

LOCAL HISTORY NEWS

Malvern Historical Society Inc.

Keeping Stonnington's History Alive!

February - March 2011

Newsletter No. 29

23 February Malvern Town Hall Estate Walk

Wednesday 23 February 6.30pm

Numbers strictly limited. Bookings essential.

Cost: Members: Gold Coin Non-members \$5

(+ optional \$5 for Walk Book)

Bookings: Lorraine 9885 9082

Malvern Town Hall, 1895 Reg No MP7636.



26 March Pets in the Park Central Park, East Malvern



Bandstand, Central Park East Malvern 1923
Reg No MP2600.

Saturday 26 March 2011 10am – 4pm

City of Stonnington's Pets in the Park is a popular event held each year in Central Park East Malvern. The Committee would love to hear from anyone who can help for an hour or two at this very popular event.

Both our sales table and displays always attract an interested crowd.

Please call Lorraine 9885 9082. Any help appreciated!

This is your chance to be actively involved in Stonnington's local history!

20 March East Malvern War Service Homes Estate

Sunday 20 March 4pm

Numbers strictly limited. Bookings essential.

Cost: Members: Gold Coin Non-members \$5

(+ optional \$5 for Walk Book)

Bookings: Lorraine 9885 9082

Nirvana, Waverley Road 1910 Reg No MP1317.



Malvern Historical Society – Message from the President

Thank you to all the Members who have already sent through their subscriptions and for the extra donations members have added. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Society and its work. If anyone has any suggestions for activities or memorabilia you may like to donate to the Collection please let us know. If you have received this issue of the newsletter free by email you may like to consider becoming a financial member of the Society!

I look forward to hearing from any Members and Supporters of Stonnington's Local History offering to help for an hour or two at Pets in the Park.

Lorraine Sage, President 9885 9082

Taking Local History to the Community

Lorraine Sage and Jane Nigro represented the Society at Stonnington Library Service's morning tea to farewell Di Foster. Lorraine Sage attended Stonnington Brass' 100th Anniversary celebration at the Malvern Town Hall. A special thank you to our two new walk guides Pat Brincat and Francesca Di Mattina who both enthusiastically led a group of walkers along High Street Armadale for our January walk. Thanks also to Michele, Kaitlin and Ray at MBE Malvern for their graphic work on our newsletters and publicity material and to John Isbel who arranges the prompt delivery of your newsletter!

Memories of 'An Old Timer'.

Extract from Malvern News Sheet 1980



Williams Nursery, south corner of Glenferrie Road and Barkly Avenue 1922. Reg No MP2657.

"I was born in the front bedroom of a house in **Barkly Avenue, Malvern** on 10.1.1908 and am now 72 years... I remember when peace was declared in 1919, I was 11 years old at the time and everybody went mad that night. They marched abreast the full width of **Glenferrie Road**, seeing how much noise they could make. There were single track trams there at that time and one came along trying to get through the crowd but about 100 people pulled the pole off the wire and rocked the tram until it was derailed. The steel poles holding the overhead wire for the trams were all in the centre of the road.

My Dad worked for the **Malvern City Council** for 49 years and retired about 1932 and he told me when I was very young that **Angliss** the butcher had a slaughter house where the **Malvern Railway** is now and **Woodmason Dairy** used to run a herd of cattle around their dairy at **Malvern**. **Williams Nursery** was on the corner of **Barkly Avenue** and **Glenferrie Road**, and on the corner of **Llaneast Street**, a **Dr. Wills** used to have a big house with a row of huge pine trees across the front.

Speaking of pines, there was a chap called '**Tiger**' **Kelly** who used to chop all the trees round **Malvern** and he was good at his work and pretty to watch as he only carried a hand saw and about four razor-sharp axes with him.

My father also told me that the oldest shop in **Glenferrie Road** was or is on the S.W. corner of **Wattleree Road**. I think **Moran & Cato** ran a grocery shop there as far back as I can remember. Behind **Williams Nursery** there was **Coughlin's Dairy**, who used to break their wild horses into the milk carts on the streets, and milk was always delivered in a billy left on the front porch.

There are other memories I have and I could ramble on but I am no writer so I will just remember. "

Author Unknown



Llaneast, Glenferrie Road 1903. Reg No MP2626.

Memories of Gardiner (Cont.)

More memories of **Gardiner** have been received in response to our article on **Gardiner** in the last issue of the newsletter.

