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October 2006 Newsletter

Next Meetings:-

CONVENERS COMMENT:-

Notice of 23rd Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 23rd Annual General Meeting of the Kapiti Branch of The New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc will be held at the Kapiti Community Centre, Pak'n Save Room, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu, on Tuesday 24th October 2006, commencing at 7.45 pm. The Agenda will be:

Apologies
Confirm 2005 Minutes
Business arising from the Minutes
Annual Report
Financial Report
Appointment of Auditor
Subscriptions 2006/2007
Election of Officers and Committee

Derek Griffis (Secretary, Kapiti Branch)

The Committee recommends that the subscriptions remain unchanged at: Single \$16, Double \$27, Door Charge \$2.

Nominees, Nominators, and Seconders, must all be members of NZSG, whilst Nominators and Seconders must all be members of Kapiti Branch.

Kapiti Branch: Tuesday 24th October 7.30pm. AGM, followed by a session on Research.

Kapiti Branch: Tuesday 28th November 7.30pm. Final meeting of the Year. Pot Luck Dinner and Genealogy Quiz night.

Computer SIG: Monday 13th November 7.30pm Placing Photos. Watermarks and Screen Capture. Speaker: Barry Thomson

Kapiti Legacy Users SIG: Saturday 28th October 1pm for 2pm start. Presenting your Legacy data – web-pages, publishing centre, reports.

September was a busy month for the Branch with three very successful events. The visit to Alexander Turnbull Library was an eye opener for those who took the organised tour early in the month. At our well attended Branch meeting, Graham Langton gave a well illustrated introduction to ArchivesNZ using his background as a historian and genealogist. Did you know that they hold NZ telephone books from 1908 to 1988 among the many thousands of records of government agencies? This will be followed up by a visit to Archives in Wellington on Oct 18. To finish off the month, the Scottish Research Course with Margaret Pool assisted by members of the Wellington Scottish SIG was a great success. Well worth a second shot next year and we have already had an expression of interest for a local Scottish Special Interest Group.

October is also a busy month with lots of events in the region as you will have been notified. For us it is the end of another eventful year with the AGM on Tuesday October 24. We will pre-circulate the key documents for your consideration – the Annual Report and Annual Financial Statement. Please bring copies to the meeting with you as we will not be circulating material at the meeting. We lose three Committee members after the AGM and will miss their contribution and experience – Treasurer Rex Roberts, COMPSIG Convener Sue Greene and Committee member Judy Olsen. At the time of preparing these comments we had received a nomination for Treasurer but no others yet. When the Branch took over the activities of the former local computers for genealogy group 2 years ago, the agreement was that the Convener of the new group would be a Committee member. If we do not receive a nomination we can only assume the group no longer wishes to continue as a special entity. Again I appeal for a show of interest for both Committee Members or for Off-Committee appointments – see last month's newsletter for details.

Following the AGM we will hold a research session and have asked a core of senior and experienced members to be on hand. So bring along those enquiries and enjoy the opportunity of a one-to-one chat. We will also be on-line so can demonstrate some key websites.

Clive Palmer

COMPSIG:- Computer SIG

WHAT IS A WATERMARK?

A watermark is any text or graphic that appears either on top of or behind existing document, when the document is printed.

Common examples of watermarks include the "Confidential" text that appears diagonally in the background of some sensitive documents, a faded company logo to imply ownership or authorship of a particular document, or perhaps a photo from your latest holiday as the backdrop of a letter.

Adding a watermark to a Microsoft Word printed document is done by navigating to "Format | Background | Printed Watermark" and calling up the "Printed Watermark" dialog box. This dialog provides you with 3 main radio button options: "No watermark", "Picture watermark" or "Text watermark". The "No watermark" option is selected by default.

To insert a picture as a watermark, start by selecting the "Picture Watermark" option, and then click "Select Picture". Browse to the picture you want as your watermark in the "Insert Picture" dialog, and then click "Insert". Choose any additional options and then click "Apply".

Similarly, to insert some text as a watermark, start by selecting the "Text Watermark" option, and then select or enter the text that you want. Choose any additional options and then click "Apply".

Watermarks are designed for printed documents, and so they aren't made visible in normal, outline or web layout views. To view a watermark as it will appear on a printed page, make sure to use the print layout view ("View | Print Layout") or the "Print Preview" function ("File | Print Preview").

To remove an existing watermark, navigate back to the "Printed Watermark" dialog ("Format | Background | Printed Watermark") and select the "No watermark" radio button.

