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40 Years of catching up

Have you ever had your day changed, just by a knock on the door. Little did I know when I answered the door that this would happen. My visitors were people I had not seen for over 40 years, Rae McGeachie and her son.

Time to talk was not long enough. Rae is living in a retirement village and loves it. We are both about the same stature, both have white hair and we both use a cane to walk. Of course our talk took in the concerts we had been concerned with - The Mikado, H.M. S. Pinafore, the Sacred Concert in Cullenswood Church, Launceston Competitions, where we came second. Of course we talked about coming home on a winters night, thick fog, the car packed with eight people, and trying to see if we were still on the road.

One thing Rae did say, that no where they lived, had they found the people as friendly and so caring as at Cornwall. Unfortunately time just flew and my visitors had to move on.

To the newcomers of our district, Mr and Mrs McGeachie (he was the Mine Manager) and Mr and Mrs McClean (Under Manager), worked very hard for the district. Their time and their car were always available.

Mr McGeachie had the Washing Plant at Fingal, he found and opened the Duncan Mine. With fellow Councillor Mr L Maney, they had the road, now Alexander Street sealed, made sure that Cornwall had a decent water supply — which we at Cornwall still enjoy.

What a pity time flew because there were still many topics we could talk about.

Una Camplin Cornwall.



Grassy Bottom Singers from left at back: Nick Raven, Liz Dean, Lyn Piscitelli, Louise Peacock, Mary Mumford, Robyn Oh, Front: Lila Meleisea, Isa Witton, Micala Witton, Eo Greensticks, Cathy Fotios.

Grassy Bottom Singers at Port Arthur *by Cathy Fotios*

The Grassy Bottom Singers, your local singing group, were invited by Ten Days on the Island to participate in the Choral Island events being held at Port Arthur. About three hundred people who love to sing, and from all around Tasmania, came to the site to perform their songs and also to all sing together.

The weather was kind to us that day, it was sunny with just a light breeze. Each group did two performances, Grassy Bottom sang in the Old Penitentiary, for most of our group it was their first performance in public which can be a bit daunting. Everyone seemed nervous at first but we went in and gave it our best.

Now I'm going to boast ! We sounded fantastic, the audience responded warmly which just made us more relaxed and we really did sound great and the people loved us. We sing songs from all around the world and it is great fun.

To finish the day, all the singing groups came together to sing a reconciliation song written by a young Aboriginal boy, and it was awesome, it brought tears to your eyes to hear three hundred people all in harmony together, it truly was a privilege to be involved.

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Next general meeting of the **Tasmania Lymphoedema Centre Inc.** will be 10 am Monday 19th May 2003

North/east Bio-Region Networking, next meeting Wednesday 21st May 2003 4 pm, at the home of Todd Dudley.

St Marys Tennis Club Easter raffle winner:
Stephen Lynch St Marys

TLC Inc Easter Raffle won by Matthew Besim Victoria. (Hope Matthew will love his prize, a beautiful, cuddly teddy bear!)

Soccer Match:

Saturday 24th May 11 am
St Marys v St Helens at St Marys School footy pitches.
Games at all Junior and Senior levels. Jack Foreman 6372 2036

Northeast Wildlife

Carers is now established in St Marys for orphaned or injured native animals. Donations of towels, beanies, old jumpers, straw or hay would be gratefully accepted.

Please call 6372 2462,
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St Marys Child Health Centre

Regional Office 6336 2130
After hours 1800 808 178
Mobile: 0409 361 005
Lorraine McGee RN

Appointments 0409 361 005

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9 am to 12 noon
**Next session -
Thurs May 15th**



Position vacant Fingal Primary School

Teachers Assistant

Duties: General Aide & Literacy and Numeracy Support

Hours: 8 hours per week

Period of Employment: May - December 2003

Application and position details may be obtained from the school office.

Contact: Janine Burt 6374 2197

Applications close on Thursday 15th May at 5.00 pm sharp.

Support appreciated

It is regret I wish to advise the community that I have resigned my position with the CWA St Marys Branch, also I have decided not to join the new group of WAGS. My community efforts will be aligned elsewhere.

I wish to thank the community, the St Marys Lions, and the Council for their continued generosity to the CWA during my time as the Secretary of the St Marys Branch.

Patti O'Donnell

Contacts for Valley Voice

Ron: 6372 2105.

