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Editors Corner. – A reminder that all branch and Special Interest group meeting dates are on our web site. If you need to know when, where and what's happening for the year you can print the programmes.

If you have any articles to submit to the newsletter please send them through to Sue Greene email at sueg-97@xtra.co.nz

Acting Convenor's Comment. – It's that time of the year again when we must think seriously about the future of the Branch and consider nominations for the Committee and other positions outside the Committee which can be voted upon at the AGM which will take place on 24th April in the Kapiti Community Centre at 7.00pm. There is an urgent need for someone in the club to volunteer to produce the monthly newsletter. Sue Greene is stepping down from this position and we are grateful for the time and energy she has put into this vital part of our Branch's activities. If you feel that you could manage this please contact any of the Committee. Also another vital position vacant at the moment is that of Marketing Manager. This largely entails ensuring our Branch activities are kept in the public eye and each year overseeing the marketing of the YURU project. Again if you are able to do this please contact one of the Committee. While these are important aspects of the Branch's operation you are also advised that it is the Committee's intention to seek members' approval to draw up a set of rules for the club with a view to eventual registration as an incorporated society. We will keep you informed of the process as it develops.

The Branch continues to offer its members an interesting programme and Kathy Callaghan and Frances Braddick continue to work well together on this. The February meeting was well received when Deborah Shuker, (Aus SIG), Russell Tether (Scot SIG) and Greg Blackburn (Irish SIG) spoke of the work they do at their respective meetings. From the interest shown at the meeting it could well be that attendance at these SIG meetings will increase. The March meeting looks set to be an interesting one too when Andrew Malcolm the Managing Director of Kapiti Funeral Home will speak about Graveyards and Gravestones and the restoration of headstones.

At our last Committee meeting it was approved that a new laptop be purchased from Branch funds. This has been done and so we can expect no more delays in setting up presentations in the future. Our computer suite at the APFHC is to be upgraded and we are currently seeking advice on how best to go about this. We will however be increasing the number of monitors to 6 so there will be no more waiting around.

I hope you have had a successful month with your research. I've just found a 6th cousin living in Glasgow through one of the many message boards on the Internet. I might visit him when I'm over there later on this year.

Bill McKeich

Acting Convenor.

Meetings Coming Up/ Events. -For full details go to the branch web site at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nzlsgkb/> Click on programmes.

Monthly Branch Meeting

7pm supper, 7.30pm meetings start. Guest speaker begins 7.45pm. Venue Kapiti Community Centre. (KCC)

Tuesday 27th March

Andrew Malcolm, Kapiti Funeral Services: From Kapiti Funeral Home, will do a presentation on Graveyards and Gravestones; protocol (if any) for visiting graveyards, upkeep and/or restoration of headstones and the best way to make impressions/rubbings. He will also share a general history to graveyards in the Kapiti area.

For March, in the two monthly pre-speaker slot on NZSG services, Lorna will provide an introduction to the free downloads available to NZSG members for documents in the UK National Archives available at DocumentsOnline

(<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/default.asp>)

Those wanting a preview, should log into NZSG and select Members Area

DocumentsOnline (or click this link: http://www.genealogy.org.nz/Documents-Online_593.aspx)

Tuesday 24th April

Branch AGM & Guest Speaker Robert Barnes FamNet.

Wed. Morning Help Sessions at the Alison Proctor History Centre (APFHC) upstairs in the library. 10am-12pm. **March** 28, **April:** 4,11,18, **May** 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Interest Group meetings held at; Kapiti Community Centre 15 Ngahina Street (KCC) and at the Alison Proctor Family History Centre. (APFHC)

FTMUG (Family Tree Maker User Group KCC) Sat. 28th Apr 9.30am -12.30pm, **LUG** (Legacy User Group KCC) Sat. 28th Apr. 12.30pm – 4.30pm, **IIG** (Irish Interest Group APFHC) Sat. Apr. 14th 9.30am – 12pm, **AIG** (Australian Interest Group APFHC) Thurs. 12th Apr. 10am – 12pm, **SIG** (Scottish Interest Group) (No meeting in Apr). **CFG:** Meets the second Monday of the month 7.30pm (KCC) Mon. 16th Apr. (**Note As Easter falls on our usual meeting date we have moved to the following Monday night.**) (KCC)

Coming Events. Orientation and Information Evening: Thursday 19th April 6pm - 7.30pm at Alison Proctor Family History Centre, (upstairs at the Paraparaumu Library) This is advanced notice of the first of our Orientation and Information evenings. We plan to do four sessions this year: April, June, Aug, and Oct. These sessions are designed to help any members, (particularly newer members), become familiar with the extensive resources the branch has available, and how to use them. The first session will be a general overview of procedures for signing in, turning on computers, how to find passwords (which change a regular intervals), what is available on the computers and how to access them, our book and magazine collections, microfiche collection and other miscellaneous information. The sessions have been shortened this year so we hope this will make it easier for people to come after work.

