

Committee News:

Next Meeting - Sunday 14th May
At Jean & Peter Salter's - 8 Elabana Cres,
Castle Hill (via David Rd and Baydon St &
 Childrey Place) - **from 11.30am** - RSVP ☎
 02 9651.3474 - if coming for lunch or directions.
Then Sunday 4th June - 11am
 At Jennifer Meston's - 46 Bligh Street, Camden
 Please bring a plate. Contact: (02) 4655.1064

And Thursday July 6th at 7.30pm
 at the Cock's place
 5 / 76 Jenner Street, Baulkham Hills (02) 9639.5365

All members welcome

National Service with the Tank Corp. in the heavy engineering department.



Russell and Ruth 'at play' in their new home



WIDER COMING EVENTS

Planning for the Cornish Heritage Weekend has commenced. Tentative date is 7th & 8th October.

VALE:

It is always sad to have to report the passing away of any of our members. This Newsletter it is a very sad duty to report three (3) over the past months.

Edward (Ted) Tonkin - peacefully "with his boots on" on 2nd April reports the SMH notice. Wife of Peg - a keen bass singer with our short-lived group, keen Video-er of Association events, and a great bloke. Thanks Ted for your cheery smile and friendship.

Reg Ball - in February - a member since 1985 he had an interest in family history but, with his wife Betty, he also visited interstate with some of the Association's trips to Cornish places of interest.

Glenn Hunt - A member only since 1997 - an interest in family history did not get the years of retirement that may have been hoped for.

He married Margaret Ruth Morshead Whiteman in 1958. Ruth had been born in St. Blazey in the Parish of Par; she was the eldest of 6 children. After 9 years of marriage they boarded the ship the "Fairsky" and headed for Sydney. They have both returned to Cornwall for holidays and say they miss it, and their many friends that are still over there. Russ also stated he pined for the foul weather!!!

Russ and Ruth first lived at Lindfield and then moved to Baulkham Hills. In 1972 they were able to adopt a baby boy they named Robert Perry Cocks, and on the 15th April they saw Robert marry his fiancé Salena Jane Harrison. Both are 'retired' now, Ruth having been a draughtswoman and Russ a Quality Controller with Comalco Aluminium and Howard Rotorvators. They have then jointly run a house cleaning business for eighteen years.

The couple have been in the Cornish Association of NSW for 25 years being two of the original founder members. With Russ being the first President, it is therefore fitting that he should again take the role in this our 25th year. Ruth has also been President, Secretary and a member of the committee and is a Cornish Bard. Ruth is a Guardian of the Standing Stones in Glen Innes, and Russell holds the honorific Duine Uasal or 'honoured person' (Du.A) from the Celtic Council of Australia.

This hard working pair has been an asset to the Association attending any functions they possibly could and opening their home to all. Russ is still the Byng co-coordinator keeping a close eye making sure the hard work put into the restoration of the Church and cemetery is ongoing. With Russ's love of woodwork he is keen to see the pews brought back to their original state.

MEMBER PROFILES

A series by Julie Wheeler

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PROFILE OF A PRESIDENT AND HIS LADY

Evelyn Russell Cocks is a Cornishman, born in St. Austell the only child of Margaret Hooper and Robert Nancollis Cocks. Prior to coming to Australia he worked as a motorcycle mechanic, and did his

Russ now that he is retired loves to garden and in particular enjoys plant propagation, he also likes tinkering with small engines in motor mowers. Ruth spends her spare time reading and tackling various crafts and of course we know she likes to cook - as many of us have sampled her wonderful Pasties.



Association Library



Librarian - Eddie Lyon. See him at meetings or ring him on 02 9349 1491

A FULL List of books held in the Library will be printed with the Newsletter over coming months. Please keep them for future borrowing reference. Most meetings the Library will be open, and if you can't make them contact Eddie to make other arrangements.

FAMILY HISTORY INTEREST?

Items for the Newsletter are very welcome, be they information or requests for help. As well as in the Newsletter the Group will try to respond to your needs! Ideas and suggested speakers, or offers of help, for future meetings are always welcome.

Write to: The Family History Interest Coordinator
c/o **Roger Thomas (02) 4369.1759 or 178 Davistown Road, Yattalunga, NSW, 2251**

But please: if you require an answer, do enclose a self addressed stamped Envelope!