Audrey: 6372 2337

Fax: 6372 2172

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Cornwall News

With most of the paperwork done, work on the cricket pitch area at Cornwall will commence in about 4 weeks. All volunteers welcomed.

Start date will to be confirmed.

Cornwall Community Committee
Debbie Squires

St Marys Playgroup

We are trying to get St Marys Playgroup up and running again. A meeting for all interested parents and carers will be held on Tuesday 13th May at 1.00 pm at the St Marys Kindergarten room. This meeting is to confirm numbers, decide on days, times and other information. So please come along and have your say. Any further information please phone Trish, 6372 2072



Proposal to form a group management committee for Bicheno, Fingal, St Helens and St Marys Online Access Centres.

A staff member from Tasmanian Communities Online Central Support Unit will be attending

Notice of Public Meeting

Wednesday 14th May 7:00 pm

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Mothers Day Sunday 11th May

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Show your wives, partners - all Mothers
You really do care*

Brekky in bed

A gift or two

Flowers in a big bunch

Why not cook her a snack for lunch ?

*This is the day to make it clear
You're filled with gratitude and love
For all she does through the year*

Bake a roast for tea

A bag is all you need

No !! A Glad Oven Bag

Its so easy you see !!

Apple & Cinnamon Toaster Croissants
(New in store Friday)

Beef Curry Puffs (Delicious)

1 tbl oil, 1 small onion finely -chopped,
1 clove garlic-crushed, 1 tbl mild curry paste,
250g minced beef, 2 teas lemon juice,
1/3 cup mango chutney, 1 egg beaten,
1/2 cup frozen mixed peas, corn & carrots,
6 sheets frozen Pampas Puff Pastry-thawed.

Method:

Heat oil in pan, add onion & garlic, cook stirring until soft.

Add curry paste; cook, stirring until fragrant.

Add mince; cook stirring until well browned.

Remove from heat; stir in juice, chutney & vegies. Cool.

Cut pastry sheets into 4 squares.

Place heaped teaspoon of mixture in middle of square, brush edge with a little egg, fold over to enclose filling.

Press edges together with a fork to seal.

Repeat with rest of mixture and pastry squares. Place on greased oven trays.

Brush tops with a little more egg.

Cook at 190° until pastry is lightly browned.

Can be eaten hot or cold.

Glad Oven Bags - read directions on pack and add meat and vegies.

Introducing our new Police team

*A message from Inspector Fiona Lieutier - Officer in Charge,
St Helens Police Division:-*

I would like to thank all members of St Marys and Fingal Valley Community for your patience whilst the Sergeants and Constables vacancies were being filled at St Marys.

It was important that these positions be filled by the personnel that are particularly suited and attuned to the needs of the St Marys Community and have a diverse range of experiences.

These positions have both now been filled by Sergeant Robert Baker, who is the Officer in Charge of the St Marys Sub-division and Constable Simon Triffitt.

Robert and Simon along with Terry at Avoca and Don at Fingal, will provide the Fingal Valley with a highly experienced and enthusiastic Police team. Both Robert and Simon are living within the township of St Marys and I am sure that you will make them warmly welcome.

Fiona Lieutier

A message from Robert:-

Just a quick note to let you all know that I will be commencing duty as Sergeant in Charge of the St Marys Station on Wednesday 7th May 2003.

Just a bit about myself:-

I am in my eleventh year in the Tasmanian Police Services where I have served in a number of different areas, most recently 3½ years with the Launceston Criminal Investigation Branch.

I look forward to ensuring the St Marys Community receive an effective and efficient Police Service, under pinned by the partnership approach to addressing community issues.

Also our warmest Congratulations go out to our local Constable Simon and his wife Simone, on the birth of their second daughter Hallie Elyse, a little sister for Sara. We wish you all the best and hope the family is doing well.

Robert Baker.

Todd's Hall

Unfortunately we still have very little information to pass on about the future of Todd's Hall. We are pursuing legal avenues, but it seems unlikely that there will be any resolution in the near future. We are aware that many people are keen to know if we will be re-building the hall, but until we know more about possible outcomes of any legal action, it is not a question we can answer. A second engineers report is on the way regarding the stability of the remaining structure as this is still our primary concern. Monies raised for re-building the hall have been set aside specifically for re-building or for cultural projects for the benefit of St Marys.

