

Remember to
check our
website
[http://
KapitiGen.org](http://KapitiGen.org)
for additional
information on
events, Branch,
Interest & User
Groups, and
any late
changes.

Editorial



This awe-inspiring building, St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, has been the venue for many historic events. I hope you will forgive my indulgence in including it this month. I was one of the 11-year old school children at a lecture in the Albert Hall, when a young(ish) Prince Philip, made one of his famous public gaffs in telling us to "pull your finger out". He was talking about conservation at the time, but using such a sea-faring expression to impressionable innocents caused outrage!

I am disappointed not to have had any contributions from members who took advantage of RootsConnect.

Did nobody join in the discussions or find a new relative? Didn't anybody learn anything or find it interesting or overpowering or a waste of time? Why not share your experience with other members?

The Genealogist has added several interesting facets to its collections this month as well as blogs and articles. Check out their website on page 3.

Clive Palmer needs help with old newsletters and photos for the Branch History that he's writing. See page 2 for details. If you have anything that is relevant, please contact Clive.

You'll notice that the AGM is coming up. If you or anyone you know would like to be a Committee member and assist with the running of the Branch, nomination forms can be found on the website or from Colin Cameron, the Secretary at Secretary@KapitiGen.org Completed forms must reach the Secretary by 5pm on 22nd May.

Keep well and safe.
Sheila

This months meetings:
Tuesday evening
April 27th
'Roll of NZ's Dead in
WW 2'
by Peter Cooke

Wednesday afternoon
April 28th

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April Branch Meetings

Evening meeting.

When: Tuesday April 27th

7pm - meet, greet and refreshments.

7.30 - 9pm, main session.

Where: Coast Community Church

57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

What: Roll of NZ's Dead in WW2 - Speaker Peter Cooke

(The Defence of New Zealand Study Group)

Peter will discuss the process of producing this book, which lists how, when, where and why 13,177 New Zealanders died.

Convenor: Ian Barbour

Supper roster: V - Z or A

Daytime meeting

When: Wednesday April 28th

1.30 - 4pm

2 - 4pm - meeting

Where: Waikanae Baptist Church Cafe,

286, Te Moana Rd, Waikanae

What: News and update from the evening meeting. Are any of your ancestors on The Roll?

Come and join our discussion and research session.

Co-ordinator: Denice McCarten

Branch news

Kapiti Branch History. Clive says he is making modest progress on the Branch History and is asking whether any members have photos or memories of the 10th Anniversary of the Branch in 1994?

Also has anyone got copies of Branch newsletters pre 2003?

Don't forget those stories or photos that will contribute towards the project and be of interest to other members. Please contact Clive Palmer on c-mpalmer@xtra.co.nz

Welcome to returning member Brett Pierce.

For the latest information on our facilities at the APFHC, see page 6.

Membership. Subs for the year 2021-22 were due on April 1st. To join or renew your membership go to <http://www.kapitigen.org/2021/01/renewals-membership-for-the-202122-year/> for details.

If you used to pay by cheque and do not do internet banking, you can pay with cash but please put it in an envelope with your name, address and membership number.

If you need transport to meetings, please use either the Contact Us form on the website or email Secretary@KapitiGen.org, with "Transport" in the subject line.

May Meeting

Kathy Callaghan will be our speaker in May telling us 'Wendy's Story'.

Kathy's first cousin in England died young leaving three little girls. They 'disappeared' once their father remarried. Kathy will share the steps she took to find these girls who are now adults.

AGM Notice and Agenda

Kapiti Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists

Annual General Meeting

To be held on Tuesday 25 May 2021 at 7.30pm
Coast Community Church, 57 Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Confirm 2020 AGM Minutes
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Annual Report for the period 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2021
5. Financial Report for the period 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2021
6. Appointment of Auditor
7. Election of Officers and Committee**
8. General Business

** The nominees for all positions must be current financial members of the Kapiti Branch of the NZ Society of Genealogists.

The positions of Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer must also be current financial members of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.

Nomination Forms may be obtained by visiting our website, or from the Secretary@KapitiGen.org. Completed Nomination Forms must be received by hand/post or electronically by the Secretary no later than **5pm Saturday 22 May 2021**.

Please note –

Our guest speaker, Kathy Callaghan, will address the meeting at the conclusion of the AGM.

