

# Meredith & district Newsletter



November 2012

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## Locals Speak Up on PTO Review

Ten locals and several officers from Golden Plains Shire and their consultants attended a consultation meeting in Meredith last month to gather input into the Shire's review of its Paths and Trails and Open Spaces Strategies.

Among the issues discussed were

- Surface alternatives - gravel, asphalt and concrete
- Need for access for people, disabilities/aged
- Entrances to paths need attention

Officers were questioned about the recently constructed concrete footpath on the west side of Wallace Street, which appears to have happened without any community consultation or as part of any larger strategy.

The meeting offered suggestions for a **staged** walking/fitness track around Meredith

- Commencing at Meredith hall (good car parking)
- Tracks through Pioneer Park
- Creation of a 9 station fitness track in a cleared area of Pioneer Park
- Path continuing through back of recreation reserve and Council Depot, across highway, linking with walking tracks in Police Paddock, continuing along creek way of the Ibis and Middleton Walk (some private land at present), along creek, past school and continuing to Creamery Road, across Highway to McLeod Street and to Hall.

The Police Paddock is seen as an important project for Meredith and its re-development is a long term project. Because of this, the walking track in the first instance may be located along Wallace Street to McLeod Street, and not crossing over to the Police Paddock.

Locals at the meeting also pointed to the need for a footpath along the east side of Wallace Street from Champ Street to school

*(From information supplied by Di Ritchie)*

*This is only one of several meetings being undertaken in the strategy review before consultants make their recommendations to the Shire. If you would like to provide input in to the process, contact Shire officer Paul Owen on 5220 7220.*

## A BIG Back to Steiglitz

*Lindy Allinson*

What a day we had! As someone said "it was as if we'd put in a request for perfect weather, and it had been granted". The sun shone, though not too much, and the wind was nothing more than an occasional refreshing breeze. Perfect!

Such ideal weather guaranteed a huge turnout on the day. The usually quiet streets of Steiglitz were lined with hundreds of cars & motorbikes, families strolled, chatted or sat listening to various musicians, and the air was filled

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*Christine McKenzie excitedly welcoming all to her stall*

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- Middleton Walk Ceremony
- CERT Activities (and a new Home!)
- Jude Bolton was Here!
- 'Old Skool' Street Cars Invade Meredith

*... and the usual more!*

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## Meredith and District News

The Meredith and District News is published by a volunteer sub-committee of the Meredith Community Centre comprising: Jim Elvey, Dawn Macdonald, David Jones and Trudy Mitchell.

### NEWS & VIEWS

Subject to the conditions outlined below, contributions accompanied by the contributor's name (which will also be published) and contact details, are most welcome. Please email to [news@meredithnews.com.au](mailto:news@meredithnews.com.au) or deliver to the Meredith Corner Shop.

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## Community

### Maternal & Child Health Nurse

Call 5220 7230 (Bann' Family Services)  
To make an appointment at the Meredith Community Centre

**15th, 29th Nov: 13th Dec: (10, 24 Jan)**

### Geelong Regional Library Van

At the Meredith Community Centre  
**1-3pm 2nd, 16th, 30th Nov. 14th Dec**  
[www.geelonglibraries.vic.gov.au](http://www.geelonglibraries.vic.gov.au)

### Senior Citizens

Meet at the Meredith Memorial Hall  
Ph. Jim 52868 232

**5th, 20th Nov. 10th Dec.**

**New members are always welcome**

### Justices of the Peace

Mr R Cooke Meredith	52 861 346
Mr H Woerner Meredith	52 861 402
Mrs S W Dynon Steiglitz	52 819 223
Mr G Leslie Bannockburn	52 811 854
Mr P Ryan Elaine	0409 861 296

Next **DEADLINE**

**Thur. 29th November 2012**

Earlier submissions appreciated & necessary when our input is required.



## Community Contacts

Community Centre-Joan	5286 1348
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Kindergarten-Jodie & Sharlene	5286 1227
Police Station- Greg	5286 1222
Red Cross- Mel	5286 1558
CWA-Joan	5286 1559
Tennis Club-Julie	5286 1211
Jnr Footy Club-Jaron Munday	0430 587674
M'bool Valley Masters- Chris	0417370681
Recreation Reserve- Gordon	0429841399
Memorial Hall-Lynn	5286 1566
Hall Bookings-Sandra	5286 1545
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Senior Citizens-Jim	5286 8232
Cemetery Trust-Dawn	5286 1274
Motor Cycle Club- Mark	0437 009250
Angling Club- Ian	5341 3229
Advanced Meredith-Di	5286 1291
CFA- Robert Cooke	5286 1346

*Let us know if you want your Community number added or changed, or you know of one that should.*

any **NEWS** or **VIEWS?**

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**NOTE NEW ADDRESS**



"America is the only country that went from barbarism to decadence without civilization in between."

Oscar Wilde

## Emergency Phone Numbers



Police, Ambulance, Fire	<b>000</b>
(from mobile phone)	<b>000 or 112</b>
Meredith Police Station	5286 1222
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Mental Health Advice	1300 280 737
Poisons Information	13 11 26
Barwon Water	1300 656 007
SES Emergency - flood & storm help:	132 500
24 Hour Helpline	1800 629 572
24 Hour Drug & Alcohol Counselling	1800 888 236
Kids Help Line	
24hr 5-18yo	1800 551 800
Golden Plains Shire	1300 363 036
A.H. emergencies	0408 508 635
Ranger	5220 7111 or 0409 830 223
Bannockburn Vet	5281 1221
Injured Wildlife	13000 wildlife

## ELAINE NEWS & EVENTS

**Elaine CFA** Scrap metal collection as a fundraiser Ph David 0418993239  
**Junior Fire Brigade Training** fortnightly on Mon's 5.30 pm. Ph Sam 0417533 516

**Elaine Mechanics Hall Committee** - Jayne 53415596

**Hall for Hire** Heating and Cooling

**Elaine Recreation Reserve**

**Committee** Try out the tennis courts, bring your own racquet.

**Room with facilities for Hire** Ideal for meetings Contact Ron 53415703

**Elaine Tennis Club**

Contact Shane 0448 291 074

**Elaine Cricket Club**

Murray Arnel 0428264103

**U14 Elaine/Meredith cricket**

Rod Armstrong 0400 078 752

## Anakie Cubs and Scouts

**Cubs:** Meet School Term times Wed. 6.30 -8pm Amanda 03 5281 9497

**Scouts:** Meet School Term times Tue. 7.00 - 9pm Bruce 03 5284 1257

Staughton Vale Hall, Staughton Vale.

