

MARRICKVILLE HERITAGE SOCIETY

Covering Dulwich Hill, Enmore, Lewisham,
Sydenham, Tempe and parts of Newtown,

Marrickville, Petersham, St Peters, Stanmore,
Camperdown and Hurlstone Park.



OUR NEXT MEETING UNCOVERING MARRICKVILLE'S RICHES

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27, 10.30AM
AMENITIES ROOM PETERSHAM TOWN HALL

At our next meeting Chrys Meader, Local Studies Librarian of Marrickville Council, will tell us and show slides of the new material - documents, ephemera, photographs and objects - that continually come to light and so increase the rich collection held by Council of our area. Some new resources are the Australian Forces Nominal Roll of the 1914-18 war from the Australian War Memorial in Canberra and an Illuminated Address of 1892 that was going to be thrown out if Chrys didn't want it. Did she ever!

Treasures from behind fireplaces also come to her eager hands. Fascinating stuff. If you would like to donate any such items to the Local Studies Collection bring them along.

SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PICNIC

TO FOLLOW MEETING AT 1PM

After the meeting join us for the annual Christmas picnic at the beautiful rotunda in Petersham Park close to Station Street about 1pm. Bring a picnic lunch and drinks and the society will provide watermelon and Christmas cake. We would love to see members old and new on this festive occasion.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

POT LUCK CHRISTMAS DINNER
SATUDAY DECEMBER 11, 7PM

A members' dinner held in members' homes has become a tradition with the society. Four have been held in Petersham homes. This year it will be held in the elegant Lewisham home of Liz and Rob Muir. Drinks will be served at 7pm and dinner at 8pm. A leg of ham and fruit punch will be provided. Please bring a plate of food and BYO drinks. For details phone Pamela on 569 0820 AH or 568 0259 BH or Shirley 569 1768 and advise them on what you will be bringing.

EVENING HARBOUR CRUISE
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 29

Meet at 5.45pm sharp at Man-O-War Steps east of the Opera House. Once again we will sail on the yacht Silver Spray with an evening picnic on Clark Island. Bring your own refreshments. Numbers are limited and bookings are filling fast. Cost is \$25. Phone Anne Carolan 417 4862 or Shirley Hilyard on 569 1768.



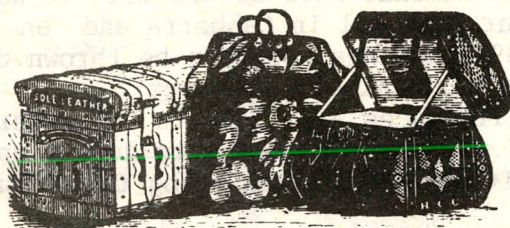
NEWTOWN FESTIVAL CAMPERDOWN PARK

SUN NOV 14, 10AM-6.30PM

Lend a hand on the day if you can or bring along jam and plants to sell. The stall enables us to promote our publications and membership. Phone Shirley on 569 1768.

DEMOLISHED FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD

From the Historic Houses Trust of NSW, an exhibition of crimes, follies and misfortunes. A pictorial collection of houses, gardens and interiors destroyed through accidental destruction or calculated demolition. Showing for the second time until November 28 at Elizabeth Bay House, 7 Onslow Ave, Elizabeth Bay. Open Tuesday to Sunday 10am to 4.30pm.



POSTCARD FROM CAMBRIDGE

From Joan and Peter Swain, a postcard from Cambridge England where they are spending the year. They write: We are again enjoying time in Cambridge. In between visiting friends and relatives we have done a lot of walking in the Cotswolds area, Somerset and Cornwall and Devon. The coastal path to Lands End is a delight. Regards, Joan and Peter.

POST CARD FROM FALLINGWATER

From Lesley Muir and Brian Madden, who joined the Horbury Hunt Club's pilgrimage to Boston USA where Hunt trained. After the tea party they checked out the work of Frank Lloyd Wright. They write: "We are having a great time on the trip - if anything architectural overload. Fallingwater interesting but our view is that it is an architect's indulgence. Naturally Peter Reynolds(MHS guest speaker on Horbury Hunt- ED) doesn't agree. Perhaps the weather (overcast) has influenced us. Until today we had only one wet day. Autumn colors great. Regards, Lesley and Brian.



OUR LAST MEETING TEDDY THE JAM MAN

Chris Pratten spoke on his grandfather. As a rule other people's families is not a rivetting subject - but with Chris bringing in places, events, buildings in our locality, he wove a very entertaining story around H.E. Pratten's life and times. Born in Bristol, England in 1856, he emigrated to Australia to work for Lysaghts at Five Dock. However, that was short lived and he left to start a cordial factory. This was the start of a most prodigious career - manufacturer, alderman and mayor of Ashfield and finally a member of Federal Parliament.

Because of the huge amount of information gathered on different periods of Pratten's life, Chris has produced three monographs: "The Ashfield Cordial Works", "The Mayor of Ashfield" and "Mullet in Tomato Sauce, the Story of Maclean Cannery". Six more are in preparation and one of these concerns the jam factory in Stanmore. One was left wanting to hear more stories of Teddy the Jam Man. - Shirley Hilyard.