Judy remembers peeping into the barber's shop even if little girls weren't supposed to look. The photo of **9 Allaville Avenue** brought back memories of her bosom companion **Diana Speedie** [Speedy?] who lived there. They played together until she moved when they were in Grade 2. (Diana's father was frequently away, for he was in charge of construction of the great **Eildon Reservoir** and his name appears on a plaque along the dam wall). **Dr. Ruth Sheffield** [from Europe] at **7 Allaville Avenue** gave exercise classes as well as using special equipment to correct flat feet, for example! She also had a column in *Womans' Day* magazine. **Mr. Lee** at 11 may have been an aircraft engineer and was often away in **Sydney**. There was a natural court framed by nos. 5, 7 and 9, as **Allaville Ave** turned north. Local children used to play cricket and other games there, while on Sunday morning the **Salvation Army Band** stopped on the corner beside number 4 and gave a rousing rendition of many well known hymns.

Sue's mother, aged 89, remembers her cousins attending the **Methodist Church** in **Glen Iris**. They dedicated a window which apparently was removed when the church was demolished and it was then placed in **St Andrew's Gardiner Church**. Sue's mother and aunt attended the first St Andrew's church before it was replaced by the blue-stone building that stands there now. The **Reverend Eric Owen** was a huge influence at this time and instigated many a change that the parishioners took some time to accept. Her mother thought he was wonderful!

Jane remembers the intersection of **Burke Road** and **Malvern Road** in the 1960's. At this time there were no traffic lights and both the red bus from **Chadstone** and **Caulfield Station** and the brown bus from **McKinnon** would do a U turn in the middle of the intersection. School children frequented the milk bar on the north-west corner and sheltered from the rain in the entrance to the **Moran and Cato** grocery store on the north east corner. Hopping across the width of **York Road** where it joined **Malvern Road** was a daily challenge on the walk home!

We hope others will share also their memories of our local area for all to enjoy.



Arrival of official tram at Burke Road Gardiner April 1915 Reg No. MP14456.



Gardiner to Chadstone bus, 1960. Reg No MP5291.

Kooyong Tennis Centre L.T.A.V.

Within a year of the first **Wimbledon** championships in 1877, the citizens of Melbourne had embraced the new sport of lawn tennis.

In 1892 fifteen tennis pioneers formed the **Lawn Tennis Association of Victoria (LTAV)**. The first Australasian Championships were held at the **Albert Ground on St Kilda Road** in 1905. Initially, land at **Kooyong** was considered to be inaccessible and subject to flooding. However in 1920, to accommodate the growing popularity of the game, a seventeen acre (6.8 hectares) site was purchased. The LTAV raised funds to purchase the land to construct embankments and lay the courts, and for the erection of fencing and suitable buildings, including permanent stands for international and championship matches. Twenty lawn courts were laid out and in 1922 the clubhouse was built to the design of architects **Ballantyne & Hare**.

The reinforced concrete stand, designed by engineer James Knox, originally provided 5,500 seats and was opened in 1927 by **(Sir) Norman Brookes**, Australia's first Wimbledon champion. The northern stand extension was constructed in 1934, just prior to massive floods, which submerged the original stand.



Aerial view of Kooyong LTAV 1934 Reg No MP1341.



Flood waters at the Stadium Courts at Kooyong December 1934.
Reg No MP620.

Kooyong began its long association with the Australian Championships in 1927, hosting the event on thirty-four occasions until 1987, during which time a succession of international players graced its courts. **Kooyong** was also the venue for five challenge rounds and two final rounds of the **Davis Cup** from 1946 to 1986. In 1988 the LTAV changed its name to **Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club**.

The stadium continues to host major tennis tournaments and other sporting and cultural events, maintaining the tradition of the Club as an internationally significant venue.

Stonnington Research Enquiries

During the past few months the Society has received enquiries relating to **Chanak Street**, **The Gables** in **Finch Street**, prize books from a family member who attended **Warwick School**, **Manning Road**, the **East Malvern RSL**, **Edward Charsley** and **Myamyn Street Armadale**. We have also been asked for information on industrial chimneys in Stonnington, verandah tiles, gardeners at Stonnington in the 1890's, **Nott Street**, the **Reknown Kindergarten**, **Delmo**, **Marsh** and **Slade** families and **Mrs Ann Baxter** (who lived at the corner of **St James Road** and **The Terrace** in **Armadale**).

