

LOCAL HISTORY NEWS

Malvern Historical Society Inc.

Keeping Stonnington's History Alive

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Message from the President

As we know all too well, we have been living through momentous times. The Malvern Historical Society has endeavoured to keep the history of Malvern and Stonnington Alive during the last twelve months through our Newsletter which has been produced regularly during the year. Facebook and Twitter have also been regularly updated and we have been encouraged by the number of people who have responded to both of these.

Now as the year draws to a close we extend to our members and followers the message from the Committee - wishing each of you a blessed and peaceful Christmas and all the best for the coming year. May we all be able to celebrate this time with our families and enjoy the holiday period.

I would also like to say to all the members who have renewed their membership during the year - thank you. The Committee appreciates very much your continuing support even when we have been going through extremely difficult times and we have not been able to hold any of our usual face to face activities.

The Committee is hopeful of resuming face to face activities early next year. We will keep you posted. I would also take this opportunity to remind members that your 2021 Subscription Renewal is now due. We hope you will be able to renew your membership again this coming year. Details of how you can make your payment are on the Subscription Form at the back of this Newsletter. One request is would you please make sure that you return the completed form so that we can make it easier for our Treasurer to be able to keep the records complete.

Thank you all and hopefully we will be able to meet many of you face to face in 2021 at our various activities.

Keep safe, have a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Lorraine Sage and the Malvern Historical Society Committee - ljsage123@gmail.com

2021 Membership

Membership of the Malvern Historical Society for 2021 becomes due on the 1st January.

Since 1972, the Society, a local community based organisation has actively collected, promoted and shared the history of Stonnington with the local community, schools and family history researchers.

The Society supports the work of the Stonnington History Centre at Northbrook through the passing on of all historic items to the Centre for the Stonnington History Collection, and through publicising the Stonnington History Collection and the work of the Stonnington History Centre. The Malvern Historical Society is 'Keeping Stonnington's History Alive' in many ways. When you become a member you are helping to preserve our history for present and future generations.

Members receive our bi-monthly newsletter, enjoy our meetings with guest speakers on local history topics and our regular walks within Stonnington. And best of all membership is only Individual \$13, Full Time Student \$9 and Family \$20.



**Northbrook, High Street, Malvern 1929
Stonnington History CollectionMP5028**

Walter Corless.

Walter Corless was born in 1883. He arrived from London in 1909 and according to the electoral rolls he lived at various times in Willis Street, Laneast Street and High Street, Armadale. Walter was a painter, decorator and sign writer who worked at 125 Johnston Street Fitzroy.

Thanks Kim Corless for providing the image and information about her great great uncle Walter



Walter Corless can be seen on the right (undated)

Decorated Tramcar

‘Since the arrival of the HRH Edward VIII, the Prince of Wales interest has been aroused each night by the appearance on the various electric tramway lines of a handsomely decorated and illuminated tram-car. The car is ornamented with flags, shields and banners, and on each side are oil paintings of the King, the Queen, and the Prince. Paintings of the Prince are also placed at the front and the rear. On each side of the car there is a large representation of the rising sun, executed in electric light bulbs of various hues, and surmounted with the word “Welcome.” When illuminated, the car makes a brilliant show, the coloured lights blending happily with the general decorative scheme. The paintings are the work of Mr Walter Corless of the Malvern Tramway Depot, who supervised the whole of the undertaking. The work was carried out at the Malvern depot.

The Herald 5 June 1920



Decorated tram 1920 Melbourne Tram Museum Inc

Stow family, Bride Street, Malvern

Thomas Alfred Stow, dairyman, lived with his wife Sarah and their children in a timber cottage in Bride Street Malvern. The 1902 MMBW plan shows the house on the east side of the street between two other timber cottages. The small building at the rear of the house was likely to be stables.

Prior to his marriage in 1900 Thomas Alfred Stow lived in Errol Street Prahran and followed in his father’s footsteps working as a dairyman. The Stow family lived in Prahran from the time of their arrival in Melbourne in 1852. In 1900 Thomas Stow married Sarah Edwards. Initially the couple lived in Armadale where they had two daughters Phyliss and Marjorie. By 1905 the family had moved to a timber cottage in Bride Street Malvern where they established their dairy business.

The 1905 & 1917 Sands & McDougall Directories list Thomas Stow as a dairyman in Bride Street. It appears Thomas and Sarah Stow were independent suppliers of milk. Whether they sold milk from their house, or by delivery using a horse-drawn vehicle (or both) is uncertain. The milk would have been in cans, initially supplied by a farm in Lyndhurst (according to a 1913 news report).