1939 register in The Genealogist

The genealogist has released the 1939 register transcript <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/1939-register/> adding their powerful search tools and SmartSearch technology. This offers a very flexible way to look for your ancestors at the start of the Second World War.

Their well known 'brick wall shattering search tools' include the ability to find your ancestor in 1939 by using keywords, such as the individual's occupation or their date of birth. You can also search for an address and then jump straight to the household. If you're struggling to find a family, you can even search using as many of their forenames as you know.

Once you've found a record in the 1939 Register, you can click on the street name to view all the residents on the street, potentially finding relatives living nearby.

Explore at <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/1939-register/>

Have you looked at The Genealogist at the APFHC? It has several research tools that are worth exploring and articles of interest, eg. <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2021>

How to: Monthly pop up session

Group your DNA Ancestry matches

Members only: Free. Max 40 minutes.

Next session: Saturday 1st May at 2pm, via Zoom.

Pre-registration required. Please reply to your newsletter email, or use the Contact Us form on our website,

http://www.kapitigen.org/contact_us/

Work along on your own computer on your own matches while we explore and share tips and hints, screen sharing if necessary.

Some blogs for helpful pre-reading:

Ancestry's help files: <https://support.ancestry.co.uk/s/article/Grouping-and-Filtering-AncestryDNA-Matches>

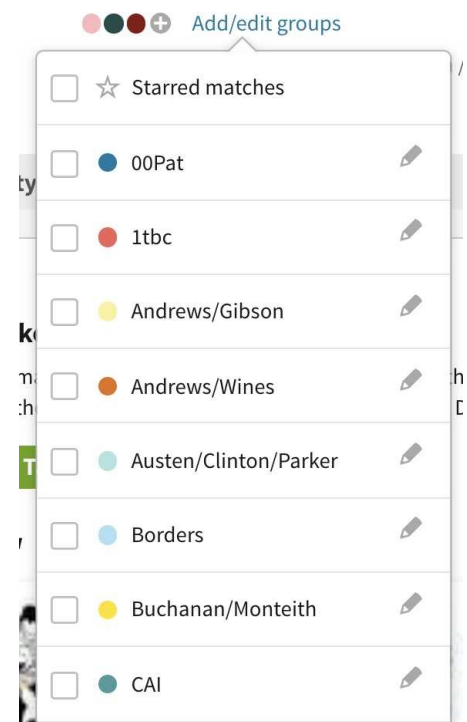
From Kitty Cooper - an older post but still relevant

<https://blog.kittycooper.com/2019/07/using-the-new-ancestry-dna-match-features/#more-7115>

From Roberta Estes

<https://dna-explained.com/2019/04/18/using-ancestrys-new-match-grouping-dots-aka-mygroupdots/>

Lorna Henderson



Tithe Maps added to Map explorer

The Genealogist seems to have been very busy during the UK lockdown. 2,700 more parishes of Tithe Maps have been added to their Map Explorer™ with the inclusion of **Anglesey, Durham, Devon, Shropshire, Somerset, Suffolk and Wiltshire**. This means over 30 counties of georeferenced Tithe Maps are now available! Have you tried this resource yet? If you are researching ancestors in the UK, it gives you a real sense of place.

From cottages with gardens to acres of farmed land and country estates, the addition of georeferenced Tithe maps as a layer over modern and other historical maps allows you to see how the landscape has changed over time. From a plot identified on the tithe map it is possible to see the description as it was recorded in the apportionment record at the time, thus revealing more about your ancestor's holding. You can also find other plots they owned or occupied.

New Records from FindMyPast

Philadelphia Roman Catholic Parish Records

Now that we can release new records from 1921, we added over 81,000 baptisms and marriages from the City of Brotherly Love.

England & Wales Deaths 2007-2020

Now available to search in their own standalone collection, explore over 353,000 new modern death records.

Ireland, Northern Ireland Deaths 1998-2020

We've created a distinct new record set for recent Northern Ireland deaths while adding over 5,000 additional records.

News from the National Library

FamilySearch Affiliate Library in The National Library, Wellington.

