

# THE VALLEY VOICE

## AND EAST COAST

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### THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

The birth of Jesus Christ is now recognised by millions. The world really thinks a lot of Jesus, more than it is prepared to admit, perhaps.

Even Hermann Goering, with tears in his eyes, sang "Silent Night, Holy Night" and recited the Lord's Prayer with eleven other Nazis on trial at Nuremberg, at a Christmas Eve service held in the prison Chapel.

The wealth of legends and customs of Christmas are a fascinating subject. Each land has its own variations of the old story and its particular religious and national customs.

Why has Christmas become a universal festival? Is it because it appeals to our best instincts? Is it because what we call the Christmas spirit - shared briefly at this time by millions of non-Christians - is the nearest that men have ever come to the heavenly happiness of a truly Christian world - a family world?

The Christmas lesson is needed every year, but never more so in 1987, when hundreds of millions are in abject misery from which only good-will can rescue them.

A new hope needs to arise, a hope of brotherhood and peace, such as the shepherds knew at Bethlehem on that night of miracles so long ago.

What an empty world this would be were we deprived of all things spiritual.

Perhaps we will resolve now with Charles Dickens, "I will honour Christmas in my heart and try to keep it the year round."

Resolve, when Christmas Day has passed, not to slip back into our old moods of worrying and nagging and squabbling, as if to say, "well, that's over for another year, and now we can get back to realities."

Ah yes, how soon we might win the world if only we practised the realism of Christmas all the year round.

May happiness, peace and the love of God be with you and your family this Christmas and in 1988.

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### LAST ISSUE FOR 1987

The Valley and East Coast Voice will resume publication on February 19, '88

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# WHAT'S ON

## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Will be held in the Fingal Town Hall on Dec. 18th starting at 7pm. Transport can be arranged for elderly citizens by contacting Roxie Cowie or Pat Rubenach. We would like to see you along to enjoy an evening of carols. Pat Rubenach and Roxie Cowie.

The Fingal Anglican Fair have raised \$622 and we would like to thank all who helped in any way, such as providing goods for the stalls, and helping with work on the day and evening. Also our thanks to Avoca Church Committee for the loan of their roll table and hoops. Not forgetting all those who just came along to buy the "goodies". Thank you once again. Pat Rubenach.

The F.U.P.C.Y.C. will be running a school holiday programme in the last two weeks of the school holidays. Notices will be placed in shop windows at the end of January. Any queries to this, please contact S.Spilsbury, 722294 or S.Challis 722497

St.Marys Hospital Auxiliary will be holding Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 13th December, assisted by the St.Marys District School and the St.Marys Lions Club, commencing at 8.30pm at the Community Centre Grounds.

**HEY KIDS** Don't forget to send a letter to Santa, C/o St.Marys Lions Club, with your name and address, and get a letter from "Santa" from the North Pole.

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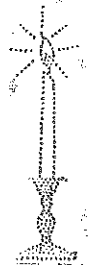
CHRISTMAS PARTY

will be held Tuesday December 15th at 10.30 a.m.

## EMPTY CHRISTMAS TREE

The Empty Christmas Tree for gifts for the Anglican Church Homes have been put in the St. Marys and Cornwall churches. Gifts which are sent to the Clarendon Childrens' Home Kingston - 5 years upwards boys and girls, Glenview - Home for the aged male and female, Roland Home for Boys. Please bring gifts early because of cartage problems. Thank you.

Una Camplin

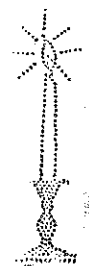


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# CHURCH CHRISTMAS NOTICES

## FINGAL-PORTLAND UNITING CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE

Scamander 9.00am 2nd Sunday  
8.00am 4th Sunday  
Fingal 9.30am every week  
St. Marys 11.00am every week  
St. Helens 10.30am 2nd Sunday  
7.00pm 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th  
Sundays  
Rossarden 7.00pm 3rd Tuesday?