OBITUARY - IMELDA STUART

It is with sadness we record the death of Imelda Stuart, who only recently joined the Marrickville Heritage Society. Imelda was particularly known in Stanmore where she lived, for in 1977 with Samantha Cole, another new member, she convened a public meeting in St Augustine's Church Hall, Albany Rd, Stanmore, and the Stanmore Society was formed. This residents group successfully lobbied Marrickville Council over the years on local issues of parks and gardens and rebuilding the Stanmore Library after it was destroyed by fire. Most of the streets of Stanmore were photographed as a valuable resource. Imelda came on the Society's Day in the Hunter Valley in May. Some of us knew of her enthusiasm and spirit. We joined her family at St Michael's on Weekley Park, Stanmore, in a celebration of her life and it is to her family and many friends we offer our condolences. - Shirley Hilyard.

WE WENT TO GOULBURN IN LILAC TIME.

The RAHS Annual Conference with Affiliated Societies was held in Goulburn 9-10 October at the Police Academy. The Society was represented by Jeannette Hope and Shirley Hilyard although other members of MHS attended in other capacities.

Shirley accepted a cheque for \$350 for a cultural grant we had applied for to use in publishing our journal Heritage.

The conference is a chance to hear of the latest research and exchange ideas. Guest speaker at the Conference Dinner (where our own Geoff Ostling was Master of Ceremonies) Dr Richard Reid, historian of the Australian War Memorial, told of the undertaking of bringing back to Canberra an Unknown Soldier from the Western Front 1914-18.

Excellent papers were given on the theme Giving History the Justice It Deserves. After the conference we toured Goulburn and saw some of its architectural gems: The Court House and Post Office both by James Barnett, two cathedrals and St Clair, now the home of Goulburn & District Historical Society.

ACCOLADE FOR OUR PRESIDENT

At the recent RAHS Annual Conference in Goulburn our President Shirley Hilyard was presented with a Certificate of Achievement "for her outstanding efforts in promoting the work of the Marrickville Heritage Society." It is the first such certificate awarded to MHS. Well done Shirley!



JOIN THE RAHS

Marrickville Heritage Society will receive free membership to the Royal Australian Historical Society if we can recruit five new members to the RAHS before January 1994. Help increase its numbers and "make Australian history household words". Benefits for RAHS members include six issues of History magazine and two issues of the Journal per year, free use of the Library and reduced admission to all functions. Phone Shirley on 569 1768.



Members of the Marrickville Heritage Society with Council's Heritage Advisor Mandy Jean at the July opening of the newly restored Petersham Park Rotunda. From Left: Margaret Hughes, Richard Hughes, Shirley Hilyard, Mandy Jean, Lindsay Smyth, Mabelle Smyth, Judith Matheson, Peter McLaren, Margaret Sinclair, Pamela Stewart, Henry Welch, Joyce Fairbairn, Ald Bruce Welch, Leslie Fairbairn. If you haven't seen the superb restoration work, come along to our Christmas picnic on November 27.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Joyce and Paul Roy, Stanmore, Hazel Blair, Hurstville, Jim O'Rourke, Stanmore, Robert Lees, Golden Barley Hotel, Marrickville, Helen and Stephen Togher, Marrickville, Mrs B. Robinson, Bexley, Michael and Shirley Hough, Stanmore, John Blackall, Petersham, Susan Taylor, Marrickville, and Elaine van Kempen and Eric Rolls, Stanmore.

GREETINGS FROM MARRICKVILLE

Society members Ed and Lesley Jones bought this postcard at a recent antique fair. It shows the original Winged Victory statue by sculptor Gilbert Doble in Marrickville Road. The photo was taken before the present Marrickville Town Hall was built, which dates it sometime between 1919 when the statue was erected and 1922 when the town hall was opened. The postcard reads: "How do you like this card? It is our Soldiers Memorial and where it is, we are going to have a new Town Hall."

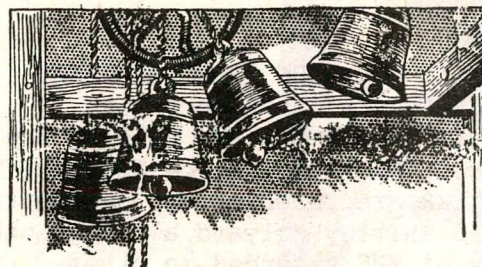


HOW TO JOIN THE SOCIETY

Membership is \$12 for individuals, \$18 for households and \$6 for pensioners. You will receive a monthly newsletter (except in January) and the Society's annual Journal Heritage. Subscriptions are valid for the Society year starting July 1. Regular meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of each month. Write to P.O. Box 415 Marrickville.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Send newsletter contributions to The Editor Judith Matheson P.O. Box 415 Marrickville 2204. Letters, suggestions, quotes, drawings, photos, cartoons, newspaper cuttings, coming events all welcome.



THE BELLS OF ST CLEMENT'S

Our Christmas illustration on the front page is from the St Clement's Parish Notes dated November 1, 1921. At the time the St Clement's parishioners were raising funds to finance the purchase of bells for the Marrickville Road church. A monster fete and sale of work was to be held in the School Hall with opening ceremony by Her Excellency Dame Margaret Davidson.

"The bells are being cast by the renowned bell-founders, Messrs John Taylor & Co, England - they are to be here early in the New Year. The cost of the Bells will be £750," reports the Parish Notes. "There only needs to be a strong effort of the people of Marrickville and this amount will be raised. Talk about the Fete and Sale, come to it and get others to come. The ladies at the various stalls are preparing things in abundance - things you want. You will get your money's worth, and at the same time adding to Marrickville's a grant(sic) Peal of Bells, which will help to voice our feelings on great occasions. For instance, how the bells chiming forth their melody on the day when the news came of the end of the War would have added to our jubilation."

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