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Our December Journal has the theme of:
Memories ...

Deadline for articles: **Saturday 4 November 2023**

November 2023

November Meeting

Tuesday 7 November—7.30pm

General Meeting

Guest speaker—Alek Schulha

Meeting will be held in the rooms and via Zoom

Our November meeting should prove to be very popular. Guest speaker Alek Schulha will be presenting on **Greta Migrant Camp**. His talk which will be very interesting will cover the building of Greta Army Camp; the transformation of the army camp into the migrant camp; the role the army camp and migrant camp played in Australia's history; the research involved in writing his book, *Beneath the Shadows of Mount Molly Morgan*, which took eight years of research and was published in 2020; and his family's connection to Greta Migrant Camp where he was born in 1951.

Alek, a married man with four children and 11 grandchildren, has spent his working life writing. For almost three decades until he retired due to a work accident, Alek worked in journalism. Initially he worked for the *Maitland Mercury* primarily covering sport and general reporting. Following *Maitland Mercury*, Alek moved on to the *Illawarra Mercury* continuing in the sports and general reporting fields before transferring to political roundsman based primarily in Canberra. In 1975, Alek was promoted back to the *Newcastle Herald* to work as a political roundsman, editor of magazines, Hunter roundsman, court reporter and police roundsman.

Since being retired, he has written a family history book; completed research on the history of Mai-Wel Industries; written his book mentioned above which has sold almost 7,000 copies; and is currently working on further stories from Greta Migrant Camp as told by other former residents. This time though he has not had to chase stories - these residents have contacted him.

If you would like to join by Zoom but feel you need some assistance, please contact our Secretary (email address above).

The Zoom meeting connection is on page 6. Please note the link to join the Zoom meeting changes each month.

Mel Woodford (President)

Overview of October Meeting

An extremely interesting presentation by Assoc Prof Jo May was enjoyed by 16 people in our Society rooms and five on Zoom. Jo gave us a great overview and many memories of 40 ex-students who had attended Newcastle Girls' High School (NGHS) and Newcastle Boys' High School (NBHS) between the 1930s and 1950s. She titled her informative presentation *Of Secular Nuns and Men of the World*.

To begin, Jo made a few general observations about schools and teachers. Schools can be understood as locations that create the conditions of relations of power. In this structure the most powerful group are the teachers who control the knowledge the students learn and organise the learning experiences. They command both the space within the school and the time within the school day. They set the tone of the school creating its culture as an organisation.

Jo's presentation included the memories of 40 volunteers, 24 females and 16 males. Most were born in the 1920s or 1930s with some outliers. She found the memories were remarkably consistent across the time frame perhaps because as large formal institutions, schools are resistant to change. NGHS and NBHS both sought to maintain school cultures through traditions such as mottos, uniforms, school songs and insignia.

When the first eight selective high schools were established in NSW in the 1880s, Newcastle wasn't included in the list of cities to have schools. It took until 1906 before a high school in Newcastle was established known as The Hill at the old Newcastle Public School. In



1906 enrolments were 28 rising to 559 in 1929, indicating the great need in the city for a school to educate students. Meanwhile the population of Newcastle grew from 55,000 to 104,000 between 1911 and 1941 as it grew from a coal mining town to a city focussed on heavy

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industry. It was becoming apparent that separate girls' and boys' high schools were needed. In 1930, NGHS and NBHS were created out of the original Newcastle High School.



NGHS was built on land in Parkway Avenue with the foundation stone being laid in 1928 by Minister Drummond. The school was opened in February 1930 with an enrolment of 505 girls spread across 17 classrooms and other specialist areas as well as an assembly hall, library and gymnasium. The cost of the school was £36,395 which equates to about \$3.2m in today's figures.

