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Editors Corner

YURU is now over for this year. Thank you to everyone for the phone calls and emails saying how much you enjoyed the show.

We were asked if we would attend the Family History Fair in Hamilton. This was the first time we took the show out of the area. Everything went like clock work and was just as popular in Hamilton as it was here. See the photos at the end of the newsletter.

Are we going to continue with YURU? Watch this space.

If you have any items to submit to the newsletter email Sue Greene at sueg-97@xtra.co.nz or tel: 063648196. **Copy closes the 2nd Wed each month.**

Acting Convenor's Comment

First of all let me introduce myself. My name is Bill McKeich and I have been a member of the Kapiti Branch NZSG for a number of years now. This is my second year on the Committee and together with three other "newbies" we represent a democratic way of running the Branch. As my name indicates I am researching my Scottish ancestry but there is also an important English element there too from the Birmingham Black Country region.

As the Acting Convenor, I want to recognize the work and dedication carried out by my predecessor Hanley Hoffman. His expertise in certain fields is recognized and he will continue to assist with organizing programmes for the benefit of Branch members.

The past month has been one of continuing excitement so far as the Branch is concerned. First and foremost there was the YURU presentation by Sir John Trimmer ably supported by researcher Sue Greene and Deputy Convenor Clive Palmer. Many other Branch members also contributed to make this a highly successful venture at the Southwards complex. Then we took the show to the Family History Fair in Hamilton and while there were many concerns over ticketing, timing and placement of the display material it was considered a successful venture. These concerns will exercise our minds if we are invited to make further presentations at the Family History Fair. As it was Sir Jon was in fine form and kept his audience enthralled throughout the whole presentation.

Our next big venture is being host Branch to the meeting of the NZSG Council on 25/26/27 November. They were to have held this meeting in Christchurch but due to the earthquakes etc the venue was changed. You will hear more of this later on when we call for volunteers to assist with morning and afternoon tea arrangements and also the possibility of billeting NZSG Councillors on the Friday and Saturday nights.

I look forward to being your Acting Convenor over the next few months until the AGM. In the meantime have a good month with your research and if you have any exciting discoveries please let us know and share these with us.

Bill McKeich
NZSG # 18567
Acting Convenor

Branch Notes

Committee note

Members have been advised that Hanley Hoffmann has resigned as Convenor. At its meeting September 7, the Committee appointed Bill McKeich as Acting Convenor. He will hold this position until the Annual General Meeting in April 2012.

Tea makers at September branch meeting. A-F.

Branch Evening Meeting. August 23rd:

Bill Main spoke about his interest of old photographs and photo postcards, illustrating his talk with slides of historic photos of Wellington, many of scenes at important occasions where large groups of people had gathered, and also photos taken in the streets of central Wellington. These photos provided a livelihood for many of the photographers of the day, a service that was popular in the days when few people owned cameras. Bill also brought with him several of his own published books which members were able to purchase

Meetings

Alison Proctor Family History Centre. (APFHC) Upstairs in the library.

Kapiti Community Centre 15 Ngahina Street (KCC). (near the Paraparaumu Library.) For full details go to the branch web site at

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nzlsgkb/> Click on programmes.

Meetings coming up:

Branch Meeting Tuesday 27th September. (KCC)

Tony Loorpärg: "A Child Refugee's Journey to the Ends of the Earth".

Born in Tallin, Estonia in 1942, he will tell his family's story of fleeing from Estonia during WWII. Estonia was invaded by the Soviet Union, the Germans and then the Soviet Union again. He escaped with his mother and grandmother in 1944 and lived in a Displaced Person's Camp for 4 years. He arrived in NZ in 1949. Tony will share his moving story of being an immigrant child and how the political situation in Estonia follows him into adulthood and impacts on his career in the NZ Army and the rest of his life.

New date for APFHC session

The postponed July session at APFHC will now take place from 5pm - 7.45pm on Thursday September 29. It will focus on using the Centre microfiche, CD and computer resources for searching NZ birth, deaths and marriage records.

October Tuesday 25th. Branch meeting using census returns. (KCC)

Interest Groups.

FTMUG (Family Tree Maker user group), LUG (Legacy User Group), IIG (Irish Interest Group), CFG (Computer friendly Group), AIG (Australian Interest Group), SIG (Scottish Interest Group).

Australian SIG please note there will be NO ASIG meeting for September. Also for the following groups. Family Tree Maker, Legacy, or Scottish User SIGs.

October. 8th (IIG) 9.30-12.00noon APFHC, **10th** CFG 7.30pm KCC Investigating sites to submit your family tree online, **18th** AIG 10am to 12noon APFHC, **29th** FTMUG 9.30am to 12.30pm KCC, **29th** LUG 12.30pm to 4.30pm KCC

Thursday 22nd September 10.30am: ArchivesNZ Visit
VISIT TO ARCHIVES NEW ZEALAND
Thursday 22 September 2011
Starting at 10.30am

Meeting in the Foyer on the Ground Floor
10 Mulgrave Street, Wellington.

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Alison Procter Family History Centre – what's on

Open 7 days a week, Paraparaumu Public Library, Mezzanine Floor during Library hours. See our website for details of the extensive book, microfiche and CD collection plus access to 4 PCs and several microfiche readers. This is the core of our services to members. Access is by presenting your membership and library card at the Information Desk on the Ground Floor. Check out the User Guide in the drawer unit for computer access codes and other information. FREE access to ancestry.com, findmypast.com, New Zealand Gazette Archive and heaps of other web based sites.

Help Sessions.

Every Wednesday 10am to 12noon – help with your research, volunteers on hand to give guidance. Dates for **September, Wed 21, 28 October, Wed 5, 12, 19, 26**

FamNet.