### Sunday School

Fingal 9.30am  
St. Marys 9.45am (with Salvation  
Army)  
St. Helens 3.30pm Mondays K.U.C.A.  
& Club  
Scamander

ALL WELCOME....Minister Rev. Alan  
Renton Phone 752139

## THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. HELENS

St. Pauls Church  
8.00am }  
9.30am } every Sunday  
7.00pm }  
Sunday School 3.30pm Mondays  
Pyengana  
11.00am 2nd, 4th Sundays  
Falmouth  
9.30am 1st, 3rd Sundays

## ANGLICAN PARISH OF FINGAL VALLEY

Sunday December 13  
9.00am H.C. Fingal  
10.30am H.C. St. Marys  
(note change of time)  
5.00pm Carol Service Avoca

Sunday December 20  
9.00am F.S. Fingal  
10.30am H.C. Cornwall  
3.00pm Mangana  
7.00pm E.P. Royal George

Christmas Eve 24 Dec.  
7.30pm Mathinna  
11.30pm H.C. Fingal

Christmas Day Dec. 25  
8.00am H.C. St. Marys  
9.30am H.C. Fingal  
11.00am H.C. Avoca

Sunday January 3  
9.00am Fingal  
10.30am St. Marys  
7.00pm Avoca

Sunday Jan 10  
9.00am Fingal  
10.30am Avoca  
6.00pm St. Marys

## ANGLICAN PARISH OF THE FINGAL VALLEY

Sunday January 17  
9.00am Fingal  
10.30am Cornwall  
7.00pm Avoca

Sunday January 24  
9.00am Fingal  
10.30am St. Marys  
7.00pm Avoca

## SALVATION ARMY CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday December 20  
2.30pm Cornwall "A Christmas  
Presentation"

Sunday School  
Sunday Dec. 13  
2.30pm Cornwall/St. Marys  
combined at Cornwall

Sunday Dec. 20  
9.30am Cornwall/St. Marys  
combined at St. Marys "Caroling"

From Dec. 20 no Legion-Home League-  
Sunday School or Service till Feb. 7th.

WE HOPE ALL READERS WILL HAVE A VERY  
HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND GOD'S  
BLESSING ON 1988.

## CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. MARYS

St. Marys - St. Mary of the Assumption  
Sundays December 13-20 9.00am

St. Helens - SS Helena & Stanislaus  
Vigil Mass - Saturdays 6.00pm

Fingal - St. Joseph  
Sunday December 13 10.30am

Mangana - Our Lady of the Sacred  
Heart - 3rd Sunday Dec. 20th 10.30am

### Catholic Christmas Mass Times:

Christmas Eve - Thursday  
St. Helens - Vigil Mass - 6.00pm  
Fingal - Vigil Mass - 8.30pm  
St. Marys - Vigil Mass - 11.00pm

Christmas Day:  
Bicheno 10.00am

Catholic Mass Times for Dec. 27th  
January and February.

St. Helens - Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm  
St. Marys - Sunday Mass 9am  
Fingal - Sunday Mass 10.30am  
Mangana - 3rd Sunday Mass 10.30am  
Bicheno - Sunday Mass 4.00pm

PARISH PRIEST: Father Connolley.  
Phone St. Marys 72 2252

## SPORT

THE SCAMANDER RIVER GOLF CLUB NOTES

Clearing of fairways commenced on the 23rd Nov., with Mr Dave Wagner a contractor from Mathinna clearing the course. It is expected the clearing will be completed by the first week in December.

The club invites anyone requiring firewood to help themselves, thus helping to clean the course.

Surveying of the course has changed the length from 5946 Metres to 6285 Metres, which will make it one of the longest golf courses in the State.

The Rivers and Water Supply Commission have recently granted the club permission to build a large inground dam on the proposed course. Also the club is very pleased to hear that proposed extensions to the building complex will commence shortly.

Foundation memberships of the club have been slowly coming in, but a lot more foundation members, voluntary workers and machinery are required now that work has started in earnest, for the golf club course to become a reality.

Anyone wishing to help the club can contact any of the following committee: A. Rawnsley, Mick Rawnsley, J. Bushing, M. Miller, G. Kerrison, L&M Cook, K. Davern, Max Rawnsley and A. Johns.

COMING EVENTS

DEC. 12, Xmas Party, Fourseasons Motel, Dinner \$15 and band, highlighted with the drawing of our major raffle.

Jan. 30, 1988, Barbeque and band, "Pas De Deux" at the Complex.

Anyone wishing information on the above please contact any member of the committee.

