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St Patricks Day

Today the 17 March, is Patricks Day so it is timely to remind readers that St Patricks Head is the oldest Irish place name in Australia, having been named from the sea by Captain Tobias Furneaux on St Patricks Day 1773, 15 years before the First Fleet arrived in Australia.

However, most may not be aware of the legend relating to Patrick McNally, a convict stationed at the St Marys Probation Station working on building the St Marys Pass between 1842 - 1845.

Apparently, Patrick slipped out of the barracks during the early hours of 17 March, determined to greet his Saints Day at sunrise on top of St Patricks Head. A fellow convict accompanied him.

At roll call later that day Patrick was missing and after some time his companion swore that as the sun's rays hit the top of the Head, seven swans appeared and carried Patrick off.

A likely tale, similar to 'Picnic at Hanging Rock', but it is intriguing that on the west coast of Ireland there is a record that, about this time, eight black swans were seen landing on a local lake.

In Europe of course swans are white. A local landowner shot one of the swans, but the bird sank and was not recovered. The other swans flew off and black swans have not been sighted in Ireland since.

The coincidence is that the birds appeared at the village where Patrick McNally was born. True Blarney?

Markets bring life into town.

What a pleasure it was to go into the centre of St Marys on Saturday morning.

Not only was it a beautiful Autumn day but there was a busy buzz of people around the market, coffee shop, a garage sale going on, people in and out of the newsagency - and who can survive without a Saturday newspaper?

Music coming from Todd's Hall, as well as market shoppers with their lettuces, golf clubs, jumpers and cakes.

One gentleman wanted to sell some goods but the offers he had were for the lovely old tin trunk that his goods were in, but that was not for sale!

Other businesses in the town must also benefit from the extra people that a market attracts.

All up it was a good morning, and always a chance to meet up with someone you have not seen for a while.

Keep up the good work market people.

Craft Afternoons

Fortnightly from Thursday 30th March, in the back room of the Uniting Church St Marys.

Time: 1 - 3pm

Cost: \$1 per person

Bring along your craftwork and share ideas while you have a cup of tea.

All welcome.

The Origin of Skippy 'The Big White Boomer'

I was quite interested to read 'New Coat for Skippy' in the Valley Voice 3rd March.

In 1952 when we worked at the Cornwall screens, my father in law Alec Burrows drew the kangaroo from a penny, onto a piece of cardboard. Then he cut out the kangaroo to make a template.

That night my brother in law Gavin Singline and myself riding pillion, went down on his motorbike and painted the kangaroo onto the rock. It has been defaced a few times but someone including myself always seem to refurbish him. We at the time named him 'The Big White Boomer' after the Australian Christmas carol.

Jeff Morris St Marys

'Another day at the Races'

exhibition is a unique opportunity to view the work of Burnie artist Suzanne Hennessy.

The recently formed Grassy Bottom Regional Arts have attracted this showing of art to St Marys where it will be on display from March 18 - 30 at the St Marys Hotel.

The theme of the paintings is horse racing and all it's excitement and will be well worth a visit. This exhibition is hopefully the first of many to come to St Marys.

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Letters to Editor

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Black spots on street

Yes, St Marys does look much tidier as one drives through. A few improvements are still much needed.

We have a lovely row of railway houses. They are immaculate except for one right in the centre.

Along a bit further we have opposite a well kept church, a building that would only be allowed in St Marys - nowhere else.

If these people involved could only use some elbow grease and paint, our main street would look much better.

An Observer.

(Name supplied)

Rising waters

Considering the increasing evidence of global warming and the inevitable consequence of rising sea levels inundating coastal settlements within the foreseeable future, should not the Break O'Day Council adopt a farsighted policy and start now to relocate Council facilities, including the Council Chambers to highland towns within the municipality, such as St Marys.

Similarly the State Government might consider that a central highland location may be a more sensible site for investment in medical and hospital infrastructure than on the coastal fringe.

D.W.Clement St Marys

Here we go again.

Over the past few weeks and the recent few days the town has been alive with the 'Dr talk'.