ILLAWARA AND SOUTH COAST NEWS

This month Sonia Reuter and I were able to finally get 'ourselves together' and visit one of our members who is without transport and has so far been unable to attend our gatherings.

I arrived at Sonia's at about 8.30am on Monday.... to find her up to her elbows in flour...she had already started to make the pasties for our lunch and an extra one for the freezer! We travelled to Dapto and met our friend Gordon Guy whom we had only previously talked to by phone.

We were both immediately put at our ease by this charming gentleman, he made us cups of tea and fed us beautiful cornflake cookies he had baked the night before (which we forgot to get the recipe of!) We poured over his genealogy and articles he has written then he told us of his trips to Cornwall, making both Sonia and I homesick!!

We enjoyed our pasties for lunch which were huge.... and the rest of the day passed so quickly it was 4pm before we realised it and we had to make tracks back to Nowra...we left promising to visit again and also to try and arrange transport for Gordon to come to our

next gathering in Nowra. Thank you Gordon for being so hospitable.... We will return for more biscuits!!.

Julie Wheeler

New Members: Sybil & Neil MacMillan of Bundanoon - Interests: Johns & Pryor of Redruth. WELCOME!

Wedding Anniversaries: Ruth / Russell Cocks 20/4, Janet / Danny Crik 7/4, Brenda / David Clays 30/4, Anne / Ray Oldfield 4/4, Rose / Malcolm Williscroft 2/4, Betty / John Treseder 29/4, June / John Meagher 7/4, Kerryn / Manuel Valeontis 16/4, Monica / Donald Penhall 19/4, Meg / Ian Curnow 20/4, Lorna / Kenneth Stephens 27/4, Pam / Ken Treloar 23/4; Melba / Albert Trevenar 23/5, Pam / Bruce Cowie 9/5, Janice / Harvey Saundercock 11/5, Joy / Doug Jorgensen 13/5, Jean / John Tregurtha 19/5, Jennifer / John Schubert 9/5, Josie / John Taylor 21/5, Wilma / Eric Marshman 15/5, Roslyn / William Tripcony 17/5. ... *Well done!*

Birthdays: Betty Bevins 18/4, Stephen Amos 13/4, Janet Crik 21/4, James Ellis 7/4, Anne Oldfield 25/4, Sharon Tyler 30/4, Melba Trevenar 1 / 4, Austin Herbert 26/4, Kerensa Symons (14) 1 / 4, Dorothy Brown 6/4, Jackson Baker 21/4, John Tregurtha 2/4, Jean Tregurtha 23/4, Helen Boulden 3 / 4, John Parker 6/4, Barbara Tom 3 / 4, Joan Franks 30/4, Jann Trathen 4/4, Wilma Marshman 7/4, John Jacket Simpson 21/4, Denise Darwen 25/4, Peter Bourke 6/4, Monica Penhall 2/4, Ian Curnow 21/4, Meg Curnow 17/4, Colin Cross 12/4, John Pearce 27/4, Russell Hancock 10/4, Ana Warmington 7/4, Roslyn Tripcony 20/4, Betty Spargo-Williams 26/4, Patricia Houghton 9/4, John Franssen 31/5, Kath Richards 11/5, Millie Turner 31/5, Don Berriman 6/5, Nell Berriman 28/5, Eric Cockle 10/5, Merle Morrell 13/5, Tony Hill 9/5, John Gilbert 28/5, Roger Thomas 6/5, Ursula Knight 15/5, Elaine Polglase 31/5, Ed Perry 4/5, Robert Roach 5/5, Dance Myriad 1/5, Alan Spargo 23/5, Helen Bourke 13/5, Julia Tregaskis 4/5, Helen Sherringham 13/5, Marie McKellar 2/5, Terry Roach 10/5, Paul Mayor 29/5, Julian Davey 1/5, Tristan Stephens 5/5.

Congratulations!

Membership: 178 Households

PAST EVENTS:

CASTLEMAINE

The Cornish Association of Victoria held a weekend at Castlemaine (between Ballarat and Bendigo) over the St. Piran's weekend (3-5th March) and over 20 of the CANSW members were in attendance. The trip down was for most on a sweltering day and arrival at the cooler and wetter Castlemaine was a relief but 'no rest for the wicked' the Mayoral Reception was in full swing followed by dinner for many at the Old Gaol, where one can be 'locked up' and pay for the privilege. We were staying at the Caravan Park and we opted for dinner in town, finding 'Bing's Café' - attracted by a sign saying 'Celtic Music Live'. We enjoyed a quick meal and some fine singing and chat (next morning the Café boasted Cornish Pasties on the menu - I wonder why?). Then followed a 'meet the Cornish' evening with singing and getting together for people from many states and overseas - and the raising of St. Piran's Flag.

