

LOCAL HISTORY NEWS

Malvern Historical Society Inc. Keeping Stonnington's History Alive! December 2012 - January 2013 Newsletter No. 40

19 January Malvern Village Walk

Saturday 19 January 10am

Malvern Village Walk

(within the area bounded by Toorak, Tooronga and Malvern Roads and Elizabeth Street)

Members- Gold Coin Donation Non-members \$5

(+ optional \$5 for Walk Book)

For further information, please call Lorraine 9885 9082



Ilton's blacksmith's shop Elizabeth Street c1880 Reg No 587

30 January Northbrook

Wednesday 30 January 10am

Visit to the Stonnington City Centre at Northbrook.

Join members and Stonnington History Centre staff and discover the stories behind the historic photographs and artwork on display at Northbrook.

Numbers limited so book early!

Bookings: Lorraine 9885 9082



Northbrook, High Street Malvern c1950 Reg No 1213

6 February Reconnections and Recollections - Methodist Babies Home

Wednesday 6th February 7pm

The Prahran Historical & Arts Society and the Malvern Historical Society invite you to an illustrated talk

Reconnections and Recollections – Charting the history of Connections Uniting Care

Speaker: Rhiannon Wapling, Connections Uniting Care

The well-known social reformer Oswald Barnett, a name associated with the slum abolition movement in Victoria, was instrumental in the setting up of the Methodist Babies Home in South Yarra in 1929. His approach was to



attempt to break the cycle of poverty and despair by removing the child from the slums. In 1974 it became the Copelen Street Family Centre, moving into the provision of foster care and preventive family services in the inner suburbs of Melbourne. Connections online photo catalogue on Flickr and hardcopy photo catalogues will form part of the presentation.

Venue: Upstairs Foyer, Malvern Town Hall – Corner of Glenferrie Road and High Street, Malvern

RSVP: Gabriel - Ph: 03 95297442

No charge.

Come along and bring your friends.

Methodist Babies Home South Yarra Reg No 14342

Message from the President

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to you all for your ongoing support of the Society. The last year has been a very special year in the life of the Malvern Historical Society as we have celebrated 40 years of our Society. What an achievement!! We have held a couple of very enjoyable functions to celebrate this milestone and are hopeful of continuing the celebrations in the new year. How appropriate that this issue of the Newsletter will be Issue No. 40. Wishing you all a very rewarding New Year. Look forward to welcoming you all to our various activities during 2013.

Lorraine Sage, President 9885 9082

News from the Stonnington History Centre

Halligan and Pattinson Families

The History Centre holds a small collection of photographs donated by a member of the Halligan family. The Pattinsons lived at 'Avon', in Bowen Street, Chadstone. Joyce Pattinson married John Halligan in 1941 and later the couple moved to their new home in Chadstone Road.



Members of the Pattinson family and friends at a picnic at Scotchman's Creek 1927 Reg No 6681



Paxton Street, East Malvern

A collection of photographs was donated to the History Centre by Marlene Chesney. The Chesneys lived at 47 Paxton Street, East Malvern from the 1930s.

The photos are mainly of the Paxton Street area and Marlene's photos add to earlier photographs of the area, depicting the changes to the street over time.

Family dog, waiting expectantly at the gate of 44 Paxton Street East Malvern 1960s Reg No 60418

Como Park Cannon

The History Centre had an interesting enquiry from a member of the Royal Australian Navy at Cerberus. They are currently creating a smartphone app on Victorian Navy relics and were interested in the cannons donated to the municipality after the First World War. The gun in Como Park is an Armstrong 40-pr RBL gun and was manufactured by the Royal Gun Factory in 1864. It was issued to the Royal Victorian Volunteer Artillery in 1865 and is the oldest of a batch of six issued to the R.V.V.A. in 1865, one of which was placed on board the ship HMCS Victoria during that year. No details of the unit to which the Como cannon was allocated have been found, but it is known to have been in the Ordnance Store, Melbourne, in 1901. It is believed that this gun is the oldest of its type in Australia and may be the oldest in the world.



Cannon Como Park 1934 Reg No 10294

Apparently the Prahran municipality also placed two large guns in Rockley Gardens. This information came to light when the gentleman from the Navy conducted a search on TROVE and articles were retrieved from the *Malvern Standard* for 1910 and 1919. The Malvern Historical Society funded the loading of this newspaper to the National Library website.

If anyone has any information about what happened to these two cannons please contact the Stonnington History Centre.
Ellen Porter Local History Librarian 8290 1360



Malvern Valley Primary School

The Malvern Valley Primary School, formerly known as the Chadstone Park Primary School, has recently put historic images on its updated website.