At this time, no evidence was found to suggest that Thomas Stow was attached to any of the larger dairies in Malvern. A 1913 news article indicates Thomas was buying milk from other providers. Following the death of Thomas Stow in 1918, his wife Sarah, is listed as a ‘dairyman’ indicating she continued to run the family business. Sarah ran the dairy until she died in 1924. Soon after Sarah’s death, her daughter Marjorie married Clyde Eastman. The newly married couple lived in the Stow’s house in Bride Street for a few years before moving to nearby Hornsby Street Malvern.



MMBW plan 1902
(All the early houses in Bride Street have since been demolished).

Malvern dairies

Malvern Historical Society recently purchased a Grimes dairy milk bottle. The seller donated a second milk bottle from A. Drummond's Dairy Malvern East. Both bottles will make a valuable addition to the Stonnington History Collection. In 1927, the City of Malvern had more than 30 registered dairies and milk vendors. Drummonds Dairy was in Waverley Road Malvern East. Some of the better-known larger dairies include Woodmason's, corner Glenferrie /Malvern Roads, Nirvana Dairy corner Belgrave Road and Merriman's Dairy in Union Street Armadale.

William Merriman married Emma Carter in 1889. The family initially lived in Oakleigh. William grazed his cows on the east corner of Waverley and Warrigal Roads Chadstone where the Aspro factory was later built. Merriman's building in Union Street Armadale was constructed in 1890. In 1897/99 the building was listed as a brick shop and dwelling. In 1915 William and Emily's son, Ernest joined his father in the business,



**Merriman's Dairy 44 Union Street Armadale 1912
Stonnington History Collection MP5620**

which became known as Merriman & Sons. Ernest married Ruby Woodmason in 1907. He died in 1920, the same year as his father. The dairy was purchased by Samuel John Grimes in 1925. Around this time Samuel Grimes had taken over the business of Bellett & Cook Pty Ltd a successful milk distributing business in Camberwell. In 1926 Bellett & Cook's Tower Hill Dairy in Camberwell became one of the first dairies to dispense bottled milk. The Camberwell dairy included stables, a hay loft, a large cart shed, boiler house, steam room, brine cooler and horse paddock.

"In those days milk was delivered in bottles, which were filled by hand, with cardboard wads in the top of them. The various milk distributors printed their name and milk quality on each wad, and Dad [Samuel Grimes] came up with the idea during the depression to promote a special type of milk for expectant mothers". Ron Grimes, Samuel's Song – the story of Carlton's first mascot www.carltonfc.com.au. Samuel Grimes reduced the size of the Camberwell business and moved to Union Street Armadale. Grimes and his wife Lizzie were also involved with Samuel's father's bacon curing business in Moreland.

"The milk was a bit richer because it had a bit more dairy fat than the normal milk, so Dad entered into a contract with a special farm at Coldstream, where the Jersey herd produced richer milk. This helped Dad get a little more business to help him pay back the loan on the business itself." www.carltonfc.com.au

Obituary MR. S. J. GRIMES

Mr. Samuel John Grimes, one of Melbourne's best-known retail dairymen has died ... Mr Grimes was born in Brunswick and was one of the founders of the Retail Dairymen's Association now the Melbourne and Metropolitan Milk Distributors. He was president and a member of the board of management until six months ago ... The vacancy was filled by his son Mr George Grimes. Until his death Mr Grimes retained an active interest in the affairs of the association and was held in high esteem by all members of the trade. ... Mr Grimes was a leading Freemason and in his younger days was a well known professional cyclist. The Argus 1939

The building in Union Street later became an art gallery and is now a private home.

Di Foster 2020

South east corner of Glenferrie Road and High Street Malvern

Warren Doubleday, Collections Manager, Melbourne Tram Museum Inc. shared this photo of the south east corner of Glenferrie Road and High Street taken by Wal Jack around 1955. In 1885 land on the corner of Glenferrie Road and High Street (40' x 150') was purchased by the E S & A Bank. A condition of sale was that the bank erect on the land a 'substantial brick building to be used as a branch bank', within 24 months. The single-storey four roomed brick bank was built in 1888. In 1907 a second storey, including residential quarters for the manager, was added at a cost of £1400. The original bank building was demolished in 1958-9 and replaced with the present building which is listed on the Victorian Heritage Register as a building of State Significance. In recent months, the sun shading devices (brise-soleil) on the north and west façades, have been restored. The former bank is now the home to a new lighting store.

