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The Group meets at the WAIKANAE CHARTERED CLUB, 8 Elizabeth Street Waikanae, just over the Railway Crossing, 9.30am to 12 -12.30pm, on the Fourth Thursday of the month –January to November. See the dates in the body of this newsletter.

The Waikanae Family History Group is a corporate member and an adjunct of the Waikanae Chartered Club

TEMPUS FUGIT

No, I did not do latin at school, only latin roots like cado casum “I fall” and how many times have I made mistakes lately and what I wrote fell over because the dates were wrong, so have I fallen into a decrepit state. Why did I turn to latin this morning? On my bookshelf I have a foolscap booklet entitled “Latin and other phrases” a carryover from the days in my life 1966-1970 when I worked in the Commonwealth Reporting Service in Canberra where we reported all of the Supreme Court cases of the Australian Capital Territory. One morning I was called to the boss’s office, Dudley Gent was talking with visitors from USA – I was being called! in fear and trembling – you know, what now. Duly introduced to two business men, one who immediately addressed me with words of congratulations! “we would pay dearly in the States for someone to answer the telephone like you did to me this morning! here is my splurge “389 7222, Commonwealth Reporting Service, Hanley Hoffmann speaking, good morning, can I help you?” Prior to becoming a Sound Recording Reporter with the Commonwealth Reporting Service I was a telecommunications technician and in my days in the country town of Cootamundra, as technicians we were expected to teach receptionist to answer the phone correctly, time was money and if the caller was on a toll call to a business house they were paying from the moment the telephonist/receptionist answered. So being sure, and making sure that they knew they were connected to the right number really mattered. So when you ring me at home you get the shortest version 904 3276 – every time and now you know why. So look where that “time runneth” latin led me. Why don’t you try it? Answer with your number at least next time.

DONATIONS/MEMBERSHIP

“Debitum in presente, solvendum in futuro”. This morning I sent out an email reminder that 23 out of our membership have not stumped up with their annual donation to the group’s funds. I really don’t need to remind members or do I? If your situation is the opposite to that phrase can you afford more than the minimum – the tax man does not mind because he will give you some back. Alright what does that say? “*At the moment I am in debt, in the future I will be solvent!*”

YOUR DIARY FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2106

May 12th - research morning – 9.30am

May 26th - regular monthly members meeting 9.30am to 12.30pm

June 7th - Trust committee meeting 9.45am to 11.15am

June 23rd - regular monthly members meeting 9.30am to 12.30pm

July 12th - Trust committee meeting 9.45am to 11.15am

July 14th - research morning – 9.30am

July 28th - regular monthly members meeting 9.30am to 12.30pm

August 6th - Open Day (Saturday) 9am to 3pm

August 10th - Trust committee meeting 9.45am to 10.45am

August 25th - regular monthly members meeting 9.30am to 12.30pm

September 13th - Trust committee meeting 9.45am to 10.45am

September 22th - regular monthly members meeting 9.30am to 12.30pm

Group's 5th birthday celebration – lunch

October 11th - Trust committee meeting 9.45am to 10.45am

October 13th – **research morning – 9.30am**

October 27th - regular monthly members meeting 9.30am to 12.30pm

November 8th - Trust committee meeting 9.45am to 10.45am

November 24th - regular monthly members meeting 9.30am to 12.30pm

End of year Christmas function - lunch

Short Story & or Can you Help

Appeals seem to go on deaf ears, but I am going to be persistent, you must have a short story or if we can turn to asking readers for help, do you have a short appeal for that lost one up in Horowhenua or Horopito or Palmerston North – let us hear about it, please.

OPEN DAY AUGUST 6th, Saturday

Attached to this newsletter is an additional page with the flyer (see the flyer for details) for this particularly special day. Here is a chance to bring your friends or neighbours along and see if they are interested in joining us, have they visited the Chartered Club ever before? The Club is unique in this town having been founded just 41 years ago and boasts nearly 1000 members – not many when you know the town has a population of growing towards 15,000. The club has 9 different interest groups, sporting groups, activities, and it has a mix of the English pub, tavern air where, after 11am each day you could come with your friends for “elevenses” or a coffee and muffin, and follow that with a “Bar Lunch”. It is a non smoking area, except in the garden area outside. Now that the town of Waikanae no longer boasts a hotel, and only two bowling clubs, the Club is close to the shopping centre, and a pleasant place to meet and socialise.

This is either what we have to look forward to or are already enjoying.....

