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CORNWALL NEWS: by Jim Haas "Lions Back to Cornwall Day"

Boy, oh boy, what a day was had by all on Saturday the 4th February at the Lions Back to Cornwall Day. Over a thousand people invaded our little town to celebrate the opening of the Coalminer's Heritage Wall which has been built in the park, or old school ground, in the centre of town.

Old Cornwallites along with their families and friends came from as far away as Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and all over Tasmania to enjoy a day where families were brought together for the first time in generations, and miners met workmates from as far back as the pick and shovel days of pre 1964 when the old Cornwall, Mt. Nicholas and Jubilee mines were still in full swing. They swapped stories of shoveling coal, working with pit ponies, putting up timber supports and clipping the coal skips onto the endless rope.

Ninety four year old, Mrs. Raie McGeachie, whose husband John (Ding) was mine superintendent from 1941 to 1958, traveled from New Castle with her two sons Duncan and Robert and daughter Helen to share many memories with old friends including ninety year olds Una Camplin and George Oliver and eighty eight year old Noel Bradbury, who checked himself out of hospital for the day. Many other old residents like eighty year olds Lorna Freeman and Joan Davis spoke proudly of Cornwall and how they had gone to school, married and raised their families in a town that gave them all a great lifestyle full of wonderful memories, many of which were rejuvenated by seeing and talking to old friends and families.

The normally empty Community Hall bulged at the seams, as hundreds of people at a time wandered through, their minds reminded of a hundred and twenty years of mining and Cornwall history with the huge array of photos of the once thriving coal mines, the miners who carved the industry, and the people who built the town. In the centre of the hall, people sat at a long table and had lunch while they talked and laughed in a language unique to miners and the people who loved them.

The opening of the Wall got under way at 1 pm, with Len Miles welcoming guests and all the people to Cornwall on this special day. Councillor David Clement then gave a brief history of the town of Cornwall and how it evolved from just tents and a few huts in 1886. This was followed by Peter Murray, Chairman of the Mineworker's Trust, who explained the workings of the Trust and its roll in Coalmining Communities. The Wall was then opened by Deputy Premier David Llewellyn and Break O' Day Mayor Stephen Salter.

David spoke of his boyhood days at Cornwall and starting school at Cornwall school which was situated on the very spot where the Wall is now built. Stephen also, who only lived a stones throw away at Top Marshes as a boy, spoke of his days playing cricket at Cornwall and the many friends he had made here.

Final speakers were Cornwall Community leaders, Una Camplin and Jim Haas. Both spoke of the wonderful community spirit that existed at Cornwall and thanked all the Wall sponsors and all those who had built the wall and contributed to putting together the Lions Back to Cornwall Day. As Jim Haas said, it was a big effort from a lot of people all of whom can stand proud of their achievements.

All in all a great day was had by all, from the kids in the jumping castle with their painted faces, to the market stall holders, to the one thousand or so people who hugged, kissed, shook hands, remembered their days at Cornwall and went home with a sore throat, but at the end of the day it was the eighty year old lady who, after slumping into her car exhausted at the end of the day, summed it all up by saying "That was the best day I've had since my wedding day fifty years ago". *More photos inside*



Deputy Premier, David Llewellyn, centre, officially opening the Cornwall Heritage Wall. Left, Councillor David Clement, centre back, Peter Murray, Chairman of the Mineworkers Trust, and Dick Adams, MP.

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Community news

St Marys Hospital Auxiliary meets the first Monday of every month at 2pm at the St Marys Community Health Centre.

The Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild Inc. meets every 4th Saturday at 2pm at the goods shed behind the St Marys Railway Station.

Annual General Meeting Tasmania Lymphoedema and Laser Centre (TLC) St Marys will be held on Monday, February 20, 2006, at 10am in the Day Room St Marys Community Health Centre. Members are asked, and interested persons are invited, to attend.

Date for the next meeting of the **North East Bioregional Network** is Feb 21st, 2006. 4pm – Eo's Garage, 2 Storey St, St Marys.