NBHS was first established in the old Newcastle High School. In 1929 enrolments stood at 565 pupils, crammed into buildings designed for 300, with enrolments rising to 640 by 1933. During the depression, enrolments swelled as parents encouraged their children to remain in school, knowing that if they left, they would be unlikely to secure employment. The community pushed the government for a new boys' school on land next to the girls' school however the Department was worried about what would happen if they located the boys next to the girls! Minister Drummond decided the boys'

school would be built at Waratah. NBHS was opened in 1934 and like NGHS the school accepted students with IQs ranging from 100 to 135+. NBHS was built at a cost of £21,410, considerably less than the girls' school.

Once these schools were opened, they dominated secondary education in Newcastle for the period they operated. The staff was considered to be among the most senior and talented staff in the service. From the 1930s to the 1950s most of the teachers had at least one bachelor degree. The size of the two staffs didn't change much through the period. By 1949, NGHS staff had grown to 35 and NBHS 39. NGHS staff were mainly female and unmarried whilst NBHS staff were mainly male and married.

What made a teacher "good" or "bad" in the eyes of Jo's informants? Teachers were identified with two main functions – knowledge and control. "Good" teachers knew and cared about their subjects and/or could control a class. "Bad" teachers couldn't control a class or used needless violence to do so and/or did not care about their subject. "Good teaching" was demonstrated by "good results". Some recollections of ex-students were of a NGHS maths teacher "the epitome of [an] effective, efficient machine: I don't think 80s or 90s [percent] were unusual in her results" and of a NBHS physics teacher "he was very structured and very able to get his message across". Others recalled "very strict" or "natural born" teachers, and another who would "rave and shout" but "certainly knew what he was talking about".

Men particularly remembered "bad" teachers with one informant commenting about a Latin teacher "I was glad to see the back of him because he used to belt our ears so much ... we feared him, he had no patience with us". Another commented about a teacher "He was hopeless, no, that's not right, he wasn't a bad teacher, he couldn't control a class, he [was] not strong on discipline at all".

With regard to discipline, men recalled this aspect the most because they could be caned and most of the men recalled being caned. Some comments were "they didn't used to put you down with words, they used to give you the cane"; "And of course, a lot of the teachers carried and used canes. Some carried them and didn't use them, some carried them and did use them"; "school was harsh and severe although it didn't seem so at the time ... there was fear, always fear and quite a bit of cruelty that did not include the cane such as teachers pinching, throwing wooden dusters at boys, hitting boys on their heads ...". Another comment underscored the relationship between discipline and manliness stating, "I think it helps make a man of you".

The females did not recall physical violence (girls were not allowed to be hit after the age of 12) but some did recall psychological mechanisms of control such as sarcasm and shaming. One recalled that "The whole school was very quiet ... We didn't have any leeway, no freedom of speech as such, you had to toe the line, you had to wear what they told you". Other memories were "the teachers were very strict"; "discipline was the word"; and "there was regimentation, very strict, bells rang and we changed classes". Girls were taught to develop an internal locus of control rather than being controlled by an outside force.

The females saw their teachers as distant, devoted and dedicated. They provoked both reverence and fear in their students which shaped the narrative of the secular nun. Some comments of distance included "you didn't have any close relationship with them. They were the teacher and you were the student. There was definitely a separation"; "they didn't seem as if they got attached to anyone, didn't have favourites or anything like that"; "they weren't chummy, they were there to teach and that's what they did"; "teachers were on a pedestal"; "you tended to revere your teachers".

Spinsterhood and their dedication to the job of teaching were intertwined. "We had wonderful teachers, they were dedicated spinsters ... some of them were dried up wizened spinsters, some were gorgeous, some of them were a bit dotty, but they were good"; "they were dedicated ... teaching was their life ... they really cared about the kids".

