



WANAKA GENEALOGY GROUP NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2017

Hello All

I hope you have all had a great Christmas break and are feeling ready to take up the challenge of Genealogy again. Our Christmas Meeting was lovely and we all enjoyed talking about where our earliest ancestors came from. Beanies café produced a very enjoyable afternoon tea which rounded off the year nicely.

FIRST SOCIAL MEETING OF THE YEAR – Friday 24 February 2pm Wanaka Hotel Meeting Room

Including: Planning Interest Groups for the year and the DNA workshop.

This is a date change (previously 17 February). We do try not to do this but it suited the programme we have planned. It will incorporate the DNA workshop where members will update their experiences of DNA testing. Some of us had requested a test for their Christmas present so it will be interesting to hear people's experiences

It is open to everyone (not just members) so if you know of anyone who is thinking of joining the group it is a good one to try out. Bring a friend or friends!

The DNA Workshop will take place after the break for a cuppa. We do not have an expert to come and talk. It is just other members giving the benefit of their experiences.

Margaret will talk briefly about a website that looks at related Blood Groups to the movements and groupings of early peoples as they adapted to changing climates, mutating germs, and uncertain food supplies. It explains how the various blood groups arose due to enhanced protection against particular circumstances. This gives another way to trace where our ancestors might have been.

Jenny Merton is able to attend. She is willing to give us the benefit of her knowledge and experience

We will look at the possibility of a DNA Interest Group if there is enough demand.

DO YOU NEED A RIDE TO MEETINGS?

For various reasons we may find ourselves without transport – a sick car, or you may not feel like driving but would like an outing, or you normally walk but the weather isn't obliging. Whatever the reason we can help! Matt is happy to run a taxi service or we may be able to match you up to someone nearby who is coming to the meeting.

We won't know unless you tell us. Contact details at the end of the newsletter.

SUBSCRIPTION MAGAZINES – INSIDE HISTORY, FAMILY TREE, and WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE.

We have been lucky to receive some Genealogy magazines from Sue Sweet. These include Who Do You Think You Are and Family Tree magazine. We also have the new Inside History magazine for summer 2017. All magazines are recent and up-to-date. Well worth a look. Contact Doreen if you would like to be added to the list. (details at the end of the newsletter)

Some of the articles I have found of interest include:

WDYTYA – 50 websites, Death Duties,

Family Tree – Irish Ancestors 10 sources, DNA tests – Why You Need One, Record Keeping, Research 5 steps.

Inside History – Online Genealogy Courses summarised

SURVEY RESULTS

Before Christmas I sent out a brief survey about the format of meetings and magazines. Here is a summary of the results:

1. 85.71% liked the present format of the meetings. 14.29% preferred the old system.

We will leave the format as it is with 4 Social meetings per year and extra meetings for individual interest groups

2. Equal attendance at Social Meetings for 3-4 and 1-2 meetings. 25% did not attend any (reasons given were time available and living too far away)

3. Location – Wanaka Hotel Meeting Room 87.5% happy, 12.5% prefer the library.

We will continue to hire the Meeting Room for Social meetings

4. Communication of dates and times of meetings –Genealogy Group Newsletter, email reminder, and The Messenger were all used.

5. There were no suggestions for improvement of communication.

6. The Interest Groups were all attended with the Scottish Group and Using your Computer being the most popular.

7. Communication of dates and times of meetings –Genealogy Group Newsletter, email reminder

8. Suggestion of ringing up interested members to remind them of the meeting

9. Magazines – Family History was a clear winner with 100% putting it in first place. Who Do You Think You Are was second and Inside History, third.

INTEREST GROUPS

The survey results indicated that the Interest Groups were continuing to work well and will be continued. Group leaders of the existing interest groups (Scottish, Irish, Record Keeping and Writing, Using Computers in Genealogy, Local History Explorers and Research) will set dates for their next meeting at the meeting on 24 February. The topics covered are chosen by the members of each group. If anyone would like to start a new interest group please let us know.

RESEARCH MEETINGS

Research

Friday 31 March 2017

When: 2.00 pm
 Where: Wanaka Library
 Topic: Bring any information you have
 Doreen Hale 443 7320

We meet on the last Friday of each month in Wanaka Library. **Due to the Social meeting now on 24 February our first Research Meeting will take place in March.**

These sessions are for anyone actively researching an ancestor/family. Bring a name and any information you have. You can use the library computers or bring your own tablet/laptop. This is a good idea as sometimes the library

computers are very busy.

Books and magazines may be borrowed from the Genealogy Group library cupboard. The library also has a

selection of genealogy books.

There will be people to help you!

If you are not researching but feel able to help others search, please do come along.



SOCIAL MEETING Friday 24 February 2017

Where: Meeting Room, Wanaka Hotel, 71 Ardmore Street, Wanaka
 When: 2.00 pm
 Topic: PLANNING & CHOOSING OUR INTEREST GROUPS
 DNA WORKSHOP



DATE		WHERE	TIME	TOPIC
FEBRUARY				
Friday 24 February	Social Meeting: All Welcome (Bring a Friend)	Meeting Room Wanaka Hotel Ardmore Street	2pm	Choose Your Interest Groups DNA Update + discussion
MARCH				
Friday 17 March	Irish Group	86 Kings Drive	2pm	Research
Friday 31 March	General Research	Wanaka Library	2pm	Bring the name of an ancestor to research

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