There is also some considerable 'Wendy talk'. When I got the true facts on the chance of us losing Dr Shah, I decided to set about a petition along with this I wrote a letter, contacted the Examiner and so on. I also decided not to go about this in an underhand way and faxed a copy of the letter to the Premier Mr Bacon, Health Minister Judy Jackson and Registrar Annette McLean-Aherne.

This unfortunately was my undoing and it very nearly made things much worse, although it was done with the best of intentions at the time. It caused quite a stir and 'freedom of speech' is not exactly as it implies itself to be.

However it still played a part in the outcome as did many other people and other factors.

Thank you all for your support with the petition, it was heartening to see.

Wendy Bantick St Marys

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Colleen McGee on being elected as State President of the Womens Auxiliary R.S.L.A.

Melissa and Scott Bean on the arrival of their second daughter Alexandra Elyse.

Julia and Frank on their recent marriage, very best wishes for a happy future together.

St Marys Online Centre



Do you like playing cards?

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Break O'Day Council

Fingal Town Development Plan

The Fingal Community Association Committee has completed the preparation of the Town Development Plan which will be on display at the Old Tasmania Hotel during office hours, 15 March to 7 April, public comment is encouraged and should be addressed to The Break O'Day Council Service Centre, Talbot Street, Fingal 7214

Municipal Website

The Council at its meeting 13 March agreed to establish a Break O'Day website after a presentation from the St Helens Online Access Centre.

Holiday Village St Helens

The Council approved the development of a Holiday Village with 70 self contained units, lodge with restaurant, coffee lounge/bar, convention facilities, kiosk, recreation facilities and associated works.

Resort Development St Helens

The Council approved the resort development which contains 21 residential buildings each containing 2 units, a lodge with pool and conference facilities including associated landscaping roads and car parking.

Tasmania Together (St Helens forum)

A community forum will be conducted in the Portland Memorial Hall on 22 March at 7pm, be part of Tasmania's future, come along and have your say.

Town Planner

The Mayor on behalf of Council, welcomed the new Town Planner, Miss Victoria Maxwell

Break O'Day Community Plan

The Council adopted the Break O'Day Community Plan with agreed changes and the plan implementation be further considered by Council and the Community Reference Group.

Works over period 21st March to 20th April

Mathinna Area

Council will be carrying out road maintenance works in the Mathinna to Mathinna Plains area.

St Marys Water

Council plan to re-commence the supply of treated water from the St Marys Treatment Plant during late March early April, after public consultation and a final fine tuning for the plant.

Scamander Avenue Kerb

The second stage of kerbing will be constructed from the previously completed section to finish at Wrinklers car park.

Bridge Maintenance

Council intend to replace Policeman's Point Road bridge with a section taken from the damaged Scamander bridge. Road users will be advised in advance of this work. We also intend to remove an old bridge on the Upper Esk Road and replace it with a culvert.

PM's Car !

Kath Cooke, now of Launceston and a regular subscriber to this paper responds to the photo shown in the last Valley Voice.

'The year was 1963 and the car belonged to Joe Bugg who was relieving Post Master at St Marys at the time (from St Helens).

Thanks Kath, think you may have been working at the PO then.

Thankyou

I would like to thank Dr Shah, Ambulance drivers from St Marys and St Helens also the Air Ambulance and staff of the L.G.H. for their wonderful care and attention. A special thanks to my wonderful family.

Thankyou, Valerie Bradbury.

Did you hear about the lady who found some lost keys at a Garage Sale ? She gave them to the chap having the sale only to later discover that they were her own keys !

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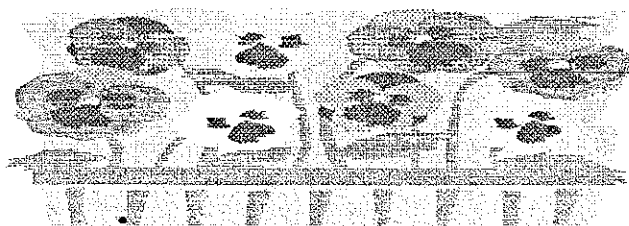
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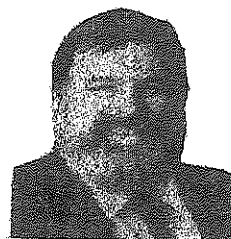
A local family tree researcher was highly delighted to discover that one of his greats was included in an 1823 Directory of Professors, Trader and Occupations for North Yorkshire as "Inspector of Nuisances".