- ☐ lying around, pondering the problems of the world, i realized that at my age I don't really give a rat's anymore.
- ☐ If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.
- ☐ a whale swims all day, only eats fish, and drinks water, but is still fat.
- ☐ a rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years, while a tortoise doesn't run and does mostly nothing, yet it lives for 150 years. and they tell us to exercise? I don't think so.

Now that I'm older, here's what I've discovered:

1. i started out with nothing, and i still have most of it.
2. my wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes and all-bran.
3. funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
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5. if all is not lost, then where the heck is it?
6. it was a whole lot easier to get older than it was to get wiser.
7. some days, you're the top dog, some days you're the hydrant.
8. I wish the buck really did stop here, I sure could use a few of them.
9. kids in the backseat cause accidents.
10. accidents in the back seat cause kids.
11. it is hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
12. the world only beats a path to your door when you're in the bathroom.
13. if god wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.
14. when i'm finally holding all the right cards, everyone wants to play chess.
15. it is not hard to meet expenses . . . they're everywhere.
16. the only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
17. these days, i spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter. . .

I go somewhere to get something, and then wonder what I'm "here after".

18. funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
19. it is a lot better to be seen than viewed.
20. have I sent this message to you before?...or did I get it from you?

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Converting your old stuff onto new gear

While we're discussing family trees, does anyone know to convert from an old PAF (LDS tree, on an old Dell) onto a iPad Pro ? Noel Leeming doesn't ! regards, Richard Poole of Auckland. Further to my last letter, I have been in contact with Familysearch in the US and a kind lady has informed me that I need to export my PAF file into a GEDCOM FILE, then go to rootsmagic.ios and hopefully I can download onto my iPad Pro !!. There must be millions of folk in the same predicament. Richard.

Our CD Library

Have you had access to those CD's yet that have loaded on to two laptops, or just want to borrow one of the CD's. Just before we get under way at our May meeting, bearing in mind that 11am we are going to have an AGM, we will give you a few minutes run down on what this "library" is all about and there is some extremely accurate details on the Marriage CD for example where you can prove that "stab in the dark guess" you made over your Aunt's marriage was accurate with the year you put in the data. What about where she lived and hey! There she is in the 1911 Electoral Roll in Tauhinu Road in Miramar, and it says she is married. There is just so much that you can learn about any one person in your family tree in New Zealand.

WANTED!

Membership of the Chartered Club has become very important to us now since we have to maintain at least 30% of our membership as members of the Chartered Club and the latest count is 14. We should have at least 18+ so if you are a member and we don't know about it please tell us. We encourage members also to join the Kapiti Branch of NZSG if they want to use the facilities at the Kapiti Library.

We maintain a membership of nigh on 60 members now and if you have decided that you are not going to continue membership with the group it would be very useful, and a courtesy also, if you would email us – so Rodney and I can legitimately cross you off our listing. From time to time we have a discussion about various members as to whether they are in or out?

AUSTRALIAN FAMILY TREE CONNECTIONS MAGAZINE

Your Group now subscribes to this publication and if you are into research across the Tasman then this book is for you. Currently we have the April and May issues and if you want to be next to browse these tell us. We are going to set up a readers list so that the issues can be circulated, if Australian research is for you so is this magazine. Now on page 49 of the May issue is the SURNAME REGISTER. Now this is not just for you to read, but as a member of our group you could now list some of those elusive names that you haven't yet found like Atkins, Barratt, Carvill, Devlin, Eales, Fiske, Gorringe, Hollis, Koen, Lipinsky, Mayberry, Noble, Organ, Pitt, Ross, Sawden, Treverrow, Verrier, Walkom, to name a cross section of what is in that register – this is a must look for anyone not just those doing Australian research because all the names have different country references. Ask for a copy of the Surname listing form and be in to win,

What do you know about GOOGLE search engines?

To get the most out of any Google search for your ancestors, it is necessary to understand how Google works. An important consideration is to realize that Google runs different search engines in different parts of the world. For example, Google.com is the search engine for the United States, Google.ca is used for Canada, while Google.co.uk is the search engine for the United Kingdom. In total, there are close to 200 different Google search engines.

Most people don't realize that the choice of Google search engine has a profound impact on the search results that are delivered to you. Choose the right Google search engine when searching for your ancestors and you will get good results. Choose the wrong one and you will almost certainly come up empty handed. In this article, we show you how to choose the right Google search engine. [\[A Country Guide to Google Search Engines\]](#)

GenealogyInTime Magazine Newsletter - 14 May 2016 – this is an excellent source of information, click on the link above and read more, even this paragraph above which I have copied for you could lead to some great rewards, Thank you to GenealogyInTime.

This space could have hosted your story

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