<http://www.mvps.vic.edu.au/our-school/2/history/529z5/>

Chadstone Park Primary School (No. 4669) Grade 4 1954 Reg No 14118

Stonnington Research Enquiries

During the past few months the Society and the Stonnington History Centre have received enquiries relating to Stanhope Street, Primrose Street Windsor, air raid shelters in Karma Avenue East Malvern. The Gardiner Hotel, Emily Jane Beatrice Wilson nee Sellings, Lomond Gardens, Angela Thirkell and Ellen Dower. Ellen is mentioned in a Sydney Morning Herald advertisement on 9th May, 1914, *Mrs. Ellen Dower, last heard of 14 years ago of Parramatta, Sydney; any person knowing or hearing of her, please communicate with JOHN PERRY, Phelie(?), Thanet Street, Malvern, Victoria.* David Tuck checked various sources regarding John Perry, and found that he is listed either as "gentleman" (Malvern rate books 1915/16; 20 Thanet Street) or "independent means" (Australian electoral rolls 1914; Claremont Avenue, Malvern East). In the latter source, there were seven Perrys living in Malvern, including Mary Rose Perry living at *Phelie* in Thanet Street, Malvern, occupation home duties. In that roll, John and Elizabeth Perry were both listed as living in Claremont Avenue.



**Edward Charsley and family at Hedgeley
Dene Farm c1880 Reg No 7345**

We received an enquiry relating to the family of George and Mary Ann Hawker who moved to Melbourne from Marmsbury and settled in a house on Dandenong Road, Malvern. Simone Sharpe's research discovered that George Hawker was at an address in Dandenong Road, Malvern around 1887. He was in the second property from the railway line, in a group of buildings on the north side of Dandenong Road, between the railway line and Malvern Railway Station. There were four children in the family, Maude, Herbert, Harry, and Ruby. Harry was a pupil at Tooronga Road Primary School. Wikipedia (www.wikipedia.org) notes that Harry George Hawker MBE, became an Australian aviation pioneer. He was the chief test pilot for Sopwith and was also involved in the design of many of their aircraft. After World War One he co-founded Hawker Aircraft, the firm that would later be responsible for a long series of successful military aircraft. He died on 12 June 1921 when the aircraft he was to fly in the Aerial Derby crashed at Hendon Aerodrome in the UK.

We have also been contacted by a member of the Charsley family. The family would like a plaque to be placed in the Hedgeley Dene Gardens acknowledging early settler Edward Charsley.

These are just a selection of the range of enquiries researched with enthusiasm by the Stonnington History Centre staff, David Tuck, Ellen Porter and Simone Sharpe.

Do you remember the delivery horses?

Anne is wondering if anyone has memories of early delivery horses in Stonnington. The Cranbourne Dairy in Darling Road Malvern East was still delivering milk by horse drawn cart in the mid 1950s. One story relates to Bob, one of the Cranbourne Dairy clydesdales. He knew his route well but could not adjust when a resident cancelled their order when they went away on holidays. Each day he would stop outside the house and refuse to budge! If you have Malvern/ Stonnington memories you would like to share just email them to malvernhistorical@yahoo.com or send to MHS, P.O.Box 184, Malvern 3144



**Cranbourne Dairy 1937
Reg No 5083**

Presentation Cup

Stanley Grose was born in 1894. In 1917 he joined the Australian Corps in England and France. In 1933 he commenced 44 years of service on the East Malvern RSL committee, including several terms as President. He retired from the Department of Ammunitions in 1959 and was awarded the BEM in 1976.

Stanley Grose Drive in East Malvern is named after him. The cup in the photograph was presented to Leslie Grose, son of Stanley and Retta Grose. The family lived in Hilda Street East Malvern. The soap box race was conducted down the hill in Winton Road East Malvern.

**Presentation cup inscriptions: R.S.L. Gymkhana 17.6.40
Soap box race 9-12. Leslie Grose. Reg No 8094**



Albert Phillips – What I remember about living in East Malvern SE5



**Malvern Scout Master Jo Fetherston
and group scout master
G.H. Fetherston 1938 Reg No. 60545**

"In 1945 I moved to 95 Paxton Street, which was the second house from Darling Road. This site is now occupied by flats. During 1945, and years to follow, we had the baker and milk carts deliver bread. We also had the ice cart deliver ice that was split into blocks that would fit into our ice chest. I used to follow the ice cart to collect small pieces of ice, which was a treat. All carts, thanks to their horses, provided manure for the garden which we collected by following the carts.