The next meeting of **SMACD** is on February 24, 2006, 5pm at the On-line Centre, St Marys. Community members are welcome to join. \$5 per individuals.

The Cycle Ride for Cancer Research supports the Cancer Council of Tasmania.

A Brunch will be held 10 -11am Thursday March 9th outside the St Marys Town Hall..

Food and drink will be available with gold coin donations... PLEASE COME AND MAKE A DONATION!!!

Some St Marys people will also join the ride and travel to Conara..



St Marys Guides

Get ready for an exciting year, with lots of activities. Starting

Tuesday 21st February, 3.30pm – 5pm. at the Community Hall.

For enrolment details contact:

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Post office news

The St Marys Post Office will be installing a number of new Post Office Boxes towards the end of February.

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DID YOU MISS THE LIONS BACK TO CORNWALL DAY?

If so, or if you want something to remember it by, for a donation of \$10 (\$13 if postage is required) a DVD with the entire event recorded plus some thirty still photos all put together by **Greg Cruse** is available at the **St.Marys Online Centre** or by contacting **Jim Haas** on 6372 2127.

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- ❖ 5.25 - Footpath Art Awards
- ❖ 5.30 - Boot Throwing (adults)
- ❖ 6.00 - Photo Competition Winners
announced in e.ScApe gallery
- ❖ 7.00 - Bush Dance in St Marys Town Hall
- ☎ 8.30 – supper – please bring a plate!!!!

Please note:

Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is 5pm **Tuesday**, February 28, 2006.

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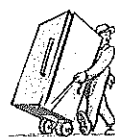
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Jan Sparkes, with her 'girls' Sally & Cassie



**Australia Day Award
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Congratulation to Jan
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with the Break O'Day Citizen

of the Year Award on Australia Day.

Jan, who lives in St Marys, received this award in recognition of her drive and determination to establish the now successful and widely recognised Tasmania Lymphoedema and Laser Centre at St Marys.

Jan is still a driving force within the committee of volunteers who administer the Centre, and who are continually working to maintain its excellence.

Below is a list of all the Break O'Day recipients of The Australia Day Awards. Congratulations to you all from the Valley Voice.

Australia Day Citizen –	Jantina Sparkes
Australia Day Young Citizen –	Kara-Lee Walker
Australia Day Event –	East Coast Idol
Healthy Community Award –	The Men's Shed
Individual Volunteer Award –	Glenn Bailey

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Congratulations to Jim Haas and the Cornwall Community Group on their great achievement with the Memorial Wall. Job well done!
Wendy Brennan

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A BIG THANK YOU

I would like to give thanks to all the staff at our St Marys Community Health Centre, for the wonderful care and professionalism they displayed during my recent stay.

The comfort food and T.L.C. helped to my fast recovery.

We as a community should be proud to have this facility available to us.

Special thanks also to my dear friends Sharon and Val.

Conny Waworis

Community news (cont'd)

St Marys Soccer Club AGM
Wednesday 22nd February 2006
3.30pm, 7 Storey Street
(next to Purple Possum)

All players, parents and interested persons welcome.

St Marys Community Health Centre will be holding a **Family Fun Day and Barbecue** on Saturday 1st April at the St Marys Sports Centre.

Look for more details next issue.

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts are holding General meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at the e.ScApe Café at 6.30pm. Come along to share your creative ideas and help Grassy Bottom maintain an artistic culture in our community. Next meeting: 7th March. New Chairpersons for 2006 were elected on the 7th February:

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If your articles are not sold after the first entry, we will repeat the ad in the next issue.

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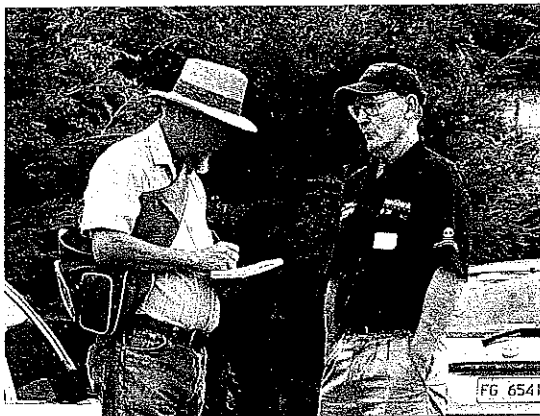
More photos from Back to Cornwall Day.