On the other hand, the male teachers were looked upon as worldly men. Overall, they were looked upon as "generally a good lot". The



males considered their teachers to be “normal men”. The boys gave their teachers nicknames such as ‘the little corporal’, Spot, Goofy, Mickey, Creepin’ Jesus, Horserug Harry, Iky, Keg and Toc. Their teachers were liked or disliked, rather than revered. Boys knew more personal information about their teachers, eg first names, whether they drank alcohol, smoked tobacco, gambled or had children and even some political affiliations. Some memories were “in high school you had seven or eight different teachers ... some of them you liked and some you didn’t like so much”; “despite the odd one ... generally speaking we had a good lot of teachers up there”.

The men had a greater diversity of views and were more willing to speak about the teachers exactly as they thought of them. One informant who couldn’t ‘jell’ with his Latin teacher stated “He used to sit up there chewing cashews. If he ran out of cashews, he’d say ‘slip down the shop’ to whoever was in the front row ‘and get me a packet of cashews’ ... I used to think sometimes ‘I hope they make you sick.’” An informant who was taught by an English teacher for three of his four years at NBHS said “he detested me before I detested him”. Another thought his French teacher was “an absolutely splendid teacher ... also a bit of a buffoon ... a very human guy. He hated bureaucracy and the system ... he loved to tell you tales out of school, often rather naughty [tales] actually, it was a boys’ school you see, and he could”. Another felt this teacher “was not very effective” recalling “the teacher’s cigarette smoking in the classroom and how he sometimes set the garbage tin on fire, and on one occasion, emptied its contents out of the second storey window”.

Jo concluded that woven from the female and male memories about their secondary schooling, analysis showed the informants agreed that their teachers’ professional identities were bound up with their ability to impart knowledge and to control the classrooms. Otherwise, narratives about teachers emerged with gendered frameworks of understanding and yielded up a series of gender-based binaries: unmarried/married; unknowable/knowable; object/subject; psychological discipline/physical discipline. These binaries supported the major traits of the teachers within the narratives of the secular nun and the worldly men. They also reflected the gender regimes of the schools.

This is just a very brief overview of Jo’s presentation. If you were unable to attend and would like to listen to the presentation in full, you can do so by clicking on this [link](#) to our YouTube channel.

Thank you so much Jo for such an informative and entertaining presentation.

Images were taken from Jo’s presentation except for the logos which were found online. Members might also like to know that the presentation was taken from a chapter of Jo’s thesis entitled “*Gender, memory and the experience of selective secondary schooling in Newcastle, New South Wales, from the 1930s to the 1950s*”, which is free to download from <https://ogma.newcastle.edu.au/vital/access/manager/Repository/uon:22444>

Lea Harris (with assistance from Jo May)



NGHS staff—1956



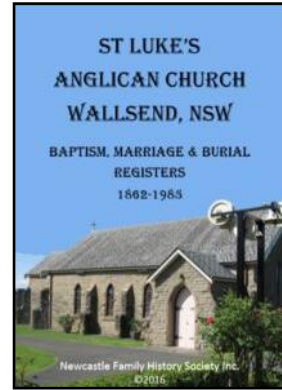
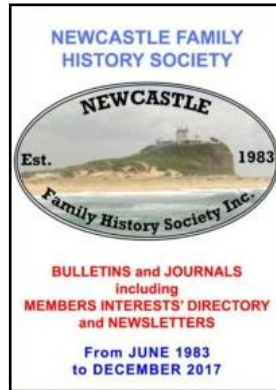
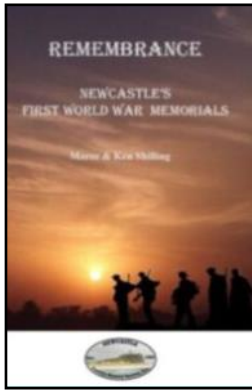
NBHS staff—1936



General

Publications has met for the final time for 2023 but we are still working on our projects. Our next meeting will be at **10.30am on Friday 15 March 2024**. Anyone interested in working in any capacity with a Publication for NFHS is welcome to join the meeting. Working with a team can open up possibilities that an individual might not initially consider or may feel they can't undertake. Teamwork is also important for the Society as NFHS makes money from our Publications, so to fully maximise any earning capacity of a project that members may be investigating, please run ideas and progress by the group.

