Spreydon Lodge), that is further towards Hendersons Road. So based on this I am in the right area, just need to find an old map with Days Road listed on it. Surely they were not all living in the Spreydon Arms Hotel?

Also found this under Frederick Humm history in same book. "Frederick moved from Sunnyside to an old sod floored cottage in Days Road near Mt Magdala, where he lived all his life".

I am just interested as Henry Newton appears to have been bankrupt 1883/84 and again in 1888, I have located him living at Days Road, Spreydon via the Electoral Rolls around 1885 to 1895 then he moved to 14 Spencer Street, Spreydon. Living here, Days Road, ties up with another *PapersPast* cutting he is mentioned in as living "3 miles down the road".

Appreciate any help.

Marg Harris margaret.harris@xtra.co.nz

- **Catholic Diocese Archivist** - Here is a link to the *Inform* magazine, which can also be found on the main Diocesan website <https://archives.chchcatholic.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Inform-117.pdf> It is important to be able to share the wonderful stories we hold in the Archives with all audiences, not just those who have ready access to the internet, which *Inform* allows us to do. Diocesan Archives' website is an easily accessible platform to promote our shared Diocesan history. Recent additions include:
 - o A brief parish history for **St Patrick's, Lincoln**, which includes a video of the demolition of the Church of the Reparation on Shand's Track, and pictures of their new church opened 19 May <https://archives.chchcatholic.nz/2019/03/st-patricks-parish-lincoln/>. I am working through all of our parishes to capture a brief history for each, and as interesting items come to light here relevant to parishes they can be showcased on the parish page.
 - o **Early Canterbury 1 – Akaroa** <https://archives.chchcatholic.nz/2019/05/early-canterbury-1-akaroa/> - I already have an online exhibition piece on the 1840-44 Akaroa Register of Baptisms & Marriages, & a full copy of the notebook is available here. This resource contains a little background to the Marist mission in Akaroa along with details of the first baptism, confirmation & marriage.
 - o **Early Canterbury 2 – Father Chataigner SM** <https://archives.chchcatholic.nz/2019/05/early-canterbury-2/> - This provides some insight into life in early Canterbury using a letter from Father Chataigner SM, to his brother, written 19 November 1860. The document is only a handwritten translation, of unknown origin, but nonetheless is a fascinating story and highlights the hardships faced by those early clergy working in the Christchurch Mission. *Thanks to Kathy Bisman & Jan Slater.*
- **Writer to Chronicle History of Motunau** - Julie Brown is writing the story of Motunau Beach. Julie is a 4th generation bach holder. She is asking for any anecdotes, stories or memories, any photos, articles or archives that pertains to life at Motunau Beach. Contact Julie at julie@ghost-writer.co.nz if you can assist or want further details of the project. *This was in our local paper (North Canterbury News 25 April 2019).* *Cheers, Kathy Bisman*
- **Writing a Family Story** - Hi, I am looking for someone to assist me in writing some stories about my family. Like most genealogy researchers I have heaps of documents and family stories however I don't know how to bring them into book form. I live in Parklands. *Susan was unable to attend the writing workshop by Jo Bayley recently.* *Yours sincerely Susan Taylor taylor17@inspire.net.nz*
- **Famnet Newsletter** - Worth a look and can subscribe to receive by email. *Cheers Alister & Denise Mckenzie aj.de@xtra.co.nz* http://www.famnet.org.nz/newsletters/FamNet/April_2019/Newsletter.htm#_Toc5199964

MEETING REVIEWERS WANTED FOR 2019

We are looking for meeting review writers for both evening and morning meetings.

As you know we have a review in each newsletter of the previous month's meetings & these are generally written by committee members. **Can you help with taking on this task occasionally?**

The committee would really appreciate some help with this so if you would like to find out more, or can offer your help, please get in touch with me. If you have any other contributions for the newsletter let Fiona or David know about those too, they are always on the lookout for content. *Sandra – Phone 349-3806*

"Who Do You Think You Are" (Celebrity Family History Research for TV) – **Series 1-8 on DVD** – have been donated to our Branch Library, and may be borrowed, one series at a time for 4 weeks only, so others are able to borrow as well. These are located in the Donnington Room, and need to be checked out in the notebook provided. *Jan Watts*