Sat. 21st April. The Generation Game. Here's another opportunity for those who missed out in 2011, as Kilbirnie Branch members of NZSG are bringing The Generation Game to Kapiti again this year.

Those who came last year enjoyed the challenges of working in small groups to solve the game. You are welcome to come again. Maybe this time you will spot the red herrings! Encourage your friends to attend as it would be good to have many participants. Last year we were put into small groups on the day, so each group had members with a range of experience in genealogy. This made the competition fair.

When? Saturday 21 April 1pm-4pm

Where? KCC room, where our monthly meetings are held

Who? Both experienced and new researchers will learn something new

Cost? \$5 each competitor. Pay at the door.

Branch Notes.

We welcome the following new members. Gerard DENTON, Jane FOGDEN and Dee WHITEHEAD
Tea Makers. K – O.

The current Branch Membership Year ends 31st March 2012. The following day, 1st April 2012, the renewal Membership Subscription of \$20 per person will then become due and payable, with the usual period of grace to make payment.

With our Branch Membership now being well over 270, if a very large proportion of the renewals were to be received within a very short period of time this would represent a considerable concentrated workload for the Membership Secretary. We would be very grateful therefore if at least some of those members intending to renew into the 2012/2013 Year would be prepared to send in their Subscriptions ahead of time.

EITHER: Cheques for \$20 per person should be made payable to "Kapiti Genealogy", with sender's name & address on the back flap of the envelope, and posted to: ***Membership Renewal***, Kapiti Branch NZSG, Box 703, Paraparaumu. 5254.

OR: Those wishing to pay by internet banking to our Westpac Account 03-0732-0263025-00 must:

(a) Include some identifier with the payment, e.g. name, street, Kapiti Genealogy Membership Number (it's on your current card).

(b) Identify if you are an NZSG Member by including your NZSG Membership Number.

(c) Email Lorna at kapiti@genealogy.org.nz including "Membership Renewal" in the subject line to let her know to check the branch account.

Please allow for a processing time of "a couple of weeks" at least. Your co-operation would be very much appreciated.

Used Ink Cartridges: - The Branch collects used ink and toner cartridges for recycling to raise funds. Please pass your old cartridges to Derek at a Branch Meeting, or put them in a box in the locked metal cabinets at the Alison Procter Family History Centre upstairs at Paraparaumu Library, or leave them in Derek's letter-box, 94 Ngaio Road, Waikanae. We can recycle Canon, Lexmark, Hewlett Packard, Epson, and Brother cartridges.

Computer Password at the APFHC - APFHC computer password has been changed, members will have to get the key to check the red folder in the drawer.

Volunteers for the APFHC. - We need more members willing to be on the roster for helping at the Wednesday morning 10-12. This would help relieve the pressure of the few members being on duty nearly every week.

YURU 2012. - Dates have been confirmed so add to your diary now.

"Flowers of my Garden" Dame Kate Harcourt.

Tuesday 21 August, 2pm & 7pm, Southwards, Otaihanga,
Paraparaumu. Monday 27th August, 7.30pm. Circa Theatre, Wellington.

Positions vacant - We have had no response to our urgent call for assistance in the Feb newsletter. We've altered the requirements in hindsight as follows, Position One: Marketing and Promotion during June to August which includes preparing & distributing fliers and posters, organising media releases and adverts, blogs, Facebook and website entries. Position Two: ticket sales during June to August which includes printing and distribution to sales outlets, monitoring sales and keeping accounts, contact person for enquiries. You will be part of the YURU Team so plenty of contact with others for help, advice, etc. Contact c-mpalmer@xtra.co.nz Please help us out in this major Branch activity.

Committee News.

Kapiti Branch of the NZSG

AGM

Notice is hereby given that the 28th Annual General Meeting of the Kapiti Branch of The New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc. (NZSG) will be held at the Kapiti Community Centre, Pak'n' Save Room, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu, on Tuesday, 24 April 2012 commencing at 7.00pm.

Nominations are called for a minimum of five Committee Members, including the positions of Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer.

Nominees, Nominators, and Seconders must all be members of both NZSG and Kapiti branch. Nomination forms are attached to this newsletter, and available from the Secretary.

While nominations will be received at the AGM, members are encouraged to submit these beforehand so that credentials can be checked.

Agenda and Nomination forms are attached to this newsletter or may be obtained from the Secretary.

Not the committee type? You don't have to be on the committee to help the branch provide services. You don't have to be an expert on genealogy either. The main requirement is having a bit of time to spare and being willing to work with others for the good of the branch. The many activities we provide are all organised by volunteers, and this time of year we're looking for new faces to join in. Here are some of the things that need doing:

Newsletter Editor, Help at the library any Wednesday morning during public research sessions, Help with publicity and set up for YURU (Why you are you) presentation in August.

If you can lend a hand in these areas, or can be available for other tasks, please tell someone on the committee.