L/r Councillor David Clement, Peter Murray, Dick Adams MP, Len Miles, Deputy Premier David Llewellyn and Break O'Day Mayor, Stephen Salter.



Long time St Marys resident, Leo Barnes.



Examiner reporter Gus McLean, talking to Jim Haas, President of the Cornwall Community Development Group.



Part of the crowd.



Cornwall resident, Una Camplin.



Visitors viewing the photo wall.



Afternoon tea and photo wall in hall.



L: Guest enjoying afternoon tea and photo wall.

R: Long time St Marys resident Don Smith, left, talking with new-comer Reon Johns.



The Say by Cagerattler

We're back for another year of The Say (like it or not). I mentioned at the conclusion of the last column of 2005, that I'd like to think all of you dedicated, insightful Valley Voicers, will be able to provide ideas for topics and talking points this year, because there's heaps happening in our fantastic community that gets past Cagerattler.

Let's hear from you if you think I'm missing something that affects us all.

Isn't it amazing what a little bit of road work can do to make travelling better? That new piece just about complete down near Killymoon is a big improvement. Let's hope it's not going to be too long before another section of our local highway is worked upon. Congratulations to whichever Government department had a hand in the recent work.

It's also great to see new businesses having a go in St Marys, at our old Westpac Bank building.

Clothing, Graphic Art, Tattooing, who knows what else, is beginning to happen, which can only be good for our community. I'd like to suggest very strongly, that all of us try and at least support these businesses, because, as with any business, starting up is the hardest, and the first 12 months is the make or break time for them. Let's give them a look as we pass, and see what they have to offer. You'll be pleasantly surprised.

I still say our recreation ground area is a perfect place to establish a good, clean camping ground, with access for the users to a pay as you go powered site or two, and maybe shower access to the old footy sheds on a user pay keyholder system. Like we mooted last year, it will enable travellers a quiet, peaceful and safe location other than the crowded coastal parks in peak times, at very little cost to anyone.

A massive congratulations to the Cornwall Heritage Wall Committee, for an incredible job organising a wonderful day. By all accounts everyone enjoyed themselves, and at the same time paid tribute to all those miners who put our area on the map.

It's a credit to our area, that despite several obstacles, this wonderful Memorial was completed. Well done to all the volunteers.

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Gong for life-saving ambo

St Marys volunteer ambulance officer Neville Peake has been honoured for his extended service in the 'front line'.

Neville received the National Medal and his first clasp, having completed 25 years continuous service, at a special function at the Launceston Ambulance Station on Thursday, 2 February.



Deputy Premier David Llewellyn, left and Ambulance Officer Neville Peake.

Deputy Premier David Llewellyn made presentations to 24 career and volunteer officers.

Mr Llewellyn said the 24 recipients between them had clocked up 470 years of life-saving service to the North and North East community. "The careers of these officers span the most momentous advance in ambulance care in Tasmanian history," he said.

Mr Llewellyn said the National Medal was prestigious in the emergency services.

"It is a significant honour that recognises length of service in the 'front line', whether that is in ambulance, fire, the SES, or in the defence forces," he said.

"Working in the Tasmanian Ambulance Service, whether as a career officer in urban or rural areas, or as a volunteer officer in country areas, puts people at the front line of our health care system.

"And this is not just in relation to medical emergencies and high profile multi-casualty incidents.

"Career and volunteer officers also come across virtually all the other problems that confront society.

"This includes things like suicide and homelessness; alcohol and drug abuse; domestic and other violence, and disadvantages faced because of age, disability, economic or social circumstances, or because of indigenous or ethnic backgrounds.