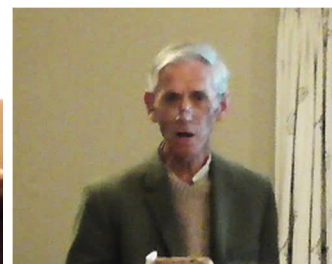
Celebrate Matariki 1-30 June - Celebrate the Maori New Year with Christchurch City Libraries at free *Matariki* events throughout June. Explore your creative side at your local library with arts and crafts or settle in for story times. Bring the whole whanau along to family fun days from 10.30am – 3pm, Saturday 15 June at New Brighton Library and Sunday 30 June at Turanga. To find out more, visit <https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/matariki/> or contact your local library. <https://teara.govt.nz/en/matariki-maori-new-year> *Fiona*

SNIPPETS - Some bits & pieces of interest and some to help you with your research:

- **Hidden Light – Early Canterbury and West Coast Photography** - Art Gallery Exhibition – until August 2019. Uncovering the extraordinary and largely unseen work of early NZ photographers.
Wednesday 12th June, 6pm – Art Gallery - Alongside this exhibition, there is to be a talk **Hidden Light: Dual Focus**, by Curator, Ken Hall, highlighting the stories of some of the pioneering West Coast photographers & the work of local early women photographers.
- **WEA Courses - CANTERBURY HISTORY** – Term 2 – Starting Thursday 6th June, 4 weeks, Thu 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM, Registration required, \$18 for course. <https://cwea.arlo.co/courses/415-canterbury-history>
Description - Join a selection of local historians as we explore some fascinating sides to our local history.
 - 6 June **Between Land and Sea: Jetties of Whakaraupō / Lyttelton Harbour** - Jane Robertson
 - 13 June **Grubb Cottage: a Lyttelton Treasure** - Michael Williams
 - 20 June **Christchurch Ghosts: Shaken but not Stirred** – Dr Simon Pollard
 - 27 June **The Early Years of the Socialist Movement in Christchurch** - Martin Crick Philippa Wadsworth
- **Library - Genealogy Connect** - A collection of genealogy eBook resources grouped together in a fully cross-searchable platform. <https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/resources/family-history/>. (Access with your library card number and pin number.) Fiona
- **NZ History – Dates in NZ History** for May - <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/calendar/6> - selected items below.
- **Auckland Harbour Bridge Opens - 30 May 1959 - 60 years ago**
New Zealand's best-known bridge opened after four years of construction. The need for better transport links between Auckland City and the North Shore had long been the subject of inquiry and agitation. The Auckland Harbour Bridge Authority was set up in 1950 to raise funds and organise construction. The bridge's 'coat hanger' design, with lattice girders on the 243-m span, allowed ships to pass beneath.
- **University of Otago Founded - 3rd June 1869 - 150 years ago**
Governor George Bowen gave his assent to the Otago Provincial Council's University of Otago Ordinance, enabling the establishment of New Zealand's first university. The council set aside 100,000 acres (40,500 ha) of 'pastoral land ... of a quality not required for settlement' to fund the new institution. The recently established synod of the Presbyterian Church was a key backer, bankrolling the establishment of a chair of mental and moral philosophy. Provincial Superintendent James Macandrew's long-term goal was to establish a Dunedin-based University of New Zealand to help offset declining provincial gold revenue.
Melding the Scottish enthusiasm for education with the class-based theories of Edward Gibbon Wakefield, the Edinburgh-based Otago Association had envisaged the foundation of a university in its 1847 plan. Settlement leaders Thomas Burns and James Macandrew pursued the idea, but even a high school was a pipedream until the gold rushes of the early 1860s enriched the province.
The elderly Burns was named as the university's first Chancellor, but he died before it opened in the downtown Post Office (later Stock Exchange) building on Princes St on 5 July 1871. Sydney University had opened its doors as recently as 1852; Otago's was the third university in Australasia, after Melbourne's.
'University of Otago founded', URL: <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/university-otago-founded>, (Ministry for Culture and Heritage), updated 17-Apr-2019
- **D-Day Landings – 6th June 1944 - 75 years ago**
The Normandy landings were the landing operations on Tuesday, 6 June 1944 of the Allied invasion of Normandy in Operation Overlord during World War II. Codenamed *Operation Neptune* and often referred to as *D-Day*, it was the largest seaborne invasion in history. The operation began the liberation of German-occupied France (and later Europe) from Nazi control, and laid the foundations of the Allied victory on the Western Front. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Normandy_landings
- **New Zealand Prime Minister Signs Treaty of Versailles – 28th June 1919 - 100 years ago**
Bill Massey's was the 17th signature on the treaty, the implementation of which formally ended the war between the Allies and Germany. Versailles was a milestone on New Zealand's road to nationhood. Britain's dominions had no say in the decision to go to war in 1914, or in the negotiations in late 1918 which resulted in armistices with the Ottoman Empire, Austria-Hungary and Germany. Canadian Prime Minister Robert Borden and his Australian counterpart Billy Hughes insisted on dominion representation at the Peace Conference. Canada, Australia and South Africa were each allotted two delegates and New Zealand one. While this was justifiable in terms of population and casualties, it meant excluding Liberal Party leader Joseph Ward, since 1915 effectively co-prime minister. Ward eventually joined the British Empire delegation. Becoming a foundation member of the League of Nations in 1920 confirmed New Zealand's effective independence.
'New Zealand Prime Minister signs Treaty of Versailles', URL: <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/new-zealand-prime-minister-signs-treaty-versailles>, (Ministry for Culture and Heritage), updated 30-Apr-2019
- **First Issue of New Zealand Listener Published - 30th June 1939 - 80 years ago**
Free to all radio license holders, the *New Zealand Listener* soon expanded beyond its original brief to publicise radio programmes. Today it is the country's only national weekly current affairs and entertainment magazine.
'First issue of New Zealand Listener published', URL: <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/first-issue-of-new-zealand-listener-published>, (Ministry for Culture and Heritage), updated 30-Nov-2018