G. Kerrison,  
Publicity Officer.

ST. MARYS VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

1988 is the tenth year of the Volleyball Association. How about some of our older players taking part in our roster. We have players like Gary Richards, Peter Lohrey, Stephen Cooke, Stephen Salter, Keith Cook, Derek Summers, The McDonalds, Tom Hendley, Bob Knox, Gary Richardson, Alan Beach, Nigel Britton, Michael Herring who could show the teams playing now that they haven't lost any of their skills. So think about it and why not play next season!



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ST. MARYS VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

8 December, the Ladies and Mens Volleyball Clubs held their grand finals and trophy night.

Ladies:

White d Red 3-1

Mens:

Warriors d Avoca 3-1

Ladies Best and Fairest Runner-up

Andrea Hayes (White)

Ladies Best and Fairest

Mary Targett (Pink)

Mens Best & Fairest Runner-up

Steve Wally (Avoca)

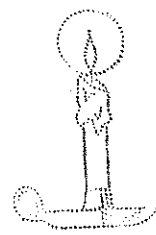
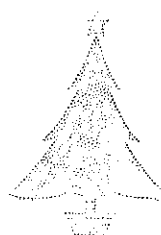
Mens Best and Fairest

Ian Bradbury (Pub)

The BHP Quiet Achiever Award was won by the colourful and likeable Robert Tatchell known (and heard) by many as "Motor".

We wish to thank Mike Graham for the use of the hotel lounge for meetings and trophy night, all the umpires throughout the season, the players and spectators, Mr. Beswick for use of gym, Andrew Madden and Jenny Hibbens who helped sand and varnish our trophies and last but not least Graham Smylie who when asked at the last minute presented our trophies. Thanks everyone for a good season.

I. Bradbury Sec/Treas.  
R. Madden Pres.  
A. Mitchell V/Pres.



# ST. MARYS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

## APPRECIATION:

Thank you to parents and other members of the community who have supported the school and its teachers during this year. Parents who have been involved in the Mothers Club and the Parents and Friends Association have given the school valuable support by backing school initiatives, purchasing equipment and running activities for the school. There has been an increased number of parents attending parent association meetings and there have been some useful and constructive discussions at these meetings and at parent-discussion groups conducted by the school's social worker Mrs. Jenny Long.

Thanks also to those parents who have just been good caring parents; the interested parents who are really concerned about their children's progress at school, their general conduct and standards both inside and outside the school, their regular attendance, their respect for reasonable authority and for their fellow students. It is not always easy to be a good parent but the rewards must be worthwhile.

## SCHOOL MAGAZINE:

Copies of our 1987 school magazine are available from the school office for \$5, a price heavily subsidised by Parents and Friends Association and school funds.

Families are urged to purchase this record of the year as soon as possible as supply is limited.

## SWIMMING POOL:

The school swimming pool will be available for family use during the Christmas holidays and the summer weeks which follow.

Information and rules for using the pool are available from the school office.

If you would like your family to have access to the pool please complete arrangements by Tuesday, 15th December.

## OPEN DAY:

Friday, 11th December

The school will be open for the viewing of displays from 12 noon and the formal speech afternoon and secondary prize giving will begin at 1.45 p.m.

Guest Speaker - Mr. Denzil Williams  
Principal 1970-74

## 1988 BOOK LISTS AND BOOK SALES:

Book lists for 1988 requirements will be sent home this week. Parents are asked to fill in the necessary details and return one copy to school before the end of the term. The lists will be prepared during the holidays and will be available for sale at the school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9th, 10th and 11th February, 1988 between 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

It is hoped that this arrangement will save unnecessary waiting time on the day of collection.

## SWIMMING POOL FUND RAISING:

On Saturday, 5th December, 1987 the last fund raising activity for 1987 took place, with the Fruit Salad Stall held at the Fingal Market. It was a great success, with a total of \$63.87 being raised after expenses were deducted. Our thanks go to all those generous people who donated food for the stall and to those who patronised it.

It is with regret that we lose an untiring and enthusiastic treasurer in Mrs. Ann Kruse who is moving to Hobart this month. Our special thanks go to Ann for her time, effort and support. Our new treasurer is Mrs. Anne Birrell.

Dates to keep in mind for 1988:  
February - Golf Fun Day  
February - Launceston Cup Luncheon and Fashion Parade  
19th March - Pig Roast  
Full details later.