"To be awarded the National Medal, followed by the clasps to the medal, requires a mixture of attributes.

"It calls for dedication, commitment and skill to serve the community when it is in trouble, and it requires stamina to cope with the impact of providing that service – both on ambulance officers and their families."

Mr Llewellyn said Tasmanians have great respect for ambulance personnel for the job they do, often under enormous pressure, and at all hours of the night and day.

"National surveys consistently show that the Tasmanian Ambulance Service is held in very high regard by its patients," he said.

Police report

It's the start of a new year, and things have been relatively quiet on the crime front.

In December there was a tragic fatal motorcycle crash on Esk Main Road near Irish Town Road, in which the motorcyclist involved lost his life.

I attended this crash, and was extremely impressed by the very efficient volunteer emergency service crews that we have in this area.

There was total co-operation between the Fire, Ambulance and SES personnel, and St Marys and surrounding area citizens, would feel confident that these crews are able to provide them with a high and professional level of service. Well done to both the ladies and men involved.

It was disappointing on Friday the 10th February 2006, to be informed that the female and male toilets had been vandalised with graffiti, sprayed on the interior wall, and not of a pleasant nature.

On that evening, 3 young local children were interviewed by police over the matter. The families are now faced with the clean up bill.

It has also been noticed that some of our younger St Marys drivers are 'hooning' and leaving 'black burnout' marks on the streets and roads. Be warned boys... information has been forthcoming, and your cars will be seized, and you can look at a lengthy licence disqualification period.

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And consider a load of reports.

We compose and propose, we suppose and oppose,
And the points of procedure are fun
But though various notions are brought up as motions
There's terribly little gets done!

We resolve and absolve, but we never dissolve,
Since it's out of the question for us,
What a shattering pity to end our committee
Where else could we make such a fuss?

(Taken from the Dulverton Chronicle)

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Topping

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Melt together very slowly, then
drizzle over slice.

OUT OF THE WOODWORK

by Reon Johns

President 63722094

If you missed the Back to Cornwall Day then you really miss out on something great. The Guild would like to extend its whole hearted congratulations to Jim Haas and the Cornwall Community Group for a job well done.

The Guild would also like to thank all the people who have supported us over the last year and we hope that we can count on the communities support in the coming year.

A special thank you to the Northeast Bioregional for their very welcome gift of an IBM personal computer. This will made the Guild's record keeping a lot easier. Thanks again guys.

The Old Railway Goods Shed is getting nearer to becoming a fully equipped workshop and the Council has approved the sewer connection. We have received a quote for the sewer hardware that is well within our budget. That's really good news for the New Year. I hope that the coming new year is as good to the Guild.

The membership has grown and we have decided to cap our membership at 19. With the New Year membership fees now due. So if you are an old member or thinking of becoming one please contact me or come to our next meeting.

We have changed to the summer meeting time of 4:00pm.

Here are the rules again for the Guild's logo competition.

1. The design must be on A4 paper.
2. Must be in black and white.
3. Must contain the words "Break'O'Day Woodcraft Guild Inc."
4. The Guild reserves the right to change or alter the winning design.
5. All entries remain the property of the Guild.
6. The competition is open to anyone.
7. You can enter as many times as you like.

All entries can be lodged at the eScApe Café. Make sure that you have your name, address and telephone on each entry.

The next meeting is Saturday 25 February at 4-00pm in the Goods Shed behind the St Marys Railway Station.

'Mum's' Rock Cakes

¾ lb plain flour

1½ teaspoons baking powder

½ lb butter

4 ozs raisins

½ teaspoon salt

Pinch of nutmeg

6 ozs sugar

1 egg

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Community groups are now able to make application for funding through the Small Grants Program as Round 2 commenced on 4 January, 2006 and closes on 28 February, 2006.