## Meredith Music Festival

*Kristie Walker*

Dear Resident,

### CHANGES TO LOCAL TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

I am writing to notify you about the traffic management plan for Meredith Music Festival scheduled to occur on Friday 7 December – Sunday 9 December, 2012.

- The Meredith Music Festival traffic management plan has been approved by VICROADS. The summary of the plan is outlined here.
- School buses will undertake their normal route.
- We will implement one-way traffic on Mount Mercer Road from Bamganie Road to Cameron's Road from 4am on Friday 7 December to approximately 7pm. Traffic within the one-way zone travelling to Meredith will be diverted down Cameron's Road.
- We will implement a speed reduction to 40km per hour on Thursday 6 December – Friday 7 December on Mount Mercer Road near Bamganie Road and on Mount Mercer Road immediately South and North of the festival site.
- We will implement a speed reduction to 40km per hour from approximately 7pm on Friday 7 December to 7pm on Sunday 9 December on Mount Mercer Road near Bamganie Road and on Mount Mercer Road immediately South and North of the festival site.
- We have assigned traffic controllers to the corner of Midland Highway and Mount Mercer Road on Sunday 9 December to assist vehicles turning left or right onto Midland Highway from Mount Mercer Road.
- We will install a no-parking zone along Mount Mercer Road and some surrounding roads.

If you have any comments or ideas about any matter related to the Festival please contact me on 0417 593 876 or on 0430 091 120 (operational 24 hours over the festival weekend should you need to contact us).

Once again, thank you for your support.

Kristie Walker

On behalf of the Meredith Music Festival Team

[www.mmf.com.au](http://www.mmf.com.au)

## Thanks

*Mary Nolan*

John, Chris and I, on behalf of the Nolan clan, want to say a special thank you to the Meredith Kindergarten ladies who provided and served food for us in the Buninyong Hall after the Nolan Cemetery walk on 14 Oct.

Many people commented not only on the quality of almost totally homemade hot savouries, sandwiches and slices, but also on the ladies hospitality in offering the food so graciously and constantly throughout the afternoon. And, as our acceptances rose in the days leading up to the Sunday, I was very appreciative of Stefanie Parkinson's flexibility.

**Thanks so much to you all – you helped make our day!**

## Meredith Music Festival

Meredith Music Festival will be held at the Meredith Supernatural Amphitheatre on Friday 7 December – Sunday 9 December, 2012. A quantity of tickets set aside for locals will be sold at the Meredith Corner Store in November. Everything you need to know is at [www.mmf.com.au](http://www.mmf.com.au).

## November Landcare Meeting

*June Cameron*

The next meeting of the Bamganie/Meredith Landcare Group will be held at 8pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at the Meredith Community Centre.

## FoBR Celebrates 30 years

**If you have been involved with the Friends of Brisbane Ranges - or wish to be - we invite you to share this special event with us. We would love to see our local friends.**

**We are going back to where it all started at Steiglitz on Saturday 10 November from 3.30pm. Full details on our website and in the latest newsletter <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~fobr/> Please contact us to RSVP and if you have any queries - [friends\\_br@yahoo.com.au](mailto:friends_br@yahoo.com.au) or call 0418 125 836.**



## Year 12 - We Wish You Well.

As this issue hits the streets, a number of young residents are sitting VCE exams. It is interesting to note that twelve years ago, most of this group started their schooling and many would have been part of the 25 new "preppies", one of the largest groups to enrol at the Meredith Primary School.

We wish you all well at this *testing time* and, more importantly, in the pursuit of your chosen careers.

## Ballark & District Gun Club

Xmas shoot: Sunday 25th November 2012

Prizes, Food & Refreshment.

Location: "BALLARK" Ballan-Meredith Rd

Nominations from 10.30am

Event start 11.00am

Enquiries: Marc Canavan 0432 237 389

Brian Smith 0428 608 238

**Come along and support our district & club.**



## Church News

### ANGLICAN

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Weekly services, baptisms, weddings, funerals, pastoral care. Rev Elizabeth Bufton, Vicarage: 52651284;

Church Office 52812553; Mob. 0437524864.

Service times: Meredith

11.00am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at Uniting Church, Holy Communion

11.00am 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Anglican Church Holy Communion

#### Bannockburn

10.30am 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays Holy Communion

10.30am 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Family Service

6.00pm 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Prayer & Praise

#### Inverleigh

8.45am 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays Holy Communion

10.00am 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Morning Prayer

11.00am 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Holy Communion

Parish Office, Byron St. Bannockburn. Open Wed; call in for cuppa & chat. Enquiries, Parish Secretary, Fay McFarlane; Office 52812553, Home, 52861283; Mob 0407502794.

### MORRISONS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Contact: 5368 1342. 9am every 2nd & 4th Sunday and a combined service at one of our three churches on the 5th Sunday in the month.

**UNITING CHURCH** Monthly Service Times: 2nd Sunday Meredith

11am Uniting Church; 4th Sunday, Meredith 11am Church of The Epiphany 1st and 3rd Sundays 9.45 am Buninyong Uniting

Church Enquiries Doug McFarlane 52861283 or Jean 52817479

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**CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA.** St. Marys House

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Saturday 5.00pm. Confessions by appointment Fr. James Ph. 5341 5544

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St. Joseph's Catholic Parish Meredith

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Winchelsea - Mass every Saturday @ 6 p.m.

Anakie Mass @ 11 a.m. Sunday 11th/ 18th

Meredith Mass @ 11 a.m. Sunday 4th/25th

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SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

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## Meredith Community Centre, Inc

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[www.meredithcc.com.au](http://www.meredithcc.com.au)

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*Congratulations Jo on your birthday .....*

*Best wishes from all the childcare children*

## A Start

As we went to press, the site for the Meredith Visitors' Centre was fenced and work commenced on site preparations. We understand a "sod-turning" ceremony was conducted, signalling the beginning of the project. More news soon.

## Middleton Walk

*Advance Meredith*

**On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 4 pm a plaque will be unveiled at the Steiglitz Rd Entrance of the Middleton Walk.**

The Middleton Walk which incorporates The Way of the Ibis is named after Ken Middleton who was the Shire Engineer of the Bannockburn Shire from 1964 until 1994, at which time most of the Shire was amalgamated with much of the Leigh and Grenville Shires to form the Golden Plains Shire. Ken was a man of great integrity and keen to promote the welfare of all residents of the Shire while performing his duties as Shire Engineer. During his time he was responsible for many things which we now take for granted. He was aware that most residents relied on private transport and did his best to realign roads and redesign bridges in order to make travel to local towns and regional centres easier and safer. He was secretary and Resident Engineer of the Bannockburn and District Water Trust which brought water to Bannockburn, Lethbridge and Meredith and the farms in between.

