

LOCAL HISTORY NEWS

Malvern Historical Society Inc.

Keeping Stonnington's History Alive!

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'Threads of History: Dressing Stonnington through time'

11 November - 10 December

Wander through the work of the seamstress, the tailor, the fashion designer. Discover the clothing made and worn in Stonnington since the 1850s in the Stonnington History Centre's new exhibition.

Hours: Wednesday to Saturday, 12noon - 5pm

Northbrook Pop-up Gallery, 1257 High Street, Malvern (behind Malvern Library, at the rear of the Stonnington History Centre)

History Matters: Costume: Candlelight to Haute Couture

Wednesday 23 November 10.30am - 12 noon

Carolyn McDowall has been involved in Australia's creative sector for over thirty years. A cultural and social historian and designer, she is writer and editor-in-chief for The Culture Concept Circle blog. From 1992-2005 she lectured on Design History & Decorative Arts in Sydney and Melbourne.

Join Carolyn McDowall for a lecture on the evolution of fashionable and societal concerns reflected in costume, including jewellery, from 1800 to today.

Northbrook Pop-up Gallery, 1257 High Street, Malvern (behind Malvern Library, at the rear of the Stonnington History Centre).
Bookings: 8290 1360

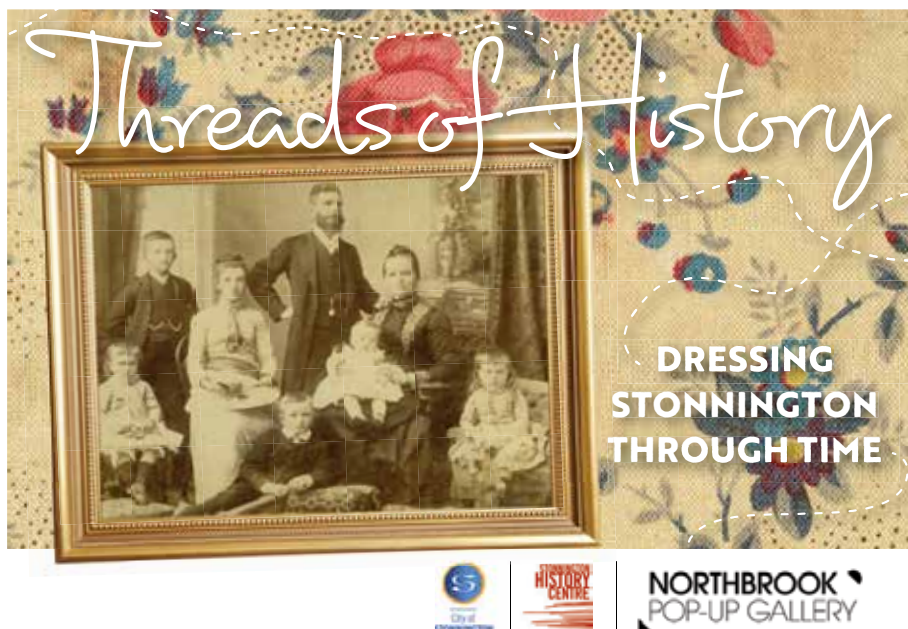
Spring Road Malvern area walk

Tuesday 6 December 7pm

Join members of the Society for a walk around the Spring Road Malvern area, between High Street and Malvern Road. Find out about the pioneering people, places of historical significance and how this area, close to Malvern Gardens, developed.

Bookings: Lorraine 9885 9082

Members: Gold coin. Non members:\$5 All welcome.



'Threads of History: Dressing Stonnington through time'. Guided tour.

Saturday 3 December 2pm

Join Janet Buick, Local History Librarian, Stonnington History Centre, and members of the Malvern Historical Society for a guided tour of the exhibition.

