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Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, except December, at the Meeting Room, entrance at the rear of the Moe Library, Kirk St, Moe. Our Library will open at 7:00 pm, with meetings starting at approximately 7:30pm.

Fees 99/00: Membership Single \$18; Family \$25
Library: gold coin donation per visit for non-members

There is a research fee of \$10 plus SSAE for any enquiries requiring research, with additional charges for large amounts of photocopying and/or postage. Enquiries should be clear and concise.

Please direct all enquiries to The Secretary, PO Box 767, Morwell, 3840, and mark the envelope "Research Query".

Articles for this newsletter are accepted in good faith and, while every effort is made to ensure accuracy, the editor takes no responsibility for submitted items.

There is not a lot of general news around at the moment. Last meeting we enjoyed listening to and looking at wedding stories and photos. I could look at the old photos all day, they are fascinating. On the subject of meetings, we are always on the look out for speakers, please let the committee know if you have any suggestions, contacts or particular topics you would like covered.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a survey about meeting times in winter. Please take the time to fill it in and return it.

Any budding secretaries or presidents out there? Irene and Jenny, at least, will be vacating their positions at the AGM in July.



Australians At War and The Great Search.

Australians At War is an eight part documentary series being made as part of the commemorations to mark the Centenary of Federation. It will be screened on the ABC from around Anzac Day next year. The producers would like to draw on wartime memorabilia, a lot of which remains in the hands of the original owners or their descendants, hence **The Great Search**. If you have war time memorabilia they would like to hear from you. You are required to fill out a Memorabilia Description Form and return it. You will be contacted further if your items are required. For further information or forms phone 133 254 or look up one of the following internet sites www.australiansatwar.gov.au or www.australiansatwar.com.au

Thanks to Eddie for providing the above information.

Mrs Ann Rooks of Tumbarumba NSW has contacted us inviting members to send her photocopies of photos of early Australians in front of their dwellings. She is hoping to put together a book of unpublished photographs, but if they have been published in a family or local history that's ok. If you have photos you would like included send a photocopy to Ann Rooks, 71 Clara St, Tumbarumba, 2653, NSW (ph 02 6948 2041). If the photo looks suitable she will forward the money for a photographic print, postage and a permission form for use in the book. All photos will be acknowledged.

There is something seriously wrong with us genies! Two contributions I received for this newsletter involve us getting a giggle out of others' misfortunes. Read on.

Whilst searching the Whitby registers (YKS) I found this on an un-numbered page between pp115-116 in the midst of the 1798 Burials. As you read, imagine how those in poor health must have been tormented by this blessed bells!!

Whereas the frequency of the Death Bell has been found to be prejudicial to the health of several people of the Town of Whitby (particularly the sick) it is agreed upon at a Meeting of the Minister church wardens and principle inhabitants of the Parish of Whitby by and with the consent of Rev. Mr. Elgin that the death bell be tolled not earlier than eight o'clock in the winter and seven in the summer; and not later than late in the evening in the summer and seven in the evening in the winter and never be tolled longer than a quarter of an hour at the death of any person – Likewise preceding the Funeral the bell shall not be tolled longer than half an hour where it was usually tolled from one in the afternoon: & not longer than one hour where it was wont to be tolled from eight in the morning till the hour of interment. The Fees are to be paid as formerly. In witness hereof we have set our hands this 22nd day of May 1788. Agreed at the same time that the Death Bell be tolled for the Poor of this Parish in the same manner and for as long a time as for the rich.

The above page is written the opposite way up to the burial pages Vol 12 p116.

Anne Pawley. Society of Genealogists, London. 20/05/1998.

I found this in the *Ballarat Courier* while I was looking for an obituary. It's nothing to do with family history but I thought it was quite funny.

She could swing a six pound dumbbell,
She could fence and she could box,
She could row upon the river,
She could climb among the rocks.
She could golf from morn till evening
And dance foxtrots all night long.
But she couldn't help her mother
For she wasn't very strong.



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Who's Surfing Where!

