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Break O'Day Plains

A frequent question of visitors to StMarys is "why St Marys, why all these Saints, St Patricks, St Helens?"

St Patricks Head

Named from the sea, he never landed, by Captain Tobias Furneaux on St Patricks Day 17th March 1773, 30 years before European settlement of Van Diemens Land, as he sailed past in the "ADVENTURE" on his way to New Zealand after having been separated from Captain Cook.

St Helens

As Furneaux sailed north past St Patricks Head in 1773 he also named St Helens Point. In 1833, John Helder Wedge marked out a town reserve at Georges Bay, and the first reference to St Helens as a town was in Wedges diary for 1834, "we proceded to St Helens, the town established at Georges Bay".

There seems to be no research as to why Furneaux named the point, St Helens Point.

St Marys

The significant dates in the development of St Marys as a town name seem to be 1842, 1858 and 1864. Prior to the 1840's the area was generally known as St Patricks Head. "Cullenswood" developed as the township until the 1860's when St Marys took over as the capital of the Break O'Day Plains. This development is reflected in the offical name of the Post Office in the area,

St Patricks Head from 1 June 1835, renamed Cullenswood 23 April 1845 until the St Marys Post Office opened 11 April 1869.

St Marys did not exist as a name in the area until 1842. A convict probation station was established midway between the present day town of St Marys and the top of the Pass, in order to build a Pass over the Tiers to the coast at Falmouth, to provide an adequate and permanent route from the inland —

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Tractor drive for Flying Doctor comes to St Marys

It is an imaginative idea, driving a tractor to raise money and awareness for the Royal Flying Doctor Service and young rural Australians, but that is what the Case International Maxxum Mx Series 120 tractor will be doing as it travels almost 11,000km around Australia. The drive began in Perth Western Australia on February 27 and will finish in Cloncurry Queensland on May 15.

It is often believed that the Royal Flying Doctor Service only operates in "the far outback " of Australia but that is not so, it is also based in places such as Tasmania.

A team of Rural Youth Tasmania members will be driving the tractor around Tasmania with their support group which includes an "aeroplane bus"

You can meet them at the St Marys Recreation Ground on Good Friday, about 6pm, when the Lions Club of St Marys and some Lions Club of St Helens members will be meeting and providing tea for the "Tractor crew". The fundraisers will spend the night in St Marys before they continue their travels.

Everyone welcome from 6pm onwards. Please bring a plate of eats or food to BBQ if you wish to join in for a meal, salads provided.

60 Years recognised by Mothers Union

One lady who first became a member of the Cullenswood Mothers Union 60 years ago was presented with a Certificate and a spray of flowers at the Lady Day Service at St Lukes Anglican Church at Campbell Town on Wednesday March 25.

Mrs Una Camplin has been a Union member since joining as a young teacher living at Cornwall. More than 200 representatives from around Tasmania attended the luncheon when the presentation was made. Cullenswood Mothers Union first formed in 1892 and was the first in Australia. The Centenary was celebrated here in St Marys when members came from all around Australia. Mrs Camplin has been actively involved and the branch is now the Cullenswood Cornwall Branch. Mothers Unions are based around family life, the meetings are now held at St Marys. Congratulations to Mrs Camplin on achieving her 60 year Certificate.

"We never know the worth of water until the well is dru".

St Marys **Community Health Centre**

Arrangements for Easter

- The Centre will be closed Good Friday through to Easter Monday and Tuesday afternoon.
- Dr Klaas de Jonge will be on call for Good Friday.
- Dr Luke McGuinn will be on call Easter Saturday and Sunday.
- Dr Jess Geniola will be on call Easter Monday.
- Dr Geniola will hold his usual Tuesday surgery at St Marys and Fingal.
- St Helens Hospital 63722111 63761222 can help you and offer medical advice over the phone.