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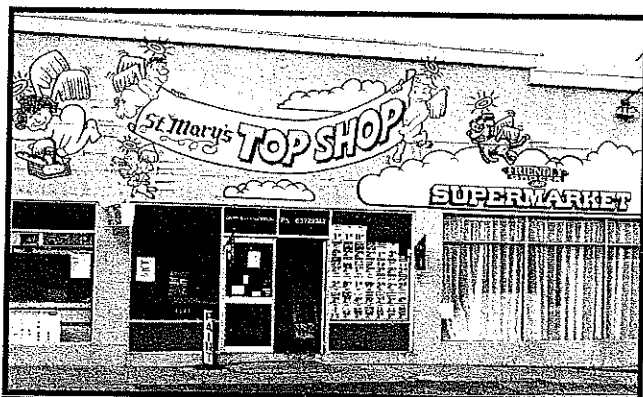
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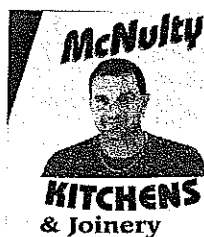
All entries to the St. Marys Post Office in an A4 envelope by
Friday 3rd March 2006 with the entry fee of \$5 enclosed.

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Suzann Frisk at St Marys

The rafters of the Community Centre rang on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd of January. Close to 60 people over the weekend, were led under the infectiously inspirational direction of Suzann Frisk to produce glorious harmonies.

Suzann's enthusiasm and vibrancy continued throughout the weekend, and despite the hot, hot weather on Sunday, kept us enthused and wanting more.

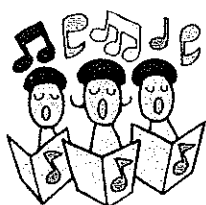
We feasted on the creatively delicious and plentiful food produced by the Grassy Bottom Singers, who hosted the event. So many cakes to sample...

Saturday night found us in the old and beautiful dining room of the St Marys Hotel. It was packed and we drew people from outside and other parts of the hotel, who crowded around the entrance door. There were songs from the workshop, Suzann sang a range of songs for us, accompanying herself on the guitar at times. The ever professional and entertaining A capelle Barbershop Quartet had us singing along, and dancing in our seats.

The Grassy Bottom Singers, after several brackets of songs, concluded the concert with Suzann by singing a song called "Let it go", which has lyrics by Michael Leunig and music by Suzann. It was a big hit.

On Sunday afternoon, at one point, we moved to the corridor in the ward of the Health Centre and sang for the patients. Brilliant.

We had two days full of laughter, fun and sharing, which has renewed our energies and given us a great start to the year. For one weekend we were the centre of the world, so look out world, we could be inviting you to join us next year, in St Marys.



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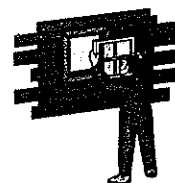
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MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

Feb	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 13th	Debbie Barnes	Sharon Hall
Tues 14th	D & K Floyed	Robyn Holder
Wed 15th	B & B McAllister	Christine Woods (P)
Thurs 16th	Yvonne Salter	Lynda Bean
Fri 17th	Geoff Herrmann	Mim Woods
Mon 20th	Trish Pike	Shirley Parker
Tues 21st	Dawn Lodge	Debbie Speers
Wed 22nd	Ruth McGiveron	Alana Johns
Thurs 23rd	Gail Gamble	Prev Mills
Fri 24th	G & M Derbyshire	Robyn Miller

Church Services

Catholic Parish of St Marys

St. Helen Hickey,
Parish House. Ph: 6372 2252
Mob: 0427 055 963

Fingal

Every Friday Mass 10am
1st and 3rd Sunday Mass
10.30am

St Marys

Every Sunday Mass 9am

Bicheno

Every Sunday Mass 5pm

St Helens

Every Saturday
Vigil Mass 6pm

Mangana

5th Sunday Mass 11am

Anglican Parish of the Northern Midlands

Services each Sunday

Avoca 8 am

Fingal 10 am

Mathinna 2nd & 4th

Sunday monthly at 11.30am

Daily Office Reading

Avoca Tuesdays 10 am

Fingal Tuesdays 12 noon

Ross Wednesdays 10 am

Anglican Parish – St Helens

Ph: 6376 1144

St Helens Every Sunday
8 am and 10.30 am

Kanga Sunday School

10.30 am – 12 noon every
Sunday for children 5 – 12
yrs

St Marys 10 am

(No service 5th Sunday)