He was always interested in spaces for recreation for the public to use. Before amalgamation Fyansford was part of Bannockburn Shire and The Flume along the Barwon River which had supplied the paper mill in Geelong was a particular interest of his. It was as a result of his endeavours that this was restored and the area alongside and above it was revegetated, originally with a Community Tree planting event. (Unfortunately the original plaque which was unveiled at the opening has been removed, and replaced with one from the City of Greater Geelong which makes no mention of Bannockburn!)

The project to turn the old Railway Dam site at Lethbridge into a public recreation space was another initiative of his, as was enhancing many of the sporting facilities throughout the Shire. At Meredith where he had a property and which his family still farms, he envisaged the area along the Coolebahghurk Creek as a place for a public walking track, at that stage the only non road side walking track. He encouraged neighbouring property owners to re-fence their properties to the correct alignment so as not to encroach on the area. He took an active part in clearing the space of stones and in the preparation and tree planting of the area by the then Meredith Youth Group. During his term he ensured that the area was regularly mown. Without his foresight the Way of the Ibis could not have been established.

It is exciting that there is to be further development of the walking tracks at the Police Paddock and at Pioneer Park as Ken greatly assisted in the establishment of the latter. Maybe in the future, Middleton Walk can be extended as far as Creamery Rd.!

**Members of the Community are invited to the unveiling of the plaque and for refreshments following at the Meredith Community Centre.**

## Christmas Sheep

Marg Cooper

Christmas is fast approaching and the sheep are getting ready to brighten up the town.

Please round up your sheep, give them a touch up of paint and prepare them for the Christmas display.

We would like them displayed in the Meredith town, preferably up off the ground on fences so they can be seen by travellers.

There will be only a few new sheep available this year but you may be able to copy and cut out some more yourself, using the sheep shape.

Imagine if all the sheep that have been given out over the last 10 years were displayed this Christmas.

It would be awesome! They would put Meredith on the map!

## Police Paddocks Burning Off

Over the next couple of months there may be some minor, supervised burning off carried out at the Police Paddocks. It will only be undertaken if safe to do so and in accordance with regulations. If you have any queries, contact Ballarat Environment Network Executive Office, Hedley Thomson, on 0428 027 895



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# sports



## Rams make it Four from Four

Heath Bush

In a great weekend for the club all four teams saluted with victories. In fact, two of the teams had outright wins.

### 1st 11.

With an outright victory on the cards the first team made light work of dismissing North Shore twice under 100 to give them maximum 10 points. An outstanding achievement with the bat saw Ty Watts scoring 130, including 8 sixes. Ty gave the side a great opportunity of declaring early scoring in great time. With the ball the coach was a clear standout taking 6/31 in the first innings then following on his great efforts with taking 4/21 in the second innings.

The first team travel to *Winch* for its biggest test for the season as Winch knocked off last year's premiers in easy fashion on Saturday.

### 2nd 11. Green

With the seconds team being sent into bat on a slow wicket it was a fair effort to end up with a score of 172.

Solid contributions from Terry Hart, Danny McMahon, Dale Peters and Chris Hart all scoring in the 20's.

It took nearly all the 75 overs to dismiss North Shore on Saturday with the clear Man of the Match performance with the ball seeing the return of Mooch (Michael Hammond) taking 6/59 off 25 overs. Batting overs and taking catches a must for this weeks game against Winch at Home.

### 2nd 11 Gold

A fair dinkum bowl off saw the seconds win outright but not without some slight concerns. Pumba's (Brendon Rayner) boys wrapped up a result last week after being bowled out themselves for 72. The boys soon got remediation as they tore through Bannockburn dismissing them for 52 in their first innings to claim 6 points last week. Almost identical to last Saturday saw the guys skittled for just 65. As like last week the boys hit back to roll Bannockburn for 53 to grab the 10 points. Clearly it seems if the boys can get a half decent score on the board they may be able to defend it with the ball.

### 3rd 11

After 2 washouts so far. Beggsy (Mark Beggs) and the guys were keen to get some cricket in. Little River set a total of 122 off their 40 overs. Jack Beggs

made light work of the total to help the side pass the total with six wickets in hand.

The 3rds also travel to Winch this Saturday and will need to be at the top of their game to make sure the team continues on their winning way.

## Elaine Tennis

Results Round 1

Juniors C1/2 Elaine 1-16 lost to Buninyong Green 3-23

Brady Dunne, Jacob Heard, Kurt Bodnar, Max Kocon

C5 Elaine 4-24 defeated Ballan 0-8

Ash Williams, Natasha Ford, Sam Platt, Molly Dunne

C6 Elaine v Ross Creek washed out

## Elaine U14 Cricket

Scott Crighton

While the pitch was damp the spirits certainly weren't, as the victory bell rang loud and proud after an historic first match win by the inaugural Elaine-Meredith U14 Cricket Team. Even more significant it marked a return from the wilderness for the Elaine Cricket Club after a twelve year absence from the Ballarat Cricket Association.

Elaine Cricket Club Secretary/Treasure Murray Arnel spurred the team on with a pre match pep talk and after being sent into bat by Wendouree CC Elaine made a respectable 5/60 from 21 overs.

But what stood out during their first match was the team effort in defending their total; this was evident in the end result with Wendouree's final figures being 6/49 off 21 overs, while some individuals on the team had outstanding input into the victory it was the team effort that saw them become victors. Well done and we look forward to hearing the team ring the bell that hangs from the clubroom roof many more times this season.



*Congratulations to the Elaine Cricket Club on their first match played at Elaine in 12 years.*



## Meredith & District CERT

David Mackay

Recently, the Meredith and District Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) held its 6<sup>th</sup> AGM at Foxys. President Mary Foster presented her annual report and thanked all of our 12 committed active volunteers for their dedication in supporting the local community as emergency first responders. In addition, there are four new recruits waiting to be trained by Ambulance Victoria. 'We encourage members of the community to consider joining us in being trained for this most worthy cause', said Mary. The ongoing commitment of the committee was also acknowledged.

The group was successful in obtaining a Community Volunteers Grant which will provide a new *Resusci Anne Manikin* allowing members to practice their resuscitation skills. Mary further acknowledged the support of the local community both financially and in providing positive feedback on the work of the Group.

In her report, Team Leader Lynn Heard spoke about how busy the Group has been over the last year. In total, there have been **60 call outs** the group has responded to. Lynn praised the care and professionalism of our CERT volunteers who respond to emergencies at all hours of the day and night. Lynn also thanked our wonderful trainers: Steve, Lynn and Susy, who visit us once a month throughout the year to ensure we are all up to scratch in delivering a great service to our local community.