Having himself been declared a "Statutory Nuisance" in 1990 by the old Fingal Council, for his mural 'Up the Fingal Council'!, a move which lead to the formation of the St Marys Chapter of the Institute of Statutory Nuisances with the motto "Blessed be the cracked for they shall let in the light, even into dim Councils", he reckons that great great grandfather William must have got the job on the basis that a poacher makes the best gamekeeper.

Cracked branch of Family Tree !

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A Smorgasbord of seafood

Our recent trip to St Marys was a pleasant respite from high temperature on the mainland. The grey nomads who spend summer in Tassie and winter in the northern states certainly have the right idea. St Marys looks great, nice and clean, we haven't found anywhere better we'd like to settle at this stage.

We've been on the road now for 16 months, my, how time flies when you're having fun. At the rate we are travelling it is going to take us 10 years to cover everything, we have only done the Mid West section of WA in detail thus far!

Prior to heading back across the Nullabor en route to Tam-

worth we had the most idyllic November one could ever imagine, just 40 k's south of Carnarvon at Bush Bay. This is where the desert meets the sea and is very flat with no trees for miles other than a few mangroves at the water's edge. During winter the coast is dotted with caravans, some people taking up temporary residence for up to six months. When we arrived there were just three vans left so we were lucky enough to get the best camp right on the edge of the water. Fortunately the strong westerly breeze, which hits the coast at this time of the year, was still blowing, keeping away flies and mosquitoes, making life very pleasant. We had the truck tucked in behind a clump of mangroves, protecting us from sun and wind.

If you enjoy seafood the north west of WA is the place to be. To bag the famous Nor'west schnapper you really need a good sized boat, however a few generous locals who had caught their quota gave us one on a few occasions so we did not miss out.

Access to my brother's dinghy for a week enabled Peter to get out in

the channel and bring home a couple of nice size cod while we were there. This was in addition to our daily catch of sand whiting and occasional feed of blue swimmer crabs. The whiting, caught from the beach with worms collected at the water's edge, had the most delicate flavour, beautiful for breakfast, dinner or tea!

Catching crabs was something else, taking the best part of a morning on a day with an extremely low tide. The water in the bay was shallow at any time but at low tide you could walk for miles in ankle deep water. We would pick the day with the right tide and set off with a plastic bucket and scoop net. There's a real art in finding crabs, they bury in the sand, bringing the black soil to the surface, leaving the dark patch on the otherwise white sand. To catch them you poke the dark patches with the scoop net handle. There are many other creatures that leave a similar mark but if you're lucky a very angry crab will come up fighting, you then scoop it up and throw it in the bucket. A normal household bucket will carry about 20 crabs, cooked in ocean water on a campfire they are a taste sensation.

If we weren't fishing we spent the time lazing on the beach reading, talking to day trippers or taking long leisurely walks along the beach. The camping was free, there are enviro loos on the beach and plenty of water in the ocean -why would we leave?

Well back in January Peter had paid \$25 for a crayfish licence without ever going for a dive, it seemed such a waste of money. The cray season had just re opened so we decided to head back to Carnarvon, stock up and go to the Blow Holes 70 k's north. If he didn't catch a cray we knew we were assured of one last feed of oysters from the rocks before leaving this seafood lovers paradise. The coastline here is vastly different than Bush Bay, very rugged, with big waves crashing on the rocks, it also has a beautiful beach protected by a reef where crayfish are plentiful. Unfortunately the weather makes the reef inaccessible on many occasions but luck was with Peter on the third day, one big beautiful crayfish to bring our seafood smorgasbord to a perfect end.

It was then back to Carnarvon to say goodbye to family and friends with Tamworth firmly in our sights.