A very warm thank you to the St Marys CWA, the St Helens Stitchers and all the willing quilters who have made a stunning quilt to replace one we lost in the fire. It is beautiful - all the more so because of the thought and care that went into it. Thank you also to the St Marys Lions for their on-going support.

Andrew and Jen

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'My Father' - an early St Marys resident

written by Jeff Morris

Frank Bryant Lohrey Morris was born at Gray on February 13th 1888 to William James and Eliza (nee Lohrey) Morris.

He went to school at Gray and the school at that time was situated at the bottom of Gray Hill until later when a new school and residence were built at the top of the hill which the children from Irish Town, after the Irish Town school was closed, also went to. Children from the small farms about Gray, which reached right out the Dalmayne Road and down to Wardlaws Hills also attended the Gray school. According to my father there were about 30 children from three families at one stage.

Two of my father's sisters taught at Gray. Alice later went to Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), as a missionary and died there years later. The other sister Bessie, left for England as a Nanny with a doctor, but after a whirlwind romance with a South African reporter on board ship, she disembarked at Cape Town and married him (Harry Sprausen) and lived at Pretoria Transvaal where Harry became the editor of the Pretoria Times newspaper, which is another story of its own.

According to my father, at the age of just under 14, he one day jobbed the headmaster and was sent home, on reaching home his father told him, 'if you think you are old enough to job the master, then you are old enough to earn your own living'. So the very next week he and his best friend Tom Speers, also 14, left home and walked as far as Mathinna which was booming as a gold mining area. They stayed the first night with the Grendas. Alf Grenda was a World Champion bike rider and axeman. There they obtained work on the road that was being formed across to Ringarooma. They stayed there until work ran out and headed for and walked to Berriedale near Hobart.

At that time hotels always had cheese and biscuits on the counter, and if you bought one beer for sixpence you could eat as much of them as you liked. With work scarce and money running out, they lived on that for some weeks, except for some sweets that Tom stole from a shop.

At last they got a job with Jones & Co Timber & Other Industries and were sent down to Hastings by boat where they cut timber and worked at the mill right where Hastings Caves are situated which according to my father were not known about at that time.

Some time later the young men were sent by boat, with quite a lot of other men to Queenstown to cut timber for the mines on the West Coast. After completing some time there, they were getting quite homesick so decided to come home and booked their passage from Strahan to Hobart.

On the morning they were supposed to leave, they slept in and missed that boat. That boat (I have seen a photo of it in the Zeehan Museum but cannot remember its name at present), went down in Hell's Gates with all hands lost and never heard of since. They decided to walk back across the old Osmiridium track as it was then called, to New Norfolk. There was no road to the west coast then and after arriving back in Hobart, Tom was picked up by the Police and charged with stealing those sweets earlier on.

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My Father, an early resident of St Marys.

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The First World War - 1914, had not been on long, and at court Tom was given the option of going to goal or joining the Army. Tom chose the Army and served in the trenches in France where he was gassed with mustard gas. Dad said he would join later but wanted to go home first, which he did and of course met my mother Nellie May Dakin who lived out where the Dakin farm is on the forestry 'M' Road, half way to Gray.

They were married and Dad worked on and helped build the Dalmayne Road and a back road to Gray which was no more than a track where cattle were driven through from the Midlands to the coast.

He then applied for a job as boss on the building of the overhead bucket-way from Jubilee mine to the railway station which he completed and lived at Rosegarland where Steven Bantick now lives. He then bought the block at the bottom end of Cameron Street where Trevor and Mary Viney, his granddaughter, now live. He split the timber and built the house which is still there, where he raised seven children including myself. It was pretty tough at that time, he then decided to go to work at Cornwall Coal Company where he stayed until almost retiring age when he was talked into the job of Manager of the Dalmayne Mine which was then owned by an old friend, Ted Chapman. He stayed there until he retired on the Miners Pension at the age of 60. Not satisfied he then went building houses for Don Wardlaw. Some of those houses were built at Greenlawn, Bicheno, Frodsley and Harefield. He worked on doing jobs for Don Wardlaw until he was 70 and from then on for the next 10 years he and Mum went fishing at least two or three times a week, anywhere from Ansons Bay to the Swan River and all the small places in between. I know because I had to go looking for them on a few occasions when they were late getting home.

Dad died in the St Marys Hospital at the age of 83 in 1971, and was buried at Gray Cemetery.

