

LOCAL HISTORY NEWS

Malvern Historical Society Inc.

Keeping Stonnington's History Alive!

February - March 2014

Newsletter No. 47

16 March Finch Street Malvern East Walk

Sunday 16 March 4pm

Join members of the Society for a walk along Finch Street Malvern East (between Wattletree Road and Dandenong Road). Find out about the architecture of the buildings, the stories surrounding the development of the various estates and the beginnings of one of Melbourne's early golf clubs.

Bookings: Lorraine 9885 9082 Numbers strictly limited. Bookings essential.

Members: Gold Coin (This walk is being repeated due to the wet weather in November)

Ina and Alan Wilmoth in Finch Street c1916 Reg No 2707



22 March Pets in the Park

Saturday 22 March 10am- 4pm Central Park, Malvern East

City of Stonnington's Pets in the Park is a popular event held every year in Central Park Malvern East. The Malvern Historical Society stall and large display of photographs are always well received by both the adults and the children from the local community. Can you spare an hour or two to help us? This is an opportunity for our members and supporters to become actively involved in Stonnington's local history. All help appreciated.

Please call Lorraine Sage, President, 9885 9082.

Bandstand, Central Park East Malvern c1920 Reg No 1364



29 March RHSV History Victoria Support Group Seminar

Saturday 29 March 9:45am-4:00pm

'Current and future challenges in Information Technology for Historical Societies & How to build and maintain your membership' Royal Historical Society of Victoria, 239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne

Costs: \$15 (includes a light lunch and morning tea). **When booking, please advise of dietary requirements.

Bookings: office@historyvictoria.org.au. 03 9326 9288. Bookings close March 26.

6 April Guided Tour of Herring Island

Sunday 6 April 2pm

Herring Island is a small 3.2 hectares (7.9 acres) artificial island located in the Yarra River at South Yarra. Herring Island was formed in 1928 by cutting a channel through an old basalt quarry. The island was leased for many years by the scout movement, who named it after their patron, Sir Edmund Herring. The Island contains indigenous vegetation, and provides important habitat for native fauna, particularly birds. It is currently managed by Parks Victoria and used as a sculpture park. Our tour guide is a member of the Friends of Herring Island group. Bookings: Lorraine 9885 9082 Numbers strictly limited. Bookings essential. The meeting point is the Como Landing. The punt leaves from Como Landing (Melways ref Map 58, G2). Car parking is available in Alexandra Ave. The cost of the ferry is \$2 per person and free for seniors and concession holders.



New Yarra River channel, opposite Como Park c1928 Reg No 12757

30 April Mendelssohn's Photographic Studios

Wednesday 30 April History Matters Stonnington History Centre 10am

Join family history researcher Jenny Cowen as she reveals the Stonnington stories captured by this well-known Melbourne photographic studio. Bookings are required.

Book online on the Stonnington History Centre website or call 8290 1360

Tales from the Courts

Edited reports of proceedings in the Prahran and Malvern courts as published in contemporary issues of the *Prahran Telegraph*.

Agnes Barber, about 12 years of age, charged with stealing a bundle of linen. Mr Marshall, chemist of Chapel Street, sent his little boy with some clothes to be mangled. The prisoner met the child in Hanover Street and persuaded him to part with the clothes which she then took to the shop of Mrs Middleton, a dealer in clothes, and exchanged them for two dresses. The Bench was unwilling to send the girl to prison and severely lectured her and ordered her to be kept in a dark cell till 6 o'clock in the evening. *Prahran Telegraph*, 11 December 1880

Not much sympathy

Mrs Solley summoned her husband, Wm Solley, for maintenance. The plaintiff stated that the defendant had neglected to support her or her children and that when she was living with him, had beaten her 'till she had not an eye left in her head'. The defendant said his wife left him without his consent and had taken his boys away from him. "The Bench dismissed the case, remarking that the plaintiff ought to live with her husband; if he ill-treated her she had her remedy". *Prahran Telegraph*, 27 November 1880

Cruelty to a horse and a likely story

Corbett Newbould, summoned for cruelty to a horse on two occasions and for furious driving. W Jolliffe, undertaker of Chapel Street, stated that he saw the defendant driving a horse with a cart very rapidly along Chapel Street and subsequently saw the horse at the back of the Prince Albert Hotel with blood running down its leg. Charles Warren deposed that he saw the defendant beating his horse violently and Constable Dempsey said the animal had a galled wound on the shoulder and a wound on the leg. Fined 10 shillings but the charge of furious driving was dismissed as the defendant was taking his little boy to the doctor at the time. *Prahran Telegraph*, 20 November 1880

Geoff Currey

Gleneagles, Kooyong Road, Toorak

Gleneagles, in Kooyong Road Toorak, was formerly known as *Myrnong* and was the home of Robert Power. In 1923 a subdivision of the Myrnong Estate into twenty-six 'magnificent' allotments, created Myrnong Crescent and Turnbull Avenue. Thirteen acres of land north of the railway line considered, 'an ideal grazing paddock or for use as a recreation ground', were also sold.