Later this year, members of the CERT group will be getting new uniforms. The current green uniforms will be replaced with blue ones, similar to AV paramedics, but with green insignia. The exciting news is that the Meredith CERT is about to establish its new shed for housing its vehicle.

It has been agreed by the Education Department that we can erect the shed on the eastside of the Community Centre. This should be completed by early December and will give the CERT a *permanent home* at long last.

New members of the committee elected for 2012-13 are:



2012-2013 CERT committee from left Martin, Rhonda, Zena, Cathie, Lynn, Mary and David.

**President:** David Mackay

**Vice President:** Tim Wood **Secretary:** Rhonda Hugan

**Treasurer:** Jo Peters

**Team Leader:** Lynn Heard **Deputy Team Leader:** Martin Peters

**Public Officer:** Jackie Ferry

**Committee:** Cathie Boer, Mary Foster, Christine Fairchild, Zena Downie

Tell us if you have any Community News,

...and we'll tell the Community!

See info panel on p. 2 for contact details.

### PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE:

Could everyone within the town and especially out in the more rural parts of our district check that their **HOUSE NUMBER** is **VISIBLE FROM THE ROADSIDE**. If we cannot find you (including AV) we cannot potentially save your life. Please check that your number is also **correct** and is large enough to be seen. Remove that ivy or hedge blocking your house number.

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## Old Skool Street Car Show 'N' Shine

Peter Thomson

Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2012 saw cars from the "Old Skool Street Car Club" in Geelong, and many others that had heard of this inaugural event, arrive in Meredith and do a fair job of filling the paddock in Lawler Street.

There was a rich variety of cars, including American and Australian muscle cars, classic 50's American Chev's and Fords, early Holdens and a fair smattering of hot rods. The soft ground proved interesting for many of the low-slung, high-power cars with one only getting about 10 meters before grounding out the bottom and becoming well and truly stuck. Meanwhile, up near the church, the club had a bbq going, face-painting for the kids, a raffle, and special occasion t-shirts for the day on sale.

Beautiful sunny weather probably helped the good turn-up – and certainly made cleaning up the car at the end of the day much easier! The nice weather also made for a good day for the guy with his paint box doing some very steady-



1970 - Z28 Camaro



1928 Model A Ford Tourer

handed pin-striping. He did a particularly nice job on a silver Mustang.

Mid to late afternoon, people started to drift off after what had been a very successful day for an inaugural event. Well done to the Old Skool club guys who put in all the effort to make it happen. Hopefully Meredith will see this event happen again next year.

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## Kindy News

*Jodie Trevaskis, Sue Joos, Sharlene Jury*

We'd like to welcome the new families and children who have started with us this term in the 3 year old and 4 year old groups. Now that Spring is here, the children in both groups are enjoying the sunny days and being able to play for long periods outside. The children are involved in the gardening and planting new seedlings and flowering plants such as daisy and lavender. A big thank you to the Batesford nursery for the delightful donation of vegetable seedlings, now planted!! We have dug in the worm compost and hope the snails and slugs stay away so we can see the garden grow. A scarecrow is in the planning with Mrs Cooke kindly offering her time and ideas to make one with the children over the coming weeks.

The children in the 4 year old group are enjoying many visits from Rosemary Gargan with different aged school children coming along each week to play, this helps greatly with school transitions and is a lovely informal way for the children to get to know their prep teacher! We have organised a couple of excursions walking up to Meredith Primary school this term to see the classroom and familiarize the children with the playground. We also have an exciting Incursion happening soon with a visit from the ROO KEEPERS from Ballarat bringing in a range of Australian animals for us to see, touch and learn about.

The 3 year old group are having a PJ dress up day and a teddy bear picnic day this term. They have been busy with name recognition activities and enjoying role play in the "shop" home corner.

For Children's Week we celebrated with a pirate dress up day, we made treasure maps, went on a treasure hunt for gold, listened to pirate Pete stories at group time and practised talking like a pirate! Ye me hearties had jolly good fun.

We have our annual AGM meeting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7pm, to elect new members and hand over to the new 2013 committee.

## The Police Paddocks Reserve What's Next?

The Police Paddocks will soon be improved with the construction of the first stage of a network of walking tracks and the installation of signs and seating. So it's time to review and revise plans to determine immediate and longer term priorities. A field visit and meeting for this purpose will be held at 10.00 am on **Sunday 25th November**.

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## Jude Bolton's Meredith Connection

*Jude Bolton, 2012 Swans Premiership player and AFL 300 gamer, has a Meredith connection. With a little cajoling from Marg Cooper, his mum, Rosalie Bolton recalls the time.*

Jude was a toddler when we went to live in Meredith for 12 months, during his father John's time as Principal of the Primary School. Our family took over the school residence, which was a lovely rambling old weatherboard house with a big open fireplace and plenty of space for 3 boys.

Matthew was in Grade 4 and Dominic was in Grade 1 and Jude ran Free! After all, how many kids have a cricket and footy ground as their own backyard? Jude was happy to see his Dad and brothers every day for lunch and I remember having to wrestle with a screeching toddler to get him back over the wire fence when he wanted to play with all the kids during recess times.

He doesn't remember much about our time at Meredith but thinks that it is pretty amazing that he had a pet duck called "Duckins" whilst he was there. The elderly couple across the road from our house {next to the Blythe family} gifted the duck to him. It followed him everywhere and swam in his blue wading pool.

We had a great time in Meredith and the school community was warm and friendly. Alvie Wiseman had seen lots of Principals at Meredith come and go during her time and she was a great support. The boys quickly made

friends with the local children.

I remember a horrible time one night when we had to rush Jude from Meredith to Ballarat Base Hospital at a furious speed.

He had a "fever fit" after a bad dose of flu.

We'd tried Helen Anglin's remedy, a cold bath, but when he sank in a sort of coma the panic button was pressed.

We somehow survived the ordeal that many people in small country towns endure living without a hospital close by.

Jude was 12 years old when we moved to East Keilor from Ballarat. He was enrolled at St Bernard's College in Essendon.

*WHEN your son plays football the way her's does, with seemingly no regard for his body, it's hardly surprising Rosalie Bolton regularly rings her boy to give her thoughts on his kamikaze style of play.*

*(Robert Cowley, Sydney Morning Herald)*



In year 12 at the time were 2 future footy stars, Matthew Lloyd and Scott Lucas and past players were Simon and Justin Madden. So the school boasted a fine football pedigree!