Jane Ison (Publications Group Coordinator)



Journal and Newsletter

December Journal

Our December Journal (No 244) has the theme of *Memories*. What memories do you have of your ancestors? Put pen to paper and share them with us. Send your article by **Saturday 4 November 2023** to nfhseeditor@gmail.com.

The year 2023 also represents 40 years since the Newcastle Family History Society was formed. The December Journal will also highlight some interesting stories about the Society.

As time is running out for submissions for the December Journal, you might consider writing your article for the March Journal, details below.

March Journal

Our March Journal (No 245) has the theme of *Writer's Choice*. We always receive many interesting articles when we suggest this theme for contributions. We invite you to send in some interesting information or discoveries about your family history with any focus you like. We look forward to a wide variety of contributions. Send your submissions by **Saturday 27 January 2024** to nfhseeditor@gmail.com.

Journal and Newsletter Deadlines

	Newsletter	Journal
December	11 November	4 November
January	No newsletter	
February	13 January	
March	10 February	27 January
April	9 March	
May	13 April	
June	11 May	27 April
July	15 June	
August	13 July	

Receipt of your Journal

Reminder that our Journal is sent to many members as a PDF. If you would like to change your preference so you receive your Journal as a PDF, please send a message to our Membership Registrar on nfhsmembership@gmail.com.

Jane Ison (eTeam)

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Newsletter—Heads Up

A heads up that I will be away next year for about three months. We will need someone to take over the newsletter preparation for this time. If you are able to help out with producing the newsletter for the months of June, July and August, please send me an email at nfhnewsleter@gmail.com

Lea Harris (Newsletter Editor)

Events and Outings

Future dates

2 November—Cemetery SIG—Stockton Breakwall (see page 6)

4 November—Articles due for Journal 244 (see page 4)

4 November—Orientation Print Session (see page 7)

7 November—Monthly meeting—Alek Schulha speaking on Greta Migrant Camp (see page 1)

18 November—Orientation Digital Session (see page 7)

1 December—Christmas lunch—11.30am—Poppy's Verandah Café, Gateshead (see below)

21 December—Library closes for Christmas/New Year break

18 January—Library reopens for 2024 year

27 January—Articles due for Journal 245 (see page 4)

Every Monday (except public holidays) from 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests, Hobart Road, New Lambton. Anyone is welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity to have an informal catch-up with other members. Some great discussions occur about any number of family history topics.

Christmas Luncheon

Come along and join us for lunch on
Friday 1 December
at 11.30 am



Poppy's Home and Garden Centre
83 Oakvale Road, Gateshead

A booking has been made for 30 people and it's first in, best dressed.

Dietary requirements can be catered for.

To secure your spot at the table, send an email now to:

Secretary, Karen, on nfhsinc@gmail.com



MERRY
Christmas



Courses and Learning

Special Interest Groups

Members of the Society are welcome to join one or more groups and share their knowledge as well as learn something new. All the groups meet in the NFHS rooms, monthly at 10.00am unless otherwise stated. Groups and contact details are below. Please email the facilitator to join a group.

Group	Meeting date	Facilitator	Contact email
Convicts in Australia	1 st Tuesday	Laraine Cross	nfhsresearch78@gmail.com
Scottish Family Research	2 nd Tuesday – 1.00pm—February to November	Mel Woodford	nfhspresident@gmail.com
English Ancestors	3 rd Wednesday	Karen Smith	abc26715@bigpond.net.au
DNA	3 rd Tuesday – 1.00pm	Sandra Jones	sjones11@bigpond.net.au
Irish Ancestors	4 th Tuesday—will be meeting at West Leagues Club at New Lambton (no more in 2023, will reconvene in 2024)	Pat Healion	pat.healion1@gmail.com
Cemetery Research	1 st Thursday	Pat Healion	pat.healion1@gmail.com
Ancestry Users	2 nd Thursday	Mel Woodford	nfhspresident@gmail.com
Scrapbooking	4 th Thursday	Pat Healion	pat.healion1@gmail.com

Podcasts—reminder if you would like to be involved in this new group

Clive Maddocks, our IT Officer, is asking for Expressions of Interest from anyone interested in joining a Podcast SIG/sub-committee to plan for future podcasts. A few members have already expressed interest and are finding it very satisfying. Full tuition is provided to assist you to be very relaxed in the recording of the podcasts.