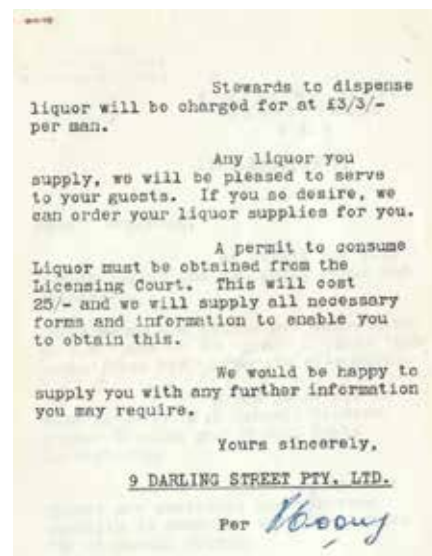
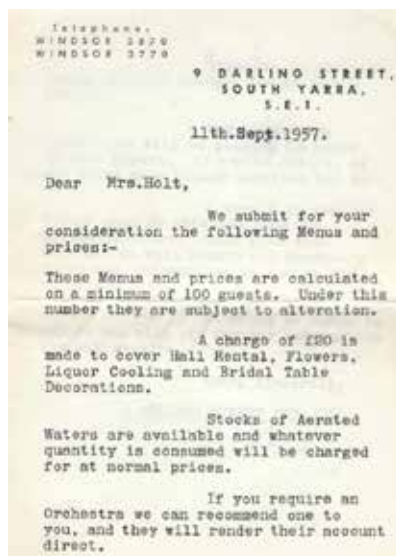


**South east corner of Glenferrie Road and High
Street Malvern c1955 Image Wal Jack
Melbourne Tram Museum Inc**

Head inside to have a look at the old bank and the metal mural by sculptor Charles Bush. Bush was born on 23 November 1919 in Fitzroy, and died on 13 November 1989. Several of his works form part of the collection of the National Gallery of Victoria. <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/bush-charles-william-12272>

9 Darling Street South Yarra

9 Darling Street was a well known reception centre for 90 years. The last wedding reception was held there in 2011. Hazel Nsair and John Lagzdins, Executors for the Estate of Claire Patricia (Pat) Joy Trevare (née Holt) 1928 - 2020, recently donated material relating to a planned reception at 9 Darling Street in 1957



My memories of living at 15 Netherlee Street Glen Iris

Keith Thomas, born 3 March 1944, was prompted to share his memories after seeing our recent Facebook post about the former Kiosk in Central Park on the corner of Wattleree and Burke Roads, Malvern East.

‘I lived at 15 Netherlee Street Glen Iris until I got married in 1969. I then moved to a house off Glen Iris Road. My father grew up in High Street on the bend overlooking Glen Iris Park.

I remember as a kid going to a wedding at the kiosk. I think it was for a Woodmason daughter. There was a band stand behind the Kiosk. I think it got burned down. John Landy used to train in Central Park, he lived in Central Park Road. As kids we played in the park, bird nesting etc. I once shot a boy in the leg with an arrow – I assume he recovered. There was a pond and fountain behind the conservatory, we used to hide in the bushes and watch the ‘lovers’ at the fountain – teenagers kissing. We also put vanilla slices on Burke Road for the cars to run over. There was a drinking fountain on the edge of the park alongside Wattleree Road, it was frequently coloured by Condys Crystals. As kids we also played, yabbied and fished for goldfish in the Hedgeley Dene Gardens. We would then go home to have mum hose the mud off.

Opposite the kiosk on the east side, the last shop in Wattleree Road towards Malvern Road was a hardware shop. Next to the hardware was a florist. Opposite in Wattleree Road was a bank, a cake shop and a newsagency and other shops. On the north west corner of the intersection was Gordon’s milk bar. I used a false sixpence to get a drink from his machine. My younger sister Glenda dobbed on me to mum. I was made to go and confess to Gordon. On the corner of the lane behind Gordon’s in Burke Road was a hairdresser. Down Burke Road towards Gardiner was, among other premises, a butcher, Allen’s deli/groceries, and Hull’s chemist. Jimmy Lewis from Hope Street used to do his deliveries, I sometimes did deliveries and sometimes helped count pills for Mr. Hull. Next to the chemist was a greengrocer. Down further was a Kingdom Hall. We got caught stamping our feet on the entrance timber floor during a service. Further along was a woodyard run by Clarrie and Cible Cadman who became family friends.