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Bookings: Lorraine 9885 9082



Spring Road School picnic c1900 Reg no 2624

Give the Gift of Local History

A one-year Malvern Historical Society membership is a great way to make the history lover on your list happy this holiday season. When you give a gift of membership or purchase the local Stonnington history books from Jeffreys, 140 Glenferrie Road Malvern, or the Stonnington libraries, your recipient will join the hundreds of people who are supporting our efforts to preserve and share our rich local history. Just call Lorraine, President, 9885 9082 or email malvernhistorical@yahoo.com for more information

Duldig Studio - Winner of the Historical Interpretation Award

Congratulations to the Duldig Studio in Burke Road Malvern East who have been awarded the 2016 Historical Interpretation Award as part of the Victorian Community History Awards. The Duldig Studio Documentaries were recognised as the most outstanding local history project presented in a unique format at the recent ceremony at the Arts Centre, Melbourne. The Victorian Community History Awards, which recognise the work of individuals and organisations committed to telling stories of local history, were presented by Public Record Office Victoria in partnership with the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, and funded by the Victorian Government. It was noted that the story is 'Fluently narrated by Eva de Jong-Duldig, the story is graphically presented. This distinctive entry falls within the Jewish memoir tradition of exile and loss, the compulsion to bear witness for posterity and the need to cling to tangibles. Eva has fashioned a compelling story from archives and artefacts'. www.duldig.org.au



241 Toorak Road South Yarra

In 1877 Richard G. Webb purchased a 53' x 200' parcel of vacant land (now 241 Toorak Road). Webb was listed in the rate books as an architect. In 1878 Webb erected a brick house of 8 rooms, which he owned and occupied. Webb moved out around 1887 and began renting the house to Annie Robertson, an artist. The Melbourne Tramway & Omnibus Co. Ltd erected the engine house for cable trams on the north west corner of Toorak Road and Chapel Street at this time. In 1889/90 the house was purchased by the Melbourne Tramway & Omnibus Co. Ltd, which rented it out for ten years to Eustace Julian Keogh, a surgeon.

An 1895 Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (MMBW) map (Detail Plan No. 945) shows that the house originally had a verandah along the Toorak Road frontage, gardens extending to the front and along the east side to the steps leading to the entrance, and gravel paths and driveway. At the rear of the house was a wash house, and across the back yard were stables, coach house, fowl house and glass house.

The Melbourne Tramway & Omnibus Co rented the property to a succession of short term tenants. Over the following years the property changed ownership many times and continued to be occupied by a long list of tenants. It appears that Prahran Council purchased the property for a time. At one time there was also a two storey office building behind the house but this was demolished in 1993.



241 Toorak Road South Yarra. Demolished September 2016
(Image: Stephen Franklin)

Robert Henry Keir

Noelle Jones from the Melbourne Tram Museum @ Hawthorn Depot is currently conducting research on Robert Henry Keir, as part of the Tramway ANZACs series. Robert was a Malvern resident and a member of the Malvern Tramways Band both before and after World War I. He worked at the tramways, firstly at the Prahran & Malvern Tramways Trust, and then the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board. He was decorated for bravery during the war and was awarded the Military Medal and the French Croix de Guerre. He passed away in 1971. noelle.jones@trammuseum.org.au

Malvern Centenary 1956

In 1956 a number of celebratory events were held to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the municipality of Malvern. The Mayor at the time, Cr Stanley E. Stevens, presided over a multitude of festivities and functions with the aim of ensuring the citizens of Malvern took pride in their city. It was noted that the 'Gardiner Road District Proclamation (6th Oct 1856) was one of the very early Acts of the Government of the newly created Colony of Victoria'.

A month-long program of events was scheduled, commencing with the holding of a Special Council Meeting and Centenary Dinner. Other activities included church services, a Naturalization ceremony, a ball, golf competitions, a Traders' procession and exhibition, receptions, a Floral Festival, a 5-day Arts Festival, a Chinese Dragon and a huge bonfire. Decorative buntings, banners, lights and signs were hung around the Town Hall area and around the part of Wattletree Road where the first meeting of the Gardiner Road Board had been held at the Wattle Tree Hotel 100 years before.

Centenary medals were made for Malvern schoolchildren, special Centenary booklets and brochures were published and widely distributed in Victoria, as well as overseas. A stipulation being that 'all printing for the Centenary be first class'. A 'Malvern Centenary City Hymn' was written specially for the occasion. The local and national newspapers were notified with a two-page feature appearing in the Australian Women's Weekly. Publicity for the Centenary generated letters of congratulation, donations of historic mementos, as well as a family wishing to migrate from 'Mother Malvern' in England, to Malvern, Australia. A search went out to discover the oldest Malvern resident, Mrs Margaret Wilson.



