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KapitiGen.org](http://KapitiGen.org)  
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information on  
events, Branch,  
Interest & User  
Groups, and  
any late  
changes.

## Editorial



### “God for Harry, England and St George”

Such was the battle cry of Shakespeare’s Henry V when going into war with the French.

(Act III, Scene I.

But did you know that Shakespeare’s birthday was on St George’s Day, April 23rd, and that he died on the same date 52 years later, in 1616.

At last we are able to go ahead with the planned monthly meetings. Sadly no supper as yet, but feel free to BYO.

Our ‘Show and Tell’ session after the AGM in May usually attracts a lot of interesting items. What can you find to share? Anything that enhances your family tree or provides a background to your ancestors lives.

In the meantime, don’t forget to get in your nominations for Committee members to Colin by May 21st. The person nominated must agree!

Our Interest Groups are all up and running again. If you researching Australian ancestors, note Deborah’s talk on bringing Irish women to Australia. And if you’re into Irish research don’t miss the IIG Education Day on May 1st. Do try out the Ireland Reaching Out site. (See page5) It has a wealth of interesting articles, useful information and contacts.

Congratulations to Jenny Wilson on winning the raffle for ‘Your DNA Guide’ and many thanks to Noeline Wagener for the generous donation.

Winter is on it’s way with dark evenings conducive to hunting for more ancestors. Good luck!

*Sheila*

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Meetings this month:  
Tuesday Evening  
April 26th

‘My Irish Family  
Ancestors’  
Kevin Thompson

Wednesday afternoon  
April 27th

## April Branch Meetings

### Evening meeting.

**When:** Tuesday April 26th

7pm - meet and greet.

7.30 - 9pm, main session.

**Where:** Coast Community Church

57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

**What:**

#### 'My Irish Family Ancestors'

Including fascinating stories from the Boer and First World Wars

Speaker: **Kevin Thompson**

**Convenor:** Ian Brooking



### Daytime meeting

**When:** Wednesday April 27th

1.30 – 4pm

2 - 4pm meeting

**Where:** Waikanae Baptist Church Café , 286, Te Moana Rd, Waikanae

**What:** **Kevin Thompson** will summarise his talk from the evening meeting, followed by research.

**Co-ordinator:** Denice McCarten

## Branch notices

**Your DNA Guide** “The Book” Step by step plans by Daihan Sothard, donated by Noeline Wagener for the club to raffle and raise funds to cover some costs incurred by Zoom.

The winner was drawn at the DNA group meeting 9<sup>th</sup> April and the prize goes to Jenny Wilson.

Congratulations and we hope you find this book helpful

**Branch History** - The price for a hard copy of Clive Palmer’s Branch History has been fixed at \$30, so get your order in. Contact Colin on Secretary “at” KapitiGen.org

**Welcome to new members** Tisha Wilson, Mary Simpson and Bill Anderson.

We look forward to meeting you and sharing your interests.

**'Show and Tell'** The May branch meeting will be another opportunity for members to Show & Tell.

Bring along an interesting/curious item and explain its connection to your tree.

Photos, heirlooms, books - anything that you can bring along single-handed!

**Committee members.** Please note that the AGM is coming up in May. The Committee would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in coming onto the Committee and contributing to the running of the Branch. Please check the AGM notice on page 3 to see eligibilities.

**Vacancy for a newsletter editor!** Our newsletter is looking tired. It needs a new person with fresh ideas and lots of enthusiasm. If you can help, please contact editor “at” KapitiGen.org

**Subs were due on April 1st.** Thank to all those who have paid. Note increase to \$30 to cover increasing costs. Payment details are in panel on page 8.

## Notice of AGM

### Kapiti Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Notice of AGM

To be held on Tuesday **24 May 2022**  
at 7.30pm

Coast Community Church, 57 Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

#### Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Confirm 2021 AGM Minutes
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Annual Report for the period 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022
5. Financial Report for the period 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022
6. Appointment of Auditor
7. Annual Membership Subscription
8. Election of Officers and Committee\*\*
9. General Business

\*\* The Nominees for all positions must be current financial members of the Kapiti Branch of the NZ Society of Genealogists, and 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](mailto:Secretary@KapitiGen.org)  
Completed Nomination forms must be received by hand/post or electronically to the Secretary no later than **5pm Saturday 21 May 2022**.

#### Please note –

At the conclusion of the AGM we are holding a **‘Show and Tell’** for members to bring along their family heirlooms, interest-pieces and treasures to show off and tell us about.

Join in the spirit of sharing, and hunt out those special gems to share with us.

## Update on NZSG status

The NZSG is setting up a review of the relationship, and accompanying rules for Interest Groups and Branches. Each area is appointing a representative who will consult with the branches in the area and report back to the working group, of which they are themselves a member.

We are in the Lower North Island region (LNI). Our representative for this NZSG branch and interest group review is Rodney King from Kilbirnie Branch. We will be actively participating in the review.