MEETING REPORTS

Thursday Evening Meeting – “AGM Followed with a Genealogy Quiz and Supper”



Thursday Morning Meeting – "Canterbury Crematoriums" - Barbara Terry, the Manager of Canterbury Crematoriums

Barbara Terry from the *Cremation Society of Canterbury Ltd* began her presentation with an overview of their two sites in Christchurch; *Woodland Memorial Gardens* in Linwood Avenue and *Harewood Memorial Gardens* in Johns Road. Her talk was accompanied by a *PowerPoint* showing images of the extensive gardens at both sites.



The company was established in 1936 by Thomas Loftus Jones, of T L Jones Engineers, who modelled his business on the Cremation Society of Great Britain. He built the crematorium on a 20-acre site at the corner of Linwood Avenue and Keighleys Road in 1937 and some of this land is still undeveloped. Barbara read the text of a brochure from 1937 advertising the benefits of cremation and open days were also held to promote the new service. She had on hand a cremation record book from 1937 – 1954 with all the entries having the signature of TL Jones recorded against them.

Since 1937 some 79,000 cremations have taken place at both sites, although the company only became owners of the Harewood site in 2000. The term "*in perpetuity*", although in law means 80 years, for the Company it means "*forever*". This was always the case at Linwood but only since 2000 has this applied to Harewood. Families with plots there are given the opportunity to convert plots to "*in perpetuity*" for a fee as their originally purchased time comes to an end.

Barbara went on to explain some matters surrounding the cremation process and answered questions as they arose; only one coffin is processed at a time; strict records kept from the time the deceased arrives at the crematorium till the ashes are collected by family; different types of casket; what happens to the fittings on the casket; who can collect the ashes; pacemakers need to be removed by the embalmer so it is important to have this recorded; artificial joints etc. and many other queries.



Two points of particular note were, firstly, only the applicant (the person completing the funeral directors forms) can uplift the ashes after cremation unless another person is specified, something to keep in mind if the applicant is not resident where the cremation takes place, and secondly jewellery they suggest be removed and later added to the ashes urn rather than be put through the cremation process.

Records can be accessed by contacting the company directly as they are not on-line. They hold a database of all cremations done at Linwood and those at Harewood since 2000. Prior to that time, for Harewood, you would need to contact them direct or the Linwood office will do it on your behalf. Early records do not have a date of birth but would usually have an age noted, and the place of

residence was not recorded. More recent records are more detailed, and any information held, other than medical notes, would be given. The final resting place for the ashes, whether buried, scattered or held by the family, would also be noted in their records. At any given time, they hold a significant number of unclaimed urns which, after a lengthy period, are interred at their site with the exact location noted in their records should enquiries be made at a later time.

Barbara indicated that at present there is no charge for obtaining information, although their website does say a small charge is made, so check if you are asking for details from the records.

