Kapiti Branch N.Z.S.G.

June 1998

Previews and Reviews

Tonight's Meeting: This will be a Café Meeting, with cuppa and nibbles served at tables, while we discuss our Recent Discoveries. We hope you have your new information to share with us.

Supper Duties: To assist our Committee, we are asking members to please assist with suppers, particularly the serving & washing up.

    June, C - D
    July, E - G

July 22 Meeting: Ken Scadden of Wellington maritime Museum will be talking on "**Immigration Records - Sources for genealogists**". You will all remember Ken's presentation of "Rocks, Fire and Ice" last year, and we know that this meeting will be just as enjoyable.

May Meeting: Did you bring your wallet & cheque book to the May meeting? Val & Kevin Mills of Johnsonville & Meryl & John Sneddon of Levin Have brought their collections of **postcards, coins & memorabilia** which they had for sale. Each gave a short overview of their collections. We enjoyed their presentation and many went away with treasured memorabilia.

We also had a selection of books on numerous family history subjects for folk to peruse or purchase from **Bookstacks, Raumati Village.**

From The Family History Bookshelf

"TRANSLATING THE TECH JARGON"
Myra Vanderpool Gormley

So you're out there on the World Wide Web searching for your roots, but you get confused by all those acronyms and jargon.

Here's a waggish quiz to help you sort out some of the strange terms you may encounter.

1. Someone tells you he has a URL. Don't be shocked. What he means is he has:
(a) User registered license for his dog;
(b) Universal resource locator (address for his home page);
(c) Universal receiver logic.

2. If you download a file that is in ZIP format, what do you do with it?
(a) Decompress it with PKUNZIP or WINZIP95 applications;
(b) Don't open it--it's a joke;
(c) Forward it to your friends--let them figure it out.

3. Your cousin sends you a file he says contains information about your mutual line of Johnsons. The file is called "Johnson.ged" and it looks like gibberish in your word processor.
What should you do?
(a) Import it into your desktop publisher;
(b) Import it into your genealogy application;
(c) Toss it into your virtual trash can.

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Branch News

New holdings:

Microfiche and CD-Rom Library:
* CD-Rom Index to Griffith's Valuetion of Ireland 1848 - 1864
* Kapiti Branch Microfiche Holdings List available at Sales Table for 30c each
* Passenger lists Victoria to New Zealand 1852-1860
* Guide to Shipboard Diaries for Voyages to NZ 1840-1900

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4. A friend sends an attached file via e-mail and tells you to listen to it. It is called "frogs.wav"--what does the "wav'" stand for?
(a) Women's audio vector;
(b) Warm audio volume;
(c) Wavetable synthesis--sound files that work with Media Player and Sound Recorder.

5. A browser is an application that allows you to download World Wide Web pages onto your computer. Graphical browsers, used by most of us, display pictures and text and allow us to navigate from one page to the next with the click of a mouse. Name two of the most popular browsers:
(a) Moonscape;
(b) Explorer;
(c) Netscape;
(d) Adventurer.

6. According to geeks and other informed sources, a byte equals seven or eight bits (depending upon whether it requires an extra bit for error correction, called a parity bit), but how big is a byte in layperson's terms?
(a) Bigger than a bread box;
(b) A full page of text;
(c) Sufficient for storing a single character (such as letter A or number 2) of information, when encoded in a format such as ASCII.

7. ASCII (pronounced ask-key) is an acronym for American Standard Code for Information Interchange, but what it really means to you is:
(a) You can share data with cousins using different word processors because it contains no formatting;
(b) You can take advantage of asymmetrical transmission on your new 56-baud modem;
(c) You can't communicate with your Swedish relatives.

NZSG News

The NZSG Council meeting held at our meeting rooms on Saturday 1 August. At night you and your guests are all invited to meet the councillors and magazine editor at dinner at a local restaurant, costing approx. $25 each. Phone bookings to Deborah 2992238.

Kapiti Branch
Open Research Day
9.30am to 4pm
Here, 9.30 to 4 Sat - Sun
11-12 July
Topics: England, Wales,
General Research
$7.50 two days, $5 one day

Snippets

Golden Wedding: Congratulations to Lloyd and June JARDEN who celebrate their Golden Wedding today, the 24th June!!!!!!

8. You'll find thousands of GIFs and JPEGs on Web pages. GIF stands for Graphics Interchange Format and JPEG (pronounced JAY-peg) stands for Joint Photographic Experts Group. But what kind of formats are these?
(a) Graphics compression;
(b) Font enhancers;
(c) Photolithography.

9. While trying to locate someone's URL you get a message advising there is no such DNS. What does DNS stand for?
(a) Do Nothing Server;
(b) Domain Name Server;
(c) Document Not Selected.
10. What should you do?
(a) Slap your mouse;
(b) Double-check your typing and try again;
(c) Nothing.
11. An icon (small graphical image used to represent a function or a program), graphic (digital version of an image, photograph or picture displayed on a monitor screen), or word is a file that when clicked with the mouse automatically opens another file for viewing, and on the Web will display other pages. These things are called:
(a) Hotkeys;
(b) Hyperlinks;
(c) Holograms.
ANSWERS: 1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (c) 5. (b) and (c) 6. (c) 7. (a) 8. (a) 9. (b) 10. (b) 11. (b).

1998 Calendar

July 11-12th: Open research Weekend, on England and Wales
July 22: Ken Scadden of Wellington maritime Museum on "Immigration Records - Sources for genealogists"
August 26: John Weston and Kay Carter - completed research projects
September 23: Pauline Neale, following from April 1997 with "My Dear Fanny, Part 2"
October 28: AGM, plus Angela Finnerty of Palmerston North on "Convicts in Australia"
November 25: End of year HIJINX...

Porirua FHC's hours are:

Monday	10 am to 12 noon
Tuesday	10 am to 1pm 6pm t0 8 pm
Wednesday	10 am to 1 pm, 6pm to 9 pm
Saturday	10am to 2pm

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7.30pm, $2 Entry

19 August
15 October
16 December
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