Former bicycle racing champion, William Howard Lewis purchased *Myrnong* and renamed it *Gleneagles*. Lewis ran a city bicycle store prior to his association with the Tarrant Engineering Co. William Lewis died at *Gleneagles* in 1939 and the following year the property was sold, the land subdivided and Robert Power's old home was demolished.



Photo of the rear of *Gleneagles*, north end of Kooyong Road, Toorak 1939 Reg No 159

The sale notice recorded that 'it is of historical interest that in addition to the "Monarch of the Glen" Red gum (hundreds of years old) on *Gleneagles* Estate there are the remnants of another ancient Red Gum showing where the aborigines cut off a canoe from the trunk'. The gum tree in the foreground of the photo was known locally as the "Aboriginal Gum Tree". On 13 September 1939

Mrs Dorothea Lewis wrote to the Mayor of Malvern Cr Leonard Righetti, 'With reference to the idea of securing our property as a possible park for the City of Malvern, I enclose herewith a photograph of a tree, which may be of interest to yourself and councillors. From the late Mrs Robert Power, I learned that the slice of bark missing was removed by the Aborigines for use as a canoe on the river nearby'.

Thomas Henry King



The Stonnington History Centre would like to know if anyone has contact details for relatives of Thomas Henry King. He was a Malvern councillor and worked in the family coach works business, Martin and King. The TH King Pavilion is located at TH King Reserve, in the Glen Iris Wetlands, off High Street Glen Iris. Council are rebuilding the pavilion and would like to contact the family for the opening.

Stonnington History Centre 8290 1360

Cr. T. H. King 1968 Reg No 7685

37th Battalion Drum and Bugle Band (Malvern)



According to the Australian War Memorial website (accessed 22 Dec 2013), "...the 37th Battalion was formed as part of the 10th Brigade of the 3rd Australian Division in February 1916 at Seymour in Victoria. Its recruits were drawn from Melbourne, north-east Victoria and Gippsland." Perhaps the competition, mentioned in the photo caption below, was the one reported in the Malvern Standard 22 April 1916 p. 5. It was initiated by the Prahran City Band. First prize winners were the Malvern Area 47B.

37th Battalion Drum and Bugle Band (Malvern), winners of the Bugle Band Competition 1916 to 1918 Reg No 61019

Methodist Church, Burke Road, Glen Iris

The first Methodist church service in Glen Iris was held at Belmont (Belmont Ave, Glen Iris) on 19 January 1913. Land for a permanent church was purchased on the north corner of Burke Road and Payne Street, Glen Iris, and cost £461. The first service in the new timber church was held on 17 May 1914. It was proposed to erect a new church in 1919, but due to the shortage of material following WWI, it was decided to just extend the existing building. The foundation stone of the new brick church was laid by Frederick Cato on 3 May 1924. In May 1937 the church was rendered. The church closed in June 1984. It was then demolished and replaced with the aged accommodation, 'Gardiner Retirement Lodge'.



Timber Hall, 1984 Reg No 6992



Uniting Church (formally Methodist), Burke Road, Glen Iris c1930 Reg No 6991

Dental Surgery, 59 Glenferrie Road, Malvern

According to Dr Stewart Macdonald, the dental practice was started by the newly qualified dentist Reginald Duncan McCallum in 1911, with the surgery at street level and his residence above. It is not known whether McCallum had the building constructed, or what was there prior to that. Around 1921, McCallum commissioned major renovations, installed the stairway and relocated his surgery upstairs. (See MB 1782 for the building plan for the renovations.)



Entrance to 59 Glenferrie Road Malvern 2013

McCallum's son, Brian, also worked here as a dentist until ill health forced an early retirement, and he sold the practice to Stewart Macdonald in 1976. The practice has had only three owners in a century. David Tuck has recently taken 30 photographs of the interior of the building (entrance foyer, stairway, surgery, reception and waiting room), two very old machines (a treadle operated drill and a machine for buffing dentures), certificates of qualification and registration as a dentist (Reginald McCallum 1911) and excerpts from a day ledger beginning September 1946. The practice was sold to Nathan Wolf in late 2013 by Dr Stewart Macdonald, and major renovations to the building are planned.



