



**KAPITI**

**BRANCH N.Z.SG.**  
**New Zealand Society of**  
**Genealogists P.O Box 6,**  
**Paraparaumu**

Meetings held at Masonic Lodge Rooms,  
Tararua Street, Paraparaumu  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of months January to November at 7 30pm  
**August 2000**

**PROGRAMME Aug.23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Cafe Evening Sept.27<sup>th</sup>**      **The continuation of the pre**  
**1900's families index**  
**By Sue Green Oct 25th**      **A.G.M. also our**  
**own members speak about their**  
**own research**

**NOTICES**

**At the August Cafe evening** please bring along any items of interest that you have researched to share with us.

**RESEARCH WEEKEND 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>** August has been postponed until 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> **October**. Volunteers will be need to help set up the venue and monitor the resource material and answer questions over the weekend If you can help please see Valerie freeman

**L.D.S. Family History Rooms** are now back in their old Quarters on the corner of Ngatittoa & Chapel Streets, Porirua They opened again 26<sup>th</sup> June hours are 10a.m to 2pm Mondays to Wednesdays.

**Supper Helpers**

To assist the committee, will members please help with supper duties, particularly the serving and washing up.

**Aug A-B    Sept C-D**

## MORI: NOTICES

**WAIRARAPA BRANCH** N.Z.S.G Research Weekend to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> August at Reap House, 340 Queen Street. Doors open at 10a.m both days. \$5.00 per day or 7.50 for both days.

**WELLINGTON BRANCH September's meeting** at 7.30pm Wednesday 27 September, Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, has Marjorie & Richard Moore as their guest speakers. Richard will introduce the evening with an update on "the changes in record repositories in the UK" Marjorie's address will be on "English Poor Law and other Parish Records", with a brief resume on Despatched-"Why you should look at Death and Burial Entries" there is a door charge of \$3 with supper & a handout provided Please phone Ann McLellan Tel 04 388 1709 if attending (for catering purposes)

**In the Library** Have a look at our selection of Military books this month

**Paddy the pigeon's Medal** An item that recently came up for auction, was a medal for bravery awarded by the British army to an Irish pigeon. Paddy the Pigeon was awarded the British Dickin medal (the equivalent to the Victoria cross for animals) after the WW2 Normandy landings. Paddy was bred by WW1 veteran Andrew Hughes who volunteered paddy for service. After serving with the RAF in northern Ireland, Paddy was transferred to the south of England and trained for the D-Day landings. Hundreds of pigeons were released from the French coast to avoid using radio that may have been detected by the Germans Paddy was judged a hero for the fastest time delivering the first message from the Normandy beaches. He got back in 4hrs 50 mins .

The Dickin medal was named after Maria Dickin who ran an animal care charity. It was awarded on 53 occasions between 1943 & 1949 to 31 Pigeons, 18 Dogs, 3 Horses & 1 Cat. From "Irish roots"

### R.G.O. RDM FICHE 1921-1960

There are a few quirks you should know about if you are to get the best from them. These are the foibles we know about, but there may be more!

1. The fiche are grouped by year, with various sub-groups within some years.
2. The first card of each year contains a list of all the districts and the range of folio codes that represent those districts for each Quarter of that year

Except Births 1921 which has a number of districts missing  
Births 1940,48,50 districts on the last fiche on the A-L group  
Deaths 1956. No district fiche at all, but districts on many entries  
Marriages: No districts ever given

Births -from 1956, district is shown on each entry  
-from 1960 mother's first names are shown as well

Deaths -1955 & 56, districts shown on many entries  
-from 1957 district is shown on EVERY entry  
-from 1960, age at death is shown as well -from 1957, spouse's name is shown as well

3. Marriages from 1957, spouse's surname is shown as well
4. World War II Deaths fiche are in amongst the normal death fiche for 1919. This may also include Korea and Vietnam
5. 1961 onwards. In both Births & Deaths the folio numbers are prefixed with the number 1, 2, 3, or 4 if the district is one of the four main centres. Districts name is always shown.

### A few smilies

Shake your family tree and watch the nuts fall !

My ancestors must be in a witness protection programme

DOCUMENTATION: The hardest part of Genealogy

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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## GRO CERTIFICATES

- I have you tried the new "order by Phone" service for obtaining certificates by post direct from the GRO? The number to ring is 44 151 471 4800 you then follow the prompts for ordering by phone service until you get a friendly person on the other end of the phone. From the article in the South Australian Genealogist sent in by Sue Page, who tried the service got a friendly response to her request for a marriage certificate Simple to do, all done in 3 mins, and took 2 weeks to arrive. Payment is by credit card
- Did you also know that you can now order online? For ordering online go to **[www.rcsearch-uk.cois](http://www.rcsearch-uk.cois)**; Again you need to pay by credit card, but your certificate could reach you within 7 working days of ordering it
- If anyone has tried these service, let the editor have your comments!