Break O'Day Plains continued

farm properties of the area to the Port of Falmouth. The site of the station was called Grassy Bottom. A "prime mover and shaker" for the construction of the Pass had been a Scot, James Grant of "Tullochgorum". While delighted that the construction was to proceed, the local "establishment" was less than pleased with the prospect of "Grassy Bottom Pass " appearing on the map. Grant wrote to the Surveyor General in June 1842, and proposed that the Pass be called "St Marys Pass (or Vale), Falmouth".

"A second Probation party has been determined on by His Excellency Sir John Franklin......to be stationed at a place hitherto known as the "Grassy Bottom", a pass on the tier adjoining that of St Patrick's Head and within about four to six miles of Falmouth - of course the site selected on the intended line of road and as the vale will now come much more into notice, and the name being anything but euphonious, it has been agreed on all hands to rechristen it, and I have proposed to the Director of the Probation Department "St Mary's Pass or Vale, Falmouth"...."

Why "all hands" wanted it rechristened specifically as St Marys Pass, as opposed to (say) St Patricks Pass, is unknown. The Pass was completed 1843-1845 and opened in 1846 as St Marys Pass. From then, the area was referred to both as St Patricks Head and as St Marys Pass. An early reference to St Marys Pass as an "abode' was in the baptism record of James Canham (son of James & Jane(Cook)) at Cullenswood 4th December

But still Cullenswood was the major settlement centre, and the 1858 Valuation Roll for the Fingal District showed 54 occupiers of property on Cullenswood, Londavra and Harefield, all showing their address (abode) relative to Cullenswood, eg."Londavra near Cullenswood", "Harefield near Cullenswood", etc. In the whole Roll, only 31 entries refer to "St Marys".

Nevertheless, it seems that the name St Marys had emerged as a place name by this time, as short for "near St Marys Pass". More significantly, a supplement to the Valuation Roll showed 2 entries specifically refering to St Marys as a "township"; Elizabeth Handley owner and occupier of a dwelling house and premises on 2 rods 35 perches, and John Press in a dwelling house on 3 acres of land owned by Groom of Harefield, both located on "St Marys Township". Also 3 further entries showed Harefield as "near St Marys" rather than "near Cullenswood".



In 1858, for the first time, St Marys appeared on a map: Wellers Map of 1858 shows not only St Marys Pass, but also St Marys. However the legend to the map does

identify it as "a town not yet settled". However, official recognition was soon to follow, and the "Township of St Marys" was proclaimed in the Hobart Town Gazette on 26 April 1864, by power of Section Two of the Waste Lands Act 1863 !. Walch's Alamanac for 1864 described the new township as: "132 miles from Hobart, 78 miles from Launceston; population 50, 1 constable. There are about half a dozen tenements, and a post office on the township. including the house of Mr Thomas Hardy at the side of the rivulet, which is crossed by a log bridge."

Apparently at one stage "Armagh" was considered as a name for the township, presumably to recognise the birth place in Ireland of a local worthy, Frederick Louis (von) Steiglitz of "Killymoon", and to consolidate the Irish flavour of Avoca and Fingal. However, he returned to Ireland in 1859 so this lapsed.

So, St Marys it was, is, and ever shall be -.

Many thanks to David Clement for this great piece of local history, hopefully there o will be more over the next few months.



ST MARYS COMMUNITY GARDEN

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An invitation is given to anyone in the Fingal Valley and adjacent coastal regions to give input into the establishment of a Community Garden.

The garden would be utilised by the whole community with emphasis on having raised beds for use by those who are physically disabled and/or aged and find it difficult to garden.

We would also hope that this project could become self supporting and offer education, training and possibly employment.

Your support is necessary and appreciated, so let us know your thoughts.

A meeting will be held on Monday 20th April at 12.00pm at the St Marys Community Health Centre. For further information phone M. Bonnitcha on 63722771 (9-5) or 63722292 A.H.

EUCHRE - CORNWALL HALL

A new series for a meat tray has begun. Time 7.00pm not 7.30pm as previously stated.