Interior 59 Glenferrie Road Malvern 2013

WWI soldiers buried in Brighton General Cemetery. Can you help?

A number of WWI soldiers lie in unmarked graves in the Brighton Cemetery. The Brighton Cemeterians, together with other war graves groups, have submitted the names to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission with a view to having their grave sites officially recognised. Plaques for nineteen of these soldiers have now been approved and an effort is being made to locate relatives of these WWI soldiers so the plaques can be placed on their grave sites. They include Herbert Bradshaw and Sydney Clark.

Herbert Bradshaw (Service No 25968) was born in 1871 in Manchester, England, the son of John and Emily Bradshaw. He was 14 when he arrived in Australia in 1885 and worked as a clerk prior to war service. He enlisted at Prahran on 9 February 1916 and embarked from Melbourne on 1 August 1916. His next of kin was listed as his step-mother Mrs A Bradshaw, 44 Wattletree Road, Malvern. Herbert arrived in Plymouth, England in September and then proceeded to France on the S.S. Arundel. He returned to Australia in 1918 suffering a number of illnesses. He never married. He died on 4 January 1919 aged 47. He is buried in the Brighton Cemetery.



Brighton Cemetery gates c2013

Sydney Thomas Clark (Service No 6489), was born in 1898 in Drouin Victoria, the son of Thomas Benjamin and Theresa Jane Clark. Sydney enlisted on 15 June 1916 in Prahran. He was a rubber worker, aged 18 years. At the time he had served four years in the Senior Cadets. He embarked from Melbourne aboard HMAS A71 Nestor 2 October 1916 with the 14th Battalion. His next of kin was listed as his father, Mr Thomas B Clark, 75 Wilson Street, South Yarra. Sydney was wounded in France in October 1917 and returned to Australia early the following year. Sydney never married. He was drowned in 1919, aged just 20, when he fell off the yacht 'Viola' at St Kilda. He was buried at the Brighton Cemetery.

Malvern Historical Society – Message from the President

Thank you for forwarding your subscriptions and generous donations and 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! The Committee looks forward to the continuing support from Members and Supporters of Stonnington's Local History.

Lorraine Sage, President, and the Committee



Diary date

Wed 21 May 2014

AGM and guest speaker.

Andrew Lemon will talk about 'Early Horse Racing in Melbourne - and Prahran and Malvern... it's not just about Caulfield'.

Mulder's saddlery, Dandenong Road, Malvern East c1930 Reg No 5211

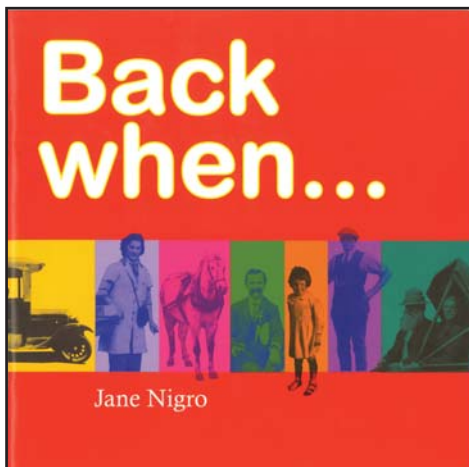
Stonnington Research Enquiries

During the last few months we have received enquiries relating to the Ormond family who lived in a house they called *Ognez* but which was later renamed *Egoleen*. It was in Clendon Road Toorak. We were contacted by an American researcher who is currently working on a documentary film on the 1928 Tour de France specifically honouring the Australasian team of Harry Watson, Percy Osbourne, Ernie Bainbridge and Hubert Opperman. We received an email from the United States requesting information on Joseph Barker who lived for some time in East Malvern around 1946.

Information on the Bruce family was provided for a family researcher. It was found that a William Bruce, a plasterer, lived at 70 High Street in Windsor in the 1890s, and was working in conjunction with a Joseph Bruce at 68 High Street. It seems that William had moved into 8 Kerferd Street East Malvern by 1914, and that the house stayed in the Bruce family until 1981. Another W. H. Bruce, presumed to be their son, built houses in the area. The History Centre holds a few building plans by R.A. Bruce. Thanks to Ellen, Simone and David for handling all the enquiries!

