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September 2006 Newsletter

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'nSave 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.

Next Meetings:-

Kapiti Branch:- Tuesday 26th September
7.30pm. Archives New Zealand Records.
Speaker: Graham Langton.

Computer SIG:- Monday 9th October 7.30pm.
Getting the most out of websites. Speaker: Sue Greene

CONVENERS COMMENT:-

Our guest at the September 26 meeting is Graham Langton of ArchivesNZ in Wellington who will update us on this very important source of family history data,

how to gain access, costs, and other services. This will be followed up with a visit to the archives on October 18. Details will be circulated. ArchivesNZ is a huge repository of documents and records which is being added to all the time. An increasing amount of data is indexed on their website under the Archway project. I strongly suggest you go into the site at www.archway.archives.govt.nz and have a look at what is available. Other information can be found on their main website - just take out the "Archway". So come prepared with queries.

Over the next month or so we will be sending you documents for the Annual General Meeting on October 24. In addition to the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, nomination forms for the committee will be included. The formal and legally required announcement of this meeting is contained elsewhere in this newsletter.

Once again I appeal to our large membership to show active support. We lose several Committee members this time round including our Treasurer. Of the Officers, Derek Griffis and I have agreed to stand again. Several other Committee members have indicated that they will stand down after one more year. I am now very concerned about our ability to continue to provide the services which you have come to accept. We desperately need new blood. I know members are busy and many have had lots of times on various committees in the past and feel they have done their dash, but the practicality is another version of "use or lose"! So if you are an NZSG member (required for Committee) we appeal for your support. However regardless of whether you are a member of our parent body or not, there is lots that can be done without having to be a committee member. Formal nomination as above is not required but if you are interested in helping in anyway please let the Secretary or myself know. Library, programme, IT support, newsletter, marketing and other areas are always in need of help. A specific example is the programme, which is becoming too complex for a single person to organise and manage. Next year we will look at setting up a Programme sub-group of members to run the programme.

Clive Palmer

COMPSIG:- Computer SIG

GEDCOM Files:-

Mentioning terms such as GEDCOM files raises panic when talking computer terms. GEDCOMs are very easy to create and are one of the most useful files for any genealogist.

Below is a short description about GEDCOM files. The technical description is as follows: The GEDCOM, the GENEalogical Data COMMunication standard proposed by the Family History Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the Mormons), and adopted by many developers and users of genealogical software. The purpose of GEDCOM is to simplify the exchange of computerized historical and genealogical information. This collection is provided as a convenient way to share GEDCOM information among interested parties. The less formal version:

A GEDCOM file is a file saved on your hard disk. It is not automatically created, you must create it on purpose. Every genealogy software program should (and to my knowledge does) have the ability to create one. It is a standard format that any program can read. The Mormons developed the format to help people, regardless of what software they are using, to be able to share their information.

If you are using a computer program like Family Tree Maker, PAF, Brothers Keeper, Generations, and there are many more, too many to list here. You have the ability to create a GEDCOM file. Check the help files in the program you are using on details about how to make one. **Sue Greene**

Family Tree Maker software from Global Genealogy

New Family Tree Maker Version 16, is a free upgrade for Version 2006 users.

Family Tree Maker has just announced the release of Version 16. Version 16 of FTM, replaces Family Tree Maker 2006. (FTM are now reverting back to version numbers.)

The good news is that FTM Version 16 is a Free online upgrade for those who are using a registered copy of Family Tree Maker 2006. At this time FTM Version 16 is only available as a free upgrade for FTM 2006 users. There are no physical copies of Version 16 available, just the free download

If you are using an older version than FTM 2006, you can purchase an upgrade to version 2006 and then enjoy the benefit of a complimentary upgrade to version 16.

If you already have Family Tree Maker 2006 installed on your computer you can get all of the new features and improvements in Family Tree Maker Version 16

by doing the following:

To get your free upgrade, make sure that Family Tree Maker 2006 is up and running on your computer, Click on Help (in FTM) Then Click on Check for update, and, you will get a message that your FTM 2006 will be upgraded to version 16 the next time you start Family Tree Maker.

Library Report:-

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.

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. Now I will wait for the Scottish research day on 30th September and see what suggestions come from there. 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 morning 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

Domesday Book

Domesday Book, the oldest public record held in the UK's The National Archives (TNA) has been brought into the 21st century through Domesday Online, TNA's latest digitisation project. It provides a fascinating insight into medieval Britain, including very detailed information on manors, villages, towns etc.