He played with the Calder Cannons for a few years in the TAC Cup before being drafted at No 8 to the Sydney Swans.

We have now enjoyed 14 seasons, following games in Sydney and Melbourne as much as possible. Living at a new place in Strathmore gives us quick access to the Airport so we never feel too far away from family. Despite living in Sydney now for 15 years Jude remains loyal to his country roots and his old friends at Ballarat and St Bernards. Many of these friends were in the rooms celebrating with him after the 2012 Grand Final at the MCG on September 29, 2012.

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## Mollie's COLUMN

### Trick or Treat

Boo! Halloween is creeping up again. Though it might traditionally be the one night of the year I'm most likely to encounter some form of supernatural creature, I'm much more concerned about encountering the marauding children of the neighbourhood, clamouring for lollies in a frighteningly similar manner to zombies clamouring for brains.

I don't think ghosts exist, but that doesn't change the fact that I'm a big scaredy cat when it comes to anything the least bit spooky. I'm secretly afraid of the dark (well, not the dark so much as what might be lurking in it...), watch horror movies with a blanket over my head, and once, on a midnight tour of the abandoned Aradale asylum, refused to open my eyes all the way through one particularly terrifying ward, trusting that my trembling friends wouldn't let me crash into any walls. We heard a lot of scary stories that night, which got me thinking about my own brush with the shadowy supernatural world...and my story is terrifyingly true.

The Possessed Birthday Candles came into our lives one ordinary March day, and continue to haunt us hilariously many birthdays later. It was perhaps my 12<sup>th</sup> birthday,

and Mum, who probably had a couple of crying kids trailing after her, hastily grabbed the first packet of birthday candles she came across at the supermarket. On the day of the party, everything seemed perfectly normal. The cake was beautiful, the guests sang, I blew out the candles...and one by one, they lit themselves again. Everyone laughed at my feeble attempt, but I was puzzled. I knew the amount of breath required to blow out a birthday candle! I tried again, with a little more force this time, and the flames disappeared. Triumphant, I looked up grinning...and the candles burst back in to flame. I blew them out again. Same result. The children laughed, but the adults began to look at each other uneasily. What kind of trick was this? I was becoming dizzy. People were frowning, even backing away. Was my birthday cake possessed? Just as I was about to turn blue and topple out of my chair, Mum and Dad bravely grabbed the candles and dunked them in water, successfully exorcising the malevolent spirit. Everyone breathed a sigh of relief, except for me, still taking huge grateful gulps of air to keep from passing out.

It was then that someone found the candle packet. 'Fun Relighting Candles!' The drowned candles, looking perfectly innocent, were thrown somewhat carelessly into the birthday paraphernalia drawer, to eventually get mixed up with ordinary, non-possessed candles and make every future birthday cake just that little bit spookier.



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## Welcome to the Music Festivalers

Marg Cooper

The Rastafarian Sheep has welcomed the festival goers on Mt Mercer Road for a few years and this year Michael Jackson joined the show. The Rastafarian Sheep has a sheep head, with a woollen cloche hat over black dreadlocks, a chicken wire frame, RM Williams denim shirt, coloured vest, Diesel striped jeans, gumboots and a pink wooden ukulele. Michael Jackson's head with a smooth, pale face started life as a hairdressing dummy and has long black locks. The head was placed on a chicken wire frame and dressed to become a scarecrow in the vegetable garden and fox scarer before being transformed for the Music Festival into Michael Jackson. He was dressed in red overalls, has a cardboard red Christmas hat, gumboots and a fancy children's guitar and next year they would like him to wave by putting a spring in his arm.

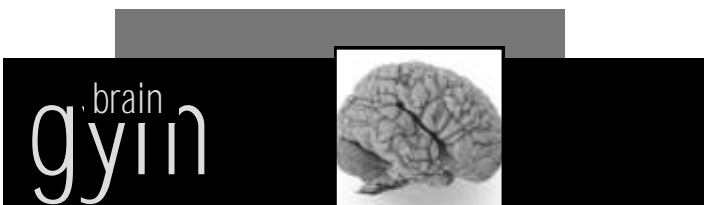
These life size figures are created by Eileen King and Lesley Thomson in their garden about 2 kms before the Music Festival and are highly visible to all who travel Mt Mercer Road.

Eileen and Lesley believe that we should make the people who are travelling to the festival feel welcome and they would like everyone on the road to participate by creating musical themed figures or scarecrows.

They tell that the festival goers get a kick out of looking at the figures and that many stop to take photos. Next festival

they plan to also create a gorilla playing drums. Keep your eye out for him! They have been offered a gorilla mask and they get most of the other items at the Op shop. They tell that the possibilities are endless and only limited by one's imagination.

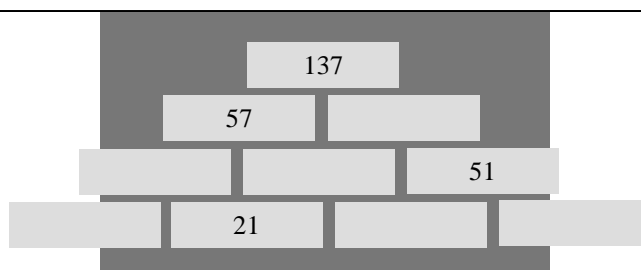
Kristie tells that the Festival Team think it's great fun and look forward to their masterful creations every year.



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Hint: Work from the top down.

(Answer on page 35)



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## Year Prep to 2 Sports Day

Our years P-2 students attended a great morning on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October at Inverleigh Primary School taking part in a range of sports and activities. It was terrific to see the large number of parents come along and take part in the fun. Thanks to our Year 6 students who assisted with running activities. On the way back to school, the bus stopped at Shelford Primary School for a surprise visit. The number of students in the playground suddenly increased from eleven to over seventy! One Year 5 Shelford boy was so thrilled and excited to have the opportunity to play a game of cricket with enough batters, bowlers and fielders, including teachers and parents who also enjoyed the chance display their talents.

## Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 students, Mr Cations, Mr Gallagher and Mr Holtz headed off to the Urban Camp on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October for an exciting week in Melbourne. The students visited a range of terrific attractions around Melbourne including the MCG, Old Melbourne Gaol, Victoria Market, Eureka Skydeck and the list goes on! They also visited Lygon St, Chinatown and Southbank for meals. The days were long but very rewarding. This camp provides a great chance to further develop independence and organisational skills before heading off to secondary school and the opportunity to catch up and interact with other grade 6 students from schools in the Moorabool Valley Association.