As the Cranbourne Dairy was just around the corner in Darling Road, between Paxton Street and Rothesay Avenue, we collected our milk at the dairy, mostly in a quart billy.

As a child we made many billy carts and put them to the top of Paxton Street hill, then rode them down the hill and often around the corner into Darling Road. Something that could not be done in today's traffic. We had to be aware of the Red Bus that ran from the Central Park Tram Terminus down Paxton Street and on to Oakleigh. In the summer we caught the Brown Bus in Darling Road to Brighton Beach. At our end, this terminated at Gardiner, at the corner of Burke and Malvern Roads. Close to this corner was the Hoyts theatre, where I often would go to see the matinee.

As a schoolboy, I delivered the *Sun*, *Age* and *Argus* to a wide area from Stott's Newsagency, which was on the corner of Darling Road and Malvern Road. Mr Stott was responsible for introducing the fountain pens, made by the WA Shaeffer Pen Company. After school I also delivered medicines for the Macintosh Pharmacy, which was next to the State Savings Bank of Victoria. These businesses were located at the same intersection opposite Stott's.

In the shopping area in Darling Road, there was a milk bar and behind was Lock's tennis courts. On the south side of Darling Road was another milk bar, an iron monger and Marshall's grocer, on the corner of Brunel Street. On the other corner was the butcher. Not far away was Hedgeley Dene Gardens, where I would often play and catch yabbies.

I attended Scouts at 1st Malvern, the oldest scout troop in Victoria. This was located behind the home of counsellor Hyslop in Darling Road, opposite Olive Street. Like so many, I attended Lloyd Street School."

(undated)

The Man and The Magpie - Prahran Telegraph (28 November 1868)

Before the Mayor, Hon. J McCrae MLA, George Young, and Dr Fetherston, JPs. Thursday, November 26th.

Although the opera of *La Gazza Ladra* and the farce which was performed in the court this morning both have to do with a magpie, there is nothing in common in the plots of the two pieces. The heroine of the Prahran performance was Anne Louisa Patterson, an old lady of 80 years of age, the relict of a staff surgeon in the Bengal service, residing in the house of William Wood at Toorak. Mr Weller was engaged in her behalf, but had very little opportunity of serving her, as his client persisted in taking the management of her case into her own hands, and produced a witness who completely demolished it. It came out that Mrs Patterson had an old-maidenly fondness for pets, both biped and quadruped, and a propensity for keeping them in inappropriate places – such as bedrooms. Now, there was a child in the house for whose delectation a magpie had been provided by its mother, a friend of the old lady's, and this magpie she insisted upon taking into her charge. William Wood, on the other hand, thought the kitchen a more suitable abode for Joey, and entered Mrs Patterson's room for the purpose of claiming and removing it. The complainant's statement was that he did this so violently that her arms were much bruised and injured in the struggle for the cage. Also, that he abused her with most scurrilous language, calling her a "drunkard" and asserting that she "had not been sober for three weeks," whereas she was prepared to prove she had only had fifteen bottles of beer in ten months, and two of them were lent to the defendant's wife. She called Mary Carroll, a female servant of the house, who had been present at the time of the alleged occurrence, but her evidence merely went to prove no great violence had been used by defendant, and on the other hand the complainant had thrown the contents of a glass of ale and afterwards the glass itself, in his face. The bench dismissed the case without calling for any evidence in defence.

Tales From The Courts

Fireworks ignite a plea-bargain

Three boys, Frank Saunders, G. E. Stevens and G. Thomas, discharging fireworks in a public place. The defendants had amused themselves by letting off crackers in Anchor-place, one of which was thrown through a broken window into the house of Mrs Tinan, laundress, setting fire to some clothes. The accused offered to pay for the damage done provided a nominal penalty was inflicted. Each fined 1 shilling with 10 shillings costs, the costs to go to the prosecutrix.

Prahran Telegraph, 18 November 1882

Geoff Currey 2012

Postcards – lots of ‘em.



The Stonnington History Centre has recently been offered for purchase, in whole or in part, a substantial collection of local postcards. We’ve now blown our budget and bought three dozen of them. Many of these cards were unknown to us, and several actually caused a sharp intake of breath. Here are three such cards:

The first card is labelled ‘**The laboratory, 54 Greville Street, Prahran**’. A check of the 1910 edition of the Sands & McDougall directory reveals that the premises were shared by H.D’Amer-Drew, chemist, and William Wilson, assayer. Assayers, according to my Macquarie, came in two varieties – metallurgists and pharmacists, and both were experts at determining the constituents or potency of the ore or drugs consigned to them for analysis. This image is taken during the days of the DIY chemist, as distinct from the modern dispensers of proprietary lines. I’m sure the Health Inspector for Prahran City Council would have had this laboratory on his beat.