FINDMYPAST.CO.UK TO PUBLISH WESTMINSTER ARCHIVE RECORDS ON THE WEB

Project announced to increase access to 10 million baptism, marriage, burial and parish chest records dating back to 1538

First time that images of the original parish records from Westminster will appear online

Leading UK family history website findmypast.co.uk has today announced that it has been awarded a digitisation contract by the City of Westminster Council and the Westminster Archives Centre. This significant new project will lead to the publication online for the very first time of 10 million historic records from the Archives. The records are expected to launch later this year and will become fully searchable, only at findmypast.co.uk.

Spanning the years 1538 to 1945, the records cover such London landmark churches as:

St Anne's, Soho, St Clement Dane, St George's Hanover Square, St James' Westminster, St Margaret's Westminster, St Martin-in-the-Fields, St Mary-le-Strand, St Paul's, Covent Garden.

As well as baptisms, marriages and burials, the Westminster Collection includes such gems as rate books, orphan and apprentice records, vestry minutes, cemetery registers, charity documents, workhouse admission and discharge books, settlement examinations, churchwardens' accounts, bastardy and poor law records, wills, militia and watch records.

Thames Branch.

Thames Biennial Research Expo 2012.

The Thames Branch's biennial Research Expo is being held on **Saturday 31st March 2012.**
At the Thames Civic Centre Mary St Thames, between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm.

Once again we have a comprehensive range of interest groups available for your researching. Namely:-

Australian Interest Group, Channel Island Group Cornish Interest Group, European Interest Group, Genealogical Computing Group, Greater London Interest Group Irish Interest Group, Maori Interest Group, Midland and Northern England North, American Research Advisor, Scottish Interest Group, Southern England and East Anglia Interest Group, Welsh Research area NZSG Sales Table, Also will be Thames Area Groups of Interest:- Thames Indexing Group, Thames School of Mines Group, Bella Street Pump House, Waihi Museum, Video Early Waihi, The Treasury Thames, Thames Group, for Local Research etc. Also supporting our Expo this year for your added interest will be :-Family Link – A demonstration on how and what you can do with "FAMILY TREE MAKER" Heritage Imaging:- scanning old slides and negatives, restoration and archiving old photos Ken Weeks – Scottish Badges and memorabilia The Expo will be run along Archive lines, bags etc to be checked in at the foyer and ONLY pencil, paper and laptops will be allowed in the research areas where the groups are.

Tea and coffee will be available during the day FREE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH Hot soup available at a small charge

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Admission charge is \$10.00 per person we look forward to meeting you all on the day and hope your researching will advance your family history for you.

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Full details of other Committee members and their responsibilities can be found on our website.

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Library Borrowing CHANGES

LIBRARY NEWS: Borrowing limits have increased – as of 13th February the number of items you are allowed to borrow has increased. Ordinary, lifetime and youth members may borrow 4 items and joint members may borrow 8 items. This is great news for those people who want to borrow more! Please note that due to the nature of 'glossy' magazines (Family Tree Magazine, etc) these will be limited to 2 copies at a time so that we can ensure everyone has a chance to borrow them in a timely manner.

Please remember that if you are using the postal borrowing service, outwards postage is free. When the volunteers are putting together your 'order', if they think the postage is going to be hefty, they will email you to ensure you are happy to pay the return postage.

Remote Film Reader

This "new" Remote Film Reader service is now available across the whole of New Zealand. We have a very successful uptake from our Christchurch region and we are ready for all of you to try this great service.

The Library Supervisor, Christine Hurst, is still looking for individuals in branches who would be willing to be 'champions' for their area. If you are interested in being the go-to person/expert for your region, please contact Christine on library@genealogy.org.nz

Constitution Review Committee

Council has decided that the vote on significant changes to the Rules and Bylaws will not take place as suggested by the Constitution Review Committee. This is to give more time for consultation with Members and for feedback.

However changes necessary to meet legal requirements and maintain approved Charitable Organisation status as registered by the Charities Commission will be made, in particular provisions regarding Disposal of Assets clause relating to NZSG Branches

2012 Conference

The 2012 Conference will take place in Taupo at the Wairakei Resort with a theme of **Volcanic Taupo – Steaming Ahead**. The dates are 1 June 2012 – 4 June 2012 and we hope to see you all there!

Please also note that the 45th Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 2 June 2012 in Taupo at the Wairakei Resort.

2012-2014 Elections

Please keep an eye out on the website for a statement release from Council in relation to the process of the 2012-2014 elections

Daytime Interest Group. - (Sponsored by the VFO Trust, Corporate member of the Waikanae Chartered Club) Daytime Group of Waikanae Chartered Club, Elizabeth Street, Waikanae morning tea, session commences 10am.3- 3/4 hour sessions. Contact Hanley Hoffmann - hdhoffmann@paradise.net.nz 04 9043276

(This is not affiliated with the Kapiti branch but we have agreed to advertise this activity in our newsletter)