Go to <http://www.famnet.org.nz/> and log in.

This site is free to use to all Kapiti Branch members until 2012.

On the Web This Month

AYE AYE CAPTAIN - MERCHANT NAVY ARCHIVES REVEAL PHOTOS OF UK'S FORGOTTEN 'FOURTH SERVICE'

- Churchill's 'fourth service' who helped to make Britain 'Great'
- Fascinating photos of British merchant mariners from 100 years ago
- A 'floating United Nations', women and men, young boys, 'donkeymen' and manicurists, as well as personal descriptions such as tattoos
- 54% of the UK population have no idea who or what the Merchant Navy is
- Merchant Navy Day is on Saturday 3rd September 2011

One million 20th century Merchant Navy Seamen records are going online for the first time ever, as Britain approaches Merchant Navy Day on Saturday 3rd September. But when asked what the Merchant Navy was, 54% of the British population couldn't answer correctly, even though almost 90% have heard of them. This is a sad fact considering the Merchant Navy was integral to putting Britain on the trade and industry world map and were **named by Churchill as Britain's 'fourth service'**. The revelation comes as findmypast.co.uk, a leading UK family history website, publishes these fascinating records online in partnership with The National Archives. You can search these records from today at www.findmypast.co.uk/search/merchant-navy-seamen

Assessment Books 1845-1948

City of Sydney Archives – digital information.

The Assessment Books record details of ownership, occupation, construction, and value for buildings in the City of Sydney between 1845 and 1948.

They provide valuable information for family and property history which is not available from any other source.

To search go to <http://photosau.com.au/CoSRates/scripts/home.asp>

Alison Procter Family History Centre –Recent Additions listed Kapiti District Libraries Catalogue

Note: Using the keywords **genealogy family history** you will view many titles within APFHC Collection as well as copies held in the KCDC Public Libraries situated in Paraparaumu, Waikanae or in Otaki.

Listing per title sorts them per area (e.g. Scotland) rather than if select per author alphabetical listing.

If interested in one topic (e.g. immigration) try using it as the key word to narrow your selection and search the entire catalogue (not just restricting your search to the APFHC Collection)

Title Year	Author	Publication
A Golden Opportunity: Proceedings of the NZSG 2011 Annual Conference Dunedin, June, 2011	Richard Stedman (Compiler)	
Gabriel Read of Gabriel's Gully (donated)	Ernie McCraw	2011
Guilty on the Gallows: Famous Capital Crimes In New Zealand	Sherwood Young	1998
A Nurse Remembers: The Life Story of L. Ida Willis (donated)	L. Ida Willis	1968
Maria Gallagher: Her Short Life and Her Children's (donated) Stories	A. Kay Carter	2011
Settlers New Zealand Immigrants from Ireland (donated) And Scotland 1800-1845	Jock Phillips and Terry Hearn	2008
London Cemeteries: An Illustrated Guide and Gazette library)	Hugh Meller	1995 (ex
Windows on a Chinese Past- Volumes 1-4 library)	James Ng	1999 (ex
Volume 1: How the Cantonese gold seekers and their heirs settled in New Zealand		
Volume 2: Round Hill; Alexander Don Missions; Mixed Marriages; The Opium Evil		
Volume 3: Larrikinism and Violence; Immigration Issues; 20th Century Assimilation; Biographies		
Volume 4: 'Don's Roll of Chinese'		
Celebrating Our Ruby Anniversary: NZSG Wellington Branch 1970-2010		2010
Your Family's History: Research, Write and Publish It	John Gibson	2009

Family History on the Cheap	Shauna Hicks	2010
Which Genealogy Program?	Kerry Farmer and Rosemary Kopittke	2010
Strangers and Pilgrims: The von Tunzelmann (donated) Saga	Douglas S. Coombs and Anne G. Coombs	2006
And Not to Yield: The Story of a New Zealand (donated) Family 1840-1940	Thora Parker	1987
Central Otago Family Register Index: 150 th Anniversary Project NZSG Alexandra Branch		

Computer Programmes from CDs

National Burial Index for England and Wales (Third Edition)

The Jim Pearce Index: Obituaries reported in *The Evening Post* 1929-
1977 New Zealand 1911 Electoral Roll

Donated Microfiche

Index to the *New Zealand Mail* 1871-1907

Index to Early Wellington Newspapers 1839-
1865 London Marriages 1821-1869

Extra sets of Microfiche (donated with a microfiche reader)

New Zealand Births 1840-1920

New Zealand Deaths 1848-1920

New Zealand Marriages 1840-1920

New Zealand Cemetery Microfiche 0- 1167



The display at Claudelands.



Clive Palmer MC for YURU.



The audience Claudelands.



Sir Jon in full flight.



Fiona Brooker NZSG President, Clive Palmer Coordinator YURU Kapiti, Sue Greene Research Officer Kapiti, and Sir Jon Trimmer YURU 2011 guest.

KAPITI @@ Family History Fair in Hamilton 26/27 August 2011

"A very well organised event in most suitable surroundings in the Claudelands Event Centre", reports Hanley Hoffmann, who with wife Doreen, Carole Riley a professional genealogist from Australia, Irene Polkinghorne and Antonia Jones from Hamilton, staffed the Australian Interest Group stand. There were 50 display/stalls/participants at the Fair and 1300 visitors. The Australian stand served 116 customers with a variety of inquiries.

The group had a laptop with wireless internet plus a large screen facing the customer and used a handout with some pertinent information on BDM and websites and cemetery sites. "We were rather cramped for space" said Hanley, "and with such an important country with many NZers wanting research, we would appeal for a larger stand in future."

YURU 2011 with Sir Jon Trimmer was also a success.

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