Tamworth, now that's a story for next month!
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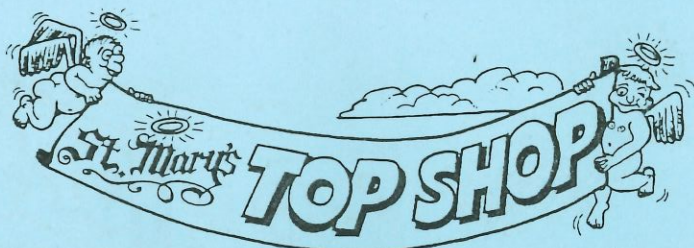


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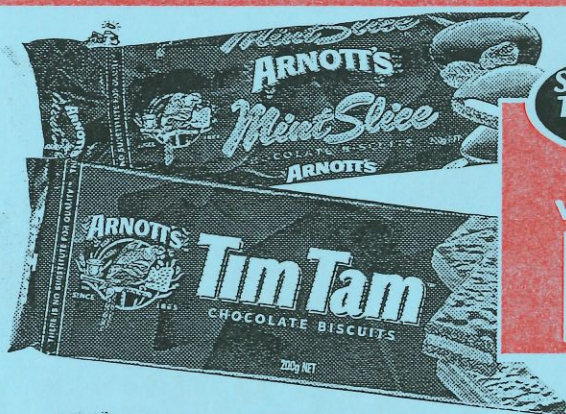
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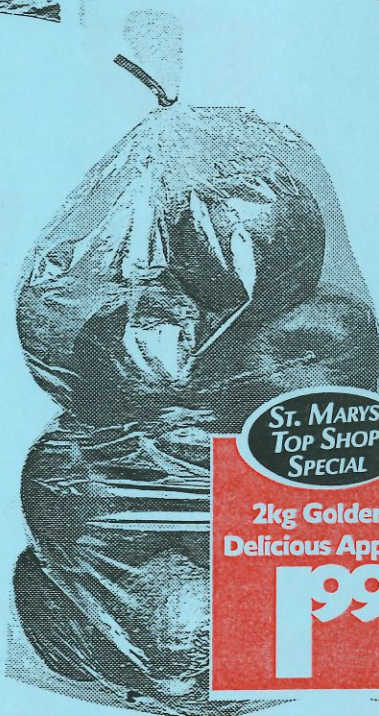
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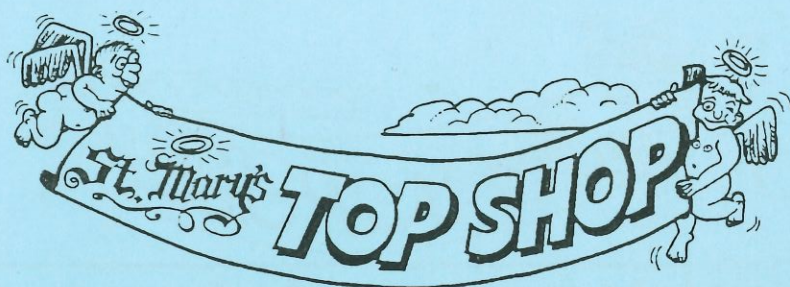
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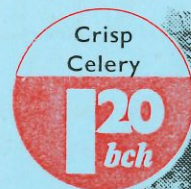
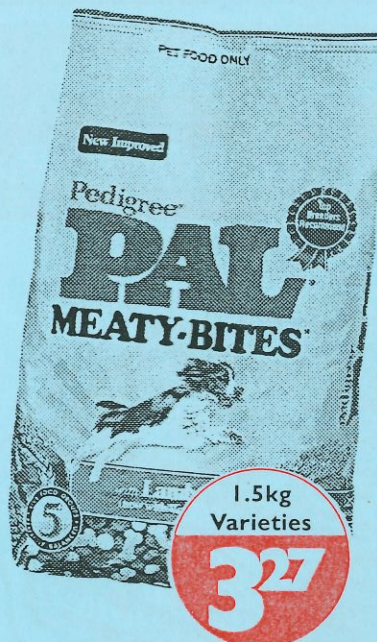
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But the conventional wisdom of the 1980s was that trustee banks would not survive. They could not be taken over and they didn't have to pay tax, but the view was that they were too small to survive.

Out of that bout of economic wisdom we got the Tasmania Bank from a merger between the LBS and the Permanent Building Society, and that was going to be good for all of us.

When that failed, the bank was flogged off to the State Bank of Tasmania to become the Trust Bank, and that was going to be even better for us.