As the relationship, and rules, between Branches and the parent body, NZSG, is under scrutiny, we do not see the need for an additional special meeting at present, but will keep you posted.

For background information on all of this please refer to the document sent to you back on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov, and also loaded to our website under the Members Only content, NZSG page, <http://www.kapitigen.org/membership/members-only/nzsg/>

## Massed weddings



Cutting left from the Daily Illustrated Mirror 5 April 1904

**Gloucestershire Echo 27 December 1926 page 2**  
Christmas Day was busy.... at St George the Martyr, Southwark, with ceremonies for nine couples simultaneously and earlier in the morning yet another couple by special license.

**Family Tree September 1989** excerpt of article by Mary Pinder

### Mass Weddings

In the past many people worked a seven day week, and until late at night. Christmas Day was therefore the day for weddings, because it was a whole day's holiday followed by another one. Occasionally this was followed by a Sunday.

This resulted in en masse weddings. About five pairs at a time stood at the altar rail as the parson passed along the row. Then the bridal couple and witnesses paraded in turn to the Vestry to sign the register and left the church making way for the next group.

St George the Martyr parish in North Southwark was in a densely populated area and had mass weddings. Between the years 1891-1941 the numbers of pairs varied from three to twenty nine. The practice ceased by 1942.



## Writing family history seminar



The Genealogical Society of Queensland (GSQ) is holding a writing mini-seminar via ZOOM, titled

**'Sharing family history: telling, writing'**  
**Saturday 4 June 2022 at 9:00am – 1:00pm AEST.**

Early Bird discounted offer until **20 May 2022.**

All bookings must be made through our website **Events page** on which a list of our raffle prizes will be published as well.

<https://www.gsq.org.au/event/sharing-family-history-telling-writing/>



## LNI Irish Interest Group Education Day



**IRISH INTEREST GROUP**  
Lower North Island

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH DAY

**Sunday May 1st 2022 9.30am - 2.30 pm**

Collective Community Hub, 1/33 Johnsonville Road, Johnsonville

9.30-10.00am Registration and tea/coffee - Members \$10

10.00-11.00am **Irish Registry of Deeds** - *Annette Gazley*

11.15am-12.30pm **What can we learn from Irish Placenames?** - *Graeme McVerry*

12.30pm-2.15pm **Lunch & Research time**

Take a look at our library resources, or ask one of our experts for help with your Irish ancestors.

2:30pm Close

Free tea, coffee and wifi. Bring your own lunch, or visit one of the nearby cafes.

Masks may be required inside venue.

Contact: [Irish.LowerNlsig@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:Irish.LowerNlsig@genealogy.org.nz)

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IrishInterestGroup>

### Best free Irish sites

An invaluable source of Irish genealogy information can be found at Ireland Reaching Out. It is a unique programme that connects Irish diaspora all over the world with volunteers who are knowledgeable about Irish genealogy and who can help them connect with their roots, giving local family history guidance.

There is a vast amount of free Irish genealogical information to be found on the internet, and at IrelandXO Insights - Top FREE Irish Genealogy Resources 2022 | Ireland Reaching Out you can find the best **FREE Irish ancestry websites** for the most relevant archives along with **the latest free tools** and indexes to help you navigate them. Remember, to make sense of the records you discover, ask our volunteers by way of our IrelandXO Message Board.

(New to IrelandXO? A free membership awaits you [HERE](#)).

### Monthly Zoom Session

**Saturday May 7th at 2pm for 45 minutes.**

#### “Let’s explore Family Tree Maker”

Short session on the one of the main genealogy software programs. Available for Windows or Mac.

<https://www.mackiev.com/ftm/>

We’ll be covering other available programs for keeping track of your family history and research later in the year. Each have their strengths, and weaknesses.

**Pre-registration required.** Members only. Free.

Given this is only a 45min session, it would help if you could submit specific questions with your pre-registration.

Please register by replying to your newsletter email or by using the Contact Form on our website selecting the topic “How to”. <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/online-how-to/>

You are welcome to register to either contribute or simply listen.

## Branch information

### 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. Attendance is free to members of the Branch, Visitors \$3 to help cover expenses.

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

### Evening meeting supper

Please note that supper will not be available in April, but you are free to bring your own.

### Help with Research

**Wednesday mornings** 10-12am, at the Paraparaumu Library. Open to the public.

**The first Saturday of every month** 1-3pm.

By appointment, for individual assistance.

To book, phone Lorna on 293 7771.

Next session **Saturday May 7th**

### Monthly zoom session

**Saturday May 7th** at 2pm. Short (45mins)

See page 5 for details.