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Holy Thursday - 9th April Mass of the Last Supper St Marys 7.00pm

Good Friday - 10th April Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Eucharist

St Marys 2.00pm St Helens 4.00pm Stations of the Cross Mathinna 11.00am

Vigil Service of Light
Sat 11th April
St Helens 8.00pm

Easter Sunday 12th April
St Marys 9.00am
Bicheno 3.00pm

PODIATRIST (for feet)

Christine White, the Podiatrist from Hobart will be visiting St Marys on Thursday 7th May and Friday 8th May. Already bookings are quite heavy. If you wish to make an appointment, please ring Kathryn at Health & Beauty 63722172 or Rona 63722235.



Break O' Day Film Society 1998 Program

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The next meeting will be held on Monday 20th April in the Salvation Army Hall at 7.30pm
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Mangana

2nd Sunday

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Mathinna

5th Sunday

Eurcharistic Service 11.15am

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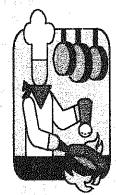
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- 17 Ralph Jones

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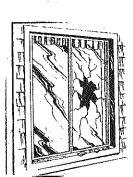
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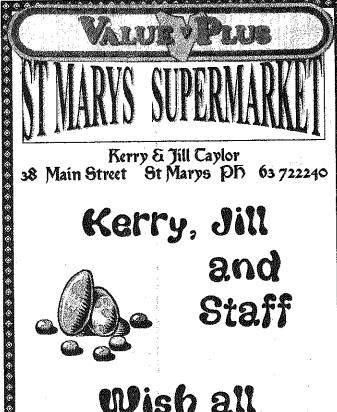
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RATING SYSTEM

- ***** Must Hear \ See
- **** Excellent
- *** Good
- ** Just OK
- * Dont Bother

Welcome to the new look Sound and Vision. Didn't manage to see any new videos but caught a couple of older releases. Sad to hear the news of Tammy Wynette's passing, she will be missed in country music. Wishing you all a happy Easter break.

CD REVIEWS -QUIKPIX

Kiss - "Destroyer"
This is the '97 remaster of
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MUSIC BUFFS BRAIN TEASERS

Last weeks answers:- 1. "Hotel California" - The Eagles. 2. "A Day in the Life" - The Beatles

What songs do the following lyrics come from

- 1. 'I don't know why sometimes I get frightened'.
- 2. 'Somebody shouting up at a mountain only my own voice returns'
- 3. 'Sometimes it's hard to be a woman, giving all your love to just one man'

Answers next issue

VIDEO REVIEWS

"Demon Knight" Starring Billy Zane - This is another from the series "Tales from the Crypt" which guarantees good quality horror - comedy. The familiar story of small group of people trapped in a hotel fighting off demons they must survive the night. Excellent special effects, good story and well acted role by Billy Zane make this very good viewing. ****

"Clerks" written and directed by Kevin Smith - This low budget, black and white film took out two awards in Cannes in '94. A black comedy based around a day in the life of Dante Hicks a cash register jockey in a Quick Stop convenience store. This "R" rated video has no sex and no violence but plenty of VERY strong language. If you like great dialogue and raw talent this is the one to find. I loved it !!!! so blame me if you don't like it. ****



SCHOOL/COMMUNITY POOL

The pool will close on **SUNDAY APRIL 19.** After this day the pool will no longer be heated or cleaned. We hope that you have enjoyed this facility over our wonderful summer period. Could keyholders please return their keys to the school office and collect their \$10.00 deposit as soon as possible.

Thank you for your co-operation. The improvement in the swimming skills of our children in the local community has obviously improved enormously.





Our Easter Break begins on Good Friday, April 10. Students will return to school on **TUESDAY APRIL 21**.

Teachers will resume on Monday April 20. This day has been set aside by the Government for year 9-12 moderation meetings and professional development for all other staff not attending moderation days.

FAIR UPDATE

Preparations for our Gala Fair are going great guns. It is wonderful to see the huge number of parents and staff who are willing to work with us toward making this the "Extravaganza we know it will be.

WE STILL NEED ...