Pyengana 7.30 pm

5th Sunday months only

Break O'Day Uniting Church

The Manse St Helens

Ph: 6376 2405

St Helens 9.00 am

Fingal 11.15 am

Seventh Day Adventist

Hodgeman Street Scamander

Sabbath School 10 am

Divine Service 11 am

Marine Protected Areas

Stephen Salter, Mayor of Break O'Day Council has welcomed the appointment of Senator Eric Abetz as Parliamentary Secretary for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation.



His appointment is timely, given the Commonwealth Governments recent actions proposing a number of Marine Protected Areas adjacent to St Helens and many other areas around Tasmania.

Since this issue arose just prior to Christmas, members of the Tasmanian Fishing Industry Council (TFIC), have held meetings with members of Parliament, Senators, Council representatives and community members, in an effort to clarify the potential impact that will result if the proposed MPAs are confirmed.

A meeting was held at St Helens on Tuesday, 10th January, 2006 at which time over 120 industry and community representatives were present.

Since that time, Clr Raoul Harper, The General Manager and I, together with members of the community have been working hard to get the message through to the Federal Government that this proposal in its current format would be a disaster for St Helens and the region at large.

We were grateful to receive a visit in January from Senators Colbeck and Barnett, who attended a meeting to gain first hand information of the industry concerns. The Senators understood and listened as they were informed of the likely impact for the community.

At that meeting, attended by a number of industry representatives including professional fishermen and onshore processing operators received a good hearing and are confident that the current proposals are far from being set in stone.

In addition to expressing our concerns to the Senators, we are formulating an alternative to the current proposal, and are confident that the Federal Government will work with us to adjust elements of the proposal in line with recommendations from the industry and the community.

Mayor Salter said there are still major reservations with the process, particularly the lack of consultation with the industry in recent months. The science and goals relating to MPAs are very poorly defined, and we are astounded by the lack of any socio economic impact study prior to the announcement of the MPAs.

We will continue to play a significant role in this issue, and look forward to meeting with Senator Abetz in the near future.

Please Note: Catholic Parish of St Marys Changes to Mass times for February, 2006

Sat: 6.00pm St Helens) Vigil)

Sun: 9.00am Bicheno

" 11.00am St Marys

" 5.00pm Campbelltown

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For appointment please phone the Community Health Centre on 6372 2111.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

OFFICIAL OPENING

8th March 2006

More details next edition.....

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'WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE'

- 17 Feb Alcoholics Anon (AA) Holy Trinity Church St Marys at 8:00pm. Please phone 6372 2725 for details.
- 17 Feb Physiotherapist, Diane Seeney
- 20 Feb TLC AGM 10am Day Room
- 21 Feb Laurel House, Marg 10:30-2:00pm Phone 6334 2740 for appoints.
- 22 Feb Alcoholics Anon (AA), Anglican Church St Helens at 8pm every Wednesday evening. Phone 6372 5026 for further details.
- 24 Feb Diabetic Clinic with Pat A'Bell for appoints ring 0413 338 681
- 24 Feb Physiotherapist, Diane Seeney
- 24 Feb Alcoholics Anon (AA) Holy Trinity Church St Marys at 8:00pm. Please phone 6372 2725 for further details.
- 24 Feb Carers Group Meeting, St Helens Neighbourhood House
- 28 Feb Child Health Clinic 9am-12noon. Afternoon appointments are Available by arrangement.
- 1March Alcoholics Anon (AA), Anglican Church St Helens at 8pm every Wednesday evening. Phone 6372 5026 for further details.
- 3 March Physiotherapist, Diane Seeney
- 3 March Alcoholics Anon (AA) Holy Trinity Church St Marys at 8:00pm. Please phone 6372 2725 for further details.

