

Wavelength



Greetings everyone. Bryan has asked me to write to you in his place this month. With his “strong” right arm incapacitated due to a fall and side effects from medication taking their toll, he has asked for time out. I am sure we all wish him a speedy recovery.

Having just turned ninety I thought it time to reflect on some of the changes I have seen –some for better and some for worse. I reflect on; wash days and stoking the copper with fire wood, the ash man and his horse and cart, outside toilets, party telephone lines, walking to school, rationing and coupons for clothes, food, petrol etc., blackout curtains, valve radios and crystal sets (radio receivers), school cadets with instruction in the use of .303 rifles and Bren guns, battleships in Wellington harbour,

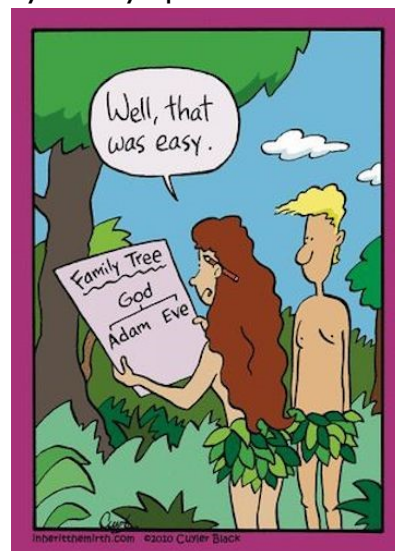
Cable cars in Dunedin, penny postage and so much more.

Our way of life in the nineteen twenties, thirties and forties will be lost if we don't record how we lived in those days for our descendants. Hence the importance of keeping family history up to date. I regret not learning more about my parents', grandparents' and great grandparents' lives while they were still here.

Today with the Internet and numerous family history sites at our fingertips, researching our ancestors is easy and rewarding if information is stored somewhere in the world –or the cloud. There are computer applications too that will help us organise the information we gather.

Recently I sent off a sample of my DNA. Some of what came back I knew already, but there were surprises amongst the 150 possible matches. For example up popped an Italian count on the family tree. His life story (born in 1750 and died in 1801) was incredible. Sad to say he was killed by bandits so there is no palace in Pisa for me to inherit. Luckily in March 1889 a captain Baines took the trouble to research and write down his story. I found it via a DNA contact, coupled with an “Ancestry” search.

Your family history may seem mundane to you but may well be interesting to your descendants. Need help getting started? SeniorNet family history interest group offers help. Phone Bryan 574 1311 (when he recovers) or Donald 574 2326.



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HAPPENINGS IN MAY

Thursday 3 May Committee meeting 9.30am any issues contact a committee member.

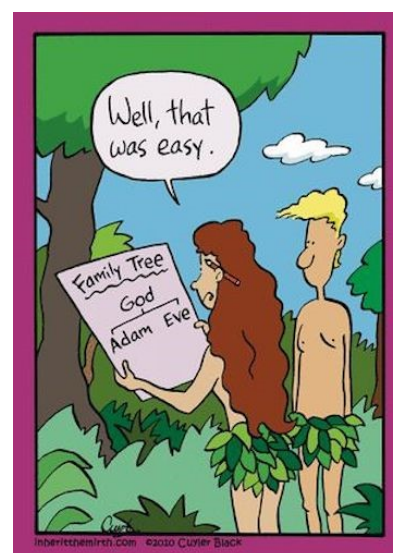
Thursday 17 May 10 am Smartphones/tablets workshop. Picton Library. Bring along your problems