Tents (old fashioned type), or shade cloth Outdoor tables & chairs or just tables would be fine Umbrellas

Tarps

If you can loan us any of these items for the day, please contact Janine Midson on 63725252 or me (Katrina Laycock) on 63725343.

WE ALSO NEED...

Donations of clean junk for the White Elephant stall. So start cleaning out your cupboards. If you haven't used it for 12 months, you probably never will! All donations can be left at the school office in the box provided.

Donations of packets of uncooked rice and pairs of matching face-washers to be used for the making of lavender heat packs for the Kindergarten stall would be appreciated. Donations can be left with Susan Miles at the Kindergarten or Lisa Bean at the office.

KATRINA LAYCOCK, JANINE MIDSON AND FAIR ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

YOUTH ALLOWANCE Update

What are the income limits for the parental means test?

Children		AUSTUDY	Youth Allowance			
No.	Ages	Circs.		No RA	Sharer RA	Full RA
One	16	At home	\$34,473	\$38,430	N/a	N/a
One	16	Away	\$44,305	\$50,879	\$56,068	\$58,658
One	18	At home	\$37,529	\$41,477	N/a	N/a
One	18	Away	\$46,957	\$50,879	\$56,068	\$58,658
Two	l x 16 1 x 18	Both at home	\$38,173 \$41,229	\$42,130 \$45,177	N/a	N/a
Two	1 x 16 1 x 18	Both away	\$48,005 \$50,657	\$54,579 \$54,579	\$59,758 \$59,758	\$62,358 \$62,358

Higher cut-out points apply to larger families. For tertiary students living away from home, the sibling discount for any other child of the family also undertaking tertiary study at the away from home rate will be \$7,400.

What rate of payment will young people get under YA arrangements?

Customer circumstances		Maximum rate (per fortnight)
Single, living at home#	16-17 years	\$145.00
Single, hvilig at home	18 years or older	\$174.30
Single, away from home (dependent" or independent) Married, no children		\$265,00*
Married, with children		\$290.80*
Sole Parent		\$347.80*
Special rate for	single, living at home	\$213.90*
long-term unemployed over 21, commencing	single, living away from home or independent	\$321.50*
full-time study	married	\$290.80*

Based on March 1997 rates.

- * Rent assistance may be payable in addition to these rates.
- * All dependent allowees, at home or away from home, will be subject to the Parental Means Test

Following several phone conversations with the Centrelink Regional Manager, a representative will not be attending a parent information session at this stage. There are still some issues that need to pass through Parliament yet and Centrelink staff don't seem to know much more either. Regardless, we are assured that the Youth Allowance will come into effect as proposed on 1 July and the problem areas won't be ironed out until the Youth Allowance becomes operational. Typical!

The following tables provide an insight into eligibility. Apparently there won't be any changes to the current Isolated Children's Allowance.

I have, however received a copy of the most recent documents that Centrelink Offices are using so if you want further information, give me a ring and I will try to decipher same.

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	21, commencing full-time study	living away from home/independent	<\$712.10 pf"	n/a

(The income figures have been rounded to the nearest ten cents)

COMPETITIVE SWIMMING RESULTS

Our students ability is certainly up with the best of them as far as swimming goes!

At the Division 2 NHSSA Swimming Carnival held at Windmill Hill Pool in Launceston this week, 5 St Marys students who won their 50m events at the Division 3 carnival, competed in a number of events. Their results were outstanding and as follows:

ALEX HORTLE ILYA BRUCKSCH DOMANSKI	GR7 GR7	50M backstroke 50M breaststroke	FIRST SECOND
AZI ANDREWS FELICITY DEATH	GR8 GR10	50M freestyle 50M breaststroke 50M breaststroke	SECOND · SECOND FIFTH
TRISTAN CLEMENT	GR10	Div.1 50M freestyle	FIFTH out of 32 swimmers

Congratulations to these students and we look forward to their future achievements.

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I am delighted to report how settled the children are at the moment. This can be attributed to their own dedication, responsible attitude and the excellent work being done by the staff. It is a pleasure to be working in the school.