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Fundraising Brunch

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St Marys Tennis Club news

Invitation to club members and any prospective members to attend twilight tennis and sausage sizzle starting at 4:30pm on Saturday 25th February. Meat will be supplied, byo drinks.

Mr Polley MHA will also be attending to present a cheque towards the proposed extensions to the club house.

Come along and enjoy a good night.

Don't forget our monthly meeting to be held at 7:30pm 23rd February in the club house. All welcome.

Gary Townsend.

Ladies mid-week tennis

Mid-week tennis will resume on Wednesday 22nd February. All intending players, please make sure you are a financial member, and that your name is on the list to play.

Teams will be drawn on that morning at 9 am. and play will start as usual at 9.30 am. Anyone wishing to join our competition, please turn up on the day. Fill in players are always needed if you can't play full time.

Don't forget, you must be a financial member to play, as this is a requirement of the club for insurance purposes.

Kaye and Annette.

Twilight Netball

A mixed twilight netball competition was held over a number of weeks during December and January. While no formal competition was played, we managed to conduct a number of "scratch" matches each week.

The netball skills displayed by many of the men of St Marys was remarkable, and quite a few "mature" women came out of retirement and also displayed great skills.

There were a couple of evenings when up to 50 people turned up to play, which is testament to the sporting enthusiasm of the folk of St Marys, and games were conducted competitively, but in good spirit. (despite some very ordinary umpiring) (sic)

Thanks to all who participated; we will call it quits for now and start to prepare for the next round of volleyball.

H. Veldums.

A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE:

by Jim Haas

THE CORNWALL PINE TREES



In 1917 when the young, fit and bravest of our miners went off to fight in World War One, the towns-people of Cornwall planted pine trees around the "Flat" in the centre of town. One for each man who left their town, home, work and loved ones, to go off to a far-away land and fight for their country. Legend has it, that the trees planted for those who did not return, died.

But by 1939, when the Second World War broke out and it was time for our men to go off again to fight, the remaining pine trees had grown tall and proud around the "Flat", and with the bombing of Darwin in 1942, the reality of war became very close to every Australian, and an air raid shelter was dug under the trees on the western side, only fifty metres or so from the school.

For those children who went to school at that time in Cornwall, all have fond memories of doing air raid drill. At the sound of a siren each day they would all have to grab their survival kits, put a dummy in their mouth and race into the shelter. Thank God it was never used in earnest.

The cows, who were allowed to roam free on Cornwall at one time, found the pine trees a wonderful place to spend the night. Twenty or thirty local cows would be seen bedding down under the trees each night, leaving a wonderful supply of fertilizer for the gardeners to collect next morning.

And boy, what about the kid who could climb every tree to the very top? Local heroism would be the reward for anyone who took on this challenge and won.

We remember the comfort the pine trees brought on those cold frosty mornings as we waited under the shelter of the trees for school to start, and pile needles onto a smoky fire to keep warm, and leaving the sweet smell of the burning pine needles embedded in our clothes for the rest of the day.

But alas, the magnificent icons that once stood tall and proud like giant sentries watching over our town are gone now; pushed into a heap and burnt with little thought of their significance. The memories of the war time heroes they once symbolized forgotten; blown away with the ashes from their burnt trunks.

But lets hope that the few of us that are left who still hold on to their vision, will preserve their stories and perhaps plant something back on that sacred land so their memory, along with the heroes they represented will live on forever.

St Marys Sports Centre news by Kackhander

Here we go again for another year of news from the Centre. First off, I trust all of you golfers out there have noticed the exceptional work put in by everyone involved for the pop-ups to the top section of the course. (holes 6 to 9 inclusive) See what a bit of proper water can do to the greens and tees. It's like chalk and cheese to the other holes isn't it?

Priority number one is to complete the job round the back as quickly as we possibly can. At present the club is focussing on obtaining the necessary infrastructure to do this, and if any member can find a way of helping out, let's hear from you. It's marvellous already.

