

**KAPITI BRANCH N.Z.S.G.**  
**New Zealand Society of Genealogists**  
**53 Donovan Road, Paraparaumu Beach**

Meetings held at Paraparaumu Public Library,  
Rimu Road, Paraparaumu  
4th Thursdays of months January to November at 7.30 pm  
**May 2003**

**PROGRAMME**

22nd May Fred Howell with his historical postcard collection  
26th June We are working on this one 24th July  
Graeme Constable, President of NZSG

**NOTICES**

WELCOME to New Members, Yvonne Brown, Tom Halcrow, David Hooper and Margaret Tippett. We hope you will enjoy our meetings and will find help among our members.

LECTURE EVENING with Dr. Chris Watts from the Public Records Office in London will be held Friday 13th June 2003 at Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, off Hill Street, Wellington at 6 p.m. Tickets \$5 from Val Freeman. Dr. Watts is an expert on Records of British Army up to 1920, Records of Merchant Shipping, Royal Navy up to 1920, Immigration & Naturalization, Records of Births, Deaths & Marriages at sea and many other records. Anybody interested? GREATER WELLINGTON SCOTTISH INTEREST GROUP Research afternoon Sunday 6th July 1 - 4 p.m. at Hutt Bridge Clubrooms, Park Avenue, Avalon, Hutt Valley.

NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE Porirua Library has a number of these, dating from early 1900s to 1970s. They contain a wealth of information and are well worth a look

RECIPROCAL RESEARCH Porirua Branch are suggesting to its members that those who are blocked by 'brickwalls' could possibly benefit by swapping particular problems with others with no family stories or preconceived ideas to interfere with objectivity. A good idea?

ON OFFER Meryl Opie has offered to donate a computer to our Branch for reading CD-ROMS, but it does not have a monitor or a mouse. However, Ross Traill, one of our members, has an old monitor and keyboard to give us, if it is compatible. He will be bringing it to our next meeting for testing. Thanks, Ross.

BUY, SELL OR SWAP? It was suggested at our last Committee meeting that members might be interested in bringing along items such as unused or no longer wanted CDs to our meetings that may be of interest to other members.

FOR SALE: Because of upgrading, Deborah Shuker wants to sell COMPUTER MONITOR KEYBOARD MOUSE PENTIUM 75, 24.0MB RAM, MODEM, 4 CD STACKER HARD DRIVE CAPACITY 1.08 GB WINDOWS 95 V 4.00, WORD 97. \$200. <mailto:Deborah@@ThePuzzleCompany.co.nz> Phone (04) 905 2238 Anyone interested?

LIBRARY ACCESS We are still working on a system of members being able to access our genealogy library books, through the old way (pre-new public library) until they can absorb us into their database. We are sorry it is taking so long.

SHERRY IRVINE'S TALK I understand that one of our members went over to the Hutt in April for this event. Would you please let me know about it, as I am sorry I was unable to go. - Ed.

NZSG Index (Version 3) As there has been a flood of orders for this new Index, members are advised that it takes time to action them, as the NZSG relies on volunteers to help out. Additional pressure is added when "where is my new NZSG Index?" messages which slows the whole process down. Please give them time! If members wishing to order an Index do not have the form, it can be obtained through the NZSG Office by sending an SAE with their request. These Indexes are only available to NZSG members on condition that the CD is for their own personal family research.



## RESEARCHING MID-CANTERBURY

"Historically Speaking"

The Ashburton Guardian is to run a new column of interest to historians, genealogists or anyone researching the Mid Canterbury area. The monthly column will be called Historically Speaking and will run on the first Wednesday of each month. The column may contain "help wanted" queries from researchers; information of forthcoming events of a historical, genealogical or reunion type nature; local family/group photographs requiring identification or small articles of historical, genealogical or local interest. The first column will be run on Wednesday 7 May 2003. Submissions for the column are free and open to anyone. They should be sent to: Liz Quaid, Ashburton Guardian, PO Box 77, Ashburton; phone (03) 308 3089; fax (03) 308 9855 or email:

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Please ensure you write clearly and print SURNAMES being researched in capital letters. Don't forget to include your name, contact address, phone/fax or email. Laser copies of any clear photos may be submitted and will be returned on inclusion of a stamped addressed envelope.

## NOTES FROM THE NZSG

The Certificate Collection now contains over a quarter of a million entries. The one you are looking for might be included among them. Provided you are a member of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, you can write to the officer concerned, giving your membership number and enclosing an SAE, requesting a search.

GRO UK BDM Fees for standard certificates increased from 6.50GBP to 7.00GBP on the 1st April 2003.

LINZ Records (Land Information NZ) paper records will remain in the main centres, of Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. However, some could be available online.

## EUROPEAN INTEREST

I was interested to note in the latest New Zealand Genealogist that they have started a series of articles by members of the NZSG European Interest Group. The first to appear is "Searching for German Roots" by Shirley Dixon (March/April 2003). On reading further, I discovered that she lives here on the Kapiti Coast. She sounds a lovely, lively lady and we look forward to hearing from her as a guest speaker sometime in the future.

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