There are other crematoriums in and around Christchurch and each are separate companies with their own records and so would have to be approached directly for information. <https://www.cremsoc.co.nz/>

Thanks to Sandra Serra for report.

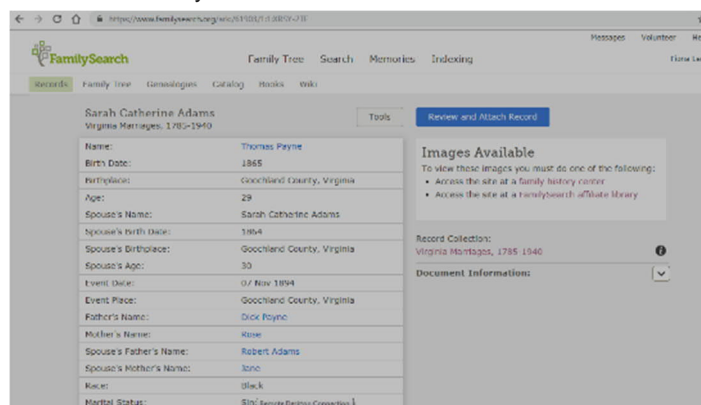
Computer Meeting

A great turnout & an interesting session (as usual), with FamilySearch, wandering around Internet to discussing updating media to save files & videos onto, & inserting pictures into Word.

- We started by talking about our Parkview Lounge Burglary and showed some photos
- Passwords - Password security is critical to keeping information secure. Using strong passwords and following sensible process is the best way to prevent unauthorized access. Don't use the same passwords for work and home accounts. Variety is better. Never share your password. If you suspect it's been compromised, change it immediately. •Create strong passwords that are difficult to guess. Don't write down your passwords.
- Scanner - microfiche / microfilm – we have kindly been gifted a microfiche / microfilm scanner to PC / USB by University of Canterbury.
- *FamilySearch* – logged in with Affiliate Library access showing ability to see restricted records even if needing to browse film (if not indexed). Eg Sarah Catherine Adams, married Virginia 1894, and Charles Oman married Scotland 1846 (*hadn't seen this image before – exciting*). Using tools on *FamilySearch* to invert images and save / download. Rename file so you know what it is later. Copy source information from '*Information*' tab and copy into '*Properties > Details > Comments*' field of actual file, so the '*metadata*' with the source information stays with the file.
- Oral History – talked about previous Computer Group – here are some further links
<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/premium/13tips-for-oral-history-interviewing/>
<https://www.pbs.org/opb/historydetectives/technique/oral-history/>
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Creating_Oral_Histories
- Had a brief look at a couple of items from May Newsletter
 - **Dr Alfred Charles Barker's 1860 panorama of Christchurch**
<https://www.canterburymuseum.com/discover/blog-posts/capturing-early-christchurch/>
 - **Project Indexing Names on G R Macdonald Index Cards**
<https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/christopherthomson/macdonald-dictionary?>



Thanks to CCC IT Department for image.





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BISHOPDALE BRANCH CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 27th June 7:30 p.m. at St Margaret's Hub, 94 Farrington Avenue.

Topic: Alan Tunnicliffe will be talking to us about the history of postal services.

Visitors are most welcome, for whom there will be a \$3 door charge.

Regards Tony Gordon

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Waimakariri Genealogy Branch

WAIMAKARIRI BRANCH CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEWSLETTER

Monthly General Meeting dates are held on the third Tuesday of each month from January to November. Usually there is a Guest Speaker followed by a light supper. There is no charge for these evenings.

Next Meeting: Date: Tuesday 18th June at 7.30pm **Topic – To be advised.**

Venue: Waimakariri Branch, Rangiora Brass Band Rooms, Northbrook Road. All Welcome.

Thanks to Philip Worthington

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Long-Lost Film Footage of Queen Victoria on Her Final Trip to Ireland Has Been Rediscovered

Queen Victoria's reign predated televised royal weddings and press conferences, but the British monarch did live long enough to see the advent of motion pictures. According to The Telegraph, the clip below, filmed one year before her death, is thought to be among the last footage ever recorded of the queen.

The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York City rediscovered the film in its archive of 68mm nitrate prints and negatives from early cinema history. The footage, captured during Queen Victoria's final trip to Ireland in 1900, shows a different side of the monarch than what she shared in her stoic portraits. She's wearing sunglasses and holding a parasol to protect herself from the sun, and when admirers come up to her, she greets them with a rare smile.

