



MARRICKVILLE HERITAGE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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OUR NEXT MEETING

Saturday April 26, 10.30 a.m. in the
Aldermen's Room, Petersham Town Hall.

Paula Gard will speak to us about Heritage Roses. Heritage roses include original species or wild roses, early cultivated roses (many varieties produced during the 1800s) and some Australian-bred roses. The talk will be illustrated with slides and specimens from Rookwood Cemetery and Paula's own garden.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

Thursday May 8

Quarterly Evening Meeting, 7.30 p.m. in the Aldermen's Room, Petersham Town Hall.

Saturday May 24

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 10.30 a.m. in the Aldermen's Room, Petersham Town Hall. Many of the present committee members will not be standing for re-election. Please nominate if you are interested in serving on the Executive or any of the sub-committees. Nominations open ten days before the A.G.M. and may be made (preferably in writing) to the Society's Secretary, Chrys Meader at Marrickville Library, Marrickville Town Hall, 2204, or at the A.G.M.

Saturday June 28

Dennis Condon will arrange a musical morning (details to be announced).

OUR LAST MEETING

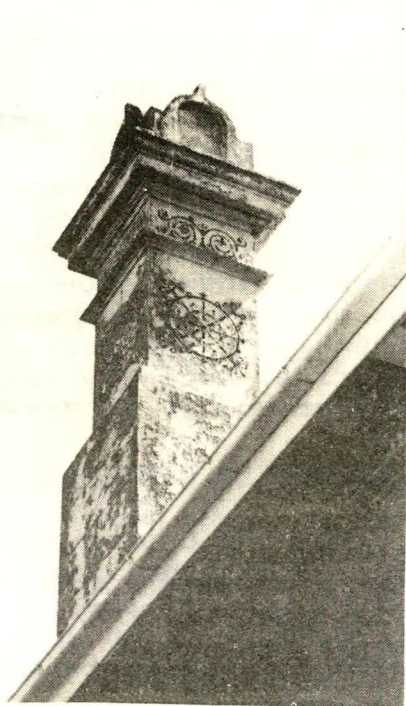
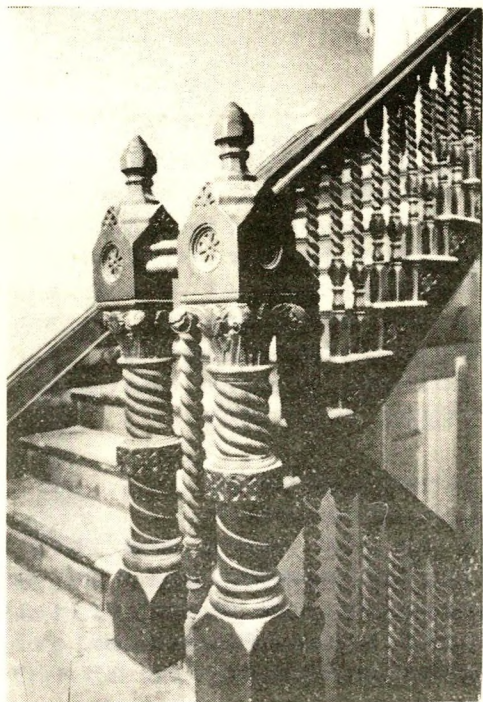
One bus- and two car-loads of Society members were enthusiastic participants in Peter Arnett's Marrickville Mystery Tour Part II. Our first port of call was the original site of Annandale Farm, near Corunna Road, Stanmore, where members crowded into a narrow laneway to glimpse, over a back fence, the repositioned 1860s gatehouse - all that remains of a once grand property. In Corunna Road itself we saw a stately brick sewer vent, one of four in the municipality, towering above the modest dwelling in whose front yard it stands.

We visited St Thomas' Church Petersham, where Chrys gave us a brief history of the cemetery which existed there from 1863. After 1884, only burials in vaults or family plots were allowed, and in the 1920s the cemetery grounds were resumed so that railway construction could go ahead.

Our inspection of the Housing Commission redevelopment in Livingstone Road, Petersham proved fascinating. The dominating structure on the site is the turreted ex-Salvation Army training centre built in the 1920s. Behind this dramatic facade is "Rathlin", a gracious Victorian mansion built in the 1860s for the Miller family, who operated several brickpits in the area. Due largely to Peter Arnett's efforts, both "Rathlin" and its Salvation Army additions have been retained as part of the redevelopment, partitioned to create a number of flats, some of which will boast exquisite tile and marble fireplaces and cedar woodwork.

Two of "Rathlin"'s attractive architectural features, the ornately carved cedar staircase, and a decorative chimney stack, are depicted opposite (photographs courtesy of Bob Erwin).





NEW MEMBERS

Ann Smith, Garry Cross, Kerry Brown, Mr and Mrs Tony Dequara, Maurice Milliner, Wayne le Closs, Cheryl Kemp, John Johnson, Frank Smith, Meg Sherwood, Kelly and Sons Real Estate (Dulwich Hill and Petersham offices). Apologies to Jean Hendy whose surname was misspelt as Hardy in the last newsletter.

HOW TO JOIN OUR SOCIETY: It's only \$7 for individuals, \$10 for households and institutions, \$2 for students and pensioners. You will receive copies of the monthly newsletter and **HERITAGE**, the Society's journal published annually.

The Society meets on the fourth Saturday morning of each month in the Aldermen's Room, Petersham Town Hall. Post your subscription or subscription renewal to Chrys Meader at Marrickville Library, Marrickville Town Hall, 2204.

MEMBERS - ARE YOU FINANCIAL???

HOME BUSH BOYS' HIGH - GOLDEN JUBILEE

Homebush Boys' High is celebrating its Golden Jubilee on May 23 with an open day and a formal ceremony at 2.00 p.m. The school is looking for "old boys" who may be living in the Marrickville area. Many students from Summer Hill High and Petersham (now Canterbury) High were placed at Homebush in 1936 because of overcrowding. If you were one of those students, or are interested in seeing the school's historical recently restored buildings, please contact Margaret Hooker on 764-3611.

ST CLEMENT'S CENTENARY

St Clement's Church, Marrickville is 100 years old this year. A Thanksgiving Service will be held on July 20 and a walking tour of the church, its grounds and the carillon will take place on July 27. For further information contact Reverend David Eastway at St Clement's Rectory on 55-0315.

STANMORE FIRE STATION'S CENTENARY

Stanmore Fire Station, the oldest continuously manned fire station in Australia, was officially opened on May 29 1886. To celebrate its centenary there will be a week's "open house" from May 24 to May 31 inclusive.

OTHER CENTENARIES IN MARRICKVILLE

Several local institutions and establishments are celebrating 100th birthdays this year - Holy Trinity, Enmore Park, Stanmore Station! Marrickville West School's centenary stickers are available from Chrys Meader at Marrickville Library. The school's celebrations will be held in October. The Society recently helped St Brigid's Church, Marrickville celebrate its centenary with a delightful concert during Heritage Week.