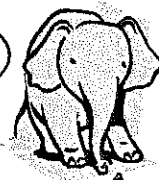
When the Trust Bank failed it was sold to the Colonial Bank to become the Colonial Trust Bank, and that was going to be very, very good for us.

Now the Colonial Trust Bank, after just a few months of operation, will be swallowed up by the Commonwealth Bank.

I'm still waiting to hear the argument about how that will be better for us and how the loss of up to 300 banking jobs will actually be to Tasmania's benefit.

(Rod Scott The Examiner 12.3.00)

How long will
I be around ?



CONGRATULATIONS!



It was great to find out during the holidays that several of our past students had excelled in colleges throughout the state. At Newstead College ex-students received five awards at their prize-giving day. Congratulations to Matthew Viney for receiving the Athlete Development and Sports Study prizes; Jackie Geniola, Biology; Andrea Gillies, Food Studies and Carlie Davies, Visual Expression. Congratulations also to Blair Adamczewski who received an award for Biology and Physical Sciences from Elizabeth College. There is no doubt that this is a great effort from these students and we can be very proud as a school to know that such a high percentage of our students are receiving academic awards in other colleges.

More good news has also filtered back about several students gaining traineeships and apprenticeships. Kylie Williams, Sarah Mitchell and Rebecca Pitt are all working in traineeships in St Helens. Well-done girls. Tyson Ward, Matthew Viney and James Laycock have all moved into apprenticeships. Great to hear.

We are always keen to hear about ex-students. If you have any good news stories please let us know.

Congratulations to St Marys District High athletes Madeline Goss and Rowan Mason for their success in the Aurora State Individual Little Athletics Championships at the St Leonards Athletic Centre on March 4 and 5 2000. Madeline and Rowan were part of the 12 member St Helens Little Athletics team. Madeline qualified for 8 events in the Girls under 9 and Rowan qualified for six and participated in five in the Boys Under 10 section.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

MADELINE GOSS

60m Hurdles	SILVER medal and a new St Helens record in a time of 11.2 sec.
Triple Jump	SILVER medal
Long Jump	BRONZE medal
Shotput	4th
Javelin	5th
70m	8th
100m	Unplaced
700m Walk	Disqualified

ROWAN MASON

70m	BRONZE medal & a new St Helens Record In a time of 10.5 sec
100m	BRONZE medal & a new St Helens Record in a time of 14.6 sec
200m	5th
Triple Jump	8th
Long Jump	8th

Both Rowan and Madeline trained two nights per week in the 2 months leading up to the Championships under Coach Michael Keenan. To maintain their fitness, both will continue with a lighter training schedule over the winter period in preparation for next season.

PARENT / CHILD SESSIONS

WHAT: PARENT / CHILD SESSIONS
(ST MARYS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL)

WHERE: St Marys Kindergarten

WHEN: Mondays 1.30—3.00pm

STARTING 13 MARCH 2000

This session is provided for those children who will turn 4 during 2000.

Parents must accompany their child, and younger brothers and sisters are welcome. A fee of \$1.50 per child or \$2.00 per family a session is required to cover the cost of art materials. Please bring a hat, drink and a piece of fruit for your child or children.

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

- ⇒ Complete the registration form over and return it before March 30 to qualify for the special course fee.
- ⇒ Courses will begin as soon as possible providing we have a minimum number of 10 people.

YOU MUST REGISTER BEFORE MARCH 30

Registration forms can be returned to
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Learn how to publish your first page for display on the World Wide Web using Netscape Composer.

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Learn the joys of surfing without getting your feet wet! No experience necessary, suitable for those with little or no computer experience.

Course—5 weeks x 2 hour sessions

Course Fee Was \$80.00pp

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NEET 7—E-Mail

Set up your own free E-mail account on the Internet and learn how to send, receive and manage E-mail. Suitable for those with little or no computer experience.