Research is being undertaken on a number of churches and halls in Stonnington including **All Saints Church Hall**, **3 Olive Street**, **Malvern East**, **Ewing Memorial Hall**, **Burke Road**, **Malvern East**, **Former Presbyterian Church**, **Denbigh Road**, **Armadale**, **St James' Church and Hall**, **Cnr Burke Road** and **High Streets**, **Glen Iris** and the former **Centennial Hall**, **Waverley Road**, **Malvern East**. All of these enquiries have been researched and expertly answered by **Stonnington Local History Librarians David Tuck** and **Ellen Porter**.

Fulbourne, 200-202 Wattletree Malvern

It was thought that **Fulbourne** may have been initially part of the former **Wattletree Hotel** complex next door which dated from the 1850s. **Fulbourne** was on the south side of **Wattletree Road** between **Glendearg Grove** and **Staniland Avenue**. At first it appears as number **110 Wattletree Road** and is described as a timber house on 2 acres of land with stables. It was later re-numbered **200-202 Wattletree Road**. The house survived until at least 1911 when it was either enlarged or rebuilt as a brick residence located more towards the front of the 2 acre block.

A tennis court was located at the rear of the large block. Prior to 1886 the house was occupied by **Mrs V Gayer**. At this time a real estate advertisement described the property as "an 8-room villa with out houses, 2 acres of garden, paddock etc". In 1965 the house was demolished.

Reed family records indicate that during 1886-1887 the house was known as **Dinglefield**. At that time, **Henry Reed** with his wife and five of their daughters and two sons lived at **Dinglefield**.



Fulbourne, 200-202 Wattletree Malvern c1900 Reg No MP 2310.

Missing Malvern Mayors

While the search continues to complete the set of photographs of all the Malvern Mayors, four more have now been discovered.

Leslie Montague

Leslie Montague was a Councillor with the City of Malvern from 1946 to 1955 and Mayor of Malvern in 1949 – 1950.

William Sloggatt

The painting of **William Sloggatt** was purchased by the Malvern Historical Society. It is thought to be of William Sloggatt due to the pencil note on the back of the painting. William Sloggatt purchased land in the first sale of **Crown lands** and built his house **Valency**, with a frontage to **Burke Road**, south of **Malvern Road**. He was a member of the **Gardiner Road Board** from 1861 and Chairman in 1862.

Thomas Gibson Henry

Thomas Gibson Henry was born 20 July, 1834 at **Kilkeel, Northern Ireland**. He studied at **Trinity College, Dublin**. Henry sailed from **Liverpool** for Australia on 8 March, 1853, on the steamer 'Antelope' (he was an 'unassisted' passenger). He arrived in Melbourne on 19 August, 1853. He wrote an account of his journey to Australia: 'From the Old to the New', a copy of which is in the **Latrobe Library**. He lived at **Malvern, Victoria**, where he set up a school in his house near **Malvern Road**. He was a member of the **Gardiner Road Board** and its Chairman 1866-1868. He left **Malvern** in 1870 for **Heywood** in the Western District, where he again taught school. [Valda Savill: Dear Friends, Heywood] The family moved to **Mumbannar**, close to the border of **South Australia** in 1876 where he again taught. He died on the 16 June 1920, at **Portland, Victoria** and was buried at **Mount Gambier Cemetery, South Australia**, with his wife Catharine.

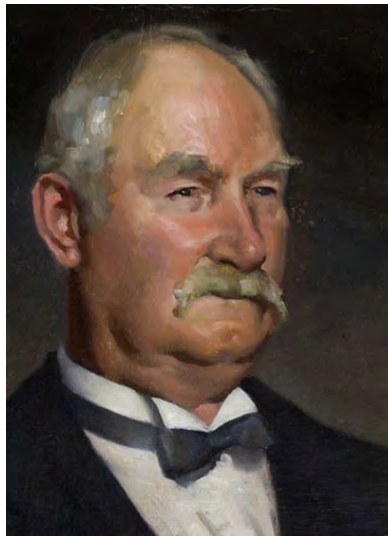


Leslie Montague, 1967
Reg No MP12377

Robert Edward Lewis

The property **Malvern Lodge** was located on Crown Portions 101, 102, 111 and 112, on 31 acres of land fronting the east side of **Tooronga Road**, extending from **High Street** to **Malvern Road**. It was sold to solicitor, **Robert Edward Lewis** in 1872. Lewis was elected to **Malvern Shire Council** in 1873 and became **Shire President** in 1874-76 and again in 1877-78. In the Argus, 22 April 1882 a sale notice appeared - 'sale of **Malvern Lodge**, Robert Lewis' 15 room brick house (on five acres with the remaining land open for subdivision) with frontages to **Malvern Road**,etc.' Lewis did not sell the property until 1887 when agent and auctioneer **Charles Staples** became the new owner. **Malvern Lodge** was later re-named **Tooronga House**.

