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Meetings held at Paraparaumu Public Library
Rimu Road, Paraparaumu

4th Thursdays of months January to November at 7.30 p.m.

As this is the Public Library's late night, our section upstairs is open from 7 p.m. until the meeting starts for members to access our Branch books

July 2003

PROGRAMME

July 24th Graeme Constable - President NZSG
Aug 28th Sherwood Young - "The Dictionary of N.Z. Biography" Police & Criminal Interest

NOTICES

WELCOME to new member, Helen Hynson

DONATIONS. Jean Dales has kindly donated "*Central Otago Family Register - 1st Edition*" put out by the Alexandra Branch of NZSG and "*From the 4 Winds - a History of St. Anne's Parish, Newtown*", by Cecily McNeill. Another generous donor is Val Freeman with *Slater's Trade Directories* for both *Worcester* and *Berkshire* (both for 1850) on microfiche, as well as "*Shetland Roll of Honour*" We thank both members for these additions to our library.

HERITAGE WEEK 4th to 11th August. As usual we are supporting this with a genealogical display, but Val Freeman would appreciate help to set this up.

ANNIVERSARIES CONGRATULATIONS to Porirua Branch, who recently celebrated their 10th birthday. Also **CONGRATULATIONS** to the Wairarapa Branch whose twentieth anniversary is this month. Which reminds us that **we will turn 20** in June next year.

BUY, SELL OR SWAP A reminder that copies of "Practical Family History" and "Family Tree Magazine" are available from Val (Phone 298-7396) Ken Oakenfull has a microfiche reader for sale at \$50 - \$60. What offers? Ken's Phone number is 293-4483

FROM THE NZSG CONFERENCE held in Tauranga at Queen's Birthday Weekend. A **special award of achievement** was presented to **Paul Alpe** in recognition of his work in the production of versions 1, 2, & 3 of the NZSG Index. Paul has also done sterling work on computerising the school rolls. Congratulations, Paul. **NZSG Subscriptions** for 2003-2004 will be increased to \$50 single membership and \$65 joint membership **NATIONAL LIBRARY OF NZ.** will be open for Wellington Branch NZSG members to do orientation and person research from **1 p.m. on 9th August.** As part of the Wellington Region perhaps our members could be included?

INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING (*From the Te Pukepuka Scout Magazine via Pat Roberts and the NZSG European Interest Group*) After the Second World War, thousands left the Netherlands and amongst them were many families with children belonging to the Scout and Guide Movements. In those days the rules of Scouting and Guiding in Canada, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa were very much the same. As the Dutch Movement used the strictly translated British Rules, it made things easier.

Dutch Scout and Guide Organisations took action, as they wanted to give support to the members who went to their new countries of residence. So leaders were requested to inform the NHQ when group members were about to leave. They were given an International Letter of Introduction, translated Class Cards showing which proficiency badges they were entitled to wear, a Group Leader's letter concerning the boy's or girl's background and, last, but not least, the NHQ sent a letter to the NHQ of the country of destination, informing them of the arrival and requesting the admission to the NSO

Thus prepared, hundreds of Dutch Scouts and Guides sailed for Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa. Some, having arrived in the new country, maintained contact with their old groups by letter and we got the general impression that they had been made very welcome by the NSOs and, thanks to their new groups, soon felt at home in their new surroundings.

Most of them must now be in their sixties and even seventies, most will be enjoying grand-children. One often wonders what has happened to them. That is the reason why I am looking for typical Dutch names, although, of course, the girls in particular may have got married and are not using their maiden names. **Are you a descendant? Just let me know.** Piet J Korrönenberg, Amsterdam, The Netherlands e-mail: pkoonen@@hetnet.nl

