

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

Phil Sai Louie on "*New Zealand Place Names*"

Our guest speaker this month is someone whose name would not immediately suggest that he would be an expert on the place names of New Zealand. However, a 'google' of the Sai Louie name reveals that his family is well established in New Zealand; a branch of the well-known Ah Chee clan. A Wikipedia page reveals that a fruiterers opened by his family was established in Onchunga in 1940. It has since closed, but the shop sign "Quality Fruits - Gordon Sai Louie & Co." has been preserved by the new owners, "The Hard to Find" bookshop.

[I recall seeing, somewhere on the internet, but never to be found by me anyway, that Phil Sai Louie has also given a talk to a U3A group on the subject of British Surnames. Don't quote me on this! However, it suggests that he enjoys this kind of research and will be a very interesting speaker. Ed.]

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