Our bank balance now stands at \$7425.81.

Marilyn McKenzie,  
PUBLICITY OFFICER.

THE ST. MARYS SPORTS CENTRE INC.

Last Saturday evening 70 guests sat down to a very enjoyable Club dinner at which all trophies won during the year are awarded. "Tee up" on behalf of the Club would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a very Happy Coming Year - Valley Voice - all donors and trophies and the friends who assemble at our Club during the year Members and Associates also, we do hope to see all during 1988 and that everything will be happy and as enjoyable as 1987. We had some wonderful Golf played during our Season which was most enjoyable and entertaining.

The progress of our Associates have really been most keen and hope next year a few more players may be added to the "Honour Board". Congratulations to all members and associates who received trophies for the well earned rounds of golf played in their respective divisions.

The Juniors again had their names displayed well and I guess a few will be leaving Junior status very soon. To keep interest flowing during the Summer months, the Club Captain has a competition each Sunday - 9 Hole Stroke for Associates in "Takeyeppick" 50c entry fee and Captain would like to see everyone "have a go". The first competition has already been played and was won by John Newman with a 30 nett.

A Grade Champion	1988: K. Howe
" " Hdcp	" " Drew Berwick
B Grade Scratch	" " G. Darwick
" " Hdcp	" " J. Viney
C " Scratch	" " G. Little
" " Hdcp	" " Chris Hayes
Junior Champion	Drew Berwick
" Hdcp	Drew Berwick

Mens Foursome Scratch Champ'ships  
Andrew Wright & K. Davern

Mens Foursome Hdcp Champ'ships  
Paul Davern & R. McGivern

Mixed Foursome Scratch Champ'ships  
Narelle Hayes & Drew Berwick

Mixed Foursome Hdcp Champ'ships  
Leo Cook and J. Barr

Mens Matchplay Final

A Grade	Drew Berwick
B Grade	Peter Davern
C Grade	Corey Cheshire

Monthly Qualifying Final

Scratch	Andrew Wright
Hdcp	Shab Wilmot

Jim Brennan Memorial Trophy  
Cros Davern & Mrs. C. McGee

Captain Averages Trophy

Gross	Steven Dawson
Hdcp	Laurie Stingle

Associates

Club Champion	Miss B. Johnson
C. Grade	Mrs. I. Francis
72 Hole Championship nett	Miss B. Johnson

Members Saturday Comp. Flag

John Newman	19th Fairway
Steve Dawson	19th Fairway
S. Mitchell	18th Hole
N.P. S. Dawson	

LADIES VOLLEYBALL BEST & FAIREST COUNT

Mary Targett	21
Andrea Hayes	16
Sharryn Binns	13
Penny Mitchell	12
Bonita Hayes	11
Debbie Dawson	8
Karen Brown	8
Jodie Madden	8
Tracy Bean	8
Maryanne Mitchell	6
Karen Squires	5
Narelle Hayes	5
Teema Maney	5
Felicity Leedham	4
Michelle Leedham	3
Kathy Squires	2
Alan Leedham	2
Tania Smith	2
Paula Smylie	1
Paula Wyminga	1
Debbie Gibbons	1
Culieanne Birrell	1

DID YOU KNOW - DOWN THE YEARS 1860

Hull's Guide records that the Hon. Francis Smith, Premier Attorney-Gen., at this time was M.H.A. for Fingal, Robert Fringle Stuart was the P.M. and Coroner. The Chief District Constable was John Smith. John Thomas was the District Surveyor who lived at Fingal. Robert Carter was the Auctioneer and J. Smith the Postmaster. Justice's of the Peace, for the district at this time were James and Robert Hepburn, Roy's Hill, Avoca (1833); Francis Walter Von Stieglitz, Ormley, (1843); James Grant Jnr. MHA Tullochgorum (1844); C.A. Parker, Robert Clerk Malahide (1852); Thomas Ransom, Millbrook (1854), Robert Fringle Stuart was also Commissioner of Golf-fields from 1886. The Doctors' were J. Best Avoca, Z.P. Pocock at Fingal. Schoolmasters in the district were: J.H. Roberts at Avoca, W.G. Williams at Fingal, Miss Sadler at Cullenswood, W.O. O'Brien had a private school at Avoca, which was known as the Avoca Grammar School.