Saturday morning saw time for many to explore the surrounding countryside ... some by bus to Chewton and Fryerstown, we by car to my Grandmother's nearby hometown of Maldon, and 'visiting relies' in the cemetery. Back to Castlemaine Old Goal and my 15 yo son Owen got right into the Cornish Wrasslin demonstrations, whilst we had time to talk and visit the massive family history displays. That evening it was into our tartan and the Grand St. Piran's Dinner.



The Bards at a 'photo-op' at Castlemaine.

Next morning down to Victory Park for the day's events, which included the 13th Assembly of the Bards of the Gorseth of Cornwall in Australia. The day included singing, the 1st Cornish Wrasslin competition in Australia for over 100 years, The 'Obby O'ss, the Furry Dance, and children's games.

When St Piran's Flag was ceremonially lowered we had had a thoroughly enjoyable and Cornish Australian weekend! Thanks to all you travelled down.

ST PIRAN'S LUNCH

After our AGM on Sunday 12th March about 28 members enjoyed luncheon at the Burwood RSL and after chatting we enjoyed singing and music – thanks to John Coombs and John Lloyd - and videos.

[Special thanks must go posthumously here to Ted Tonkin who videod the Castlemaine weekend and gave us a great showing!]

MEETING MARY GIBBS

The welcome to Mary was held on Saturday 25th March at Russ and Ruth Cock's home in Baulkham Hills. About 24 attended and were fed Ruth's wonderful pasties along with scones made on the spur of the moment by Peg Tonkin and these were lathered with jam and clotted cream that had been made the day before by Roger Buckingham. The weather was lovely and everyone spent a relaxing day sitting around in the charming courtyard chatting, and catching up on the news.

Mary was a very charming and friendly American lady [visiting Australia from the Colorado Cornish Cousins, based in Denver] who some of the members in Castlemaine of the Victorian Assoc. and was then invited to meet some of the Cornish of NSW. Russ welcomed Mary whose ancestors had come from the St.Austell area, and she replied saying she had never had such an occasion held in her honour before and was amazed at the number of people who attended. For most of us it was a great chance to get together with yet another person with Cornish ancestry.

FAMILY HISTORY 17TH APRIL

This meeting went well although this time we had to adjourn inside because we now have a key on loan from the Church. Detailed planning for future afternoons was made.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT for 1999-2000

It has been an interesting year as requests and information have been received about Cadia, Byng and Cobar, together with quite a few requests for entry of a surname interest and family query on the Web pages. Some of this material is reported on shortly at each Family History meeting at which I can be present.

CADIA

As members would know, the Newcrest Mining Company has opened a very large mine at Cadia and the site has gradually expanded as the company has set up its facilities. It was clear that several parts of the old village of Cadia and its cemetery would be within the area of mining operations. Newcrest put in hand the move of the cemetery and its remains to a new site not far from the old Cadia Engine House with which we had been involved. The work was being put in the hands of a very competent archaeological and forensic scientist in 1999. It was anticipated that the move would be completed by January 2000 but it is still being done. There are many unmarked burial places which have children within them and these are being carefully assess to decide who was buried. When moved, each of the burial sites will be marked with the assessed name and age of the person therein. I have had contact with the Newcrest Manager at Cadia and have been kept informed about the operation.

The contact with Newcrest was enhanced by a request to me by a lady in the north of NSW whose forebears were buried at the Cadia cemetery. I have kept her informed of the operations as they are reported to me. She will be invited by Newcrest to be present at the rededication of the cemetery on May 2nd. I am likely to be there too on behalf of the CANSW.

(Continued next Month)

John Symonds
CANSW Webmaster

Editorial note:

The content of (and the items in) this newsletter does **not** necessarily reflect the views of the CANSW, but of the various contributors and sources! If someone is sick then please let me know for a get well message, or other news please!

The next Newsletter is due for June / July. Deadline is 3rd June. Copy (written out or emailed or on disk) very welcome!

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