

THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE

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50 cents



Cigarettes stolen

It is an occurrence which is far from frequent in this town, but should not happen at all. The Top Shop had a substantial burglary and stealing on Sunday night which yielded thieves with a large quantity of property including cigarettes and jewellery. It is believed that the crime was committed by at least two offenders and most likely involved the use of a vehicle. It has occurred between late Sunday night and early Monday morning. Thieves have cut the phone lines which has disabled the alarm system, and forced their way through the front of the shop. This sort of crime not only affects the business operations, but is also emotionally strenuous on the victims and a huge inconvenience. If anyone has any type of information that could assist, please let this station know or in turn contact Crime Stoppers. 1800 005 555

There continues to be minor thefts and vandalism in the town. The latest target has been the Golf Club. Two hoses were taken from the course sometime over the last fortnight. The hoses were normal garden hoses and not particularly of great value, but again, it has caused the inconvenience of having to replace the hoses and the knowledge that there are dishonest people in the community who are stealing other peoples property.

'Power of arrest' Police offences Act 1935

People need to be vigilant and keep their eyes open to help police their own community. I will remind people that they have the power of arrest under the Police Offences Act 1935. *This states that if a person is caught "found offending", such as stealing your property, you have the power to arrest that person and to use reasonable force to hold that person until such time as police arrive.*

Luke Rockliffe St Marys Station

Light up your house Competition

Prizes

\$50 each to:

1. Three prizes Best Christmas Displays
2. First time entry in Christmas Displays



Student concert

Students of the Suncoast School of Music who entered in the Aus. Music Exam Board Examination recently all gained high results in Piano. Students from the St Marys High School who excelled were Kirsten Viney 1st Grade; Hazel Bucchorn 1st Grade; Sarah Nickson 4th Grade; Annabelle Pastula Ramadier 6th Grade; with Vera Nickson 3rd Grade, gaining the highest award, High Distinction.

Other students who were successful: Vanessa Bathurst, Elisha Hoskinson, St Helens; Tara Longden Coles Bay; and Lucy Richardson, Simone Hodgetts Beaumaris.

Congratulations to all students. The music teaching year of 2002 will close with Gala Student Concerts at the Bicheno Primary School on Thursday 19th December and the Pancake Barn on Monday 23rd December.



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December, the twelfth and final
month is here

Time to be filled with goodwill
and Christmas cheer
Santa's dusted off the old tin
sleigh

Reindeer are ready,
watered and fed

Count the days down, not with
dread

Be calm, relaxed, there's plenty
of time

The heavens will be filled with
bright star shine

Peace on earth - goodwill to all
Time for family gatherings,
parties

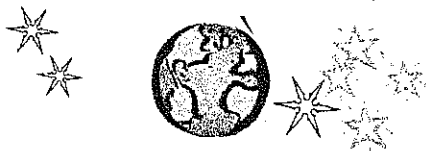
Everyone have a ball !

This is the time we should
all be as one

Give thanks we are blessed
With this beautiful place

EARTH

A dot on the sea of outer space



**Management and Staff
St Marys Value Plus
Supermarket**

would like to wish everyone a
safe, peaceful Christmas and
a happy and prosperous
New Year

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts "Todd's Hall Appeal" Raffle

Winners:

1. Large jigsaw puzzle. M. Neulist
2. Banrock Station wine. T. Brewster
3. Locally crafted mirror. R. Legge
4. ABC Solutions shampoo pack. M. Smith
5. Sooo soft Debbie doll. J. Spilsbury
6. Australis Gift Pack. N. Leedham

All winners have been notified by phone. Thank you to everybody for your support.
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all.

Mary Kay Cosmetics

Congratulations to Kathy Bean who won the Christmas Pamper Pack. Everyone who entered, is entitled to a complimentary beauty appointment. I will be contacting entrants in January or February to offer a free appointment. There is no obligation to accept this offer. It is simply an opportunity to sample a range of Mary Kay skin care and cosmetic products.

Sarah Rubenach

ST MARYS NEWSAGENCY

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wish their
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a very
Happy Christmas
and a safe
New Year

Carols in St Marys

The thunder may have rolled above the crowd and the sky grew very threatening but it did not deter the 160 people who had gathered for the 40th St Marys Hospital Auxiliary Carols by Candlelight.