Glenda Thomas and Pete the dog.

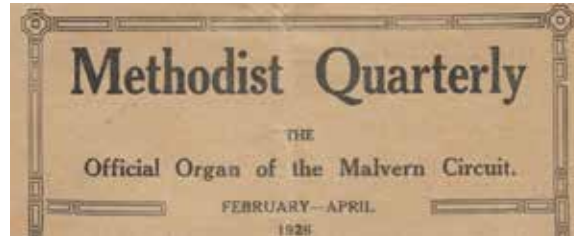
Victorian Collections

The Victorian Collections' new website was launched recently. Victorian Collections is a digital archive where you can search thousands of items held by galleries, museums, libraries, archives, historical societies and cultural collections across the State of Victoria. The easy to use catalogue can be browsed by topic, theme and region.

www.victoriancollections.net.au

Malvern Methodist Circuit 1926

Thank you to Joan Moore, a City of Moorabbin Historical Society Committee member, who recently donated a copy of an 8 page Methodist Quarterly newsletter, the Official Organ of the Malvern Circuit.



SPRING-ROAD.

The work during the quarter has been steadily continued, "specials" not being so much in evidence as during the winter months.

The Married Ladies' Concert, held on October 28th, was a great success. The hall was crowded, an excellent programme was submitted, and the financial result highly satisfactory, over £30 being raised. This, added to the amounts raised by the three previous concerts, makes a valuable contribution to the funds of the Church Trust and Sunday school.

The Sunday School Picnic was held this year at Edith Vale on the Cup Day holiday, and was a record success. Large numbers of parents and friends, in addition to the scholars of the school, attended. The weather was beautiful, and a pleasant day was spent on the sandy beach by young and old.

EAST MALVERN.

The Church Anniversary Services, held on November 8th, were seasons of inspiration. The early morning communion was a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Morning worship at eleven was conducted by the Rev. J. Ernest James, B.D., of Collins-street, whose preaching greatly pleased our people. In the evening Professor [unclear] delivered a sermon of great power. Excellent music was discoursed by the choir, and greatly appreciated by the large congregations. The collections were ahead of last year.

At the public meeting on Tuesday, November 10th, Mr. M. D. Cock presided. The pastoral report for the year was read by the Rev. H. A. Keek, and Mr. J. H. Clarke gave the statement of income and expenditure for 1925. This revealed an income of over £1300 for the year, being an attainment of our objective for the fourth year running. This is a distinct achievement, and reflects great credit on the generosity of our people. The final year of our scheme is being entered upon in great heart, and a strong effort is being made by trustees and congregation to make 1926 a fitting climax.

Source of puzzle on following pages:

Amazing History: Amazing Stonnington Jane Nigro. Malvern Historical Society 2013



SOUTH YARRA



Cable Tram



TOORAK



Toorak House

KOOYONG



TENNIS Courts



Toorak Village



BRICK KILNS



PRAHRAN MARKET



STONINGTON

MALVERN

PRAHRAN



VICTORIAN SHOPS



CRICKET CLUB



Prahran Library

PRAHRAN MECHANICS INSTITUTE



FOOTBALL OVAL



MALVERN TOWN HALL



PRAHRAN TOWN HALL



VICTORIA GARDENS



ARMADALE



MALVERN TRAM DEPOT

WINDSOR

DANDENONG ROAD

CAB



Malvern Star



Wattle Hotel

Can you find all of these on the map?

*This map is not to scale!





City of STONNINGTON

historical map

KOONYONG

VERN

GLEN IRIS

Dairyman

MALVERN EAST

FARM

CHADSTONE SHOPPING CENTRE

ELIZABETH STREET

Stables

BROOK

RINI

HOSPITAL

Tree

RACING HORSES

HAROLD

POOL

HOLT

Central Park Fountain

ATTLEE ROAD

FINCH STREET

CENTRAL DRIVE

THE GABLES

WAVELEY ROAD

MONASH FREEWAY

GARDINERS CREEK

GOLF CLUB

MOVIE THEATRE

MARKET GARDENS

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***We would appreciate the return of your completed form by mail or by email.

- Paying by Cheque

Please make the cheque payable to the Malvern Historical Society Inc. Kindly forward your cheque and completed form to the Malvern Historical Society.

I would like to assist with:

- Committee and administration
- Newsletter
- Walks
- Talks
- Afternoon teas & suppers

*Financial year: 1 Jan - 31 Dec

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Have you enjoyed viewing the photos in this issue?

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