Course—8 weeks x 2 hour sessions

Course Fee Was \$120.00pp

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MALE / FEMALE

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- ☐ NEET 1 COMPUTING FOR BEGINNERS
- ☐ NEET 2 INTERMEDIATE COMPUTING
- ☐ NEET 3 DESKTOP PUBLISHING
- ☐ NEET 4 BOOKKEEPING WITH QUICKEN
- ☐ NEET 5 WEBPAGE CREATION
- ☐ NEET 6 INTERNET FOR BEGINNERS
- ☐ NEET 7 E-MAIL

PREFERRED TIMES (Please tick)

- ☐ EVENINGS 7.00—9.00PM
- ☐ AFTERNOONS 4.00—6.00PM

PREFERRED DAYS/ (PLEASE TICK)

- ☐ MONDAY
- ☐ TUESDAY
- ☐ WEDNESDAY
- ☐ THURSDAY
- ☐ FRIDAY
- ☐ SATURDAY
- ☐ SUNDAY

The courses will be delivered by qualified, local trainers.

If you would like to do a course that is not already listed, please let us know.

Training course subsidy funds are available from the Commonwealth Government to allow the normal course fee to be reduced substantially, BUT YOU MUST REGISTER BEFORE MARCH 30 2000 to qualify for the subsidised special rate.

SPECIAL RATE FOR MARCH REGISTRATION IS JUST \$40.00 PER PERSON, PER COURSE.

Life On The Road by Annette Wines

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Much of our time is spent
pawing over maps.
Which way will we go today,
over to the coast perhaps?

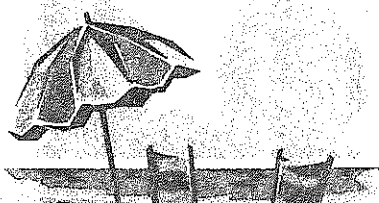
Maybe we've found a place we
like
a little more than the last.
So we decide to stay a while,
we've no reason to travel fast.

All of the little country towns
have special things to see.
But give us a bush camp any
day
especially if it's free.

Occasionally we have a yen
to stop a while and work.
We get to know the locals
and can afford some extra
perks.

Maybe it's a chopper ride
a night out or maybe two.
It also enables us to gather our
thoughts
while we decide what next to
do.

Ah, yes the life out on the road
is something else for sure.
If you have the yearning, don't
hesitate any more.
Take my word, it won't be long
before it's taxed
or at least against the law.!



CRICKET by Fine Leg.

The NECU cricket final at Win-
naleah last week ended in an anti-
climax for the Tigers.

Sent in to bat, the boys never recover-
ed from the loss of early wickets
to be all out for 88.

Our lowest score of the season.
Bridport had little trouble with the
small total finishing 1 for 89 to take
the 99-2000 flag.

Best of the batting: R.Harper and
K.Gillies 17, M.Kringle 16,
S.Lynch 14

Our only wicket taker R.Harper 1
for 25.

Both teams facing only 26 of the
allotted 40 overs which indicated a
score of around 180 would have
been acceptable to put more pres-
sure on the opposition. Looking
back on this season though, we can
only admire the improvement in the
team from previous seasons, to get
to a Grand Final is in itself a fantas-
tic achievement.

The celebrations went on for a cou-
ple of days with promises made by
all players to be there next season
and give it their best shot, let's
hope so.

We may see the Tigers learn from
the experience of their loss, to again
be a power next season.

Good night out.

The Bicheno Players, directed by
Arnold Stephens OAM, are to be
congratulated for yet another great
production of Ray Cooney's 'Funny
Money'. Finding a briefcase full of
illegal money on the London under-
ground leads Henry Perkins, played
by Miles Roberts, into ever further
complications with his wife, friends
and the police.

A good Friday nights laugh was had
by one and all; and to think that Ken
and I nearly missed out on the fun -
thanks to good old fashioned coun-
try generosity and wisdom we got
there safely, comfortably and on

Roundup Environmentally friendly? No Threat to Health?

A concerned reader has requested that this information be reprinted with the full consent of 'Organic Lifestyle' Spring 1999 Sheffield.

Most people know the name 'Roundup'. It's the chemical on which agri-giant Monsanto pins its hopes for continuing record sales. However, many are now beginning to question the assumptions that Monsanto has carefully fostered over the years, that Roundup is both environmentally friendly and no threat to health.

These assumptions have been directly contradicted. The first - that Roundup is environmentally friendly - has been the subject of charges by the New York Attorney General. Here is the outcome, as reported by the Campaign for Food Safety, Minnesota, USA.