Thursday 17 May 1.00pm Drop-in session Linkwater Hall

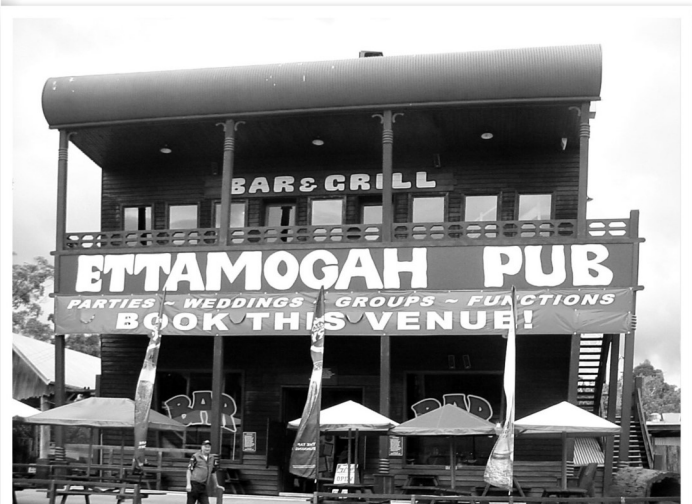
Friday 4 May Digital Imaging Group 1.30pm Linkwater Hall

Digital Imaging Group

In April our objective was to change an archived colour photo to Black and white.



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The theme for net month is "Choosing a viewpoint"
Could be interesting!



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Smartphones and Photographs. source = Gizmoe July 2017

It's predicted there will be 7.5 billion people in the world in 2017, and about 5 billion of them will have a mobile phone. Let's say about 80% of those phones have a built-in camera: around 4 billion people. And let's say they take 10 photos per day – that's 3,650 photos per year, per person. That adds up to more than 14 trillion photos annually (14,600,000,000,000). A more conservative view perhaps might be; if only one billion people have cameras or phones, and take less than 3 photos per day/1,000 pictures per year, that's still 1 trillion photos captured in 2017. The truth is most of us simply point and click without consideration or care. Actually thinking about the quality of the image collected appears to be of little concern – why should it be as we haven't had to outlay any money to by film or to have it processed. Actually in many ways it seems a shame, as how many times have you taken a “snap” only to look at it latter and think if only I had taken a few seconds to frame it correctly.

Here's four tips that may help: 1. Follow the “Rule of Thirds”. More often we are inclined to place what we are shooting in the centre of the frame. It is however more appealing and interesting to have the subject off centre. Most smartphone or tablets will let you switch on a grid that divides the screen into thirds to help you with this. 2. Frame your subject. By using things such as, overhanging trees, arches or other shapes to frame your subject it makes more interesting pictures and draws the viewer's eye to what you want to feature and get them to focus on (this works especially well with landscapes where there is not a lot of detail to make the image more engaging). 3. Use leading lines to lead the viewer's eye. Look for lines that will drive the viewer towards a focal point of the subject. This could include stairs, lines, roads or shapes. 4. Foreground, middle ground and distance. Often, landscapes can produce dull photographs. The trick is to compose the picture so there is something of interest in the front, middle and distance e.g. it can be a fence in the front, a line of trees in the middle and then mountains or cloud filled sky in the distance. Look for an angle that builds in elements at each of these three areas. It may tell more of a story and make for more interesting pictures.

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Cost of 1 Gigabyte over the years

1981	\$300,000
1987	\$50,000
1990	\$10,000
1994	\$1,000
1997	\$100
2000	\$10
2004	\$1
2010	\$0.10
2017	\$0.05

Thanks Grant Sidaway



**"I used to bury my bones.
Now I upload them to the cloud."**

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The SeniorNet committee would like to welcome new members

Helen Lennie and
Heather Matthews-Grant



On a happier note.....

Congratulations

To Donald McIver for reaching his 90th milestone

It has been a tricky month with three committee members being unwell or incapacitated. A time to find we desperately need more committee members as we barely have a quorum as is. It is not an onerous task with a friendly supportive group to lean on. You do not need to have great IT skills, just a willingness to attend a monthly meeting and offer your voice to our illuminating discussions.

PLEASE think about offering your support. The more the merrier.



APOLOGY Sorry, due to illness newsletter is shorter than usual. Ed

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Some DIG photos from March



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SNIPPETS

Your feedback.

I do welcome your comment and feedback – remember, it is your newsletter. If you have any questions and/or anecdotes to share, email me at marie.joyce@actrix.gen.nz.

Is there anybody out there??



WHEN TO SELL YOUR PROPERTY?

The standard response when you're thinking about selling your home but are not sure when, is "sell in spring". And there's plenty of truth in that as warmer, drier weather and post-winter itchy feet drive potential buyers out to open homes.

For a Free, No Obligation Confidential Appraisal of your property –

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