If you're interested in being part of this group, Clive would love to hear from you. Send him an email on clivemaddocks@outlook.com

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Cemetery SIG

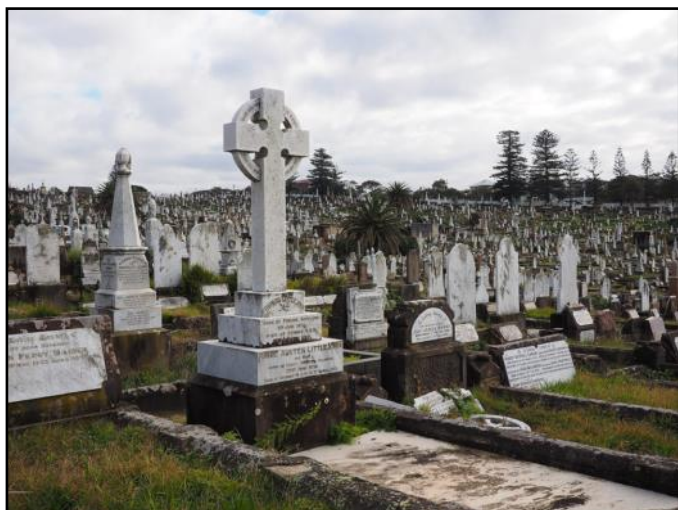
Meets first Thursday of each month at 10.00am

2 November meeting at Stockton Breakwall to record data on memorial plaques, rock face and concrete walkway

Bring your phone/camera, pens, pencils and sheets to record data

Please contact me at pat.healion1@gmail.com to let me know if you will be there. Thanks.

Pat Healion (Cemetery SIG Facilitator)



Zoom link for November meeting

Topic: November Monthly Meeting

Time: Nov 7, 2023 07:30 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87592202864?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87592202864?pwd=TUUhDaGVlek1oWjJsL1MrbjNoL0FXQT09)

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Meeting ID: 875 9220 2864

Passcode: 895932

**Felt
uncomfortable
driving into the
cemetery. The
gps blurted out
you have reached
your final
destination.**

‘Everything Old is New Again’ – A ‘new’ resource in the Library

We’ve recently added an interesting resource to all the computers in the Blue Room. It’s titled *Old Place Names Around Newcastle and the Hunter Valley*.

Some people who’ve attended the Print Orientation sessions in the library will remember the little drawer under the Surname Index called ‘Place Names’ as it has caused some amusing discussions trying to guess the current names for places listed there.

It was decided to make the listing more extensive and possibly accessible to more people by combining it with any other similar listing that could be found in the library – the result is the new resource and the sources can be seen in the headings on the Excel document, shown here:

Old Place Names Around Newcastle and the Hunter
Sources: Snippers Group listings from old newspapers; NFHS Card File in Back Room (including titles of original sources noted there); NFHS Bulletin 15, 1984; Journal 211, September 2015

Special thanks to Karilyn Pawley for providing the Snippers Group listing and to Jim MacDougall for proofreading assistance.