The "Kiosks" (computers) in the Reading room on level 1 at the National Library in Wellington have all been upgraded to windows 10 giving you access to FamilySearch and enabling us to assist you further. We are up and fully operational from Tuesday to Friday 10am-4pm and Saturday from 9am -1pm. We are now taking bookings for groups from out of Wellington as well as locals thus ensuring you a computer.

You may book through our email familysearchmswn@gmail.com or ring us on 04 474 3048 and leave a message supplying a landline phone number, contact name and number of your group plus how long you are visiting. You can also bring your own laptop as we have plenty of space and power outlets, so don't forget your charger. You can either download to your laptop yourself or we can download digital images on your behalf and email them to you.

Just ask for a form at our service desk to complete the details of what you require.

Jenny Martin
Co-Ordinator FamilySearch Services
The National Library, Wellington

Ancestors in County Cavan?

Michael McShane and his wife, Catherine Kerr have launched a new website – <https://cavantownlands.com> "your gateway to the history of each of Cavan's 2,000 townlands".

For anyone with ancestors in County Cavan this is a 'must look'. Michael and Catherine have completely overhauled cavantownlands.com which was first launched in 2015.

A search by townland will produce the following results in one location:

- Location map and basic townland information along with specific articles relevant to the townland where available.
- 1609 Bodley plantation map. Find out what your townland was called in 1609 and who the land was granted to under the Plantation of Ulster.
- 1652 Commonwealth survey data and maps for all parishes. After the quashing of the 1641 rebellion, the lands were re-granted by Cromwell and the new Proprietor name for each townland is provided.
- 1830 Tithe Applotment records for 35 of the 36 civil parishes. Re-indexed, corrected and presented in searchable tabulated form for ease of access.
- 1836 Name Book records for the townlands of 9 parishes first published in The Heart of Breifne 1979-1987.
- 1841 Census of Killashandra. Cross checked, corrected and fully searchable data set. This a unique record of all inhabitants, their name, age, occupation, educational and marriage status and more.
- 1865 Griffith's valuation records. Covers the entire of County Cavan. Tenant names are provided.

All included townland records have been referenced to their official Logainm identifier. Logainm.ie is the official database of Irish place names.

This is a great example of the detail that can be found in sometimes-difficult Irish research. Ed.

Branch information

Kapiti Genealogy Venues

APFHC: Alison Procter Family History Centre,
Ground Floor, North West Corner,
Paraparaumu Library
Coastal Community Church, 57, Hinemoa Street,
Paraparaumu
Waikanae Baptist Church Cafe, 286, Te Moana Rd,
Waikanae

Branch meetings:

Evening meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from January to November.

Daytime meeting is on the following day, usually the fourth Wednesday, from January to November.

Details of this month's Branch meetings are on page 2. Attendance is free to members of the Branch, Visitors \$3 to help cover expenses. Please note: Our AGM will be held at the May meeting.

Committee meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

Evening meeting supper roster:

If your surname starts with the letters **V - Z or A** Judy Olsen would appreciate your assistance at the next evening meeting.

Help with Research

Our help sessions on Wednesday mornings at the Paraparaumu Library 10-12am and on the first Saturday of every month, 1-3pm, will assist you to make the most of our facilities.

The Wednesday sessions are open to the public, so if you have a friend interested in joining the Branch, do bring them along.

Saturday's are by appointment only. If you need individual assistance phone Lorna on 293 7771 to book a session with someone who will be able help. Next session **Saturday 1st May**.

Monthly pop up 'How to' session.

These zoom sessions are on the first Saturday of the month.

The next one is **Saturday 1st May**. See page 4 for details of topic and how to register.

Facilities at the Alison Procter Family History Centre

The APFHC is located at Paraparaumu Library . Turn right inside the library entrance to the area containing six computers, microfiche and library. The cupboard on the right hand side of the area contains the red folders mentioned below.

Members need to get the cupboard key from the library Welcome Desk, when you will be asked to sign for the key and show your membership card for the current year.

Computer Password at the APFHC

The APFHC computer password changes regularly: check the red Computer Help folder in the top drawer.

Please sign the red signing-in book found in the top drawer.

Keyboards are in the lowest drawer.

Replace the cover on the computer when you leave and lock the keyboard in the cupboard.

All six computers have subscriptions to Ancestry, FindMyPast and access to The Genealogist and Roots Ireland as well as free sites like FamilySearch. (Use your own log-in to FamilySearch).