Though regarded as the UK's finest treasure, less than 1% of the UK population have been to see the 920-year-old original, so TNA hopes many more people will take the opportunity to view it online and learn more about this iconic document.

By visiting www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/domesday/ you can search the book by name of any place of interest to you. And for a small fee (£3.50) it is also possible to purchase a copy of the original page featuring the place name and a translation of the entry into modern English.

Part of TNA's Documents Online service, the site also provides an interesting history of Domesday. It was commissioned in 1085 by William, Duke of Normandy (who vanquished King Harold at the Battle of Hastings in 1066 and became known as King William the Conqueror). The survey that followed was a massive enterprise, and the fact that the record of that survey was pretty much completed in 1086 is remarkable.

Rex Roberts

Early Subscription Renewals (2006/07)

Current Branch Membership numbers are approaching double those of only two years ago, and we are anxious to spread out the now substantial workload of processing all the annual renewals. Although the current Membership Year does not expire until 30th September, we would very much welcome receiving early renewal payments from those of our members who are willing to send in their remittances in advance of that expiry date.

The Committee will be recommending to the Branch Annual General Meeting in 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 to: Rex Roberts, Kapiti Branch Treasurer, 117 Weggery Drive, Waikanae. Your indulgence and co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

Notices:-

DAY MEETING

Wednesday 4th October 1pm. Upstairs at Paraparaumu Public Library. The last of this year's series of three daytime Meetings with the focus this time on our collection of CDs – what we have, and how they may be accessed. Followed by an opportunity to carry out some private research.

"AncestryCom"

Is now available at all Kapiti Libraries

This is a bonus for KBNZSG but remember use it or lose it. If it doesn't get used, next time the subscription is due and the site did not get used sufficiently, we will lose it

Beginning Your Family History

A family History Day with "Jan Gow"

@ @ Kilbirnie Branch NZSG

Park Bowling Club Evans Bay

Monday 16th October 2006. 9.30am to 9.30pm.

Entry \$4.00. BYO Lunch For further details contact Hanley Hoffmann

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Open / Research Day

Levin Branch NZSG

Saturday 14th of October 10am to 4pm. St Johns Methodist Church Hall, Kent Street Levin. Entry Fee \$5.00 BYO lunch

New Members

Welcome to new members: donna, Rachel Oliver, and Betty Moss, who have joined us recently.

Death Notice:-

Lloyd Jarden: It is with sadness that we have to report that Lloyd Jarden of the Rita Angus Home in Wellington died on Monday 28th August 2006. He was age 79. He was a well-known and active member of Kapiti Branch in the 1990s, before moving to Wellington, and was currently a Committee Member of Kilbirnie Branch. [See "Dominion" Death Notice 30.8.2006]

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. September **A** to **B**

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)

Hewlett Packard Cartridges

We have been donated 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

Ink Cartridges September Round-Up:

The collection of used printer ink cartridges (particularly Canon, Lexmark, Hewlett Packard, and Epson) is a continuing fund-raising exercise, but with the end of the financial year (30th September) nearly upon us, now is the time for us to gather in and cash up all those that we have around. So, if you have a few on hand, please make a special effort to let me ([Derek Griffis](#)) have them at this month's Meeting or, if more convenient, leave them for me in the cardboard box in our steel cabinet at Paraparaumu Public Library. This is a painless way of making money for the Branch, and your continuing support is appreciated.

NEW ZEALAND ELECTORAL ROLL FICHE
Last month we announced the funding of a wide range of NZ Electoral fiche. This month we can announce that most of those fiche (excluding 1928 and 1946 which are still awaited from the supplier) have been received. These new fiche are now included with our earlier Electoral Roll fiche collection at Paraparaumu Public Library. Most, but not all, of the Electoral Rolls are now held – FICHE (top right, in locked steel cabinet): 1853-64, 1865-66, 1870-71, 1880-81, 1887, 1893, 1899, 1905, 1914, 1919, 1922, 1925, 1931, 1935, 1938, 1943, 1949-51, 1954, 1957, 1960, 1963, 1966-67, and 1969.

PAPER (on open shelves, opposite):

1972, 1984, 1993, 1996, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2004.

[NB We also have 1881 and 1893, in CD form]

This collection will be an invaluable research tool for those wishing to track down the movements, full names & addresses, and occupations, of their family, generation after generation, from their very first appearance through to the present.

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 next meeting will be on Saturday 28th October 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 halhire, tea and coffee and any presenter's costs. For further details: 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.

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