Margaret Ashford (Library Group Member)

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Recent Acquisitions

Creator	Title	Call No	Source
Ezzy, Phyllis	150 years history of Wallsend Baptist Church: a sesquicentenary history 1863-2013 [2013]	A7/85/06	
Halstead, Gay	The story of St Ives (NSW) and some of its inhabitants [1982]	AN8.075/01/01	Heather Dunn
Gardiner, Paul	An extraordinary Australian: Mary MacKillop [2011]	A4/MAC/14	Marie Hughes
Ahearn, Lionel	Little bits of history Vol. 4 [2023]	AH8.333/01/10	
Spicer, Bill	Gas street lamps [2023]	AH8.333/01/11	
Frost, A. K.	Paterson - Easton family history [1985]	A4/PAT/03	John Easton
Snippers	Newcastle Herald: Jul-Dec 2022 domestic notices and index of deaths, funerals, in memoriam & probate notices only [2023]	NLP/03/2022b	
Snippers	NMH 1935 Jul-Sep Suburban & Hunter News & Index [2023]	NLP/06/1935e	
Snippers	NMH 1935 Jul-Sep Suburban & Hunter News & Index [2023]	NLP/06/1935f	
Snippers	NMH 1935 Oct-Dec: Sport reports & results [2023]	NLP/08/1935d	
Metcalfe, Charles S.	The Metcalfe Society: birth brief booklet August 2001 [2001]	A4/MET/02	John Easton
Casino Jubilee Committee	Casino Diamond Jubilee 1922: historical sketch seventy-five years of progress [1999]	AN8.470/01/04	
Prior, Marjory Beatrice	Cow Pastures: an uncomplicated affair [1999]	AN8.570/01/04	

Jim MacDougall (Librarian)

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Library Orientation 2023

One way the Society welcomes new members is providing Library Orientation sessions. These sessions are a great way to understand just what our wonderful library can offer you for research, as well as to meet other members of the Society.

Jim (the Librarian) and Margaret (a member of Library Group) will lead you through how to find print resources, many of which are unique to the Society and still so valuable even in the digital age! President and Library Volunteer Mel will help you investigate the digital resources – both on our computers and some external resources that the library provides.

For the dates of the next sessions, take a look at the Events and Outings on page 2 and the calendar on page 10. Personal invitations will be going out very soon.

Members who have recently attended these sessions have enthusiastically voiced how much they have learnt, how much confidence they have gained, and some have even decided they will be involved in being a Library volunteer.

Margaret Ashford (Group Leader)

General

Next time you're in the back room at the library, you should notice a change. There are two more filing cabinets to be used for the Pam Files, which have outgrown the space they had to the point that we couldn't squeeze anything more in.

To make room for the cabinets, the Journals bookshelves had to be moved and in fact the two bookshelves had to swap position. Then all the journals were spaced out nicely on the shelves so they could be accessed easily. A lot of hard work was involved and many thanks are owed to Karilyn, Sharyn, Jane and Brian for this initiative. This was all done while your Librarian was away enjoying an overseas holiday. What a pleasant surprise to return to!

Jim MacDougall (Librarian)

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Library Catalogue and Indexes

A reminder that you can access the Library Catalogue and Indexes from your home computer. A great way to look up items at home so you're all prepared when you arrive at the Library to continue your research.

Library Catalogue: <https://nfhs.org.au/library-catalogue/>

Subject Index: <https://nfhs.org.au/library-subject-index/>

Cemetery Index: <https://nfhs.org.au/library-cemetery-index/>

Jim MacDougall (Librarian)

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Library Roster

Date	Librarian 1 (get key)	Librarian 2
Saturday Library Roster		
Morning 9.45am-12.30pm		
Afternoon 12.30pm-3.00pm		
4 Nov am	Lea H	Noelene L
4 Nov pm	Lea H	
11 Nov am	Sharyn B	Nouvelle T
11 Nov pm	Sharyn B	Nouvelle T
18 Nov am	Marie H	Karen S
18 Nov pm	Marie H	Karen S
25 Nov am		
25 Nov pm		Jude C
Thursday Library Roster		
1.00-3.00pm		
2 Nov	Alison M	Clelia P
9 Nov	Jane I	
16 Nov	Marilyn M	Jane I
23 Nov	Karen S	
30 Nov	Marilyn M	Jane I