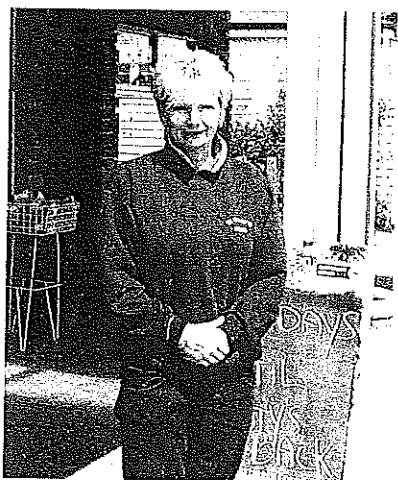
To bowls, and the club is currently having a fantastic season, highlighted by a great 3 rink win against the perennial top team St Helens Red a couple of weeks back. This was followed up by a huge win against the second St Helens team. The club has only lost one game in ages, to Swansea away, but even then it was so close to a win it wasn't funny. One round of roster matches remain, then the finals begin, with St Marys assured of a double chance. All finals are to be at Scamander. Let's try for that elusive men's pennant. No flag since 1987/88. It's too long.

The match committee ask all bowlers to do their best to get to practice in the next few weeks, and to be ready to help out with top dressing the green ready for a huge year, as host club next season.

Don't forget the East Launceston visit is coming up soon, plus various other things. e.g. trips, dinners, etc. have still to occur.

As is usually the case over Summer, golf goes on the back burner a little bit over Christmas, but it's great to report that this year the Sunday roster has gone from strength to strength, with an average of about 16 players going around each Sunday. Last week 14 went to Malahide for the East Coast Singles Championship. Congratulations to Dale Ridgers in the A Grade Scratch, runner-up just behind Mark Johns from Malahide, whilst Kodie Donald did well in B Grade nett score.

Bobbie Harwood was the best performing St Marys lady, whilst congratulations go to **Deidre Panton (Malahide)** pictured below, in winning the Ladies Championship this year. Several St Marys players recorded good scores, but just missed out.

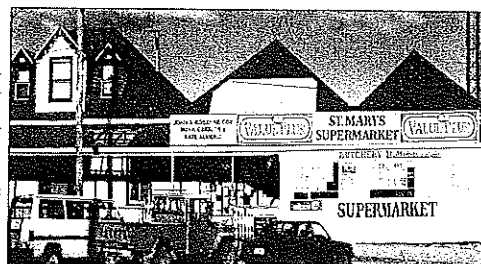


In the next few weeks whilst Sunday golf still has priority, Macca and the crew have organised some really great events. These include the East West Challenge, The 'Month of Sundays' event, Reverse course, the Caltex v BP Challenge and amongst others, the Hospital Day. Hopefully this day will raise money towards some much needed equipment. This day however, will be a Saturday. We need your support for that one.

The official season will commence this year with the Ruth and Geoff Gill Memorial Day, open to all golfers from any club, in a few weeks time. Traditionally, this was a members only event, but the committee felt that as Ruth and Geoff were held in such high esteem right throughout the district, that their day can now become our official Opening Day each year. Details next issue.

Mens pennant commences on March 26th, with a 10 game season, with 9 players per team, and, for at least this year, no A Reserve, which is sad, but maybe again next year if too many are missing out on a game. Let's hope so.

St Marys will be attempting to win a fifth straight flag which is extremely hard to do and hope, if successful, to have a real red hot go at going further. It's great to hear that Malahide will field a pretty good team, as will, most likely, most clubs. Should be pretty competitive. We need a new Captain, Vice Captain and Selector this year, to guide the team, so watch out for a meeting date to decide all this. It's still 6 weeks away, but let's be organised well in advance. To club news, and all sorts of ideas are forthcoming for fundraising, so if you want to be involved, let's hear from you soon. To our good mate Craig, we are thinking of you old chap, and best wishes to you from all of us. *Anyway, until next time, Good hitting and rolling*



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