The second card depicts Elgin House in Elgin Avenue, when it was home to **Hassett’s University College**. The mansion still stands today. Hassett’s relocated to the Holt Buildings in Chapel Street, then in 1918 to the Colosseum Arcade. Jane Chatham provides more information about the college in her history of Prahran schools, ‘Across the slate’, published in 1985.



Finally, there’s the photo of **Chapel Street, South Yarra** – but where, exactly?

Note the street sign at the T-intersection, far right hand side. Could this possibly read ‘Arthur Street’? If so, then this view is looking south, despite the caption to the contrary. (The card was printed in Prussia, so they could be forgiven for losing their bearings regarding Chapel Street!). Furthermore, in numerous photos of Chapel Street taken between Malvern Road and High Street, the telephone poles are shown on only the west side of the street, which supports my case.

If this is correct, using Sands & Mc., the shop in the foreground would be C. Payne, wine merchant (No. 527). Is the crowd waiting for a tram or grog shop opening? Then would follow C. Martorana, furr [furrier?], public telephone (No. 525), then hoardings, then E. H. Stephens, furniture shop (no. 511). Unfortunately, the substantial, church-like building with the row of four dormer windows is a mystery, challenging my ‘Arthur Street looking south’ theory. It’s a very prominent building, as is the two-storey building further down the street on the same side of the road.

Maybe readers can help. Maybe I should get on my bike and travel to that intersection. I await the light globe moment, and will report if it occurs.



David Tuck, Stonnington History Centre.

Taking Local History to the Community

Our recent walks around both Jackson's Paddock and Power's Paddock were very successful. Thanks to the walk guides Pat Brincat and Francesca Di Mattina, and Lorraine Sage and Faye Pattinson who assisted. The Society would like to thank Kristy Mason and Grill'd, 217 Glenferrie Road Malvern (next to the Malvern Tram Depot), for their support and their donation of \$100. We look forward to working with them again in the future. Coburg Historical Society member Marilyn Moore provided our Society with excellent publicity in their recent newsletter.

The newsletter featured a very detailed article on our successful walks program. Thanks Marilyn! Congratulations to the members of the Prahran Historical & Arts Society Inc who have been elected to office: Mr. Gabriel Hermes, President; Mr. Chris Michaelopoulos, Vice President; Ms Rose Sciardis, Secretary; and Mr. Andrew Turner, Treasurer.

Additions to the Stonnington Local History Collection

- Set of recent photographs of 16a Glyndebourne Ave, Toorak donated by Simon Derham, RT Edgar (Boroondara)
- Prahran Literary and debating Society Rules booklet 1905 (Sydney A Chambers, President and Alf E. McMicken. Hon Sec.) donated by Trevor Hart
- *Malvern Meadows* newsletters donated by Ross Mentiplay. The latest newsletter includes a request for any photos, plans, brochures, memories and information relating to the area formerly known as Chadstone, within the former City of Malvern. If you can help just let the Stonnington History Centre know 8290 1360
- Photo of north-west corner of Glenferrie Road and Wattleree Roads Armadale donated by Carmel.



16a Glyndebourne Ave, Toorak 2012

North-west corner of Glenferrie Road and Wattleree Roads Armadale

From around 1885-1886 Arthur Cathie had a butcher's shop in Dandenong Road, Malvern. In 1886 he relocated to the north-west corner of Glenferrie Road and Wattleree Roads where he remained listed until 1903. In 1904 the business was renamed Booth and Clague, with the address given as 104 Glenferrie Road, Malvern. Booth and Clague parted ways, and the business became listed as A. J. Clague from c.1912. In 1914 the street was renumbered, including reversing the odd and even numbers. The address became 105-107 Glenferrie Road. The building in the photograph has since been demolished, and replaced with a two-storey building.



The family believe that the butcher on the left is Arthur James Clague and the one on the right may be Frederick John Booth. Arthur Cathie, was married to Frederick John Booth's sister Caroline and Arthur Clague, was married to another sister, Eleanor. One story that has been passed down through the family is that after some sort of family dispute, Frederick came home one day and told his family to pack up as they were all going to Trafalgar in country Victoria to work in a new butcher's shop. They stayed in Trafalgar until his death in 1963.

North-west corner of Glenferrie Road and Wattleree Roads Armadale c1904
(present site of the Dick Smith store)

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 60,000 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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