We's Wondersite

I have just discovered a fantastic new search engine. Info came from an American contact. The address is www.alltheweb.com I put in my grandfather's name and got 113,000 pages of info with that name in them, it took just 0.14 seconds. I have not yet looked at all of the pages as yet, but I have just found one showing the Halket name in a list of 1748 window tax records.

From Claire's Collection

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~surreal/AVG>

Gippsland Local and Family History Mailing List Home Page

Has an extensive collection of transcriptions of Honour Rolls and War Memorials from across Gippsland

Mavis Mentions

Mavis was sent the following addresses form John Kehner.

www.sirius.com/~tedwong/CHSA/chsa_p1.html

Chinese Historical Society of America

www.idis.com/chouOnline/

Chou Clansmen Association of America

Robyn adds

www.rungen.com

Is another Chinese Family History site which has had big write ups in some of the online newsletter's I receive. They also mention

www.cyberasia.com and

www.chineseroots.com



Carol suggests

Wonthaggi Genealogy Inc

<http://www.compom.com.au/merle/wonthome.htm>

Has lots of links and also an internet club, which anyone can join by sending an email to noelene@compcom.com.au

Eddie's choice

An interesting web site for newcomers to Scottish research can be found at www.rampantscotland.com. Indeed the site has a massive amount of information on Scotland in general covering both past history and current happenings.

However, clicking on the genealogical link does give a very good explanation of the ins and outs of research in Scotland. This covers advice on record holdings and how to access the information they contain. For new family history researchers looking for ancestors in Scotland this could be a worthwhile site to tap into.



To finish off Robyn adds

I have not tried the following but have read about them in an Online newsletter from Southern Cross Genealogy. Thought they may interest someone.

Glasgow Directory 1927

Jim Bundy in Seattle has put up the 1927 Glasgow Directory at <http://members.xoom.com/marrwit/glasgow/>

Victorian Divorce Index 1861-1900

This index was compiled in 1990 by Wendy Baker and Sue McBeth from records held by the Public Record Office of Victoria. You can find this at

<http://www.cohsoft.com.au/cgi-bin/db/divorce.pl>

Map Sites

www.LivGenMI.com/gardinertitle.htm

A map site in which maps scanned from the Gardiner English Atlas, printed 1892, are available for viewing. There are nearly 70 maps on this site. It includes maps of Britain from circa 400 to 1892. It also includes maps of Europe, Central America, the USA, and various wars through history.

The same bloke also recommends <http://www.Getmapping.com/> and

<http://www.mmcltd.free-online.co.uk/home2.htm>

as other map sites worth a look.

ANZAC Research

<http://AnzacResearch.tripod.com/index.htm>

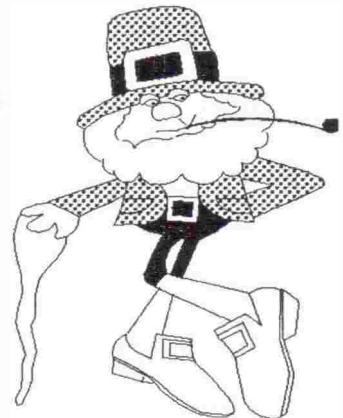
Kate Blake has created this site in the hope that people interested in researching the Anzacs in World War One, will be able to find contact with others with the same research interests. Eventually the hope is to have a searchable database with names, battalions and personal photos of soldiers.

Virtual Ireland

Still got Ireland on your mind since St Patrick's Day? Eastman's online Genealogy newsletter mentions the following site.

<http://www.virtualireland.com>

Virtual Ireland is site that is about all things Irish, not just genealogy. However, the owners have produced a rather large genealogy section.



Thanks to Bob for passing on the following.

CURRENCY VALUES 1960-1988

From the Bank of England.

Headed "Equivalent Contemporary Values of the Pound: A historical series 1270 to 1998", this gives equivalent values every decade from 1270 to 1800, and then annually.

For 1960 it has -

£1 in 1960 = £13.27 as at Oct 1998

so apparently £66.35 today would have the same purchasing power as £5 in 1960, which is a sobering thought.