Jeff Morris St Marys

St Marys Health & Beauty Centre

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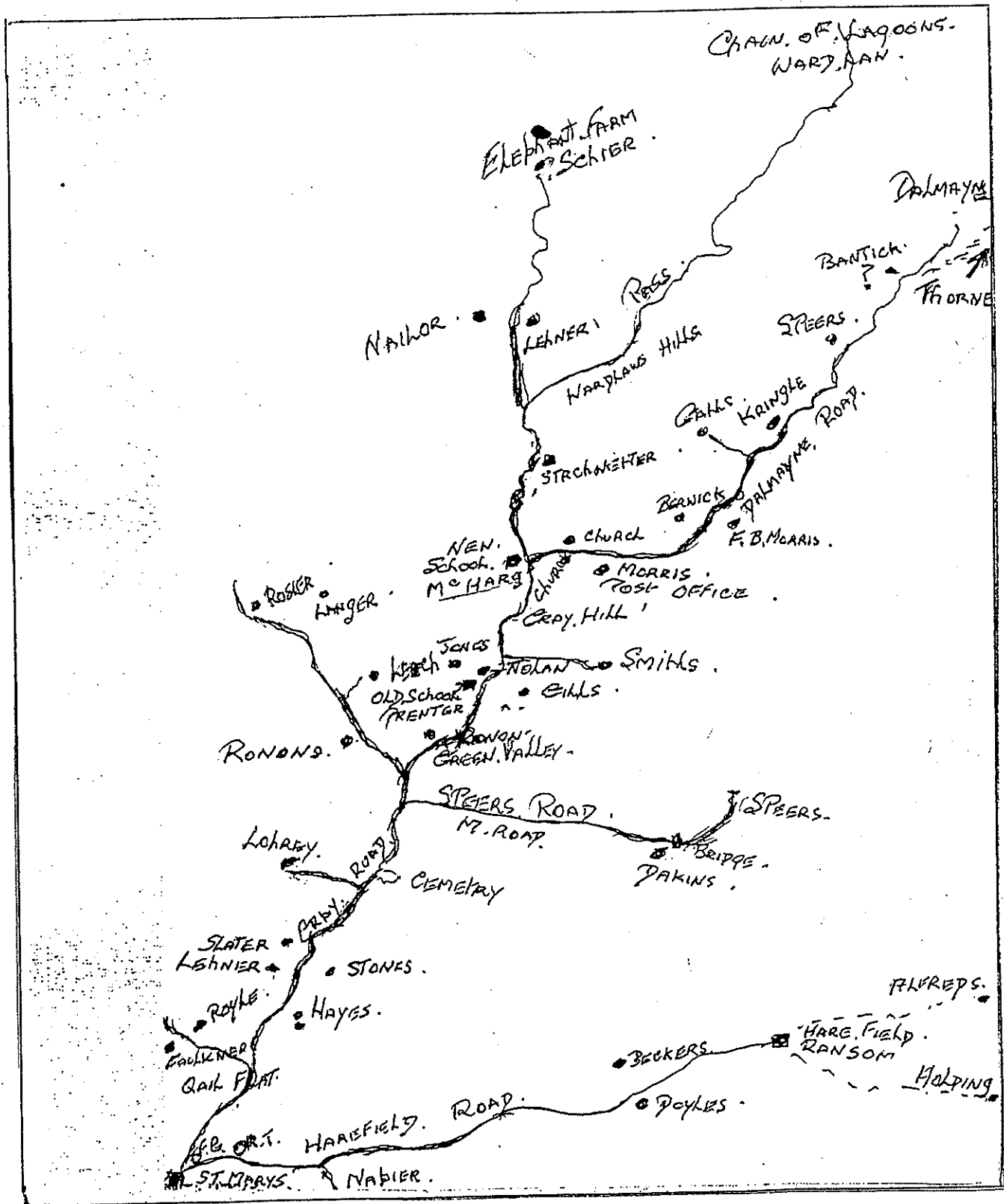
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Map of early settlement on the southern side of St Marys as drawn by Mr Jeff Morris Groom Street St Marys.

'Others have lived in some of these places, but these are the originals as told to me by my father and as I remember, from around 1900—1940's and before.' J A Morris



ANZAC Day St Marys

A large gathering attended the 11 am service around the Cenotaph at St Marys. Break O'Day Mayor Stephen Salter spoke of what could be achieved with world powers working towards world peace. Father Bill Egan conducted the service and prayers, and read the inscription which is written on a memorial at Gallipoli which commemorates our soldiers, part of which reads — "...after having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well".