Originally the Carols were held in the Hospital grounds, then moved to the area beside the Community Hall, but in recent years has been held in the sheltered corner in the town.

The traditional Readings and Carol singing was complimented with the addition of; three wonderful items by the enthusiastic children of JAM, lead singers Debra Manskey and Henry Bigelaar, an item by the Rubenach family, and of course the special effects of Don Ives on keyboard who was this year accompanied by Pete Cornelius on drums, the two of them giving that extra lift to the singing.

Carols by Candlelight again ably compered by Ron Sumner, continues to be well attended and many families after Carols, tour the town to see the houses decorated with Christmas lights, before going home.

Thanks go to all who helped make the evening so enjoyable; the St Marys Auxiliary, Quinns for the 'spot', our school for the chairs and those who transported them, Bruce and Pete for the sound gear, and all who came along.



**The Ranch Dinner
will be closed**

**Christmas and Boxing Day
also the 30th December,
the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th
January 2003**



**Happy Christmas !
St Marys Ph 6372 2237**

DOCTOR'S ROSTER Christmas & New Year

Dr Shah 6372 2311

- † Saturday 21st December
- † Sunday 22nd
- † Monday 23rd
- † Tuesday 24th
- † Wed. 25th Christmas Day
- † Thursday 26th Boxing Day
- † Friday 27th until 5 pm

Dr Geniola 6374 2288

- Friday 27th Dec. from 5 pm
- Saturday 28th
- Sunday 29th
- Monday 30th
- Tuesday 31st
- Wed. 1st Jan New Years Day
- Thursday 2nd
- Friday 3rd until 5 pm

Dr Shah 6372 2311

- Friday 3rd January from 5 pm
- Saturday 4th
- Sunday 5th

The **Doctors Surgeries** will be closed from Wednesday 25th December and will re-open on Monday 30th December.

The **Accident and Emergency** at the St Marys Community Health Centre will be open 24 hours every day as usual.

Watch out for an all new duo act of 'Table - top' dancing, possibly coming soon. Never seen before and maybe never again!!

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Merry Christmas !

Catholic Parish Christmas Mass times



Christmas Eve
Bicheno: 6.30 pm
St Marys: 8.30 pm
(Christmas Pageant)
St Helens: 11.00 pm

Christmas Day
Fingal 9.00 am

Town Christmas Party



Christmas Eve Tues
24th Dec.

Thank you to the St Marys Traders, Lions Club of St Marys Inc. and Break O'Day Council for their support for the Town Christmas Party.

Party will begin at approx 3 pm at the St Marys Community Hall.
Santa will be there - WILL YOU ?

Street Parade will follow

Childcare farewell

This week marks the closure of St Marys Childcare for the Christmas break, giving both children and Childcare Centre workers a well earned rest. It is unfortunate that the Childcare director Claire Rockliffe will be leaving this position and our community to return to her previous position in Launceston. St Marys has been very lucky having someone so experienced and driven to ensure the successful implementation of the crucial service.

Children who have attended the Centre with Claire consider it to be a second home, a place that is comfortable, secure and safe with fun times always to be had. Claire has provided a stimulating, rich environment for a wide age range of children. Her program reflects her dedication and enthusiasm for developing the best in all.

We wish Claire every success with her future and sincerely thank her for loving our children !

Susan Miles and Carolyn Watson, on behalf of the parents and children at the St Marys Childcare Centre.

St Marys Child Health Centre



Open Sessions
1st & 3rd Thurs.
9 am to 12 noon
Thursday 19th Dec '02
2nd & 16th Jan '03
Appointments 0409 361 005

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Happy Christmas
and New Year*

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Mobile: 0409 361 005
Lorraine McGee RN

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Sunday School on Monday !

The enjoyment of the children of
JAM really shone through when
they presented their Christmas
Service at Holy Trinity St Marys
on Sunday.

With their wonderful leader
Melanie, Pam and newly recruited
helpers, the 31 children presented
their items including the beautiful
Nativity characters which they
had made themselves.

The large congregation was left
with no doubt as to how much the
children enjoy attending JAM.

Be back in 2003

The Valley Voice will be in
recess over the school holiday
period and will resume in
February, the next issue will be
out on 13 February 2003.
Thank you to our regular
contributors and all who
contribute in any way at all.

- † Do you have a story to tell ?
- † Does your club send in items
to be published ?
- † Do you have anything of
interest to share?