Monsanto Co. agreed to change its advertising for glyphosate-based products, including Roundup, in response to complaints by the New York Attorney General's office that the ads were misleading.

Based on their investigation, the Attorney General's office felt that the advertising inaccurately portrayed Monsanto's glyphosate-containing products as safe and as not causing any harmful effects to people or the environment.

According to the state, the ads also implied that the risks of products such as Roundup are the same as those of the active ingredient, glyphosate, and do not take into account the possible risks associated with the product's inert ingredients.

As part of the agreement Monsanto will discontinue the use of terms such as 'biodegradable' and 'environmentally friendly' in all advertising of glyphosate-containing products in New York state and will pay \$50,000 toward the state's costs of pursuing the case. The Attorney General has been challenging the ads since 1991....

According to a 1993 report published by the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley, glyphosate was the third

most commonly reported cause of pesticide illness among agricultural workers.

Another study from the School of Public Health found that glyphosate was the most commonly reported cause of pesticide illness among landscape maintenance workers.

The reports by the School of Public Health have shown that illnesses are caused by Roundup. But the most serious charge so far is that it can cause cancer.

This is from Bob Phelps, Director, GeneEthics, Australia:

Press release -22 June -

New Study Links Monsanto's Roundup to Cancer

A recent study by eminent oncologists Dr Lennart Hardell and Dr Mikel Eriksson of Sweden has revealed clear links between one of the world's biggest selling herbicide, glyphosate, to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a form of cancer.

In the study published in the 15 March 1999 Journal of American Cancer Society, the researchers also maintain that exposure to glyphosate 'yielded increased risks for NHL.' They stress that with the increasing use of glyphosate since the time the study was carried out, 'glyphosate deserves further epidemiologic studies.

Glyphosate, commonly known as Roundup, is the world's most widely used herbicide. It is estimated that for 1998, over 112,000 tonnes was used worldwide. It indiscriminately kills off a wide variety of weeds after application and is primarily used to control annual and perennial plants.

71% of genetically engineered crops planted in 1998 are designed to be resistant to herbicides such as glyphosate, marketed by Monsanto as Roundup. Companies developing herbicide resistant crops are also increasing their production capacity for the herbicides such as glyphosate, and also requesting permits for higher residues of these

chemicals in genetically engineered food.

For example Monsanto have already received permits for a threefold increase in herbicide residues on genetically engineered soybeans in Europe and the U.S., up from 6 parts per million to 20 PPM.

According to Sadhbh O'Neill of Genetic Concern, 'this study reinforces concerns by environmentalists and health professionals that far from reducing herbicide use, glyphosate resistant crops may result in increased residues to which consumers will be exposed in our food.

'Increased residues of glyphosate and its metabolites are already on sale via genetically engineered foods. However no studies of the effects of GE soya sprayed with Roundup on health have been carried out either on animals or humans to date', she continued.

The United States Department of Agriculture statistics from 1997 show that Roundup Ready soybeans (i.e. soybeans genetically engineered to be tolerant to the herbicide) resulted in a 72% increase in the use of glyphosate. According to the Pesticides Action Network, scientists estimate that plants genetically engineered to be herbicide resistant will actually triple the amount of herbicides used. Farmers, knowing that their crop can tolerate or resist being killed off by the herbicides, will tend to use them more liberally.

O'Neill concluded: 'The EPA when authorising Monsanto's field trials for Roundup-ready sugar beet did not consider the issue of glyphosate. They considered this to be the remit of the Pesticides Control Service of the Department of Agriculture. Thus nobody has included the effects of increasing the use of glyphosate in the risk/benefit analysis carried out. It is yet another example of how regulatory authorities supposedly protecting public health have failed to implement the 'precautionary principle' with respect to GMOs.'

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St Marys Sports Centre *by Kackhander*

First to bowls and it is good to see players travelling off to various events around the place, such as East Launceston with Clive Berwick, Steven Dawson and Chris Davern making the semi-final stage of the titles. Hopefully we will have two teams taking part in the East Coast Fours on March 18th too.

Congratulations to Swansea for taking out the E.C.B.A. mens pennant this year. We get on really well with Swansea and they had to upset the odds to win.