As part of the **Grade 6 Graduation fundraising** effort, Grade 6's are collecting aluminium cans. Mr Holtz and his team, crush the cans and deliver them to be recycled in exchange for cash. If anyone has a collection of cans we would be happy to accept them for this worthy fundraiser. Please leave any cans at the back of the school near the rotunda.

## Active After School Care

Our Term 4 activities have commenced with students in Prep to Year 2 enjoying Multi Sports on Mondays and students in Years 3 to 6 participating in basketball coaching on Wednesdays. The program runs from 3.30 to 4.30pm and is an Aust Sport initiative, sponsored by the Commonwealth Government. It provides structured physical activities and sporting opportunities for school aged children. Meredith Primary School is very fortunate to have many experienced and trained staff to run this program as well as the funding to invite specialised coaches to run activities that encourage children to be more active and involved. We have approximately 50 students enjoying this program every week.

## Ukulele Classes

Grade 1/2C have been learning the ukulele in music. The school has purchased a set of ukuleles and with the help of Kath Mitilineos the group is really coming along. We look forward to hearing more from them in the near future.

**The Ballarat Show** is coming up and starts on 9<sup>th</sup> November (pupil-free day). The children are making posters to display at the show as well as preparing exhibits in various art and craft sections. There are show programs at the office in case other members of the school community would like to enter a piece of their own handiwork – there really is a category for everyone. Make sure you look out for our children's displays if you attend the show.

## Gardening

Some of our staff and parents attended the Community House for a special gardening activity, 'How to make a wicking garden'. A wicking garden is an interesting, water-saving way to garden. Helena Lindorff demonstrated her wicking vegetable gardens and helped the participants make a mini one to take home. Those who attended the activity are invited to join us at school to make three large wicking beds with all the children and teachers to extend our vegetable gardens. If there are any other interested people in the community who would like to be involved in this exciting school garden project, please contact Carol or Rosemary at the school office 5286 1313.

## How do we as students use Technology at school?

Here at school we have iPods, iPads, Nintendo DSIs and computers. On the iPads and iPods, we have many educational games, such as interactive books, puzzles, maths games (e.g. times tables, addition, division) and spelling games. We also use the iPads to help us be more creative with our work. We can use apps like Puppet Pals to create interesting book reviews and Garage Band to make music for our stop motion animation films. We have many different educational DS chips for our DSIs. They include skills such as problem solving, mental maths and comprehension. Some games are Maths Training, the Professor Layton series, and heaps of word games.

On the computers, we use the internet to research for projects on a wide range of things. We also use them to put things into folders so that we can access everything we save on different computers, and not just use the same computer every time.

Some people don't understand how important technology is in our lives. You can find it everywhere. We rely on T.V and radio to tell/show us what is happening locally, nationally and internationally. We use phones to communicate over long distances, and now we use it to educate students in a fun and creative way. In the future, new technology will be introduced and things will change again.



It's early days at the She Oaks Tennis Academy but, as Marion East's photos show, basic ball skills have a way to go.

## Meredith Senior Citizens Special Hat Day

*Jim Hynds*

The theme for the hat day was the Melbourne Cup. Well, our ladies and gentlemen certainly throw themselves into it!

Some twenty two hats were worn including fascinators, beautiful flowered hats, dapper men's hats and I must say some very funny hats. The competition was keen when each contestant paraded their hats, producing lots of "Oohs and Ahs" and plenty of laughter from the group.

The Judges made comments that every one of the hats was worthy of winning, but alas there could only be one ladies winner and one gentleman winner. Mrs Billy Elder who looked stunning in a red outfit with matching hat, won the ladies competition.

Mr Neil Cooper who looked dapper in a dark suit, bright green shirt with a dark green tie and a black hat won the men's competition.

A fabulous day was had by all. The Melbourne Cup Hat Day proved very popular and I'm sure the theme will be repeated in the future!



*Neil and Billy with their winning hats. (Well, not quite all of Neil's!)*

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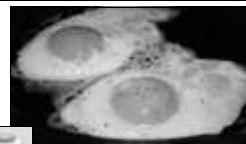
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## it's History

### Meredith History Interest Group

#### Cargerie Historical Walk

A walk on the Bakes property at Cargerie on Sunday, October 21 revealed some history that could get lost in time if not shared and recorded. Peter Griffiths, local historian, former resident of Grenville and the author of *Three Times Blest* told the crowd about George Frederick Read and his family and the properties that they occupied in early days in Victoria.

Janene Schillier {Bakes} led us through the lush green paddocks and around the picturesque big dams to show the features that make the history of this area so important. Philip Read and his daughter Isobell, who is the great, great, great grand daughter of G.F. Read of Cargerie, planted an oak tree at the original home site, below the track and above the ford where it is believed that Cobb and Co travelled and along the creek from the sheep wash. Muriel Toohey {Bakes} told how barren the landscape was when she arrived as wife of a Soldier Settler in 1952. George Frederick Read Jnr was born in Van Diemen's Land in 1817.

He was sent by his father to Port Phillip to take up a squatting run when he was 19 years of age. It is believed that he was the only Australian-born squatter to take up land in Victoria.

He set sail from Launceston with 675 sheep on board the ship *John Dunscombe* and arrived at Point Henry on May 5, 1837 to establish a station near Modewarre. In November 1837 he heard of a good extensive run on the Leigh River and Cargerie Creek near Meredith. He decided to occupy the run, naming it "Cargerie" and erected a temporary homestead of wood thatched with bark. The property comprised 23,710 acres and was held by the Read family until 1859. He married Helen Patterson and they had three children. George Frederick Read died at Cargerie on February 26, 1854, aged just 37. His father had purchased a property of 787 acres in 1845 and named it "Terona".

This area is now the suburb of Belmont in Geelong.

George Frederick's only surviving son, Alexander Read, purchased "Lawaluk" at Mt Mercer and this property was owned by the Read family until 1969.

#### Moranghurk Soldier Settlement

We are contacting members of the families of the settlers to invite them to be involved. Does anyone know where any members of the Phillips family live?