In Mr Tim McManus' address he recalled how again and again Australian men and women have bravely answered the call to engage in military combat and then spoke of the wisdom of hindsight.

Tim also said, *"They went and fought for freedom. Freedom to live, freedom to speak, freedom to worship. The freedom we in Australia and especially in Tasmania, enjoy-like nowhere else.*

I hope you good folk listening today will encourage your children and your grandchildren, before they settle down to raise the next generation, to travel overseas, NOT to the effluent Northern Hemisphere, but to Africa, South America, or the sub-continent of Asia, where they will see the effects of Despotism, Political Corruption, Poverty, Disease and Starvation.

Then and only then will they realise how lucky they are and how much we owe to thousands of Australian service personnel, who endangered or sacrificed their lives for the freedom and affluence so many of us take for granted.

Despite what the cynics might say, ANZAC Day is NOT a celebration of war. It is a tribute to the fallen."

St Marys may have lost their long serving bugler, Mr Selby Targett, but his music lives on with Last Post and Reveille having been recorded and played on ANZAC Day.

The Say by 'Cage Rattler' LEST WE FORGET

It has been about five years since I last attended an ANZAC Day Service and until a few hours before this years cenotaph remembrance I'm ashamed to say I had little intention of going again, basically because I was too blasé to do so.

However as I watched the early television news that morning, something inside me told me to get busy and attend. This to offer some semblance of thanks to the 102,000 Australians who have given up their lives so we can enjoy the quality of life and freedom we have today. Anyone who claims that ANZAC Day commemorates war is totally wrong. Ask any Digger. I know this for fact, from first hand experience because of family involvement.

Two very close relatives of mine served in the Second World War, predominantly in the Middle East and New Guinea and neither of them would ever willingly speak or encourage discussion on that conflict.

As proud as they were to serve our country they would never find it necessary to boast or declare what they did. Both nearly lost their lives and both lost close friends during the five years of direct involvement of war. My only recollections of them talking about their experiences, were more of the comrades and their shenanigans on leave.

I believe they wanted to spare us from bad stuff and only with my parents did we later learn of the atrocities they witnessed. In the First World War, their own uncle paid the ultimate price in France.

Thank you to our local RSL sub branch, Mayor Stephen Salter, Mr Tim McManus, Father Bill Egan and the wreath layers, for re-igniting personally, my gratitude to all our fallen and wounded diggers or peacekeepers.

Our local service may have been small in comparison to others but it was still a privilege to attend and I'm certain to try and not miss again. It is the least we can do for these truly great Australians to go to if not the Dawn Service then make it to the Cenotaph at 11 am.

Take a lesson and do not become complacent as I did, it's just not good enough.

What do you think ?

THOSE HEROES THAT SHED THEIR BLOOD
AND LOST THEIR LIVES
YOU ARE NOW LYING IN THE SOIL OF A FRIENDLY COUNTRY
THEREFORE REST IN PEACE
THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE JOHNNIES
AND THE MEHMETSTO US WHERE THEY LAY SIDE BY SIDE
HERE IN THIS COUNTRY OF OURS
YOU THE MOTHERS
WHO SENT THEIR SONS FROM FAR AWAY COUNTRIES
WIPE AWAY YOUR TEARS
YOUR SONS ARE NOW LYING IN OUR BOSOM
AND ARE IN PEACE
AFTER HAVING LOST THEIR LIVES ON THIS LAND THEY HAVE
BECOME OUR SONS AS WELL

ATATURK 1934

This memorial with its moving inscription is placed at Gallipoli.
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Enquiries to Maureen Bushing

PLAYGROUP MEETING

A meeting will be held for any parents interested in Playgroup. The meeting will be held at the St Marys District High School on Tuesday 13th May in the Kindergarten at 1pm

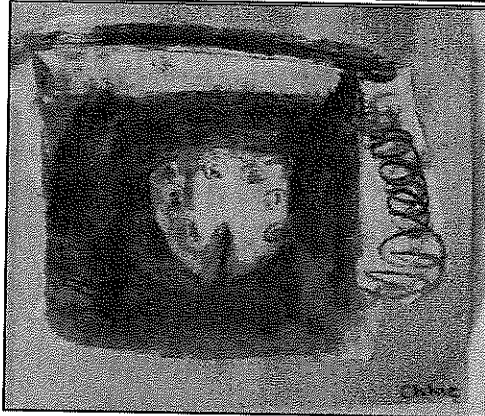


DENTAL THERAPIST
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Monday 7th July & Tuesday 8th July
Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd July

