



# NEWSLETTER

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## CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER :

At our June meeting Glad Macreadie told us of her holiday on Norfolk Island. The photos she displayed created a great deal of interest in the history of this island.

In July, our members were entertained by a talk on preserving our documents. Our guest speaker was Sally Robbins. Sally works for the Ministry of Arts and her job is to help many small museums with methods of preserving their records. The evening was most enlightening and I believe most members left promising themselves to take better care of our documents and photos.

Our Seminar on the 8th October is to be held at the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education at Churchill and promises to be an enjoyable day.

## S E M I N A R

Be sure to mark SATURDAY, 8th OCTOBER 1988 in your Diary.

V E N U E: New Union Extension - Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education - (The building with the pyramid on the roof) Enter via Road near Binishell.

T I M E : 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

S P E A K E R S : At the time this newsletter is typed, details of our four speakers are not finalised yet but our publicity will give you adequate notification of who we have.

Our members are asked to bring a plate for morning and afternoon tea. We would also ask for volunteers to make up a loaf of bread into sandwiches in addition to their plate.

RESEARCHING IN BEDFORDSHIRE?

Florence Butcher is a member of the Bedfordshire Family History Society and has a copy of their publication of Bedfordshire 1851 Census Index Vol. 3 Book 4 covering the area of Biggleswade. Our members are welcome to refer to it if they have interest in the area.

Also, she has a 1988 Catalogue from "Rallymaps of West Wellow". They stock maps in four sections :

Current Reproduction Ordnance Survey  
Superseded O.S. Mapping  
Reprints of Victorian 1" mapping  
Godfrey map reprints of Victorian &  
Edwardian O.S. Maps

They also have a selection of books and reproductions of "Yesteryear in old photographs" of some English towns.

If interested their address is :

Rallymaps of West Wellow  
P.O. Box 11,  
ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE U.K.

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GOING TO EXPO?

Ian and Sandra McGown wrote to us on their way home from Expo enclosing a leaflet referring to the "Australian Genealogical Electronic Mail Instant Computer Search" AGEMICS located at the British Pavillion.

Ian states "I managed to get in four of my ancestors whom I know had migrated. None was on their listing - My word! they had some good excuses though.

"For further searches one must join the "British Australian Society and ask for a search via the AGEMICS listing of migrants. The joining fee is \$38.00.

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The following quotation has been found in several different publications :

The Scottish owned the land  
The Irish owned the pubs  
The English owned the accents .....

circa 1850

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AN OPEN LETTER FROM NELLY HELYAR :

Dear Readers,

Over the last twelve months I have written to every Genealogy/Family History Group in Victoria, requesting information on a research project on Lone-graves, Private and Old Cemeteries in Victoria. Some groups have sent me a lot of research material - and some photos - of which I am very grateful. Other groups I am hoping will still be of assistance in the future :

Mrs. J.G. Rogers has kindly agreed to partner me in this research project.

Gay and I now have over one thousand entries with more arriving weekly. We believe there are still thousands of Lone graves and Cemeteries that we have no information on as yet and we would appreciate any help you may be able to give us in locating these graves etc.

Eventually we will publish our research in book form which we believe will be of great assistance to all Genealogists in Victoria and elsewhere.

Information can be sent to :

Mrs. J.G. Rogers  
68 Hennessey Street  
Moe, Vic. 3825

Mrs. N.M. Helyar  
P.O. Box 33,  
Churchill, Vic. 3842.

Wishing you all good luck in your own research.

Yours sincerely,

Signed : Nelly Helyar

BOOK REVIEW :

by Lyn Sephton

"GUNYAH 1894 - 1940"  
by W.E. McNaughton

Bill McNaughton lived in the small Gippsland town of Gunyah Gunyah once located in the hills of the Strzelecki ranges.

This book will be of interest to anyone who had family in the area as it includes maps, newspaper articles, school records (student lists and correspondence between Education Department and staff) family photographs and some old poetry.

Mr. McNaughton has compiled this book as a "labour of love". He researched, wrote the text and arranged printing. I found it a very readable book.

As he says in conclusion: "Thus has passed out of existence an era never to be regained - at least as far as Gunyah Gunyah is concerned"

Copies are available from Mr. W.E. McNaughton,  
111 Fyffe Street, Thornbury, 3071.  
\$10.00 each

KEEP IT IN THE FAMILY :

My granddaughter said she would be getting engaged when she is eighteen. "I hope his name is "Davies"" I said.

To explain: I was Miss Davies before I married Mr. Davies. My mother was a Miss Davies before she married my father. When he died, she married another Mr. Davies. My mother-in-law was Miss Davies before she married my father-in-law. My Aunt was Miss Davies before she met my uncle - you guessed it - Mr. Davies.

But, to cap it all, the registrar who signed the birth certificates of my husband and myself was also the same registrar at our wedding and - yes - his name was DAVIES.

Mrs. I. Davies, Essex

(found in an English magazine)

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SOME ANCESTRAL OCCUPATIONS :

WOODWARD : the keeper of the wood or forest, having charge of the growing timber.

KEMPSTER : a comber of wool - usually a woman.

FLETCHER: a maker of arrows and a BOWYER made the bows.

HIGH TOBY: a Highwayman who rode a horse.

LOW TOBY : "A Footpad" a Highwayman without a horse.

COUPLER: a wandering priest - Travelled from village to village marrying couples.

THE PORTREEVE : the Mayor or Bailiff of a Marine Town.

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