*We catalogue and talk history at the Masonic Lodge Centre from 9 am on the last Thursday of the month. All Welcome.*

LAND SELECTION AT GEELONG. (from our own correspondent.) The land selection took place this day (Wednesday), at the court-house, and was well attended. At ten o'clock, the time for closing the gates, there were at least 1,800 people present. This was quite unexpected by the land officers, and caused a great amount of inconvenience, as the courthouse was altogether incapable of holding more than a third of those present. A small stockade had been erected outside, but even then any amount of crushing ensued. A large number of ladies were present, and amongst the crowd were bankers and lawyers and their clerks, the principal mercantile men of the town and district, and a very large number who looked like bona fide settlers. The land was situate at Narmbool and Cargerie, distant about twenty miles from Geelong, near the River Leigh, and not above the average quality. At two o'clock the whole of the tickets were issued and placed in the ballot-box, and the drawing commenced. The number of tickets issued were said to be near a thousand. The following were the fortunate selectors:---Richard Coverdale, 289 acres, Narmbool; Thos. Devitt, 180 acres, Narmbool; Mary Bohan, 320 acres, Cargerie; John Hubbard, Fyansford, 166 acres, Cargerie; John Hucker, Bellerine, 536 acres, Narmbool; Thos. Fitzpatrick and Michael Green, St. Alban's, 632 acres, Narmbool; John Osborne, Ballan, 277 acres, Narmbool and Cargerie; Patrick Ryan, farmer, Lake Connemara, 72 acres, Cargerie; Jane Helms, Barrabool-hills, 295 acres, Narmbool; Timothy Brennan, Kildare, 520 acres, Narmbool; Thomas Hastie, Buninyong, 270 acres, Narmbool; Duncan M'Naughton, Inver-leigh, 376 acres, Cargerie; Jno. M'Donald, Inglewood, 472 acres, Narmbool; James Creed, Pollocksford, 484 acres, Cargerie; Jno. Mulgoney, Smeaton, 594 acres, Narmbool; James Bohun, Kildare, 480 acres, Narmbool; James Leckie, Ballarat, 236 acres, Cargerie; Frank Hewitt, Duneed, 204 acres, Cargerie; James Rigney, Geelong, 193 acres, Cargerie; Mary Carroll, St. Kilda, 103 acres, Cargerie; Robert Steward, declined to select; W. J. Reid, Meredith, 240 acres, Narmbool; John Stewart, Werribee, 117 acres, Narmbool; Albert Benarl, German Town, 100 acres, Cargerie; Alexander Fraser, Geelong, 152 acres, Narmbool; Alexander Patrick Campbell, Melbourne, 58 acres, Cargerie; Anne Dwyer, Buninyong, 61 acres, Narmbool; John Tracey, sen., 51 acres, Cargerie. The whole land open was taken by soon after five o'clock. The court, upon the readmission, was so full that after some little disturbance the officer ordered the ballot box to be taken outside the court, each selector being accompanied by a constable into the building as his name came out of the box to complete his selection. The greatest possible interest was taken, and had there been ten times the quantity of land open it would have been selected. As it was, hundreds went away disappointed. The land was principally leased, and but very few certificates were made use of. The amount received was £455 6s.6d.

*The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1956) 15 March 186?*

**APPOINTMENTS.**--His Excellency the Governor has appointed the following gentlemen to be magistrates of the territory and its dependencies:... George Frederick Read, the younger, of Cargerie, River Leigh  
*The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) 16 June 1845*

**CLAIMS TO LEASES OF CROWN LANDS BEYOND THE SETTLED DISTRICTS. PORTLAND BAY DISTRICT.** Superintendent's Office, Melbourne, January, 1849. His Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified, for the information of all persons interested, that in pursuance of Her Majesty's Order in Council, March 9. 1847, the undermentioned persons have demanded Leases of the several runs of Crown Land particularised in connection with their respective names. Persons who object to any of these claims, either wholly or in part, should lodge caveats at this office within two months from the present date, ...By His Excellency's Command, C. J. LA TROBE.  
 ....241. Read George .Frederick, jun. Name of run, Cargerie. Estimated area, 23,710 acres. Estimated grazing capability. 50 head of cattle and 10,000 sheep.....

*The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) 4 April 1849*

**SALE OF STATIONS** Mr. John Paterson's Cargarie station, near Meredith, Victoria, with 15,500 sheep, for £14,000.---Pastoral Times, April 30

*The Maitland Mercury & Hunter River General Advertiser (NSW : 1843 - 1893) 10 May 1864.*

**AREAS OPEN AT GEELONG.** Robert Rede, Esq. Land Officer. Cargerie---Including part of the parish of Cargerie, watered by the River Leigh and by Cargerie Creek and its tributaries, distant from 4 to 7 miles westerly from the railway station at Meredith, and about 15 miles south of Buninyong, and 32 miles north of Geelong.

*From Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) 6 May 1865*

The following, from the Geelong Advertiser, may be taken for what it is worth :--" A strange piece of conduct on the part of the Hon. J.M. Grant has been reported to us by a selector in Cargerie, which, if we are not misinformed, ought certainly to be inquired into. Our informant states that about two years ago he selected 495 acres of land in Cargerie. A few months after-wards 118 acres were taken away from him, on the grounds that the land was required for an industrial school; no such school has been erected, but other persons have been allowed to select the land under the 42nd clause.

*South Bourke Standard (Vic. : 1861 - 1873) 9 April 1869*

## Nolan Family Buninyong Cemetery Expedition

*Marg Cooper*

The Nolan family reconnected with their forebears at the Buninyong Cemetery on Sunday October 14.

They also connected with relations from at least 3 branches of the family that came from Ireland.

Patrick and Margaret Nolan {Hansberry} from Galway departed from Dublin with their 7 youngest children on December 18, 1854 on the Rienze. They arrived in Melbourne on April 22, 1855. Their 2 older children, Michael 20 and Bridget 21 had arrived on the "Mangerton" at Geelong on June 5, 1852 as assisted immigrants. Family history tells that they walked to Bungal where they were contracted to George Edgerton for 12 months, for £25 per annum with rations.

Their eldest son Martin who was born about 1828 served some time in the English Army in India and married in India and had 6 children before they immigrated to Australia and settled near Buninyong. Patrick died in 1878 and his Will records that he had an interest in 20 acres of land in the Parish of Yarrowee, County of Grenville held under license from the Crown with improvements being a 20 X 14 feet stable built of slabs and with a bark roof, erected 18 years ago, a 2 roomed weatherboard cottage with a bark roof erected 18 years ago, a 30 X 14 feet barn built of board with a shingle roof erected 18 years ago, post and rail fencing and an interest in 22 acres at Black Lead.

Peter Nolan the 5<sup>th</sup> child of Patrick and Margaret took up title to the land at Cargerie in 1865 although they farmed the land earlier. He married Alice Halfpenny and they had one son John. John married Mary O'Neil and they had 10 children including James Edward Nolan who married Elizabeth Bowman.

John Nolan who lives and farms the Cargerie land is the son of Jim and Bessie Nolan.

It is believed that the Nolan family may be the only family in Cargerie who are still on the land originally selected by their forebears.

Over 90 family members gathered at the Buninyong Cemetery at 11 am, were issued with a name tag and a map of the cemetery that showed the position of the Nolan graves and walked the cemetery and listened to stories about their ancestors.