### Pre-registration required

Members only: visit <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/online-how-to/> to register, or use the *Contact us* form on our website [http://www.kapitigen.org/contact\\_us/](http://www.kapitigen.org/contact_us/)

## Round Robins

The two mazines for Round Robin circulation are 'Family Tree' and 'Who Do You Think You Are?' Annual fees of \$15 for each magazine are renewed in July.

Bev Chappell has room for new subscribers if you wish to join the circulation list. Contact Bev on RoundRobin"at" KapitiGen.org

Further details on our website under Resources > Round Robins. Every issue has some really interesting articles, so this is a really good way of keeping up with the latest news.

### Facilities at the

#### Alison Proctor 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

### Irish

Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday May 10th, 2-4pm**. APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.  
Contact us at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/irish/>

### Australian

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday May 12th, 10-12noon** at APFHC. (Please wear a mask)  
This session will start by celebrating discoveries and brainstorming queries from the group.  
Deborah will follow giving sites and research information found since the last meeting and a short talk on schemes to bring Irish women to Australia - not including convicts. **All welcome**.  
Contact OzSIG "at" KapitiGen.org for help with Australian research and check <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme> for changes to bi-monthly meetings.

### RootsMagic

Our next scheduled RootsMagic meeting is on **Saturday 21st May**, Paraparaumu Library Meeting room. Doors open 1:30pm for a 3:45pm finish (library closes at 4pm)  
\$3 entrance fee please, **all welcome**, all versions covered.

By now most of you will have explored more of RootsMagic 8 and will be experts, with lots of hints to share, including how not to do x y or z :)

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

### DNA

Our next two monthly DNA interest group is **Saturday June 11th, 2-4pm, doors open 1:30**  
Waikanae Baptist Church cafeteria. for \$3 entrance fee please, **all welcome**, all levels covered

Usual format: News, Q&A, Break into groups by either experience, topic or testing company depending on attendees requirements. Reconvene to share anything that came out of the groups.

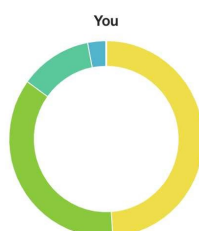
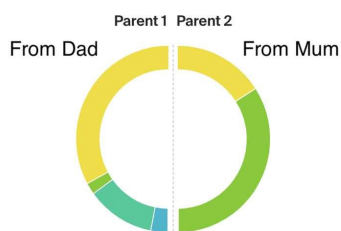
If you wish to be added to the DNA group mailing list, please use the Contact link on our web page <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/> . Keep an eye on that page for any updates.

### DNA News

New on Ancestry, SideView. Their scientists have come up with techniques to show which parent gave you which portions of your ethnicities using only your DNA, no tested parent involved. Read about it here <https://www.ancestry.com/corporate/newsroom/press-releases/ancestry-introduces-sideview-first-its-kind-technology-gives-individuals>

Overview

Share



*My SideView showing Dad seems to be responsible for that pesky 10-15% Irish that certainly does not help solve my brickwalls !*

Select one or more regions to highlight.

All
  Scotland
  England & Northwestern Europe
  Ireland
  Norway

Lorna



### Branch Officers

**Convener:** Ian Barbour

Convener "at" KapitiGen.org

**Secretary:** Colin Cameron

Phone: 022 674 9165

Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org

**Treasurer :** John Miller

Treasurer "at" KapitiGen.org

### Branch responsibilities

#### Membership:

Lorna Henderson: Phone: 293 7771

Membership "at" KapitiGen.org

#### Programme & Activities:

Ian Brooking

Programme "at" KapitiGen.org

Denice Mc Carten

**Librarian:** Beverley Chappell

#### Daytime co-ordinator:

Denice McCarten

daygrp "at" KapitiGen.org

#### Magazine Round Robins:

Bev Chappell

RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org

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

#### Webmasters:

Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

**Meeting registrar:** Donna Bridgeman

**Sound System:** Ian Brooking

**Newsletter Editor:** Sheila Jolley

editor "at" KapitiGen.org

**Trip organiser:** Kathy Callaghan

**Publicity:** Donna Bridgeman

**Equipment Support:**

Lindsay Olsen. Backup; Ian Brooking

**Catering:** Judy Olsen

**Raffle:** Stephen Sherring

### Interest Group Facilitators:

**Australian:** Deborah Shuker

OzSIG "at" KapitiGen.org

**DNA:** Lorna Henderson

**Irish:** IrishSIG "at" KapitiGen.org

**Roots Magic:** Lorna Henderson

RootsMagic "at" 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.

### 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

**Membership** - New members always welcome.

Please note increase to **\$30** for the year April 2022 to March 2023.

Bank account for internet banking payments: BNZ  
02-0591-0040791-000

To access our resources at the Paraparaumu Library use your current membership card.

Further details at

<http://www.kapitigen.org/2022/02/renewals->

Next Evening Meeting  
Tuesday May 24th

AGM  
+ Show and Tell

Daytime Meeting  
Wednesday May 25th