Centenary Massed Bands Malvern Cricket Ground Reg no 731



Darling Road Methodist Church at the Floral Carpet Competition 1956 Reg no 6640

Malvern Centenary City hymn

Alan Gregory was just 17 years old at the time when he wrote the 'Malvern Centenary City hymn'. It was dedicated to Cr and Mrs Stevens (Centenary Mayor and Mayoress of Malvern). It could be sung to the the tune of Aurealia by S.S. Wesley.



Tom Cathie and Joe Martin outside Malvern Town Hall 1956 Reg no 8636

One hundred years of progress let this our anthem be,
Let us remember Gardiner and Skinner's Ledbury,
Let us recall the vision of progress in the past,
Let us look to the future – confront our civic task.

Proud city we salute thee, Oh city of our choice,
We children of your founders acclaim and sing Rejoice,
The faithful generations have added to your might,
Oh city grand and splendid – your goal be Truth and Right.

Oh city rich in gardens, oh city blessed with wealth,
We praise God's gifts of goodness, prosperity and health,
We thank God for our buildings our homes and happy life,
God guard us in the future and keep us free from strife.

Our duty is quite simple – let Service be our song,
May we respect our city – which we with pride belong,
We glory in our triumphs we think of days gone by,
But let us face the future – let Malvern! Be our cry.

Alan Gregory (1956)

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Gardiner

Gardiner was just an unmanned station, a small general store and few scattered houses prior to 1910. According to the St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Gardiner church history *Continuing Witness, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Gardiner Jubilee 1911-1961*, the first Presbyterian service held in Gardiner, was taken by Rev. W. Thomson in the Gospel Hall in Carroll Crescent on the north side of Gardiner station on October 8th 1911. A Sunday school was added in 1912. In 1913 the church's original land holding in Malvern Road (approximately opposite Belmont Avenue) was sold and the Church Trustees purchased a new site in Malvern Road, between Scott Grove and Burke Road. The foundation stone for the new church was laid by Rev. T. Smith in September 1915. Various church organisations, such as a Sunday school, bible classes, women's guild and sports clubs were established. When more accommodation was required the adjoining block of land was purchased to enable the building of an extension to the existing church and the erection of a hall. The congregation continued to grow and a much larger church became a necessity. More land was purchased on the corner of Burke and Malvern Roads in 1924. A house to accommodate the minister was purchased in 1933.

In 1938 the Gaelic speaking congregation of St Andrew's Church, Carlton, decided to close and it was their wish that the building should be reconstructed on another site, retaining the name St Andrew's. The building was offered to Gardiner and the bluestone church was removed stone by stone from Carlton to Gardiner. The foundation stone, of the church that stands on the site today, was laid on June 17th 1939. The new St Andrew's was not re-erected to the original design, but adapted to the new site while maintaining many features of the Carlton church, such as the

1917-18 Honour Roll, the minister's chair and the trefoil window. The striking clock was overhauled prior to being placed in the tower. The new church reopened on May 4th 1940. In 1957 the new building for the Kindergarten and the Primary sections of the Sunday School and for the day kindergarten were opened and dedicated. By 1960 the Sunday school (the original church building) had been demolished and a new hall had been opened.

The English speaking congregation of St. Andrew's Gardiner Uniting Church ceased to worship as a congregation on Sunday 10th April 2016 after a long and very fruitful ministry in the community. The history of St. Andrew's will continue into the future as there is now an Indonesian Congregation and a Korean Congregation worshipping each Sunday in the Church.

Uniting Church Archives - Synod of Victoria

The Uniting Church Archives can be found at 54 Serrell Street, Malvern East. The Archives have an on site Reference Library and an extensive range of material (Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational and Uniting Church) stored off site. The Archives are financed by the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania and staffed by Archivist, Dr Jenny Bars, and volunteers. The Archives are part of the Uniting Church's national network of archives and linked with the Uniting Church Australia Historical Society (VIC). Research is undertaken for a fee. The Archives include a fairly complete Methodist collection with significant holdings of Congregational and Presbyterian material. They also have a collection of Uniting Church Archives at State and local level.

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St Andrew's Gardiner under construction 1940
Reg no 8704



St Andrew's Girls Bible Class 1942 Reg no 8720

Launch of the FAHS Local History and Schools' Curriculum Guidelines

Local History and Schools' Curriculum is a Federation of Australian Historical Societies guidelines project designed to assist local historical societies connect with the teachers and students at schools in their areas.

The Local History and Schools' Curriculum guidelines connect the schools' curriculum with resources available in local historical societies, include valuable suggestions about how they may be used by teachers and societies and provide pathways beyond traditional approaches.