Lewis had joined **Kenric Edmund Brodribb** as an articled clerk in 1854 and was joined by a friend, **Thomas Crisp**, in 1855. Lewis joined **Brodribb and Crisp** in partnership four years later. In 1867 Brodribb left the firm he had established, leaving **Crisp & Lewis** to continue. The firm name changed to **Crisp Lewis Hedderwick & Fookes** in 1898. Following years of success and speculation, **Thomas Crisp** shot and killed himself in 1889 after land prices crashed. The partnership of **Crisp Lewis Hedderwick & Fookes** dissolved acrimoniously in 1906 – a brick wall had been built across the office to separate **Robert Lewis** and his son from the other partners. Soon afterwards, the firm was renamed **Hedderwick Fookes & Hedderwick** (now **Allens Arthur Robinson**).



Painting of William Sloggatt.
Artist M.Stevenson, [undated]
Reg No MP12545.



Thomas Gibson Henry
Reg No MP14012



Undated photo of the Lewis Family.

WONDERLAND OF LEARNING

CHILDREN TEACH THEMSELVES THROUGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

A wonderland of learning has been opened up for children of Spring- since early this year an experiment in education has been tried and proved a great success. Here, they learn through books — not in the old way, but through a fascinating library.

It has been the life-long dream of the headmaster (Mr. E. Bright) to introduce this method of teaching into his school, but, as he says, it is only possible when there are three essentials—a suitable room for a properly equipped library, money to buy books, and, most important of all, a full-time, trained librarian.

Now he has all three, and his dream is beginning to be realised.

Full Time Librarian

Before the experiment actually began, Miss Jocelyn McCallum, who for 22 years had charge of Prahran children's library, gave her services voluntarily for three months in the library of this school, classifying and cataloguing and generally tidying up, for sheer love of the work, as she is a born librarian. Mr. Bright saw the possibilities and Miss McCallum became the first and only full-time librarian appointed by the Victorian Education department.

Two classrooms were thrown into one, more books were bought, the Dewey system installed and, with tables and chairs specially made to children's size, the library, overlooking the adjoining park, became a most inviting place. Miss McCallum has a free hand to purchase books up to £20 a month, and the money comes

from a general school equipment fund voluntarily subscribed by more than 500 parents, who regularly give about £36 a month.

This is not an ordinary library, because it contains the secret of this new educational method introduced by the headmaster. In it are regularly held classes in geography, history and reading, when the children teach themselves. These classes are in addition to their regular lessons.

Miss McCallum gathers the books for the class to use in each lesson, puts a selection on each table, and the youngsters look up the subjects themselves and study their lesson for 35 minutes. Then they return to their usual classroom and give talks on what they have read. This provides variety, because each child can contribute something different on the same subject. For instance, in a lesson on the Eskimos, some found that the winter snow houses were called Igloos, while other children, from their books, discovered that an Eskimo summer house of a wicker framework covered with skins was called a Tupic. "I am learning a wonderful lot of geography myself since I came here," Miss McCallum remarked.

In the reading period the youngsters are free to choose their

books, and they just browse at will, then return to their classes and tell what they have read.

Books Are Borrowed

During the lunch hour and after school they borrow books to take home, and almost 60 a day are issued. In addition 500 of the books are sent to the primary school adjoining, to form a small lending library.

Mr. Bright is delighted with the success of the experiment as, although it will take years before the full results are seen, already the teachers find the children taking much greater interest in their work.

"We definitely find that it has achieved its object in that there seems to be a fresh stimulus to the children to use their powers of initiative," he explained. "They are able to advance at their own pace. The smart ones are doing some extremely good work, and the weaker ones are improving and showing more interest than they did through the orthodox teaching methods. They are getting the library habit, they know books and where to find them, and that is going to stand by them after they leave school."

Mr. Bright said a boy, a typical footballer, went to him the other

day, with his eyes glistening, and said: "I was in the Melbourne library. Do you know that their books are numbered the same as ours?" This was a discovery to him, and he had become a library convert because, using his knowledge gained in the school library, he was able to look for and find what he wanted in the public library.