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The following poem was found many years ago in an hospital locker, after an elderly lady had passed away. We do not know the name of the author, but thought it worthy of printing.

## POETIC THOUGHTS OF AN OLD LADY

What do you see nurse, what do you see?  
What are you thinking when you're  
looking at me.  
A crabby old woman, not very wise,  
Uncertain of habit, with far away eyes  
Who dribbles her food, and makes no  
reply,  
When you say in a loud voice, "I do  
wish you'd try".  
Who seems not to notice the things  
that you do,  
And forever is losing a stocking or  
shoe.  
Who unresisting or not let you do  
as you will,  
With bathing or feeding the long day  
to fill.  
Is that what you're thinking? Is  
that what you see?  
Then open your eyes nurse, you're  
looking at me.  
I'll tell who I am, while sitting  
here still,  
As I use at my bidding, as I eat at  
my will.  
I'm a small child of ten, with a  
father and mother,  
Brothers and sisters, who love one  
another.  
A young girl of sixteen, with wings  
on her feet,  
Dreaming that soon now a lover she'll  
meet.  
A bride soon at twenty, my heart  
gives a leap,  
Remembering the vows I promise to keep  
At twenty-five now, I have young of  
my own,  
Who needs me to build a secure happy  
home;  
A woman of thirty, my young now  
grow fast,  
Bound to each other, with ties that  
should last.  
At forty my young sons will all soon  
be gone,  
But my man stands behind me to see  
I don't mourn.  
At fifty, once more babies play  
round my knee,  
Again we know children, my loved ones  
and me.  
Dark days upon me, my husband is dead,  
I look to the future, I shudder with  
dread.  
For my young are all busy, rearing  
their own,  
And I think of the years, and the  
love I have known.  
I'm an old woman now, and nature  
is cruel,  
Tis her jest to make nature, look  
like a fool.  
The body is crumbled, grace and  
vigour depart,  
There is once a stone, where I once



POETIC THOUGHTS OF AN OLD LADY.....

Cont'd

But inside this carcase, while a  
 young girl still dwells,  
 And now and again, my battered  
 heart swells,  
 I remember the joys, I remember the  
 pain,  
 And I'm loving and living life over  
 again.  
 I think of the years, all too few  
 gone too fast,  
 And I accept the stark fact that  
 nothing can last.  
 So open your eyes nurse, open and see,  
 Not a crabby old woman, look closer,  
 SEE ME.

Author unknown.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to one of St. Marys  
 oldest residents, Mrs Kath Cooper,  
 who on the 15th Dec. will celebrate  
 her 90th birthday.

Mrs Cooper, (nee Wrigley) was born  
 in the highlands, just before the turn  
 of the century. One of a family  
 of eleven, she was put into service  
 with a family at the age of eight.  
 She was educated at home by her  
 father, as to go to school would have  
 meant a ride on a horse 50 miles each  
 way. She vividly remembers riding  
 a horse to dances, dancing until day-  
 light and then riding home.

After an upset in the family, she  
 returned home to the property above  
 Bothwell called The Basin, to help  
 rear her brothers and sisters. She  
 recalls trapping for food, milking  
 sheep, and living in a very close  
 family relationship.

Later she met Ernie Cooper and was  
 married and lived at No. 14 Kelly's  
 Steps, Salamanca Place, close to  
 where Mr Cooper was a Linesman at  
 Sandy Bay with the P.M.G.

Around 1924, they moved to St. Marys  
 and while the house she now lives in  
 was being built, they lived in a cara-  
 van on the block.

Mrs Cooper has reared 13 children,  
 and only one lives out of Tasmania.  
 She has 53 grandchildren, 60 great-  
 grandchildren and one great great  
 grand child.

On the 15th Dec, all her children  
 will gather at the home in which they

were reared to have tea, and this  
 will be the first time in 28 years  
 since the passing of their father,  
 that they have all been together.

Mrs Cooper is a foundation  
 member of St. Marys Child Health,  
 Parents and Friends, Red Cross,  
 St. Marys District Hospital Aux. and  
 the R.S.L., women's Aux. She has  
 been recognised by the Red Cross,  
 Hospital and R.S.L. for outstanding  
 services and was awarded life member-  
 ship of the R.S.L. Women's Aux.