For anyone else interested, the list is 7 pages so too long to post in full, but a few examples below-

£1 in 1270 = £411.25 as at Oct 1998

£1 in 1370 = £329 as at Oct 1998

£1 in 1470 = £411.25 as at Oct 1998

£1 in 1570 = £149.55 as at Oct 1998

£1 in 1700 = £71.52 as at Oct 1998

£1 in 1750 = £78.33 as at Oct 1998

£1 in 1800 = £28.86 as at Oct 1998

£1 in 1850 = £47 as at Oct 1998

£1 in 1900 = £53.06 as at Oct 1998

£1 in 1925 = £25.70 as at Oct 1998

£1 in 1950 = £19.58 as at Oct 1998

£1 in 1975 = £4.82 as at Oct 1998

£1 in 1997 = £1.04 as at Oct 1998

==== LONDON Mailing List ====

To do a search of the London Archives go to
<http://searches.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/listsearch.p>

The notes read-

"This statistical series shows changes in the value of money over the past seven centuries and gives the amount of money required at October 1998 to purchase the goods bought by £1 at the dates shown on the table. "Thus, £78.33 would have been required in October 1998 in order to have the same purchasing power as £1 in 1690.

"The figures are derived from the Retail Price Index, based at January 1987 _0. There are no figures for individual years before 1800." The RPI is based on the combined cost of a number of specific goods and does not take into account other factors relevant to a comparison of values: for example, the cost of real property or the level of wages. We know of no figures incorporating all possible factors."

From: Jackie Honey <jackie.honey@lineone.net>

To: LONDON-L@rootsweb.com

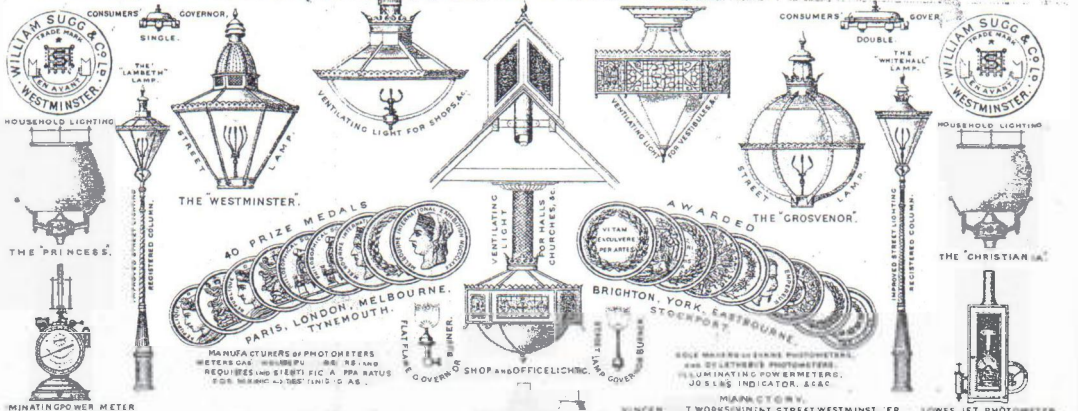
Subject: UK Info Searcher

Date: Friday, 7 January 2000 20:00

If anyone wants any help locating living friends or relatives in the UK, I will be happy to search on my UK info searcher. Please supply as much information as possible

Regards Kackie Honey

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NEWSLETTER NOTES

From the *Genealogist*, Dec 1999. The AIGS is no longer moving to the Box Hill Town Hall. **April 8th** is the date of the **Computer Expo** at the World Vision Centre..

The following articles; **The 1881 Census on CD Rom**; Born in Scotland-Died in Australia. Australian death Records in the Hawick Advertiser 1874-1890; **List of services and prices for members and non-members offered by the AIGS** and a new page – Homeless Heritage – four photos are shown, each one looking for an owner or further information.

Mt Isa Family History Society Inc. newsletter, November 1999 – Mt Isa Underground Hospital, Central School Register 1925-1929, Mining Journal Extracts 1914.

Fiche-ing Around (Lakes Entrance), December 1999. – Researching in **County Mayo** and a list of **Genealogical Centres in Ireland**.

Roses and Thorns (Benalla), December 1999 –Italian Family History, **Hearth Tax**.