LIBRARY REPORT:-

Would borrowers of our library books out on loan, return them by the end of November, as I want to do a check over the Christmas break. The Wednesday roster has been filled until the 29th of November.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped over the year. As one or two are unable to continue, would members please consider filling the gaps in 2007. It is not onerous, you don't have to be an expert, and it is a great opportunity to find out what we do have in our collection

The news this month is that the Paraparaumu Public Library now has Ancestry.com installed. It is free, but it can only be accessed from their internet-connected computers downstairs. Usage is restricted to one hour per researcher, but, if nobody else is in line to use the computer, this may be extended

[NB Unfortunately, for *Waikanae* Public Library, the ancestry.com facility although installed, is not yet fully functional. It may be accessed, and preliminary searches may be carried out, but it is not yet possible to proceed to obtaining additional information including the vital "View Image" screens leading on to obtaining print-outs. You will be advised as soon as this problem has been overcome. Derek Griffiths]

I was trying to add to our Scottish books selection, but Whitcoulls tells me the books I was looking for are now out of print. I am always interested to hear from members on their general areas of interest and can then look for books on the subject.

It would seem that most of our members are more interested in the microfiche and the CD collections. So have any of you had a look at them? We are adding to them all the time. Just remember they are available to our members during Library hours, and we have someone from genealogy on duty on a Wednesday mornings who may be able to assist you. Also, if you have a spare Wednesday morning, I would love to hear from you, as I am looking for more volunteers. You may not know a lot, but this is a chance to learn more.

Alison Procter

Subscription Renewals (2006/07)

The Membership Year expired on the 30th September, and we would very much welcome renewal payments from those of our members who have not yet sent them in. Many have already renewed (for which we thank them), but many more have yet to do so.

The Committee is recommending to the Branch Annual General Meeting on the 24th October that there be "No Change" to the current Subscription Fees (Single \$16, Double \$27), so those are renewal amounts required – please make cheques payable to "Kapiti Genealogy" and post them to: Rex Roberts, Kapiti Branch Treasurer, 117 Weggery Drive, Waikanae. Your indulgence and co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

Notices:-

WANTED : Ideas for 2007

Let us have your thoughts for activities you would like us to consider as we prepare the 2007 programme. Drop the Secretary a line or [e-mail](#) us. Speakers, events, visits, research evenings, courses, etc, etc!

New Members

Welcome to new members, Pauline & Dr Ken Markham, who have joined us recently.

Beginner's Help-Line

Valerie Freeman runs our "Help Desk" at our Monthly Meetings, but those seeking basic advice and guidance on Family History research are reminded that they may also ring her at home (298-7396) at any time – within reason!

Supper Helpers

We are continuing with the practice of calling for volunteers (by initial of surname) on the night to assist with supper at our Monthly Meetings at the Kapiti Community Centre. In particular this calls for assistance with serving and with tidying up afterwards. October: C to F Please make yourself known to [Meryl](#), the Supper Organiser

Family Tree Charts

There will be a *full range of Charts available for sale at this month's Meeting. Each chart is 50 cents more than the asking price on the NZSG web-site to enable us to recoup the p&p costs: 7-generation (\$3.00), 8-generation (\$3.50), 9-generation wheel (\$3.50), 12-generation (\$4.00) (*Subject to the delivery of the 12-generation charts currently on order from NZSG)

Hewlett Packard Cartridges

We have one new hp c1823d 30ml (red, blue, yellow), one virtually new hp 51645a 42ml (black), and one half-used hp c1823d 30ml (red, blue, yellow) ink cartridges. I have priced these and assess them to be worth \$61, \$50, and \$30, respectively. Much too good to be thrown in with the used-cartridges fund-raising exercise, where we might get \$10 for the lot if we are lucky. Any realistic offers would be considered, with a money-back guarantee if they don't work out. I would suggest perhaps \$25, \$20, and \$10 respectively, or \$50 the lot. Please see me ([Derek Griffis](#)) if interested. Also, we have

Canon Cartridge

An unused Canon black ink cartridge BC1-21. New, \$16, and, Refill, \$10. Offers near \$5, and...

Epson Cartridges

3 unused and sealed cartridges, T0461 (black) T0472 (blue) T0473 (red) for an Epson Stylus printer (C63 C65 C83 C3500 CX4500 CX6500). These have yet to be priced, so make us an offer.