She is known in this area for  
 her contribution to Elderly Citizens  
 Bowls Club, where at the tender age  
 of 80, she won her first trophy.  
 Since then she has won many more.

Mrs Cooper enjoys a fairly  
 active life and gets great pleasure  
 from knitting sox and crocheting  
 knee rugs for patients at the Royal  
 Derwent Hospital. Her baskets and  
 handwork have been given outstand-  
 ing praise at the Elderly Citizens  
 Handcraft Competitions in Launceston.

She has worked all her life as  
 a laundress and cook at the two  
 hotels, and was domestic for the  
 P.M.G. until she retired.

There is only 2 links broken in  
 the family chain.

So at 90 years of age, we wish  
 her many more, and good health and  
 happiness for the future.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Welcome home to Mr R. (Dub)  
 Jarvis from hospital, and congrat-  
 ulations and best wishes to you  
 on the occasion of your 84th birthday.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

MRS KATH COOPER..... Heartiest  
 congratulations on her 90th birthday.  
 She is an inspiration to us all.  
 From the Fingal Valley Welfare  
 Association for Senior Citizens  
 and the Cornwall Indoor Bowls Club.  
 Happy birthday Kath, have a great  
 day.

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## CHRISTMAS IN OTHER COUNTRIES

**GREENLAND:** In a village of Polar Eskimo near Thule in Greenland there is much visiting of families, drinking coffee and eating cakes and giving of brightly wrapped parcels, which may contain a model sledge, a pair of polished walrus tusks, or sealskin mitts. Everyone in the village gets a gift and children go from hut to hut, singing songs. Christmas trees have to be imported, as no trees grow this far north. Dancing goes on most of the night. After supper, carols, then cakes, a great delicacy called "Mattak" (whale skin with a strip of blubber inside,) is passed around. It tastes like fresh coconut, but is too tough to chew and is usually swallowed.

**FRANCE:** Creche is a French word for manger or crib, and one little French town has become world-famous for its little figures used in Christmas cribs. It is Aubagne, a modest little provencal town about halfway between Marseilles and Aix en Provence, and is, somewhat incongruously perhaps, the home of the French Foreign Legion.

French children put out shoes or "Sabots", wooden clogs, in the hearth for the Christ child or Father Christmas (Pere Noel) to fill. Adults give each other presents at New Year. When Christmas Eve Festivities are over and the family have gone to bed, it is the custom to leave a fire burning, and candles lit, and food and drink on the table, in case the Virgin Mary passes that way.

Three masses are held during the night in beautifully lit churches and Cathedrals, from whose bells and carillons Christmas carols ring out. Then the family return home to a meal known as "Le Reveillon". It maybe of roast fowl, baked ham, salads, cake, fruit and wine. In the Paris region, oysters are the favorite dish, followed by a cake shaped like a Yule log.

**MEXICO:** In Mexico, Christmas is not a season for giving presents but for acting out the Christmas story in a popular way. Celebrations start nine days before Dec. 25. These days are called "Posadas", the Spanish word for "lodging", the word referring to the Inns at which Joseph and Mary stopped on their way to Bethlehem. Each night a family gives their home as a "Posada" for a festive evening. When darkness falls, processions formed by children. They carry a small litter with statues or clay figures of Mary riding on a donkey, Joseph walking in front and an angel following. Everyone else carries a lighted candle and all join in singing hymns.

**FINLAND:** Christmas has become a secular holiday for many people in Finland, with the time before Christmas becoming very exhausting. Christmas celebrations and preparations start early in Finland and other Scandinavian countries with the first Sunday of Advent or "Little Christmas". There are three other Advent Sundays before Christmas. One candle is lit and put either in a special candlestick that holds four, or as the first of four candles on the Christmas tree. Children get their presents then. Small children get a calendar with a window to open each day before Christmas.

Usually the family help to make gingerbread or "pepparkakor" in the shape of stars, hearts, moon, pigs and particular other figures, or gingerbread houses. The custom has been going since the 15th century.

### THANK YOU

RUSSELL, ROBERTA & CASSANDRA HARWOOD wish to express their thanks to Dr. Genicola, Sr. Hardman, Matron Lavellie and Mr. Hayes for their support and encouragement at the birth of our son, Stuart. Thankyou to the nursing staff for there care and kindness shown to us during our stay in hospital. A special thankyou to our family and friends for their love, kind wishes, cards and gifts. Would all please accept this as our personal thankyou.

