



WANAKA GENEALOGY GROUP Christmas 2016

Hello All

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2016

Researchers Meeting

Please bring an ancestor's name and any information you already have about them.

Where: Wanaka Library

Time: 2-4pm

FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 2016

SOCIAL CATCH UP – CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

This is our final meeting for the year. Our theme is "Bring along an early proven ancestor you have found, with a story to entertain us if possible."

We will try to map the areas we come from. Could prove interesting!

All are welcome. Do bring a friend if you know of someone who would like to come along.



Where: Wanaka Hotel Meeting Room, 71 Ardmore Street

Time: 2-4pm

Beanies cafe are catering our Christmas afternoon tea. \$2 Gold Coin Donation



FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2017

SOCIAL CATCH UP – GETTING STARTED AND RE-STARTED

Where: Wanaka Hotel Meeting Room, 71 Ardmore Street

Time: 2-4pm

We do plan a DNA recap but this will be done as a separate workshop from the main social meeting. Date to be advised.

MEETING FORMAT SURVEY IMPORTANT! Please register your opinions as only then do we find out what members would like.

We promised a review of the meeting format at the end of 2016.

Please click the link in the email to complete a quick survey and return it before our Christmas meeting on 2 December. There will be some paper copies of the survey at the meeting or phone me and I can drop one in your letter box before time. It is better if I can have some feedback before the meeting to be able to analyse the data.

MAGAZINES

The last part of the survey concerns the magazines that have been coming around members who signed up for them. If you haven't joined the "Round Robin" but would like to please add your name at Question 10 on the survey with a preference for 1 of the magazines.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to 2 new members – Beryl Wayatt and Kay Curtis. I hope you enjoy the group and we look forward to hearing lots of new stories.

GENEALOGY NEWS

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE ENGLAND & WALES ONLINE ORDERING SERVICE

If you receive the Lost Cousins Newsletter you will have heard the news that the General Register Office for England and Wales is trialling an online ordering service. The information is in PDF format and will be emailed to you for a cheaper price of £6 instead of £9.25 (by post). The copies are for research purposes and cannot be used officially. Phase 1 closes on 30 Nov, or when 45,000 PDF's have been ordered, whichever is sooner. Details of Phase 2 (3 hour PDF Service) and Phase 3 (Records not Digitised) will be announced shortly.

Historic birth and death records will be made available to search. These are birth records from 1837 to 1915 and death records from 1837 to 1957. Perhaps the most exciting is that the new index will contain additional data fields to those which are already available (**maiden name of mother!**) and this will assist family historians to identify the correct record. In addition, the index is created from the digitised records and is not a copy of the existing index which is already made available by third party organisations.

A great opportunity to break down any brick walls in the U.K. The index is available free of charge for customers, but you must have a registered GRO online certificate ordering account. Even if you have registered before you must verify your email address before you can search.

To access these:

Click the following link:

<http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/default.asp>

1. Click Order Certificates Online and search the GRO historic birth and death indexes.
2. "Login or Register" Even if you have registered before you will be asked to confirm your email address.
3. Under "What would you Like to do?" click "Search the GRO Indexes"
4. Choose Birth or Death
5. Put in the name, sex, and year and click search. You can just skip the reference details at the bottom and click on search.

The advantage of searching and finding the correct entry is that when you click on PDF at the right of the entry it will put all the information into the correct categories for you.

You will need to scroll down to find the results.

There is currently a high demand so the time is taking longer than 4 days. You can pay more money for a priority service if required.

COURAGEOUS and FREE – PROJECT COMPLETE!

Our joint project with the UCHRS is now finished. We have completed the stories of 47 soldiers and 1 nurse who had a connection with the Upper Clutha area and did not return from WW1.

Do go along to the library and see the display and buy a book. Only \$20 from either Wanaka Library or Wanaka Paper Plus. They make a great Christmas present. The library have asked us to leave the display up as it is generating a lot of interest.

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