"In a moving image you get so much more, even something as brief as this, of the personality, of the presence of this woman," film curator Dave Kehr said in a video from MoMA.

Queen Victoria died in 1901, concluding what had been the longest reign of any British monarch at that point in history. Her great-great-granddaughter Queen Elizabeth II has since surpassed that achievement.

https://www.msn.com/en-nz/news/other/long-lost-film-footage-of-queen-victoria-on-her-final-trip-to-ireland-has-been-rediscovered/ar-AAC5VTw?srcref=rss&utm_source=taboola&utm_medium=exchange&OCID=MSNRIW

This followed on really well after last month's newsletter where we featured the 200th Anniversary of Queen Victoria's birthday. Fiona

Celebrating 150 Years Since New Zealand's First Royal Visit

The first-ever visit Royal visit to New Zealand was on April 11, 1869, when The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Alfred Ernest Albert, arrived in Wellington on *HMS Galatea*.

Even back then, the arrival of the second son of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert ignited royal fever. Crowds all wanted a look at the prince as he spent a week in the capital, before heading to Nelson, Christchurch, Dunedin and Auckland. He was greeted with the haka, speeches, bunting, 150 Maori chiefs, and enjoyed lots of grand official functions, a pig hunt and quite a few afternoons shooting at pūkeko and pigeons.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Alfred Ernest Albert, was the first member of the British Royal Family to visit our shores. The prince must have had quite the jolly time - returning to New Zealand three times between 1869 and 1870.

It set a precedent and, since then, the Royal family has travelled the 19,000km to this side of the world 50 times. In the late 1800s and early 1900s, the only way to get to New Zealand was a three-month journey by ship. It was hardly a comfortable trip and often it would just be the royal gents who would travel.

The tone was set early on, with the arrival of royalty being greeted, usually in Wellington, with great fanfare. Celebration would be packed into every moment of the following month as the royal went from city to city.

Two images in this article are really worth looking at:-

- Christchurch Railway Station welcomed Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, with a decorative triumphal arch.
- Christchurch people gathered outside the Clarendon Hotel in the hope of seeing the Duke of Edinburgh in 1869.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/life-style/111956829/its-150-years-since-new-zealands-first-royal-visit-and-not-much-has-changed> Philip, Fiona

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Library Technology and Computer Courses and Drop-Ins - Checkout Library website and Library magazine, Huraina, for upcoming courses – includes Technology Help Drop-Ins, Beginning Computer Skills, Beyond Beginner Computer Skills, Introduction to iPads, Beyond Beginners iPads, Music Production or Video Editing and Introduction to the Discovery Wall. Also, Introduction to Family History and Introduction to Local History, and Capture Your Story as a movie on iPad (can be borrowed).

IN MEMORIAM: We pass on sympathy and condolences to all those who have lost family and friends recently.

[New Zealand Society of Genealogists' Website:- http://www.genealogy.org.nz](http://www.genealogy.org.nz)

Please let us know if you are shifting or have changed address, or email address, so we can keep our records current, and keep in touch. Apologies for any errors and omissions in newsletter. Corrections & additions welcome. Photograph credits – David Lees – thank you

NZSG CANTERBURY BRANCH LIBRARY HOURS

Open: 1st & 3rd Thursday of Month from 12noon – 3:00pm
and
2nd & 4th Saturday of Month from 1:00pm – 3:00pm.

Bring along your research queries and brick walls to your branch library – use the resources there and receive assistance.

Branch LIBRARY at Parkview Community Lounge - 75 Queenspark Drive, Parklands

Canterbury Branch Library is an Affiliate Library of FamilySearch – access to restricted records here!!

FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE @ 25 FENDALTON ROAD

Hours: Tuesday 10:00am - 2:00pm and 7:00pm - 9:00pm

TŪRANGA - CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL LIBRARY @ 60 CATHEDRAL SQUARE

OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9:00AM – 8:00PM (GROUND FLOOR 8:00AM – 8:00PM)

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10:00AM – 5:00PM

CHRISTCHURCH PARKLANDS LIBRARY @ 46 QUEENSPARK DRIVE

PARKLANDS LIBRARY HAS RE-OPENED AFTER EARTHQUAKE REPAIRS.

CHRISTCHURCH FENDALTON LIBRARY @ 4 JEFFREYS ROAD

WILL BE CLOSED FROM 4 MARCH – 29 JULY 2019 FOR REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS.

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