<http://history.org.au/Documents/Local%20History%20and%20Schools'%20Curriculum%20-%20FAHS.pdf>

Hymettus, Amberite, Bobadil and Wait-A-Bit, 227 - 233 Wattletree Road, Malvern.

On the north west corner of Wattletree Road and Horace Street Malvern, is a row of four single storey terraces. The four houses were built for Paul Vansuyen around 1889 and were within the Stanhope Estate.

By 1900 bookie/builder and local Malvern identity George Gayner Smith was the owner of the four houses. Smith changed the facade and named the houses after race horses - Hymettus, Wait-a-Bit, Amberite and Bobadil.

Hymettus was a Caulfield Cup winner. Around 1901 his owner was keen to send him to stud, but trainer Phil Heywood entered him in the Caulfield Cup. He won the Cup when he beat the champion mare Wakeful by half a head after racing her neck and neck down the straight.

Amberite, one of the best sons of the champion Carbine, was leased to and trained by William Duggan. Amberite won the 1897 AJC Derby, beat the favourite to win the Caulfield Cup and went on to win the Victorian Derby by four lengths.

Bobadil, a brilliant racehorse, became a top sire. He won the AJC Champagne Stakes, Ascot Vale Stakes, Caulfield Guineas, Futurity Stakes, St Ledger and the Australian Cup. Retired to stud he had a fine career, notably as the sire of dams: from the Bobadil mare BOB Cherry came the champion Eurythmics, from Polacca came Whittier.

In 1900 Wait-A-Bit ran third in the VRC All Ages Stakes, the VRC Queens Plate and the VRC Champion Sweep Stakes.

Thank you to Keiron Long, Research Officer, Australian Racing Museum, for providing the information on the four racehorses. www.rv.racing.com

The SLV has digitised the ledger for the Victoria Turf Club covering 1854-1863, which includes the details of the first Melbourne Cup



227-233 Wattletree Road Malvern 2016

Walter Brooks Building 33 Glenferrie Road Malvern

Walter Brooks was in partnership with William Maben in the timber yard in the railway yards at Malvern by 1904. From 1905, builders Maben and Brooks erected an almost intact row of Federation style houses along the south side (10-25) of Union Street and both sides of Alleyne Avenue (1-17 and 4-16) in Armadale.

Walter Brooks built many of the houses along the north side of Dandenong Road Malvern between Claremont Avenue and Tooronga Road. These houses were demolished when Dandenong Road was widened.

The Walter Brooks' Building, 33 Glenferrie Road Malvern, was built in 1915 on the site of Brooks' timber yard to the design of architect Robert Haddon. The 2 storey building, with a round corner tower, was built on the triangular block at 33 Glenferrie Road, bounded by Como Street and the railway line.

A member of the Brooks family recently brought in a large framed photo for the Stonnington History Centre staff to copy. The photo includes the following inscription : Presented to Walter R. Brooks Esq. by the Warehouse and Office Staff and Heads of Timber and Manufacturing Departments, as a token of their esteem, December 24th 1914 'The rewards of life depend upon diligence'.