Used Inkjet Cartridges

A big thank you to all those people who have been responding to my appeals during the last twelve months to let me have their used printer ink cartridges as a fund-raising exercise for Kapiti Branch. Just a couple of days before the end of our financial year, on 30th September, I took in the large quantity I had received during the preceding six months and converted them into cash. We received \$323 for our troubles which, combined with the \$206 we had earlier received for the previous six months, made a total of \$529 for the full year. Well done everyone.

The exercise continues into the new 2006/2007 Year, so please keep them coming. As previously, they may be brought to our Monthly Meetings and left in the container in front of the Notice Board or, they may be left in the cardboard box located within our steel cabinets at Paraparaumu Library or, if more convenient, they may be left in my home letter-box: Derek Griffis, 94 Ngaio Road, Waikanae

Meeting Dates and Times

KBNZSG

Kapiti Branch:- 7.30pm, 4th Tuesday, Jan-Nov at Kapiti Community Centre 15 Ngahina Street (near Paraparaumu Library)

Computer SIG:- 7.30pm, 2nd Monday, Feb-Dec in the Paraparaumu Public Library (downstairs)

Kapiti Legacy Users SIG:

The December Meeting will be on Saturday 2nd (to be confirmed) at the Masonic Hall, in Tararua St, Paraparaumu. (off Hinemoa St). Doors open 1pm, meeting starts at 2pm. Entry charge kept to a minimum and will cover hall hire, tea and coffee and any presenter's costs. Contact Gerald Twiss: gero@ihug.co.nz or phone 021 151 6714. The Kapiti group is an "informal" one. Anyone with an interest in the Legacy programme can attend.

Notes from the Dave Berry workshop at NZSGKB Meeting February 2006 on preserving Photographs

Scan photos at 400 dpi /450 usually.
Consider higher if you may be printing an enlargement. Small negatives could be scanned at 600 to 800 dpi

Newsprint at 200 dpi as its resolution is poor anyway so won't improve. If given choice about saving small or large file, choose large.

Keep original scans untouched as the archive. If it is an "archive" /storage CD-ROM you can put 600 to 700 jpg images at 400dpi on one CD-ROM Safer to spread over a few CD-ROMs. Can make your original scan a read only file for extra safety, but once it is burned to CD it's safe anyway Recopy archive CD every 5 years minimum as CD do deteriorate. Use brand name CD-ROMs

Copy original scans to another CD-ROM and use that as a working media. About 250 images to a CD is safe – in terms of corruption, or CD-ROM loss and time to open etc

Don't use spirit based marker pen to label CD-ROMs Write on the clear centre of the CD

Coastlands Kodak lab can digitise 35millimeter negatives and slides easily & quickly – using digital camera photo system.

"Folkus" at McGrath Ave Paraparaumu Beach, convert VHS to DVD. Recommended, as VHS tapes decay. A DVD will give time for "permanent" solution to develop.

Deborah Shuker

NEW BRANCH RESOURCES

Following are four recent additions to our Resource Collection held upstairs at Paraparaumu Public Library

CD: "Roll of Honour 1840-1903 Defenders of the Empire resident in New Zealand, including complete roll of New Zealand Contingents".

CD: "Royal Navy Ships at sea and in ports abroad in the 1871 British Census".

CD: as above, but for the 1901 Census.

FICHE: "Obituaries of Scottish born people in New Zealand". Volumes 1 & 2.

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TIMES DIGITAL ARCHIVES 1785-1985

Recently there was a brief period of free access to these Archives. The opportunity could not be resisted to get a glimpse of what life was really like in the "good old days" of 1790 – at least, as reported in the Times....

At Exeter Affizesthe following prifoners received fentence of death, viz Richard Turper, for a burglary; John Pope, for a highway robbery; James Hole for ftealing two bullocks; and Roger Shore for fheepftealing. Pope and Hole are left for execution.

At the Affizes for the County of Salop Edward Hartnefs, for ftealing five guineas and a half from Thomas Williams, for ftealing a black coat gelding, the property of Mr Richard Perry of Chetton, were capitally convicted and received fentence of death, but were both reprieved before the judge left town.

Sudden deaths:

Sunday, while putting on his hat in order to go to church, Mr Jones, jeweller, in Red Lion Street, Clerkenwell.

Tuesday, while conversing cheerfully with a neighbour, Mrs Wood wife of Mr Wood filverbuckle maker, in Charterhouse Lane.

Friday, while serving a cutfomer, the landlord [No Name] of the Queen's Head public houfe in Inn Lane.

It all makes today's newspapers sound rather dull!

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