### THANKS

I wish to thank doctors and staff at St. Marys Hospital for their help and kindness to me while in hospital.

Alice Parsons  
Cornwall.



## POST OFFICE NEWS

A big merry Christmas and happy New Year to everyone from the staff at the Post Office.

If you have Christmas parcels to send within Tasmania, Victoria or New South Wales come and see our Tassie and Aussie packs. \$5 within Tasmania or \$7 to Victoria or N.S.W. After the 14th it will be \$12 to Victoria or N.S.W. airmail. These prices include the Postpak mailing box. Also we have some ideal Christmas gift ideas. The 1987 stamp album is on sale now, also the Bi-Centennial Diary, stamp beginner's kits, stamp heritage books and many other goodies.

One way you can help us at this busy time is if you seal your Christmas cards, it makes it a lot easier for us to stamp and sort the letters. Well earned holidays this Christmas for the postal staff are as follows - Friday 25th, Monday 28th, and Friday the 1st January.

The North-East coast certainly cleaned up in the Australia Post Striving For Excellence campaign. Bicheno postal agency with postal agent Wilf Scott won the best postal agency in Tasmania award. Neville Peake commonly known as Wifty won the individual award for northern Tasmania for striving for excellence. The St. Marys Post Office shared the best northern post office in Australia. The awards are judged on high customer satisfaction and community awareness. Please have a happy and safe festive season.

See you at the P.O.....P.M. PETE.

## PRESS RELEASE FROM SENATOR JOHN WATSON

Opposition Moves to Protect Australian Flag

The Federal Opposition has re-introduced a Bill into the Senate to ensure the present Australian National Flag cannot be changed without a referendum of the Australian people, Senator John Watson (Liberal, Tasmania) said today. 'This is the second time the Flags Amendment Bill has been introduced. Once before it has been passed by the Senate but the Hawke Government refuses to permit it to be debated in the Lower House.'

'National symbols provide a people with a sense of their roots, their history. They have a special meaning and significance,' Senator Watson said.

'In 1985 the present Government provided funds for the campaign to change the national flag known as 'Ausflag 88' without any mandate or reference to the people'.

The Liberal Party believes the Australian National Flag should not be downgraded or replaced by stealth.

'With the Bicentenary Year only weeks away, now is the time for the Government to join in a bipartisan effort to protect and entrench the present National Flag of Australia', Senator Watson said.

For further information contact electorate office, (003) 314544

## FOOD THROUGH THE AGES

When I was young and in my pram,  
I used to love some bread and jam,  
A little later, six or seven  
pancakes were my seventh heaven,  
As I grew up and got to nine  
Sugared doughnuts - fine, just fine,  
Time went by eleven, twelve  
Into the biscuit tin, I'd delve,  
Fifteen, sixteen, fish and chips,  
Never mind my hips;  
Through the twenties puds and pies,  
Oh dear, what about my thighs;  
Suddenly I'm thirty one,  
Yes, I'll just have steak, well done,  
Forty gets me, then I'm seen  
Buying salads, 'fresh and green';  
Fifty threatens, so does cheese,  
Just a small piece for me please,  
Fifty gone and now it's fruit,  
Otherwise my clothes won't suit;  
Food is lovely, what a shame  
Too much of it, and weight I gain.

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Everyone welcome.

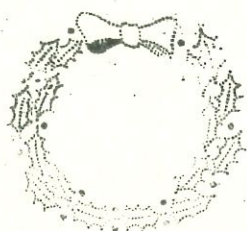
It would be appreciated if entrants could supply their own containers.

PIG ROAST: 19th MARCH, 1988

THANKS

Special thanks to Mrs. Cheryl Hendley, Bonita Hayes and pupils of the Police and Citizens gym class, the Rubenach family, the Uniting Church children, (Scamander and St. Helens), Mr. K. Faulkner (for public address system), Mrs P. Cooke, Sally Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. K. Streets for support. Parents and children from the Salvation Army and generous support of the public in goods and money for 'Empty Stocking' appeal.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS  
TO ALL RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.  
FROM MARION OLIVER, JAN AND MAX  
JOHNSON AND FAMILY.





Should you vacate your home over the Christmas holiday period the following points should be considered.