Urgent request for Library volunteers

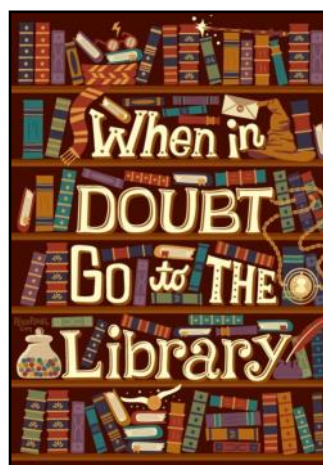
We are urgently in need of some extra library volunteers to keep our rooms open on Thursday afternoons and Saturdays. Our numbers have dwindled once again and we are finding it very hard to keep the library open some weeks – many of our volunteers are being asked to do multiple duties each month.

If you could spare 3 hours once a month to assist an experienced volunteer it would make such a difference to our Society.

Everyone has something to offer and we all help one another in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Doing library duty is very rewarding and you also learn so much each time you do.

Please consider offering your support by emailing me at nfhsresident@gmail.com

Mel Woodford (President)



Scottish newsletter



The next issue of the *Caledonian* Scottish newsletter will be emailed on 28 November 2023, being the Scottish quarter day of Martinmas.

Reminder that if you would like to be included on the email list for this newsletter, please send an email to Lea on nfhsnewsletter@gmail.com.

Scottish SIG group

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2024 Scottish calendar—there's still a few more days for you to order

Would you love to have a beautiful 2024 calendar with some magnificent photos of the glorious Scottish countryside and towns?

Now is your opportunity.

For just **\$20.00**, you can place an order for a calendar. They will be **available for pre-Christmas collection from NFHS rooms**, otherwise postage will need to be added.

When open, the wall **calendar measures 43cm x 28cm** and has lovely thick, glossy pages.

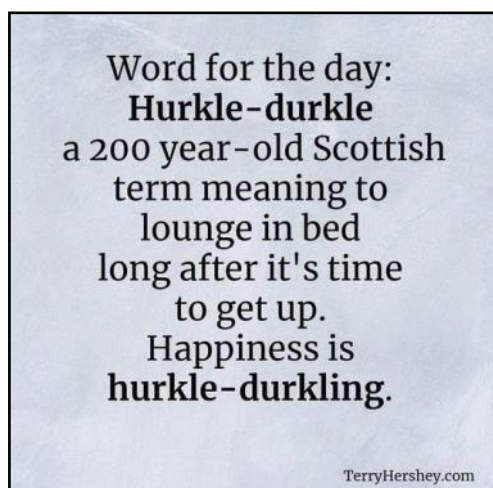
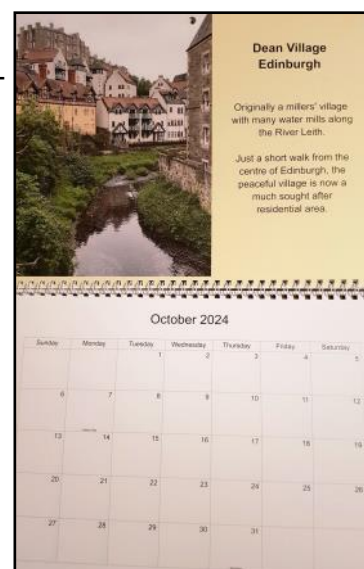
To place your order, you can do one of the following:

1. Order and pre-pay your \$20.00 at the Society rooms; or
2. Pay via direct debit to the Society, ensuring the description states your name and 2024 Scot calendar.

Direct debit details are:

Account Name: NFHS
BSB: 650-000
Account Number: 501 652 808

Orders need to be placed by Saturday 11 November 2023.





New Members

We welcome the following new member to our Society and we encourage you to enjoy your research in our Library. You are welcome to join any of our Special Interest Groups (SIG) to help with your research (see page 6).