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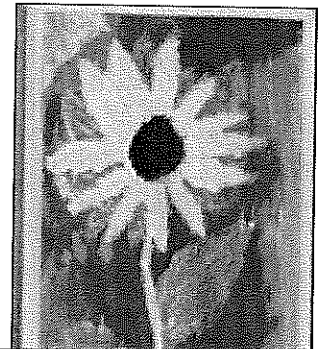


Primary Artwork

Charcoal Phone Sketches



Sunflower Sketches



MAY 2003				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5th May	6th May Immunisation Day	7th May Big Newsletter home	8th May	9th May Student Free Day
12th May Primary Assembly 11.10 - Hall	13th May	14th May Valanga Khoza Perform- ance South Africa 2pm Gr 7 - 10	15th May Cross Country moved to 21st May	16th May
19th May	20th May	21st May K - 10 Cross Country	22nd May	23rd May
26th May Primary Assembly 11.10 - Hall	27th May ENE Cross Country Mathinna Inter High Cross Country • P & F Meeting - 7pm	28th May Big Newsletter home	29th May	30th May LAST DAY of TERM

More from 'Relay for Life'

Just a few snippets we forgot to pass on in the last issue.

The Hash House Harriers provided us with a multitude of entertainment over the twenty-two hour relay.

Their campsite was only three away from ours. It was set up with three, nine gallon barrels under a Boags awning.

I thought it was the wet area for the whole oval. No, no, no, it was for their own use !!

The shenanigans continued when one of their members threw an aerosol can into their firepot. Many screams from participants on the track nearby but thankfully no injuries.

Prior to midnight they announced that their whole team would do a G-string only, lap at midnight. True to their word, the males ran a lap in only a G-string, one was gold lurex! One brave lady ran in a G-string and a crop top.

There was also the huge water pistols they fired at other runners. They didn't bother about the walkers but any runners were fair game and walkers did have to make sure they weren't in the firing line though.

At the presentations, the organisers requested that the hooligans not come again next year. One can only surmise who he was talking about.

It was all good fun.

Kathryn, John & Helen

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Support for Radio Station

Sir,

In response to The Say column by 'Cage Rattler' titled 'Change the Format', and printed on 24-4-03, I would like to send many, many bouquets of flowers to Maryanne Wadsworth, volunteer presenter of 7 BOD FM's morning show.

Maryanne rises at 5.30 am each day in order to prepare her program and I find the show fast-paced, funny and informative, with interesting daily reports and interviews.

M Woodberry St Helens

Support for 7BOD FM,

1. The local weather report as to fog in the Valley is useful to East Coast travellers, who leave the sunny coast to run into fog in the Valley ! Rattler does not see clear skies until late in the morning !
2. 7BOD FM covers a large area, including south of Bicheno where a lot of listeners are able to hear what is happening in the area.
3. Cage Rattler, did you offer to cut your hair as Bertram did, to raise funds for the Cancer Appeal ?

7BOD FM Listener (Name & address supplied)

Sir

We were quite disgusted about the comments on 7BOD FM on the back page of the last Valley Voice. Whilst the writer may have some valid points, he could have expressed them in a constructive manner. It would be interesting to know if he has ever worked as a volunteer, especially in a radio station. Furthermore, anyone who has to hide behind a nom-de-plume, when resorting to ridicule and sarcasm, is deserving of the utmost contempt.

I would urge the Valley Voice to insist that all such letters be signed in future.

Ken & Barbara Bathurst St Helens

Note: The Valley Voice has a policy of not printing correspondence which is received without the name and address of the writer. As with most papers it is the option of the writer to use a nom-de-plume. Editor.

Open comment

Change the format? Why not just remain silent and be thought a fool, or to open ones' mouth and remove all doubt!. The latter seeming relevant for you Cage Rattler.

Three correct points, 7 BOD FM is staffed by volunteers. Bicheno is not part of the BOD municipality but I'm sure you'd make old Marconi proud if you managed to get radio signals to drop out at a particular town limit. Wednesday's Police Beat report with young Constable Ted is a excellent concept for our community radio, but, what is wrong with some 'unique' music?

Perhaps Cage Rattler should go and find a life and live a little outside of their own obviously small comfort zone, even if it were for just a few seconds!