- Trim back your shrubbery as often an overgrown garden will give cover to anyone considering burglarizing your home. Less coverage gives more exposure to the public.
- Lawns should be cut on a regular basis, if you are away for an extended period. An overgrown lawn often indicates that the owner is away. Make arrangements for someone to come in and cut them whilst you are away. It could be money well spent.
- Have lawns watered regularly if away during a dry season - perhaps consider the purchase of an automatic water timer. A dry lawn indicates neglect or absence of the owner.
- Advise your neighbour and have him park his car in your driveway and collect your mail, both junk and normal. Leave key with him so he can go inside and change window drapes periodically.
- Consider the purchase of a cheap timer to turn on a reading lamp or radio, or both inside the house. This will indicate that someone is home.

- Turn down your bell/ringer on your phone so that it cannot be heard outside the house. Constant ringing of the phone is a sign that no one is home and may encourage an impromptu burglary.

- Don't leave a note out for the milkman, baker etc., as burglars can also read.

- Cancel milk, papers, bread etc., a few days before you leave. This will enable you to check that they are not still being delivered prior to your departure.

- Advise your local police station who may be able to assist with passing attention during their patrols.

## NOTICE

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Bicheno, Pearce & Co. offices  
Phone 751383, Wednesdays 9.00am - Midday.

Swansea, Pearce & Co. offices  
Phone 578223, Wednesdays 2.00pm - 5.00pm.

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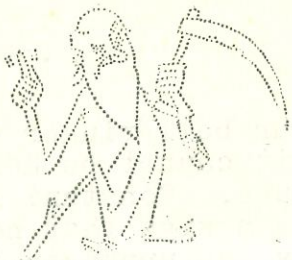
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Christmas tidy ups -

Trim, shampoo and set	\$12.00
Cut and blow dry	\$14.50
Shampoo and set	\$ 6.50
(No extra for S/Lotion plain or coloured)	
Blow dry	\$ 9.00
U/15yrs <u>SPECIAL</u> - PERM -	\$26.50

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL WHO HAVE PATRONIZED MY  
NEW BUSINESS - THANK YOU.



# STARDUST



Week commencing 10th December.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 - Dec. 21

Romance and marriage will have a twist of fate about them, and the unexpected could possibly happen. Also watch your health, as you may feel abit run down.  
Best Days: 11, 17.

CAPRICORN December 22 - January 20

A meeting with a close friend could shed some light on a troubled subject. They say two heads are better than one, when it comes to solving troubles.  
Best Days: 14, 20

AQUARIUS January 21 - February 19

Take a close look at relationships to see what improvements can be made and see whereabouts things are going wrong.  
Best Days: 15, 23.

PISCES February 20 - March 20

The festive season is nearly upon us so try and get yourself organised. Don't leave things to the last minute, as visitors may hold you up, leaving many jobs undone.  
Best Days: 13, 21.

ARIES March 21 - April 20

New job opportunities may occur, so if an offer should come your way, grab it and run. As many chances may only come once. Also watch your dollars, don't be a spendthrift.  
Best Days: 12, 22.

TAURUS April 21 - May 21

They say this is the season to be jolly, so be that way. Be happy and make all those around you happy as well. But just remember don't go overboard with the festivities as you may pay the consequences.  
Best Days: 10, 19.

GEMINI May 22 - June 21

An interesting trip will bring happiness, or you may find yourself investing in some land or buying a house in the country.  
Best Days: 16, 18.

CANCER June 22 - July 22

You may be constantly hounded to make haste decisions about certain things, but don't be pushed take your time and then you will come up with the right answer.  
Best Days: 13, 18.

LEO July 23 - August 23

You will be feeling rather restless and bored with the every day way of light, so slow down and take your self a well earned vacation.  
Best Days: 15, 20

VIRGO August 24 - September 23

This could be an interesting week with you discovering new ideas and trying them out to see if they actually work.  
Best Days: 19, 23

LIBRA September 24 - October 23

You may find your week absolutely packed with parties, Christmas get togethers with friends and just generally socialising. So kick up the heels and have a great time.  
Best Days: 14, 22.

SCORPIO October 24 - November 22

Don't just sit around thinking about what to do, just get out there amongst everyone and have a good time, don't let certain people get you down. Just think positive for a change.  
Best Days: 16, 23.

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