Think about it over the coming
weeks !

All at the Valley Voice wish their
loyal advertisers, readers,
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and Happy Christmas.



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in 2003*



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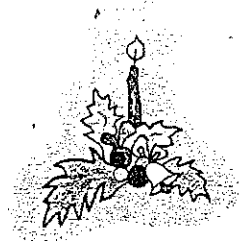
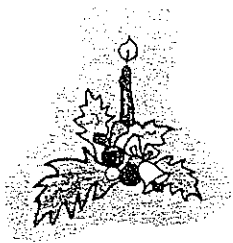
Christmas Trading Hours

Christmas Eve: 9 am to 6 pm
Closed Christmas Day
Closed Boxing Day
Friday 27 Dec. 12 noon - 5.50
pm only
Sat 28th, Mon 30th, Tues 31st
regular trading times
Closed New Years Day

Please Note:

**All uncollected
Lay-bys & holds will be
returned to stock at
12 noon Christmas Eve
unless
prior arrangements are
confirmed with Kathryn.**





LIONS CLUB OF St. Marys

CHRISTMAS PARADE

TUESDAY THE 24th DECEMBER 2002

SPONSORED BY: CORNWALL COAL, AURORA, SMACD & ST.MARYS PACING CLUB

3:00pm

Festivities Begin, Lions Club Childrens Party

4:00pm

Kids Tent, Face Painting, Donuts, Fairy Floss,

FREE MOTORBIKES RIDES

& Duck Patslotto

5:00 pm

KIDS WE NEED YOUR BIKE!

**Enter the decorated bike & fancy dress competition that
starts at the library**

5.30pm

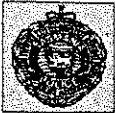
Main Christmas Parade

& B.B.Q

6.30pm

**Announcements of Raffles, Prize Winners For
Floats & Decorated Houses.**

SEE YOU THERE



Police report continued

Once again the warmer weather has arrived. This has caused vegetation to become dry and be a target for bush fires. There have been a number of small scrub fires in and around the town which could be potentially dangerous. If any one observes anyone acting suspiciously near vegetation or catches anyone lighting a fire, please contact the local police or 000.

In relation to other offences occurring in the town, mainly traffic offences, please be prepared to make a written statement about what you observed so that the offending persons can be proceeded against. Police are aware that there are a number of 'rev heads' in the town and continue to monitor the problem and act on offences that occur. Unfortunately, the law only provides for police to act on what they observe, unless someone is willing to make a written statement. And rest assured, the offending drivers are proceeded against.

Finally, I would like to thank all those people who have come forward with information and to those who have supported me personally, and in general the St Marys police station over the previous two years. It is confirmed that I leave on the 2nd of January 2003 and will be returning to Launceston. It has been a pleasure living and working on the town and I hope to see many of you in the future.

Thank you Luke for your regular contributions to this paper. The Valley Voice wishes yourself and Claire a Happy Christmas and wish you both all the best in your new positions in 2003. V.V.

The old country church

Among my favourite memories
Each year on Christmas Day
Is that old country church
Where once I used to pray
Families came from near and far
Despite the wintry weather
To fill the little country church
And worship there together

Though I have journeyed far away
Along the road of life since then
How often I have longed to be
In that old country church again
To share with all my loved ones
The joy of Christmas Day
In that old fashioned country church
Where once I used to pray

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Merry Christmas
and a
Happy and Safe
New Year



Contacts for Valley Voice

Ron: 6372 2105.
Audrey: 63722337
Fax: 6372 2172

This paper will resume in February.
Deadline for articles will be Tuesday
11th February 2003

ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE



**Christmas - New Year
Roster of GP on call
is on page 3**

Dr Geniola on call phone: 6374 2288

Dr Shah on call phone: 6372 2311

Medical Emergencies Phone:

000

or

The Ambulance on:

1800 008 008

HACC BUS

**'DRIVERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED FOR
THE ST MARYS HACC BUS'.**

If you have a current drivers license and would be interested in volunteering for the HACC Bus Roster please contact Jim Haas on 6372 2 127.

Our Community needs your support!



DAY CENTRE

CHRISTMAS DATES:

BREAK-UP: 11th December 2002

RESUME: 15th February 2003

Anyone interested in attending the St Marys Day Centre can phone 6372 2111 and leave your name and a contact phone number (if available) and the Day Centre Coordinator will contact you. The St Marys Day Centre is open to everyone in the community.

'WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE?'

- 19th Dec Carmel Taylor, Continence Clinic. Phone 63722111 for appointments and Carmel will contact you.
- 19th Dec Child Health Clinic with Lorraine McGee 9am-12noon. Afternoon appoint. available by phoning 0409 361 005.
- 20th Dec Tim, Jobnet 9:30am-3:30pm
- 9 Jan 03 Hearing Clinic, for appoint. Phone 63317455
- 16 Jan 03 Margaret, Centapact
- 17 Jan 03 Melissa, Centapact
- 21 Jan 03 Tom Bain Barrister by appointment on 6372 2111.
- 22 Jan 03 Podiatry, Lightfoot Podiatry Service

Christmas cheer....

From everyone at the St Marys
Community Health Centre



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Thank you to you all for your ongoing support over the last 12 months. Have a safe Christmas and we'll see you all next year.

Community Nursing

Surf Life Saving Tas

Marine & Safety Tasmania

Local Police & Service Clubs
present the 2003

Beach & Boat Safety Campaign

- Save a life
- Examine the types of PFD to wear when on the water
- Learn to identify a rip
- Never swim alone
- Look out for hazards

Thursday 9th January 2003

10 am to 2 pm

at

Binalong Bay Beach

- Be water wise
- Be boat safe
- Have fun
- Sausage sizzle

Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult

New comers BBQ

Are you new to the area ?

Would you like to meet
new people?

Come along for a BBQ and
make some friends.



20th December 2002
St Helens Foreshore
Game Fishing BBQ area
6.00 pm
BYO food and drinks

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Chartrain for all his mowing of
nature strips, and to Dean Rice
for his cleaning up the road
sides along Quail Flats, Gray
Road. And '**Thumbs down**'
to the lunatics who think this
strip of road is their own
private speed track, with no
concern for others. Wake up
before there is a fatality. It is
too late to be sorry after.

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Happy New Year
to everyone

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this Christmas

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Laser operator Kate Williams on 6372 2111

Massage Therapist Sue Christiansen 6372 2111 or 0418 515 419



TLC Inc.

Meals on Wheels Roster

Dec/ Jan	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 23rd	P & Y Davern	Mim Woods
Tues 24th	Ronda Cranch	Katrina Johnson
Wed 25th	Merry Christmas	
Thurs 26th	Kaye Nailer	Jan Marshall
Fri 27th	Shirley Britton	Bob Yates
Mon 30th	Annette Davey	Jacque Death
Tues 31st	P O'Donnell	Debbie Speers (N)
Wed 1st	Mary Viney	Vic Jones
Thurs 2nd	Yvonne Salter	Sue Woods
Fri 3rd	Anne Birrell	Christine Woods (P)
Mon 6th	Debbie Barnes	Carole Woods
Tues 7th	Peter Williams	Robyn Holder
Wed 8th	Sheridan Kindred	Cheryl Rankin
Thurs 9th	Jean Schier	Patsy Death
Fri 10th	Tracy Bean	Mac Saunders
Mon 13th	Glen Lodge	Shirley Parker
Tues 14th	M & P Berwick	June Hall
Wed 15th	Lorraine Gill	Joan Lowe
Thurs 16th	Kath Read	Maureen Hall
Fri 17th	Trish Pike	Shirleen Woods
Mon 20th	Wendy Aulich	Sharon Hall
Tues 21st	Ruth Aulich	Rayleen Hall
Wed 22nd	Atholie Greenwood	Sue Woods
Thurs 23rd	Kaye Nailer	Rhonda Hoskinson
Fri 24th	Shirley Britton	Bob Yates
Mon 27th	Annette Davey	Debbie Speers (W)
Tues 28th	P O'Donnell	Debbie Speers (N)
Wed 29th	Pam Lynch	H & P Mills
Thurs 30th	Gail Gamble	Jan Marshall
Fri 31st	N & A Challis	J Claridge