Criticism, constructive or otherwise could I'm sure be made direct to 7 BOD FM if a personal penchant is not being met. This fledgling outfit has grown enormously in format since their first broadcast and will I'm sure, continue to expand and diversify given the right type of support. Perhaps Cage Rattler would like to volunteer as a roving reporter and come up with more interesting interviews and cover all the local notices, the dreaded fundraising topics and events, sports news etc., that is if they can find the time in between nominating Saddam for his peace prize.

Toodle-oo. Suzanne Quinn St Marys

As explained with the first 'The Say' in issue 13th February 2003, 'The Say' is a forum for open debate on topics raised by Cage Rattler to encourage debate and ideas and your comments are invited as stated - 'What do you think?' .

Even the much maligned water quality did not raise one response, nor did the controversial proposal to build a big expensive swimming centre raise one response, so perhaps there are no strong feelings about these things in the community, but Cage Rattler has certainly stirred up a response this time !
Editor V.V.

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Letter to the Editor

Sir

Apparently you can please all the people all the time, as evidenced by this item from the Fingal correspondent in the Country News column of the Launceston Examiner, Friday 6th November, 1903.

"Satisfaction is expected on all sides at the alteration to on train services which will be a great inconvenience to all"

Now **there** is a spin doctor who could sell blue and yellow wheelie bins to Highlanders!

D W Clement

Meals on Wheels Roster

May	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 12th	Sally Spilsbury	Shirley Parker
Tues 13th	Kath Read	Katrina Johnson
Wed 14th	Patti O'Donnell	Sue Woods
Thurs 15th	Yvonne Salter	Rhonda Hoskinson
Fri 16th	Trish Pyke	Robyn Miller
Mon 19th	Annete Davey	Kaylene Sutton
Tues 20th	Ronda Cranch	Raylene Hall
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13th May **Cornwall Coal Medicals**
7:30am — 4:00pm.

13th May **Tom Baine & Associates**
Barrister 9am-11am

14th May **Cornwall Coal Medicals**
7:30am—10:30am

15th May **Child Health Clinic** with
Lorraine McGee. Appoints from
9-12. For afternoon appoints.
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16th May **Sue Hayes, Diabetes Educator**
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20th May **MOW Regional Meeting** 1:30pm
1:00pm MOW Fingal Valley

22nd May **Karen Bell, Continence Clinic**
Nurse. Phone 63722111 for
appoints.

27th May **Tom Baine & Associates**
Barrister 9am-11am

STUDENTS ARRIVING

Here will be 5 Nursing Students arriving on Monday 12th May 2003, to stay at the UDRH on site at the Community Health Centre for 3 weeks. If you see them out and about or in and around the area please make them feel welcome. Staff at CHC

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The Junior Football Roster is now into it's fourth week and it is good to see that we have about 60 boys and girls signed up again this year. Our roster days have been going along well although we still require more parent participation to make things run more smoothly. If any of our participating children's parents, or anyone else, could come along and help with coaching (no previous experience required), umpiring, goal umpiring, training (skills) etc., we will be only too happy to assist you in assisting us!

As this Sunday is Mothers Day, it was decided that no football will be played as all the children wanted to stay home and cook dinner for their Mum.

The following weekend will see a return to NTFA football at the St Marys oval with the St Marys District High School U/16 side playing Old Scotch at 9.45 am. It would be great to see a big crowd there as all these boys have come through the junior football - Auskick program.

For this weekend only Junior Football will be on a Saturday (17th May), and will start at 11 am or straight after the U/16 game, it is also hoped that Ross Clarke, NTFA U/16 Co-ordinator will be staying on to do some coaching after this game.

Finally I must apologise to all the children for not being able to supply results for games played so far, but as we have been a little down on on-field help, we have not been able to record these. Leigh

Roster for coming games printed on back page.

St Marys Tennis Club

Easter Raffle

The winner of our recent Easter Raffle was Stephen Lynch. Many thanks to the local businesses and club members who supported the raffle by selling tickets. We hope Stephen and his family are enjoying the chocolate and the scratchies!