The Bowls sub-committee advises that the best and fairest count will be held in conjunction with a 'Bowler-Golfer' day on April 9th. The general idea is for 9 holes of golf followed by bowls then the count to conclude the day. Watch the Valley Voice's next issue for more details. Due to a busy Easter period it is expected that the Annual Dinner will not be held until either the first or second Saturday night of May. Again you will have to watch this column for more details.

Thanks to Rod Spilsbury, the green is being kept cut for games and hopefully the men's pairs final can be played soon between Chris Davern - Glenn McDonald and Dave Hoskinson - Allan Beach. Good luck to both teams.

Now to golf and with bowls winding down and a

Winter Indoor Bowls

Want to try a new game during winter ?

How about team indoor bowls on Wednesday nights ?

The St Marys Sports Centre hopes to conduct a community indoor bowls competition in the nice warm clubhouse commencing late April or early May, for anyone interested in forming a team of three to play.

It's a great game with virtually no gear required and you don't have to be super fit to play either.

It's hoped for 8 to 10 teams of three players plus alternates to play each other in a round-robin format of singles, pairs and triples.

You will score two points for a win of each rubber plus four extra points if you win overall.

Squared games will be allocated 1 point.

Please note teams may be all men, all women or mixed.

A final four series will be run to decide the winner of the cup or shield and a progressive ladder etc. will be published in the Valley Voice.

Please note ALL players must play singles and pairs on a regular basis and the whole team plays the triples.

We will hold a meeting of all interested players at the Clubhouse on Wednesday March 29th at 7-7.30pm to see if there is enough interest.

Enquiries to Rod McGiveron on 6372 2215

couple of tournaments played it is hoped that Saturday entries will begin to rise again. Things have been going really well with the chicken runs and many thanks to all those who have made them so successful this year.

There will be another two or three to go to finish off the summer period.

Ladies fields on Wednesday have been great, a testimony to the strength of their golf is the ability to have two pennant teams in the competition and doing really well to boot.

Mens pennant commences in about 5 weeks time April 16th, so the two defending championship teams, St Marys A Grade and A Reserve should think about getting their sides settled. No doubt they'll give a good account of themselves again.

April 1st is the annual visit by Mowbray Golf Club and we need at least 25 golfers to make them feel welcome. They are great supporters of ours and it's a top event (2 man Ambrose) so please try and come along.

Finally if you could take note of the article above, about our possible Indoor Bowls Competition at the club during winter, it would be much appreciated.

Anyway until next time good hitting and rolling.



FOOTY NEWS

by Old Tige

There is still some confusion with the start of the roster, which is very unsettling for all clubs in the competition.

The club vote for an April 8th start has been changed for an earlier one on **March 25th**, that's right — Saturday week! This has deprived the club of valuable and much needed time for last minute preparations but every club has to try and work with it.

We know at this stage the first game will be at home, so we would like to see as much support as possible for the match.

There has been some exciting recruitments over previous weeks, Paul Barnes, Roger Salter, Sticky Viney, Stewart Brooks and Steve Buchanan are all signed adding some real fire power and needed height to the Tiger line up.

As well there is still negotiation going on with three other experienced players that will see us as a very competitive line up with these fellows blended in with the young and

experienced players of the previous seasons.

This is just what the club was looking for, competition for all spots on the field, Seniors and Reserves.

Player numbers at last are no worry, with 46 registered Senior and Reserves, somewhat of a luxury after the last few seasons and the numbers are still climbing.

The Under 16's have had a battle with numbers early but things have also turned around for them.

The Association in their wisdom has decided to start the Junior roster at least two weeks after the Senior/Reserves as all clubs in the competition were struggling with numbers.

The Junior coordinators are looking to organise practice matches as curtain raisers for the first few games.

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Water boys — \$5 per game

Score Board Attendant - experienced at footy scores) \$30 per Saturday home game.

All Boundary & Water boys are for home & away games - travel arrangements possible.

We are also seeking First Aid qualified trainers to assist Brian Birrell this season.

Applicants can call at the sheds on Tuesday & Thursday or this Saturday at training to apply, or call on K.Faulkner, G.Saunders or G.McDonald.

ATTENTION

**St Marys Pacing Club Social
Friday night 24th March**

Missing off invitations sent out :

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