Church Services

Catholic Parish of St Marys

Priest: Father Bill Egan

Fingal

Every Friday Mass 10am

1st and 3rd Sunday Mass 10.30am

St Marys

Every Sunday Mass 9am

Bicheno

Every Sunday Mass 4pm

St Helens

Every Saturday

Vigil Mass 6pm

Mangana

5th Sunday Mass 11am

Anglican Parish of the Northern Midlands

Services each Sunday

Avoca 8.00am

Fingal 10.00am

Mathinna Monday 10am

Daily Office Reading

Avoca Tuesdays 10am

Fingal Tuesdays 12 noon

Ross Wednesdays 10am

Anglican Parish of St Helens 6376 1144

St Helens

8am and 10.30am

Every Sunday

St Marys 10am

No service 5th Sunday

Monday JAM: (in recess in school holidays)

3.15 pm to 4.45 pm for children 5-12 yrs

Pyengana 11am

2nd and 4th Sunday

Break O'Day Uniting Church

Fingal 9.00am

St Helens 11am and 7pm

Seventh Day Adventist

Hodgeman Street Scamander

Sabbath School 10am

Divine Service 11am

New Beginnings Church

Every Sunday at 10.30 with children's time, tea and coffee afterwards.

Last Sunday of month we will share lunch together.

108 High St Mathinna Ph 6377 1234

New Beginnings Church is a branch of The Vine Church A.O.G Launceston

Harris Funerals

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Chapel: 46 Tully Street St Helens

Phone/Fax 6376 1153 Mobile 0418 133 420

We are here when you need us to arrange Burial or Cremation. Pre-paid and pre-arranged funeral plans are available.



St Marys Tennis Club

Sport and Recreation Grant

Months ago the Club Executive submitted an application with the Office of Sport and Recreation and I am very pleased to advise our members that we are to receive \$2,410 to concrete the area between the courts, clubrooms and fence. (It was well worth the hours spent on the application!)

Membership Fees

Please forward your overdue memberships and money to the Club Treasurer, Drew Adam.

The Caltex St Marys Mixed Doubles Competition

On Saturday 7th December a very successful mixed doubles event was held at the Club with 10 couples participating. The Caltex St Marys very kindly donated two \$25 gift vouchers at their business that were won by Linda Faulkner and Daniel Morris. The runners-up, Alison Bushing and Chris Davern each received a bottle of champagne. Many thanks to all the competitors and our sponsors, Jeffrey and Grant Faulkner, who contributed to such an enjoyable day!

Club Championships

The Club Championship draw is now on display at the Clubrooms. The Championship Finals will be held on Saturday and Sunday 22nd and 23rd of March 2003.

Christmas Raffle

The Club is currently raffling a decorated Christmas cake, a bottle of wine and chocolates. The cake and "goodies" are currently on display at the St. Marys Newsagency and is well worth a look! Tickets are \$1 each and are available from any member and also at local businesses – St Marys Health and Beauty, St Marys Post Office, St Marys Newsagency, St Marys Police Station and BP Scamander. The raffle will be drawn on Christmas Eve. (Could Club members with raffle books please return them as soon as possible to Susan Miles).

Twilight Tennis

Twilight Tennis is on at the Club every Thursday night from 6 pm.

General Meeting

The next general meeting will be on Thursday 23rd January at 7.30 pm.
All welcome to attend.

Susan Miles (Secretary)

Midweek Women's Roster

Congratulations to the winning teams and runners-up for the 2002 roster.
Intending players for the 2003 season starting in February, please check the notice at the Club regarding your intentions, either add or delete your name by Friday 14th February.

Thank you, K. Nailer, A Davey.

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St Marys Soccer News

St Marys soccer players had their last training session for the season, this week. We will be starting again at Easter time. Many thanks all who have come along to play and to the St Marys school who have been very supportive.

Next season we hope to have regular games between St Helens and St Marys junior teams and there have even been rumours of a Bicheno junior soccer club emerging!

The senior St Marys soccer team had a fine end to the season, winning the Impulse 6-a-side tournament in Launceston. It was a fine effort, finishing top of many established teams playing regular competitive games. St Marys Olympic beat Worster soccer club 2-0 in the final with a young ringer scoring both goals in what was an excellent all-round team performance. Well done. Enjoy the cricket season everyone and see you again at Easter.

St Marys Pacing Club

Once again our Annual Race meeting is approaching and the committee, especially the ladies, are busy painting and cleaning the various buildings that we use on race day. The Secretary's office and drivers room have been re-roofed and a new ceiling put in.

Lack of rain and months of windy weather has made track conditions very dry as are the surrounds. As in previous years we rely heavily on volunteer labour, so if anyone would like to assist in any way, please come along.