Stop Press! News from the East Malvern Community Bank

The Malvern Historical Society is very excited to announce that the East Malvern Community Bank will provide funding for the reprinting of our very successful children's picture book *Back when*. The bank will contribute \$4,300 towards the reprinting and this will allow the Society to distribute a copy to every four year old child in a Stonnington kindergarten and child care centre. Thank you to Chairman Peter Norman OAM and the Board for their continuing support of local history in Stonnington.



State Library of Victoria - Malvern Historical Society

The State Library of Victoria has offered the Malvern Historical Society an excellent support service over many years. The SLV hosts many historical society websites, including the Malvern Historical Society's website. Over the last 12 months, the State Library of Victoria has undertaken a detailed review of their paid web hosting and email services. They are currently working on new services and programs specifically for historical societies and history organisations to ensure that the websites remain unaffected. This would mean that there would be no change to our current hosting arrangement and no disruption to our services. They do not charge for this service. We would like to thank the SLV for providing this service and for their continuing technical support. The MHS is currently working with the staff at MBE Malvern to update our website.

www.vicnet.net.au/~malvern

Jane Nigro Vice President

Malvern East Group (MEG)

MEG is a local Stonnington community group. MEG's objective is to oppose inappropriate development in Malvern East and to work towards reform of Victoria's unbalanced urban planning regime. MEG's volunteers are passionate about protecting the neighbourhood character of Malvern East, and are more than willing to help residents with the process of opposing inappropriate development. They belong to a grass-root movement that includes over 250 local action groups in metropolitan Melbourne. Their objective is to ultimately convince governments to truly protect existing neighbourhoods and the amenity of residents. They want the government to impose stricter controls and limits on development in established neighbourhoods.

<http://malverneastgroup.freehostia.com/meghome.php>

Cr John Chandler



The MHS would like to congratulate Cr John Chandler who was acknowledged by the nation in the Australia Day Honours List. He was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to local government. Cr Chandler's time in local government started in 1982 when he became a councillor for the City of Prahran, including a time as mayor from 1988-89. He then continued on when Stonnington Council was formed. He has served as Stonnington's mayor three times.

Mayor Cr John Chandler opening the Stonnington City Centre
October 1996 Reg No 8081

New members

The Society would like to welcome our latest new members Anne and Andrew Campbell.

Taking local history to the Community

Lorraine and Jane N enjoyed a Christmas breakup afternoon tea with the Stonnington History Centre staff where the Society was thanked for all the work, time and effort members have given to the History Centre throughout the year. Steve and MBE Malvern continue their work on the updating of the Stonnington local history brochures. The Society was contacted by Michele Selby, Team Leader, Phoenix Park Library and the staff from Malvern Valley Primary School Grades 1 and 2. The classes are completing a unit of work on Local History. We have now provided them with copies of the 'I Spy' brochures, a set of laminated photographs and 80 copies of our latest publication for children, *Amazing History, Amazing Stonnington*. The book, funded by Stonnington Council and the East Malvern Community Bank (300 Waverley Road, Malvern East), has been well received by the school. Don't forget it is available at Jeffreys Books, 140 Glenferrie Road, Malvern for just \$8! Thanks also to members and supporters who were in touch with very positive comments after purchasing the new book. The Committee has been working hard distributing our new membership forms within the local community. If you know of anyone who would like to become a member, just let us know.

Additions to the Stonnington Local History Collection

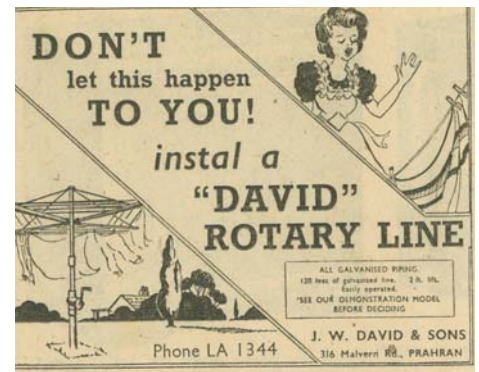
A number of early Stonnington photos and postcards were recently spotted on eBay. Thanks to Steve Stefanopoulos for both spotting them and purchasing them on behalf of the Society.



Fire Station, Willis Street Malvern
c1910 Reg No 61017



Windsor Fire Station c1900
Reg No 61018



Undated newspaper
advertisement



Glenferrie Rd Malvern c1910 Reg No 61020
This photograph, of the east side of Glenferrie Road Malvern,
was possibly taken from the railway line.

Have you enjoyed viewing the photos in this issue?

Material for the articles has been researched from the **Stonnington 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

East Malvern
Community Bank Branch **Bendigo Bank**

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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.

OTHER STONNINGTON HISTORY CONTACTS

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