SCOTLANDS PEOPLE There is no doubt that Scotlandspeople (www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk) is a great and useful site, **but** it does have a drawback in that you must use up all your credits within 24 to 48 hours or you will have to buy more. However, there is a way around this through Internet Explorer 6 (and maybe other untried browsers). For example, say your search on OPR births has found 10 pages of data, but you have only accessed one. Go to your "Previous Searches" list, which you can see again without paying. Click on the search you want to see the rest of. It will show you the results page you have previously visited. Try to access the next page (or any other page) in that search and you will first get a message, saying you have to buy more credits, then you are bounced to the "Your Session Has Expired" page. At this point you would normally have to buy more credits. If you press your browser's "Back" button, you stay on the same page. But click on the little "Down" arrow next to "Back" and choose

the page second down in the list (which will be something like "Welcome to the official etc. etc." When you get to that page, Refresh your browser and you will see the "new" page of your search at the head of searches list. Click on it **and you're in!** You still get charged one credit, so nobody's getting cheated, and it only works on previous searches. But it does remove the irksome "session limit" criterion. Perhaps if everyone did this it would persuade Scotspeople to remove that annoying condition and let us use our remaining credits at any time we want.
Thanks to John Glover for this

NOTES FROM NZSG - *Keeping in Touch 34*

1. **Privacy Issues.** If any project your Branch is involved in includes information about living people, you **must** ensure that the person giving the information has **signed** permission from that living person to include their information.
2. **Projects.** Guidelines for publishing material to NZSG standards is being drawn up. We are trying to get ahead on projects which have been in progress for some time. We hope to complete up to 1900 for Victoria Outwards to NZ this year.
3. **Enid Kellaway Collection** This collection of Newspaper Death Notices from 1957 -1975 which is now available on fiche. 28 fiche is \$46.70 from Publication Sales at the NZSG Office. Note: these are from a number of newspapers, but source is not noted.
4. **Lloyd Pritchard Collection.** Papers re Scottish emigration to NZ has been indexed. We are working on ways to make the information accessible to members.
5. **Schools Look-up Officer** is Joan Bray. Further details will be in the NZSG "The Genealogist" as they come to hand

DR. CHRIS WATTS' VISIT If any of your ancestors were in the British Merchant navy, you would have found Dr. Watts talk interesting. Beginning in 1747 when an Act was passed for the relief of maimed and disabled seamen, the Muster Rolls of contributions made of 6d. per month by crewmen for many ports around the British coast. Supported by overhead transparencies, Dr. Watts went through the types of registers, and what information they held on seamen from 1835 to 1941. The earlier registers 1835-1844 gave the man's date and place of birth or age, his capacity and the ship on which he served. The next series overlapped the first, having annual columns showing details of the voyages for each year. The Seamen's Tickets (1845-1854) came about to avoid administrative problems with the previous registers and enabled a seaman to carry with him a note of his service and character. In the 1850s seamen were given a Discharge 'A' number which, from 1857, can sometimes be found against the name in the Agreement and Crew list. These lists were the main source for maintaining the various registers of crew and officers. On foreign voyages Agreement and Crew lists are filed for each voyage. Home trade vessels file these lists only twice a year. Pouches for personal papers, such as discharge papers and identity cards as well as photographs were held by some seamen. Unfortunately, 95,000 were destroyed in the mid 20th century. The Registers are held in a number of places - details of which are found on the handouts (which will be among our library papers), but it was surprising to learn that approximately 80% of the Agreement & Crew lists from 1863 to 1938 and also from 1951-1976 are now held at the Memorial University Newfoundland (Canada) as the British Public Records Office was unable to store the huge number of records in Britain. I asked about a relative who was 4th Mate who died at sea in 1920 -1 don't know if the ship went down, or he was lost overboard. Dr. Watts was unable to suggest a line of investigation, but after the talk one of the audience told me that I might be able to find the information (if the ship had foundered) in the Parliamentary Library in Wellington. All I need is time to get down there to have a look!
 While he was in New Zealand, Dr. Watts gave other talks, some of which were on British Army Records. The handouts on both naval and military items will be found in our library records.

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