Boredom, which Mr. Bright says is so often at the bottom of many adolescent and adult problems, will not bother these children because the most educated person is not the one who has a great mass of facts stored in his mind, but the one who knows where to go to get information for himself, and knows what he wants.



Jocelyn McCallum's retirement, Prahran Children's Library 1946. Reg No PH8704.

Jubilee Pictorial History of Churches of Christ in Australasia (1903)

The Jubilee Pictorial History of Churches of Christ in Australasia (1903) by **B. Maston** is now available on the Internet through the following link:

<http://www.mun.ca/rels/restmov/digital/jph/IPH288.HTM>



Some Prahran Church of Christ Pioneers 1903
Top Row: Mrs. Wheat, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Walsh
Bottom Row: Mrs. Buteridge, Mr. Bryan, Miss Proctor



College of the Bible, Glen Iris c1918. Reg No MP1794.

The Victoria section includes the 'Churches of Christ in Victoria, by **F. G. Dunn**,' with details on the **Churches of Christ in Malvern, Prahran and Toorak**. In 1903 Malvern had 73 members, Prahran 225 and South Yarra 67. In 1908 the **Federal Conference of Churches of Christ** established their training college in **Glen Iris**.

Additions to the Stonnington Local History Collection

• Photograph of **William Baillie** and a sale catalogue relating to a house at **4 The Avenue, East Malvern** donated by **Mary-Clare Adam**. Mary's grandfather, **William Baillie**, was born in **Scotland** on 25th April 1861. He died on 24th April 1928 (of pneumonia, after catching a chill while on a boat on **Lake Lugano**). William Baillie was the son of **Thomas Baillie**, and together they established the properties of **Polkemmet** in **Horsham** and **Benerembah** on the **Murrumbidgee**, not far from **Hay**. Burke's Colonial Gentry of November 1891, includes information about the Baillie family under "Baillie of Toorak and Hay". William Baillie married Mary Fellows (daughter of Rev. Walter Fellows, the first vicar of **St John's Toorak**) in 1892. The sale catalogue refers to a house at 4 The Avenue, East Malvern. This Victorian house (c1887) known as **Waverley** was demolished in 1939. The catalogue lists 302 items for sale including nine items from the coach house. It was recently discovered in a garage in **London!**



William Baillie, 1888
Reg No MP 57248



Sale catalogue 4 the Avenue East Malvern 1909
Reg No MP57249

• **Dissenters All! – The story of the non-conformist churches of the Malverns England** donated by the author **Rod Ellis**

• Three **Malvern & District Horticultural Society Flower Show** certificates, awarded to **Mrs D. Holloway** in 1958-59 donated by **Russ Haines, Ringwood Historical Society**.



Alway Family Bandsmen 1912.
Reg No MP735.

• Photographic record of **Malvern Meadows Estate**, including photographs, slides and documents donated by **Ross and Carolyn Mentiplay**.

The Estate is bounded by **Glen Waverley** railway line and **Holmesglen TAFE** to the south, **Warrigal Road** to the east, the **Malvern Valley Golf Course** to the north and **Golfers Drive** to the west. Streets within the Estate include **The Boulevard, Argyll St., Thurso St., Ayr Ave., Stirling Ave., Ambrose Ave** and **Lomond Terrace**.

• **"Then and Now - a Pictorial History of the City of Monash,"** donated by **MarJo Angelico**, Research Officer, **Waverley Historical Society**.

• **"Bold as Brass- the Story of Stonnington City Brass 1911-2011"** by **Pat Lawson Black**, the Centenary Edition of the **Stonnington City Brass** newsletter 'Bandwagon' and the Centenary CD donated by **Wesley Brown** and **Stonnington Brass**.

• Complete set of **St Roch's Church** notices for 2010 donated by **Rev. Father Ian Waters**.



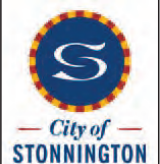
New Members

We would like to welcome our latest new members **Helen Botham** and **Ben and Debbie Brady** and their family.

Have you enjoyed viewing the photos in this issue?

Material for the articles has been researched from the **Stonnington Local History Centre Collection**. The database contains over 54,000 records. To view enlargements of photographs and to read more, just go to the website. www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/history

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The Malvern Historical Society Inc is a member of the Stonnington History Committee, an affiliated member of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, a member of the South Metro History Group and has been appointed by the Public Record Office of Victoria as a Place of Deposit for non-permanent public records.

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