We have framed seven races worth \$38,500 which is the highest ever offered by the Club. Main races are the Cup of \$8,000, Guineas of \$6,500, four of \$4,900 and one of \$4,500.

It has been said it is a lot of work for only one day but if everyone had this attitude we would have nothing going in our town, so please come along and help make this day another success as it has been the past few years when we have had record numbers of starters and great racing.

Eric Bean Secretary

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Saturday: 11 am to 3 pm



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For more information please contact St Marys Online Access Centre on 6372 2005 or call in and see one of the volunteers.

St Helens Gun Club



St Helens Gun Club Committee would like to wish all members and their families a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

The New Year Shoot is as follows:

Saturday 4th January 2003

9.00 am start

Event 1.

50 target Point Score

1st: Sash and Trophy

2nd: Trophy

AA, A, B, C.

Event 2.

50 target Single Barrel

1st: Sash and Trophy

2nd: Trophy

AA, A, B, C.

Event 3.

10 target Double Barrel Novice Event

1st: Sash

Event 4.

50 target Double Barrel

"Laurie Viney Memorial"

1st: Sash and Trophy

2nd: Trophy

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St Marys Sports Centre

by Kackhander

New concept for Saturday comps

As of January, the sub-committee will be initiating a new system to encourage Saturday comps again, during the bowls season.

Each week a sheet will be placed on the board by Bob Hersey or Trevor Viney with that week's rostered event and times from early morning till about 1 pm.

Players are invited to organise a group of 2, 3 or 4 at a time that suits, to get your game in. Scores will be checked, listed and published that afternoon. It is not quite the same as a proper draw but it will enable everyone who wants to play, the chance to get a card in. Hopefully the bar hours will suit most players. Please try to support this concept because Bob, Trevor, Roger, Jim and Skeeter are frustrated that the course is in such great nick, crying out for use and no-one much is doing so, let's try to fix this.

The Todd's Hall Day turned out to be a lot of fun for all and raised \$120 towards Andrew and Jen's rebuilding. They were very appreciative for the support. Thank you to the golf sub-committee for running the day.

Last Saturday saw the Ham Run played. The field was a little down on expected but quite a few people were away for the weekend as it turns out or had some sort of mishap like myself which prevented play. To all those who did, congratulations and thanks, especially to Trevor for organising the comp. Well Robbie you've certainly outdone yourself this time with a fantastic 76 off the stick which translates into 56 nett, a nice ham and a few more shots off your handicap. A great year indeed. Congratulations also to Shan Wilmot, Brad Ennis, Mark Carrick and Bobbie Harwood, who all scored well.

Now to bowls and our recent pennant match against St Helens was a 43 shot touch-up to us by a strong side, but a real positive was that blokes like Greg Cooper, Alan Beach and quite a few others put their personal matters aside to allow us enough to get a side. Unfortunately 7 players had previous commitments all at the same time that put us in grave danger of forfeiting. This did not occur thanks to everyone's efforts. However we are really going to have to tough it out after the Christmas break if we want to play finals again. Bicheno is ahead of us and Scamander is now more or less level for that finals berth with about 5 games to go. Let's really put in boys. Well done to Chris Davern's rink who managed a good win for 2 points at least.

Everyone will be sad to hear that our Club Secretary Umesh Pretap is leaving to work in Hobart. Umesh has been a tremendous and generous member over the past decade and we wish Umesh and Uma every success next year. There will be a farewell day in January for Umesh and let's hope for a great roll-up as he surely deserves.

Sports Centre continued



The subs are starting to flow in now but there are still quite a few that need to be paid soon. Thanks to everyone for their support so far.

Our committee advises that the new irrigation system is still being considered and financing negotiations hopefully will soon be well underway. It is not an easy task so please be patient because we cannot afford to stuff it up!

Two matters to conclude with, firstly as Umesh is leaving shortly, we are seeking expressions of interest in the vacant Secretary's position and anyone interested can contact any committee person with their interest. Please try and do so, in writing, by 10th January 2003.

As this is the last Valley Voice for 2002, we would like to thank Audrey, Liz and crew for their patience and deciphering of Kackhander's notes this year, which allows our club to get the news out in this great paper.

We wish the Valley Voice staff a safe, happy and prosperous Christmas and New Year and will await the Voice's return in February, all refreshed and ready to go again!

Until then good hitting and rolling

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