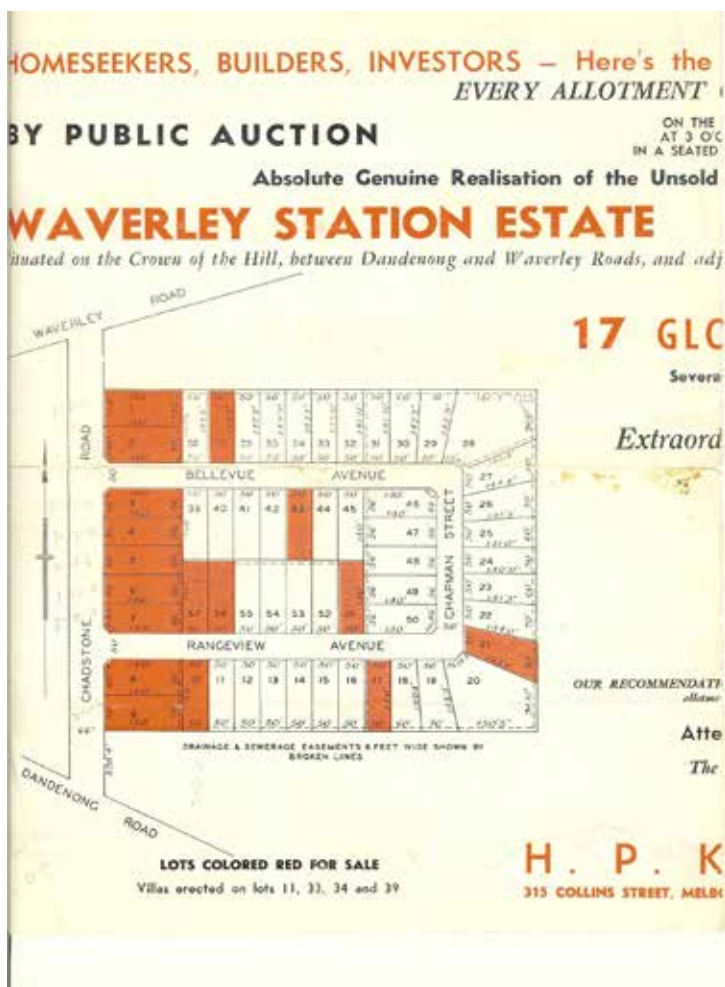
Walter R. Brooks Esq 1914 Reg no 61877

39 Chadstone Road Malvern East

Susan Anderson has donated scanned copies of material relating to 39 Chadstone Road Malvern. The four page land sale brochure has detail of land for sale in Chadstone Road and the surrounding streets. Susan's parents, Ella and Howard Sergeant, built 39 Chadstone Road c1936.



39 Chadstone Road East Malvern (undated)



Waverley Station Estate 1941

The suburb of Chadstone

The former suburb of Chadstone (1952-1991) in the City of Malvern was bounded by Gardiners Creek, Belgrave Road, Dandenong Road and Warrigal Road (with the exception of a small section known as Oakleigh at the corner of Warrigal and Dandenong Roads). The name Chadstone was used for the suburb from 1952 to 1991. The name comes from *Chadstone* cottage built for William Johnson in 1858, on 13 acres (5.2 hectares) of land on the north east corner of Chadstone and Dandenong Roads.

Prior to 1952 various postal district names were used in different areas of the former suburb of Chadstone, including Oakleigh, Carnegie North, Malvern, Malvern East and Murrumbeena. In 1928 Carnegie North covered most of the Malvern municipality east of Belgrave Road. Locally however it was known by the residents as East Malvern. In 1946 a gathering of Malvern ratepayers east of Belgrave Road formed the East Malvern Citizens Association. The Postal District name continued to give problems. In 1952 it was decided by the Association to propose a name change. As Chadstone Road was the main traffic road through the centre of the area, the name 'Chadstone' was suggested. The Post Office approved the proposal and the name was changed later that year. (The Post Office took the opportunity to extend the name Chadstone to Huntingdale Road to be served by a newly established post office in Warrigal Road). In 1989, 224 Chadstone residents presented a petition to Malvern Council requesting that the name Chadstone be changed to East Malvern. Following various polls and much local debate, in October 1991 the Minister of Finance approved the proposal to rename Chadstone to East Malvern. The new name extended through to Warrigal Road, the eastern boundary of the City of Malvern.



Painting of Chadstone 1904
Artist: B J Bainbridge Reg no 756

National Library of Australia

There will be disruption to access to the Canberra-based collection from 30 October 2016 to 1 July 2017, as 15 million records from multiple repositories are relocated and rehoused in the NAPF (National Australia Preservation Facility). You can still view digitised records online, including the following key groups:

- Over 376,000 personnel dossiers of the First AIF, 1914–20
- Over 400,000 photographs are available on PhotoSearch
- Over 5.5 million passenger arrival records covering the period 1898–1966

Stonnington research enquiries

We received an enquiry from Rod relating to the service station in High Street Glen Iris. Rod said he started at Glen Iris State School in 1943 and walked past the garage each day on the way to and from school. He has a vivid memory of the Service Station the day the war ended when they were let out of school. The siren on top was blaring out loudly. He was only 7 at the time and could not understand what was going on. Rod's grandfather produced The Prahran Chronicle until it ceased in 1920 with a three months Printers strike. He has deposited bound copies of the Chronicle with the Stonnington History Centre. His father and his family grew up in Malvern and the family printing business was in Prahran until 1974.