PARENT TEACHER

Parent Teacher sessions will be held on Monday and Tuesday, 4th and 5th May. Information regarding appointments will be distributed after Easter.



GIFTED AND TALENTED

Courtney Stewart, Melissa Casboult, Chris Lowe and Cameron Bean have just completed a Planet theme with Sally Rowlands. As a conclusion to their sessions they have produced a short video. Other students will be given the opportunity to work with Sally during the year.

ST. MARYS SCHOOL FAIR

The St. Marys School Fair will be held on Friday, 24th April, the first week back at school, after Easter. We will take the whole school P-6 to the Fair for about two hours, travelling by bus. the St. Marys school will, in return, bring a bus load of students to our fair in June.

We will leave school at 10-45am and return at 1-15pm. Students will require their own spending money. They will have recess before we leave and lunch on our return.







PRINCIPAL'S POSITION

I have just received notification, as I write this newsletter, that I have been appointed Principal of our school. For the next 3 years I look forward to continuing to work with the whole school community in providing excellent education opportunities for students.

FIRE EDUCATION

Commencing Monday, 6th April, our students will participate in Fire Education lessons. The lessons are structured by the Education and Fire Departments and consist of the following lessons (one per day).

April 6th and 7th

Prep - Grade 1

April, 6th, 7th, 9th, 21st, 22nd

Grades 2-3

April 6th, 7th, 9th, 21st

Grades 4-5-6

Fireman Shane, not Fireman Rod, will be conducting the lessons. We would appreciate your support in revising, each day, lessons at home, by asking your children what they have learnt.

NUTRITION

A reminder to parents, particularly of Grade 4-5-6 students that we have invited two 'experts' to work with our students (Grade 4-5-6) on Wednesday, 8th April. Parents are urged to attend the parent session from 2-30 till 3-00pm in the staff room. Please let Vicki know if you are attending.

(So far we have only 1 parent who has indicated their presence).

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Some very exciting news! We now have a Specialist Physical Education Teacher, Mrs. Alison Napier. I am delighted to inform you that due to our increased student numbers, District Office have allocated half a day additional staff to the school. Alison will begin duties straight after Easter.

We were extremely lucky to obtain Alison's services as she is taking a year off to have a baby. As the baby is due close to the first term holiday break, interruption to the school program should be minimal. We will be totally flexible with Alison and the 'big event'.

Louise and I are the first to admit that it is far more preferable for a specialist P.E. teacher to take our students for Physical Education. We enjoyed our experience but clearly understand that Alison will provide better education opportunities for the children.

As a result of Alison 's employment the three P/E lessons will all be on the same day. The new timetable is as follows:

WEDNESDAY

10-10 to 10-55 Kinder/Prep/Grade 1 11-15 to 12-00 Grade 2/3 12-00 to 12-45 Grade 4/5/6/

GALA DAYS

The First Gala Day is Friday, 1st May. Football, Netball and Hockey practice will commence after the Easter break at school.

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Junior Footy

First roster games were held at St Marys on Sunday 29 March. The Under 8's was an entertaining match with the Cornwall Cats setting up a match winning lead in the first half. Aaron Midson and Ryan Stuart were particularly dangerous around goals for the Cats whilst Zach Gale and Luke Bruinewoud were the best for the Bombers.

Scores:

Cornwall Cats 8.3 - 51 def. Baby Bombers 5.3 - 33 In the Under 10's the Bombers turned the tables on the Cats winning narrowly in a hard fought game. For the Bombers, Billy Singline made the ball his sole object as did K.Miller for the Cats. Other good players for the Bombers were Todd Spilsbury and Cory Floyed, whilst Richard Howe and Lazarus Louis played strong games for the Cats.

Scores:

Bombers 3.10 - 28 def Feral Cats 3.8 - 26

Unfortunately there were no scores available from the Under 12 match.