Break O'Day Mixed Challenge

Our Club will again be hosting the Annual Break O'Day Mixed Challenge on Saturday and Sunday on the 17th and 18th May. This is a statewide competition for A, B and C grade players. Entry forms are available from Susan Miles or at the Clubrooms. The Club will have a round robin competition on the Saturday and will host the A, B and C grandfinals on the Sunday. There will be some great tennis to be seen over these two days so we welcome all spectators and local competitors. We are hoping that all members will be able to assist in some way by catering and/or help over the two days to ensure this event is a success for the Club and our community.

A new look Tennis Club

Over the Easter break some exciting improvements happened at our Club. We used our Department of Sport and Recreation Grant to concrete the area outside the Clubrooms, put up a child safety fence and did some concreting around the top court. It looks absolutely fantastic – many thanks to Rodney Bushing, Chris Wright and club members who assisted them over the three days. We appreciate these people giving up some of their Easter break to improve the Club!

Night Roster

Our recent Night Roster concluded last Friday night with a BBQ and some tennis. Although this was our smallest Night Roster of competitors, we had many club members in attendance at the BBQ. Many thanks to Randal Faulkner for organizing the purchase of a new gas BBQ for the Club and to Paul Aulich who collected it.

The results were:

Mens Winner – Riley Gunson

Ladies Winner – Monique Sharman

Mens Runner up – Todd Spilsbury

Ladies Runner up – Kathryn Brown

Mens 3rd Prize - Chris Gunson

Ladies 3rd Prize – Kaye Nailer

Our night roster competition will have a break over the winter and will resume again in September.

Coaching

Michelle Rowell will be available for adult and junior coaching on Saturday 31st May, Monday 2nd June and Saturday 7th June. Please contact her directly to make a booking on Mobile 0408 832 075 or Home 6343 2075.

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 28th August at 7.30pm.

Susan Miles (Secretary)



Sports Centre News

by Kackhander

Pennant team captain Chris Davern's prediction that the game at Scamander was going to be difficult, proved spot on.

St Marys found itself 3 matches all with the locals and our remaining player 1 down playing the last hole. John Miles did well to win the last and square the match and eventually win on the 19th to give us the match 4-3. Terrific effort John who incidentally remains the only undefeated player in the side at the moment. Welcome back to Smokey Dawson who played his first game for the year. The other winners were Chris Davern, Dale Ridgers and Rod McGiveron.

In A Reserve our boys were a great combination but the handicap method does nothing to help them and they missed out 1-4. A big congratulations to Jimmy Haas who once again came in with a top win and is playing very well at the moment.

Ladder positions after round 4 find St Marys in top spot in A Grade, 1 win clear of Freycinet who unexpectedly lost to Bicheno at home. In A Reserve the team is down the ladder a bit but don't give up fellas, there's still 6 rounds to go.

No pennant on May 11 due to Mothers Day and St Marys then takes on Freycinet at St Marys which is a big game.

To **Club golf** now, and in the recent stableford event it was an all Macca affair with John McDonald just edging out Glenn McDonald by 1 point. Well done John but also to Glenn who is beginning to hit the ball well now. Also great to see Bradley and Kodie our new juniors playing and not forgetting Rex Floyed who won the day 'Nearest pin', well done Rex.

Last Saturday in horrible conditions, the stroke event was won by Shan Wilmot followed closely by Paul Spilsbury and Jim Haas.

Everyone do not forget this upcoming Saturday is the Annual Geoff and Ruth Gill Memorial Trophy in memory of a great pair of club stalwarts. Let's see a big field for that one.

Junior Football

11th May - no football, cooking lunch for Mum!

17th May - 11 am Saturday at St Marys, after U/16's match.

25th May - St Marys v Swansea at Bicheno recreation ground 10.30 am start.

Ladies Golf and the pennant team is once again in the hunt and hopes to emulate last years success. It is a close comp again. Also a big mention to Bobby Harwood who recently recorded a great nett score of 63 and broke her handicap again.

Club news and there is likely to be a new footy tipping competition in the next fortnight and in a completely new format which committee member Mark Carrick has offered to help organise. Provided we can get at least 30 participants, there will be some fantastic prizes available so please try and support this because it is going to be a great help to the club. All extra money we can raise now will be going to the major projects for 2003, those being the new watering system and re-roofing of the club-house.

Don't forget sub-committee members there is a meeting this Friday May 9th and the General Committee May meeting is also coming up next week. We have a lot of major decisions to make in regard to the water and roof.

There are also some ideas for fun Friday or Saturday nights in the wind and the club is also hoping to boost our membership numbers to make the place really jump.

Anyway until next time, good hitting & rolling

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