The crowd then adjourned to the Buninyong Town Hall for a group photo before devouring a delicious lunch supplied by the Meredith Kindergarten Committee.

Video recordings were made of interviews with the 'elders' – Margaret Dunn, Nell Tucker, John, Martin and James Nolan. A display of Nolan family trees and Nolan memorabilia created much interest and there was lots of talking and catching up and meeting other Nolans. Finding themselves in the framework of the family tree was a revelation and joy for many, and interest and curiosity was awakened to appreciate and experience clan Nolan in new ways.

Mary and John Nolan tell that in 2015 the Nolan family will have been in Australia for 160 years, the Nolan family will have had title to the land at Cargerie for 150 years, Mary and John will have been married for 50 years and the Music Festival will celebrate 25 years. They would like to celebrate these significant dates and would like to make a record of the Nolan Family History. They invite people to contribute ideas and information as to how to celebrate and to record!

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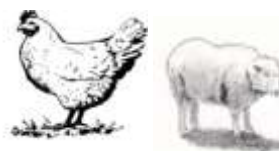
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## Back to Steiglitz *(from page 1)*

with laughter. Our little ghost town had come to life!

With so few volunteers (in the Back to Steiglitz Association) most of us tend to do more than one (or two, or even three) jobs on the day. Meaning, beyond our allotted stall or activity, we rarely get to see how the day is progressing - very much a case of nose down, tail up. I'm lucky, for my role as 'roving' photographer ensures not only lots of exercise, but that I get to see the entire day unfold – especially the fun bits.

Bits such as the billy cart races (fabulous fun thanks to the Scouts); the rope making (so that's how they did it); gold panning (Doug is always swamped with eager miners of all ages); blacksmithing (where the shoes just made were then put on a real horse); the raffles (young Seth won first prize – he could be flying around in a helicopter right now), and the introduction of Pete's simply hilarious Golden Shovel Digging Competition (one way to get our gutters cleaned out!).

Though the Back to Steiglitz also has a serious side. We need to raise the money it takes to keep the town's historic public buildings maintained & repaired. Without the proceeds from this little Festival, it simply wouldn't be possible, for although the Parks provide some money, it's not enough. Although we may put in the sweat, tears & hard work needed to create this day, if you didn't turn

up for the Festival our little town would very quickly fall into disrepair.

So, every one of you who bought cake, biscuits or home-made lemonade from Sugg's blacksmith's cottage, allowed your child a lucky dip, or tried your luck at the raffles (these were all BTS Association stalls), should feel great about yourselves. For every dollar you spent not only made what we did worthwhile, it also made a difference – a big one.

That's why we, the little band of elated, though exhausted volunteers of the Back to Steiglitz Association (remember, new members always welcome!) want to say a huge "thank you" to all those in our extended community who helped make our little Festival the raging success it was.

We hope you all enjoyed yourselves, 'cause we sure did! Perhaps we'll see you at the 'Airing of the Quilts' in October 2013.



*Onion Grass at the BTS*



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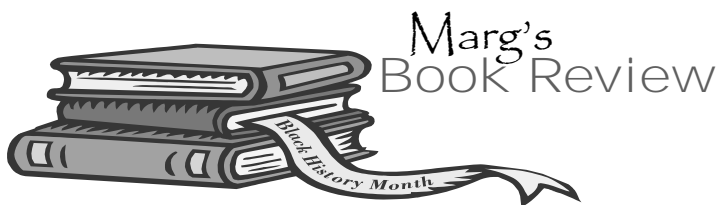
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### *Celestine* by Gillian Tindall

The book is sub-titled "Voices from a French Village". The English author and her husband bought a house in a small village in central rural France, outside the tourist circuit and largely unexplored even in literature. She became interested in the history of the village, assiduously collected, developed a network of helpers, material bits found their way into her possession and people talked to her.

When she acquired a footstool embroidered with a cat by Celestine, some table napkins from Celestine's trousseau and a cache of tightly folded love letters to Celestine in a deserted house, she may have decided to centre the book on this character.

The book is all true and is crammed with historical fact.

The author has used many sources for the history including municipal registers, newspapers, military records, census records, land registry records and novels written in various eras. Celestine, the daughter of an inn-keeper was born in 1844 and died in 1933.

The author tells us that her lifespan roughly coincided with the great transformation in France of peasants into citizens and the death of subsistence farming.

The author describes Celestine only in silhouette but her story guides the narrative back to her great grandfather, sideways to other kin and neighbours and forwards to son and grandchild. All this is written in the context of changing seasons and conditions in France over hundreds of years and the varied spans of individual lives.

The book has been described as "a meditation on time itself, part biography, part history of a locality and part study of great historical change".

In the book there are many diversions, crooked ways and cul-de-sacs.

The author skirts around things, leaves gaps or dangles a tale in front of us to leave it more untold than told.

It was suggested that she used this method because with history there is always more to be said and more to be collected and interpreted.

The historical events that affected the village like the wars, the changes in village life like the replacement of washing clothes on the rocks in the stream with a private laundry or "lavoir" and the insights into individual lives are fascinating. But the book is fairly difficult to read because it is very detailed, has not really got a story line and contains many French names and quotes.

*The book for discussion in November is "As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning" by Laurie Lee.*

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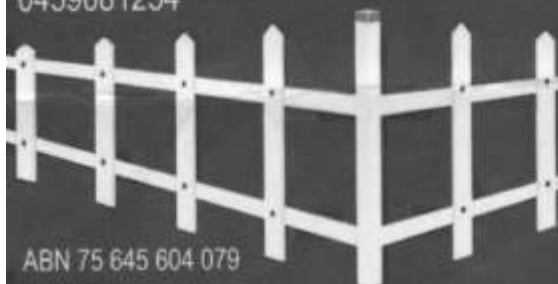
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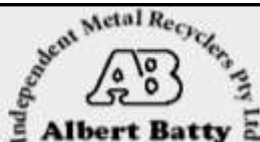
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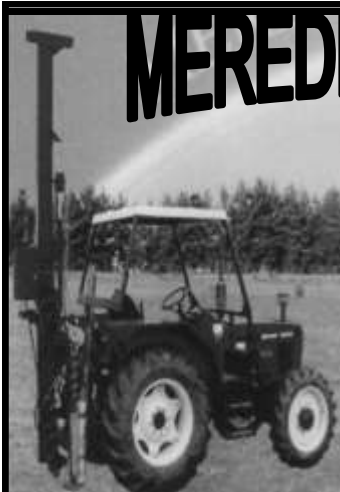
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