#1255
#1307

Jeanette Park (rejoined)
Julia Monaghan

#1308
#1309

Maureen Wood
Maureen O'Donnell

Sharyn Boyce (Membership Registrar)

Miscellaneous

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Snippers Group

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 10.00am to 2.00pm

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Newcastle Family History Society Inc. Copyright Licencing Agreement

Previous newsletters have given an explanation about our new Newcastle Family History Society Inc. Copyright Licencing Agreement and a copy of the actual Agreement.

Thanks to all those who have already signed and submitted the Agreement. A reminder to those who have not as yet done this, you still can.

Mel Woodford (President)

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Password for member area of website

The password for the Member area of our website is
68Elder.

Note: 68Elder is all one word.

For Sale

Chairs

The Society still has a number of chairs in good condition which we would like to sell for \$5 each.

Pick up from Newcastle Family History Society rooms only at 68 Elder Street, Lambton.

To purchase these chairs, contact me on nfhspresident@gmail.com

Mel Woodford (President)



November

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
Red —SIG Groups Blue —Volunteer Groups Green —Courses Purple —Meetings Black —Library Open Brown —Events			10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Cemetery SIG—Stockton Breakwall 1-3pm—Library open		9-11am—Library Orientation (Print) 10am-3pm—Library open Articles due for Journal 244
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Convicts in Australia 6.00-7.25pm—Library open 7.30pm—General Meeting		10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00—Editing meeting—Journal 244 12.00-4.00pm—Publications printing	10am-3pm—Library open Submissions due for November newsletter
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	1pm—Scottish SIG	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Management Committee 1-3pm—Library open	12.00-12.30—Cover printing—Journal 244	9-11am—Library Orientation (Digital) 10am-3pm—Library open
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	1pm—DNA	10am—English Ancestors	10am—Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00—Journal printing—Journal 244	10am-3pm—Library open
26	27	28	29	30		
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	Caledonian newsletter to be emailed		1-3pm—Library open		

December

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
Red —SIG Groups Blue —Volunteer Groups Green —Courses Purple —Meetings Black —Library Open Brown —Events					11.30am—Christmas Lunch, Poppy's Verandah Café, Gateshead	10am-3pm—Library open
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Convicts in Australia	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Cemetery Research	9.30-12.00—Feedback/ Planning—Journals 244 and 245	10am-3pm—Library open
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests			10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—English Ancestors 1pm—DNA	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Management Committee 1-3pm—Library open	Library closed for Xmas/ New Year break	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Library closed for Xmas/New Year break				
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Library closed for Xmas/New Year break						

January

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Red—SIG Groups Blue—Volunteer Groups Green—Courses Purple—Meetings Black—Library Open Brown—Events		Library closed for Xmas/New Year break				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Library closed for Xmas/New Year break				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Library closed for Xmas/New Year break				10am— Management Committee 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	9.30-11.30am— Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am— Irish Ancestors		10am— Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open Articles due for Journal 245
28	29	30	31			
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests					

February

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
Red—SIG Groups Blue—Volunteer Groups Green—Courses Purple—Meetings Black—Library Open Brown—Events				10am— Cemetery SIG 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am— Convicts in Australia 6.00-7.25pm—Library open 7.30pm— General Meeting	10am-2pm— Snippers	10am— Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00— Editing meeting—Journal 245 12.00-4.00pm— Publications printing	10am-3pm—Library open Submissions due for March newsletter
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	9.30-11.30am— Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	1pm— Scottish SIG		10am— Management Committee 1-3pm—Library open	12.00-12.30— Cover printing—Journal 245	10am-3pm—Library open
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am— English Ancestors 1pm— DNA	10am-2pm— Snippers	10am— Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00— Journal printing—Journal 245	10am-3pm—Library open
25	26	27	28	29		
	9.30-11.30am— Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am— Irish Ancestors	Caledonian news-letter to be emailed	1-3pm—Library open		