Glen Iris Motors, Malvern Road Glen Iris 1948 Reg No 7755

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Cherished memories of my boyhood days

John Pockett, the son of Malvern's Parks and Gardens Curator Thomas Pockett, was born in 1893 in Malvern Road, Malvern. Like his father, John became an employee of Malvern City Council.

'I have vivid memories of the old pram, it appears I always wanted to be carried, and I well remember that was fairly often. Living opposite our place in Malvern Road, Malvern, was another little toddler like myself, and many were the hours we whiled away together, playing with mud pies, dirtying our pinafores (we used to wear them in those days), and would watch the horse and carts go by; sometimes there would be a procession of night carts that would come from Prahran way, there being no pipes for sewerage then. We were about the same age, Pop Cook and I, and we grew up together. I used to be called in by my mother towards 12 o'clock and had to go and meet my father. I would await his coming down Shaftesbury Avenue, and was always sure of a ride home on his broad shoulders.

In early boyhood, I can call to mind one outstanding event that took place; it must have been about the time the twentieth century came into being. It was a hunt meeting, the assemblage being held at the corner of High Street and Malvern Road on the property known as *Ranfurlie*, this being the home of the Honourable William Knox, an MHR at the time. From this high rise, one could view for miles around the open fields, over which the huntsmen and hounds traversed and all were able to view the hunt at a great distance.



Meet of the Melbourne Hunt Club at *Ranfurlie*, the home of Cr William Knox MHR c1890s Reg no 276

Como House

Como House is an imposing and essentially late Georgian style mansion which was erected in three stages, firstly as a brick house in 1847 for Edward E. Williams, Colonial Advocate. The central two-storey brick and stucco mansion was undertaken in 1855 for John Brown, a master builder/merchant, with the Italianate style ballroom wing by architect A E Johnson added in 1874 for the pastoralist, Charles Armytage.



Como, 'the White House in the trees' at South Yarra, is a building of national importance and one of the finest monuments to the mid-Victorian era in Australia. The splendidly proportioned symmetrical mansion with its distinctive verandah, restrained classical details and comfortable, well-crafted interiors is a rare and evocative example of late Georgian architecture in Victoria. *Como* is held in perpetuity on behalf of the nation by the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) and is preserved as a museum house, complete with many of the original Armytage furnishings.

New members

We would like to welcome our latest new members Sue Abrahams, Anne Lock and her family, Noel and Gwen Dennis and William Gray

Taking Local History to the Community

The Society would like to thank the Federation of Australian Historical Societies for advertising Simone's History Matters talk. Our weekday afternoon walk along Kooyong Road was enjoyed by both members and local residents. Thanks Pat for leading the group.

Lorraine and Jane attended the recent Victorian Community History Awards ceremony. It was exciting to be with Eva when the Duldig Studio won their award. Jeffreys Books, 140 Glenferrie Road Malvern, always make sure our books are available or are able to be ordered. Thanks Linda!

The members of the Society enjoyed hearing Simone and Janet talk about what is now available in the Stonnington History Centre's Resource Room. We were also given the opportunity to be shown right around the working and storage areas in the Stonnington History Centre. Thanks Ellen, Simone, Janet, Julia and Peter for the valuable work you all do!

Di Foster spoke enthusiastically about her detailed research on the history of Sorrett Avenue at a recent History Matters event. The staff at Tom Pockett Cellars, 155 Burke Road, Malvern East gave members of the Committee a warm welcome when we gathered there for drinks recently.

Don't forget!

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Additions to the Stonnington Local History Collection

Tania Smith, Proprietor, Oakdene Emporium, Kyneton (www.oakdeneemporium.com.au) has donated two dance cards from 'The Kiosk' Central Park, East Malvern, dated 4th July 1913. The cards were used to list the order of the dance and write the dance partner's name alongside each dance

Di Foster recently spotted four items of interest on eBay including an early postcard showing the Malvern Gardens, a 1953 Gardiner Central School Badge, a pint size milk bottle with the words 'This bottle contains milk bottled for sale by C. Coughlan and Son, Gladys Park Dairy, Malvern' (105 Wattletree Road), and an East Malvern Congregational Church invitation to a special 'Honour & Thanksgiving Service' on September 28th 1919.



Dance card 'The Kiosk'
Malvern 1913



Gardiner Central School
Badge 1953



East Malvern Congregational Church invitation 1919

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/Discover/History

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