The following week at Fingal there was a change of format with the Prep/Ones playing an enjoyable match with everyone getting a fair go. No scores were recorded. Luke Bruinewoud was best for the Bombers and T.Montgomery for the Cats.

In grade 2,3&4 a combination of teamwork and a lethal forward line saw the Ferals have revenge over the Bombers with a big win. It wasn't until the second half that the Bombers got going but it had little effect on the scoreboard.

For the Cats Daniel Cooke was damaging whilst Andrew Webster finished off good work up field with six goals. Richard Howe again dominated the arial duels whilst K.Miller did well in the middle and Ben Miller was impassible in the backline. For the Bombers, Cory Floyed, Brodie Stuart and Luke Webb tried hard whilst Blake Faulkner and Todd Spilsbury were also good players.

Scores:

Feral Cats 12.12 - 84 def Bombers 2.1 - 13 Continued next page.

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Junior Footy continued

In grade 5/6 the Bombers staved off a third quarter comeback to comfortably defeat the Magpies. Luke Casboult was in dynamic form for the Pies as was Mark Webster for the Bombers.

Scores: Bombers 16.10 - 106 def the Pies 9.10 - 64 There will be no games over the Easter break with the next games being a night match versus St Helens on Friday 24 April. Easter Raffle will be drawn on 9th April.

Milkman Miner Muesli!!

You would wonder what the connection is. This is just a little of the variety that Bob Cook has experienced in the occupations he has had over the years. Bob is now running the Purple Possum business in St Marys. After seeing it advertised he quickly got on to it "as he had been looking for something like this for some time". As a young man Bob worked as a qualified Painter and Decorator while living in Smithton and this he continued to do after coming to the East Coast. Most people could not imagine a milk run around the town but Bob did this for a couple of years before becoming a miner at the Cornwall Coal Co. As Bob said " 14 years is a big slice of your life spent in darkness" and after taking a redundancy he spent a lot of his time catching up with photography and bushwalking.

Bob now sells the muesli along with other bulk foods such as spices, honey, grains, nuts, dried fruits, flour oil, vinegar and more, "also REAL coffee" he said. He was busy doing up an order for Freycinet Lodge so it is good to see local business being supported by other local business. Best of luck Bob with your latest venture.

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St Marys Sports Centre by Kackhander

Firstly to golf and St Marys AGrade has made it's customary good start with two solid 6-3 wins with a trip to Malahide then at home to Bicheno.

Special praise to Malahide on the condition of their greens and tees. It is about the best I've ever seen considering the dry weather. Like most places the fairways were dry and powdery but that's out of their hands. The lads did well and the Juniors once again showed maturity above their years. Looks like Tristan Clement is in for a big year too, courtesy of some dedicated practice. Against Bicheno it was a tight battle most of the day and an impeccable run now of 42 consecutive victories over twelve and a bit years on our own dung hill was under threat for a while. Again Tristan was a big winner along with Chris Davern and a meritorious 20th hole win to Dale Ridgers. A Reserve so far has found the going a bit tough with two losses. A little bit of luck will be needed now to challenge for another pennant but you never know with our lot as they never give in. Special mention to young junior Josh Cooke in his first season and his efforts so far have been great, keep it up Josh.

To Bowls and the first Triples Carnival was held last week in beautiful weather with 10 teams taking part. A big thanks to Mitsubishi for their sponsorship and to all those involved. It came down to a three way play-off of three game winners with Steven Dawson, Craig Mitchell and Chris Davern eventually winning the \$300 first prise. Clive Berwick, John McDonald and Glen McDonald were the runners-up.

We were all very sad to say goodbye to Jack McGee, a great friend and Life Member, no one will ever forget Jack. Also to another former member in Doug Nolan. It was again sad to see him pass away. Condolances to both families.

Until next time, good hitting and rolling and have a good Easter.

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St Marys Football

St Marys/St Helens Practice Game

A practice match between St Marys Tigers and St Helens Swans last Saturday proved to be a very entertaining and high standard game, resulting in the Swans gaining victory by 7 points.