NB. Please do **NOT** sign out of RootsIreland, FindMyPast or TheGenealogist.

A microfiche is available and there are books on a variety of topics which can be borrowed. Boxes of copies of 'Who do you think you are' and 'Family Tree' are on the shelf. The Paraparaumu library also has copies of 'Family Tree' on their magazine shelves.

You are encouraged to save the results of your searches on a USB memory stick or send them to your own email address.

We have a printer if you wish to print a hard copy. Please put 10c per copy in the honesty box on the cupboard door.

Please **do not switch off** the printer.

All Kapiti Branch events are in the programme on our website, on the calendar.

Log in and explore, update your details and find information on our user groups.

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme> gives full details of all meetings in the calendar and is easy to negotiate.

Interest Groups

Online Trees/software.

Our two-monthly sessions on the main online tree sites will run on the last Saturday of months February through October. Paraparaumu Library meeting room, 9 Ivor Trask Place.

Next meeting **Saturday April 24th** 1:45 - 3:45pm. Doors open 1:30pm. \$3 to cover expenses.

In April session we will focus on **My Heritage**.

The companion software, completely free and with useful features, is their FamilyTreeBuilder package which runs on both Windows and Mac and can be used in standalone mode on your desktop or linked to your tree(s) there.

Like Ancestry (and FamilySearch) there's also an app for your tablet/ipad which is fully integrated with your online tree.

For those who have never explored or heard of MyHeritage it is an equivalent to Ancestry, with records, trees, and DNA.

Any questions? - Someone will be able to help. All welcome. For more information go to <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/online-trees-their-companion-software-programs/>

Irish

Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday May 11th, 2-4pm**. APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.

Contact us at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/irish/>

Australian

For help with Australian research. Check <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme> for changes.

The Australian SIG meets on the second Thursday of alternate months from February to November.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday May 13th, 10-12noon** at APFHC.

Roots Magic

For those using Rootsmagic to keep track of their research and record family history.

Two-monthly sessions on 3rd Saturday of the month.

Saturday May 15th, Paraparaumu Library Meeting Room, 9 Ivor Trask Place, Paraparaumu.

Doors open **1 pm for 1:30 - 3:30pm**. \$3 entry fee. All welcome. Usual Q & A section where you can share hints and tips and ask questions.

Sneak preview of the (slowly) forthcoming version 8.

For last minute changes go to: <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/rootsmagic>

DNA

Two-monthly meetings, on the 2nd Saturday of the month, February to October, for those interested in exploring how DNA testing can help their genealogy. **Next meeting Saturday June 12th.**

Waikanae Baptist Church cafeteria. Doors open 1:30 for **2-4pm** session, \$3 entry please.

If you wish to be added to the DNA group mailing list, please use the Contact link on our web page

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/>. Keep an eye on that page for any updates.

Notes from each session are usually sent out to those who attended.

DNA News:

A couple of blog posts that may be of interest

Jonny Perl's latest release on his DNAPainter website - for the family tree section

<https://dnainter.com/blog/dna-painter-dimensions-a-new-way-to-showcase-your-ancestral-line/>

Roberta Estes on triangulation (shared matches on steroids) <https://dna-explained.com/2021/04/18/a-triangulation-checklist-born-from-the-question-why-not-use-close-relatives-for-triangulation/>



Branch Officers

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Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

Meeting registrar: Donna Bridgeman

Sound System: Ian Brooking

Publicity: Donna Bridgeman

Member: Gerard Denton

Membership

Renewals, and new memberships, for the 2021/22 year were due on 31st March.
Still a bargain at \$25 for the year April to March.

Paying by cash? See page 2 for details.
Bank account for internet banking payments: BNZ
02-0591-0040791-000
Further details at
<http://www.kapitigen.org/2021/01/renewals-membership-for-the-202122-year/>

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Website: <http://www.kapitigen.org>

Portfolio descriptions and current holders are listed on our web site - in the **Who Does What** section
<http://www.kapitigen.org/home/who-does-what/>

Email links

Throughout the newsletter email links are clickable. Remove the extra @ symbol before sending.

Next Evening meeting

May 25th

Wendy's Story

by Kathy Callaghan

Daytime meeting

May 26th