Hughenden and District Family History Society Inc. Newsletter, Dec 1999 – Torrens Creek State School Enrolments 1926-1991 and plenty of other local articles.

Victorian Gum News, Dec 1999 –**Using the Internet to Locate Ship Pictures**. Feb 2000 – **Create your Website**. March 2000 – Mention that they will be giving demonstrations of the main Family History Programs and short talks on the internet at the Computer Expo. **Internet workshop** on 16th April at Mt Waverly. You don't have to be a member to attend. Cost \$10.00.

Mallee Roots (Swan Hill), Feb 2000 –**List of Primary Schools in Swan Hill Area**.

Yarram Genealogy Group Newsletter, Feb 2000 – Eighteenth & Nineteenth Century Census substitutes for Ireland; A Guide to Using Government Gazettes; Tracing records of Births, Marriages and Deaths in England; Queensland, Australia Justice Department Inquest Files; Details of Dutch Genealogy Certificates Online; Yarram Traders in the 20's; What is the Divorce Index –Victoria 1861-1900?



Wonthaggi Genealogy, Dec 1999 – seeks people interested in joining the Anti-Genos Group i.e. disgruntled and neglected spouses of genealogists, wishing to regain use of their telephones, computers, tables, etc have conversations on other topics besides family history, visit interesting places other than cemeteries. Ph 03 5674 2741

Leeton Family History Society Newsletter, June-July 1999 – Broken Hill Settlers, Leeton Pioneers.

EARLY MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND DISEASES

CONTINUED

Milk Sickness	disease from the milk from cattle which had eaten poisonous weeds
Mormal	gangrene
Morphew	scurvy blisters on the body
Myelitis	inflammation of the spine
Myocarditis	inflammation of the heart muscles
Necrosis	mortification of bones or tissue
Nepritis	inflammation of the kidneys
Nephrosis	kidney degeneration
Neuralgia	affliction of the nerves causing pain
Palsy	paralysis or loss of muscle control
Paroxysm	convulsion
Pemphigus	skin disease of watery blisters
Pericarditis	inflammation of the heart
Peripneumonia	inflammation of the lungs
Peritonitis	inflammation of the abdominal area
Petechial Fever	fever characterised by spotting of the skin
Phthiriasis	lice infestation
Phthisis	wasting away of the body due to tuberculosis or consumption
Pleurisy	inflammation of the thorax
Podagra	gout
Poliomyelitis	polio
Potter's Asthma	fibroid phthisis
Pott's Disease	tuberculosis of the spine
Puerperal Exhaustion	death due to childbirth
Puerperal fever	septic poisoning associated with childbirth



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PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

Books (postage cost on application)

Childers Cemetery Register & Transcriptions	1879-1994	\$ 5.00
Gippsland Crematorium Register	1985-1995	\$15.00
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Hazelwood Cemetery Transcriptions 2 vols	1879-1995	\$30.00
Moe Cemetery Register	1891-1996	\$20.00
Moe Cemetery Transcriptions 2 vols	1881-1997	\$30.00
Toongabbie Cemetery Register	1872-1995	\$15.00
Toongabbie Cemetery Transcriptions	1873-1994	\$15.00
Trafalgar Cemetery Register	1887-1995	\$15.00
Trafalgar Cemetery Transcriptions	1886-1994	\$20.00
Traralgon Cemetery Transcriptions 2 vols	1872-1994	\$40.00
Walhalla Cemetery Transcriptions	1869-1995	\$15.00
Willow Grove Cemetery Register & Transcriptions	1898-1993	\$15.00

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Toongabbie Cemetery Register	1872-1995	\$ 8.00
Toongabbie Cemetery Transcriptions	1873-1994	\$ 7.00
Trafalgar Cemetery Register	1887-1995	\$ 8.00
Trafalgar Cemetery Transcriptions	1886-1994	\$ 7.00
Traralgon Cemetery Transcriptions	1872-1994	\$25.00
Walhalla Cemetery Transcriptions	1869-1995	\$10.00
Willow Grove Cemetery Register & Transcriptions	1898-1993	\$ 5.00

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