The enthusiastic clashes both on and off the field indicate that the old rivalry between these two teams has not declined one iota over the years and ensures that should future changes bring the two back within the same competition it could only be in the best interest of football in the region.

The Tigers led for 3 quarters of the match and probably would have won but for the unsettling result of frequent player changes in order to give all available players a run, which is a good sign at this stage.

It would be wrong to say that all did not play well, but the displays by the likes of Salter, Buchanan, Collier, 2 Bramich's, Triffet, Morris, Hammil, etc indicate that the faith held by players, committee and supporters in reviving the Tigers will be justly rewarded in the forth coming season.

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Ladies Singles: Vanessa Spilsbury

Mens Doubles:

Jason Lynch & Daniel Morris

Ladies Doubles:

Tracey Bean & Judine Lynch

Mixed Doubles:

Randall Faulkner & Deborah Dawson

Junior Championships:

Girls: Conor Miller Boys: Ashley Stewart

General Meeting:

The next general meeting will be held on Thursday April 23rd at 7.30pm.

St Marvs Tennis Dinner

St Marys Tennis Dinner will be held on Saturday 25 April at 7.00pm.

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St Marys Football Club News by Old Tige

The Tigers first assignment for the season was the Lightning Premiership at Evandale, we thought we might struggle with several of our senior players absent with other commitments. Our first match was against Old Launcestonians, a tall side almost at full strength and touted to win the spoils on the day. Our smaller players however dominated the first half, with Ray Squires capping off the good work down the ground with 3 goals. A great team effort with the side showing superior ball handling and leg speed, great to see early in the season. Although we lapsed in the second half, we still managed a reasonably comfortable 8 point win. The second game against St Pats had us matched with a team of similar height and pace, after our first match we were expecting bigger things, the players delivered the goods. Again we showed superior skills as almost every disposal counted, running out convincing 14 point winners and securing a position in the finals, not a bad result as most would have been happy with the days hit out regardless of the result, but what a bonus.

Now we were ready for Campbell Town in the second final, or were we?.

After only 10 minutes it was evident that the Robins were completely in charge of the game. We were no match for their superior marking strength, but did show glimpses of our earlier form, finally going down by 37 points.

How could anyone be disappointed on the day, as we went along to mainly gauge the strength of our opposition and came away with two wins and a finals appearance.

Congratulations to everyone who represented the club in any capacity on the day.

Our next assignment was against St Helens last weekend in a practice match at the Bay, the club confident of a good showing against last years NEFU Premiers, bouyed by the previous weeks good showing.

SEE GAME REPORT ON PREVIOUS PAGE

The club has at present signed Jason Barr for this season, lets hope he along with the return of last years recruits can contribute to a great season for the Tigers. All up a solid pre-season work-out with everyone keen for the first roster match, against Campbell Town at St Marys on Saturday April 18th.

UNDER 16 FOOTBALL

The Club is at present concerned about the amount of misinformation about our U/16's, to the point where another club has contacted a number of parents to try and entice our Juniors to play with them.

- ♦ WE WILL AGAIN STATE THAT THERE WILL BE AN U/16 COMPETITION.
- WE DO NOT HAVE TO FULFIL ANY CRITE-RIA AS FAR AS HEIGHT, WEIGHT OR AGE FOR U/16's TO THE NTFA AND THERE WILI NOT BE MEMBERS OF THAT BODY COMINC. TO ST MARYS TO TELL OUR BOYS IF THEY CAN OR CANNOT PLAY FOOTY, IT WILL BE LEFT TO THE INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR PARENTS TO DECIDE.
- IT IS AT TIMES COMPLETELY BEWILDER-ING WHY ANYONE COULD MAKE SUCH UNSUBSTANTIATED COMMENTS THAT MAY AFFECT THE PLAYING FUTURE OF A PERSON IN ANOTHER CLUB, ESPECIALLY WHEN NOT EVEN COMPETING IN THE SAME ASSOCIATION.

There will be a Cabaret after our first home game featuring Gypsy Rose, lets see you there!

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