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Netball Frenzy

St Marys teams will feature in all three grades of the St Helens Netball Association grand finals to be held at the St Helens netball courts on Saturday August 19.

In all games St Marys will play arch-rivals Surfside; Division 3 commencing at 9.00am, Division 2 at 10.30am and Division 1 will play at 1.00pm following a Netta exhibition game.

Trophy presentations will take place after the Division 1 Grand Final.

It would be unfair not to acknowledge the St Marys girls who play for Surfside – to think that close to 40 girls playing on Saturday come from St Marys would make it difficult to argue that St Marys isn't the premier netball town on the whole of the East Coast.

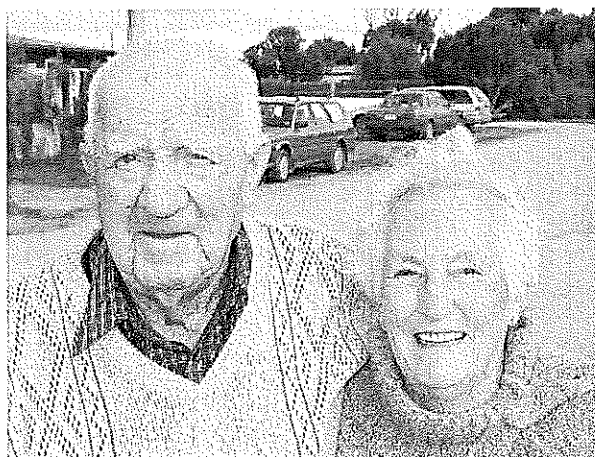
Congratulations to all the St Marys girls and good luck on the day. *More netball news inside back page.*

Celebrations for Jean

The Falmouth Community Centre was almost full to capacity throughout the afternoon of Saturday, 30th July, with almost 100 family and friends of local long time resident Jean Schier.

Jean was celebrating her 80th birthday, which was organised as a surprise!?! Many relatives and friends, including her daughter and all but one son (Robert is working on an oil rig) travelled from as far away as Shepparton, Emu Park, Cairns and Darwin to help Jean celebrate.

The family created a memorial 'This is your Life' album of stories and photos, of which her daughter Val spoke of, and which demonstrated various aspects of Jean's 8 decades: her community work, flower and vegetable gardens over the years, her renowned cooking of cakes, her career as postmistress and her care for and love of unusual pets, which included kookaburras, a swan and a wombat etc.



The party was also attended by Mr David Llewellyn MHA, Mayor Robert Legge and Len Miles, who all gave small speeches. Other long time friends who attended were former residents of St Marys George Oliver and his wife Marj. George, pictured with Marj, left, has just celebrated his 92nd birthday.

Everyone agreed the food was excellent as were the decorations. A lot of effort was put in by many people to make this milestone a memorable event for Jean.

Congratulations to all. Many more Happy Birthday's, Jean.

Please note: Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is: 5 pm Tuesday, August 29, 2006.

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 the last Saturday of the month at 4pm at the goods shed behind the St Marys Railway Station.

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.

Get perfect points every time! Learn the *foundation piecing patchwork technique* from Elsie Jaensch (from Break O'Day Stitchers and Exhibition Committees) on Saturday, 2nd September from 10 am. Cost of \$20 (\$18 for members) includes all fabric and pattern requirements plus tea and coffee. To enrol, please contact Rita @ *Gone Rustic Quilt Studio & Gallery* on 6372 2724 (Tues-Fri, 11-4) or call in to 37 St. Main St., St. Marys. Deposit of \$10 required with booking.

Ceramic buttons again, by popular demand! Easy peasy way to make unique embellishments for quilts, wallhangings and even jewellery or fridge magnets! Di Field will show us how on Friday, 25th August from 1-3 pm. Cost is \$20 (\$18 for members), which includes kit, tea and coffee. Enrol at *Gone Rustic Quilt Studio & Gallery*, 37 Main Rd., St. Marys (ph. 6372 2724) Tues-Fri, 11-4. Deposit of \$10 required with booking.

THANK YOU

I would like to pass on my heartfelt thanks to family, friends and neighbours for their support, phone calls, cards, flowers, prayers and personal visits whilst in hospital, and also on my return home.

Everyone's kindness and help has been overwhelming and very much appreciated.

God bless you all.

Heather.

THUMBS DOWN to the person or persons who 'keyed' my car on Friday night, while it was parked outside my home.

Benjamin Payne.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

CORNWALL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP INC.

The A. G. M. of the Cornwall Community Development Group Inc. will be held on Tuesday the 22nd August in the Community Hall at 7.30 pm.

AGENDA:

President's Report
Financial Report
Election of Committee
General Business:
Which will include the future direction of the Group.

Signed: Jim Haas,
Public Officer.

THANK YOU

A sincere 'thank you' to my friends for cards, flowers, visits and phone calls whilst I was in St Luke's Hospital.

It really does mean a lot to know that others care.

Pauline Berwick.



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JAM's 5th Birthday!!

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THANK YOU FROM THE SCHIER FAMILY

The Schier family would like to thank everybody who made Jean's 80th birthday celebrations such a memorable occasion.

Special thanks to Stephen Bantick and all at the Community Centre for the scrumptious food, lovely gift, beautiful decorations and wonderful hospitality, and to all those who travelled from the Valley, Coast, and various parts of the State.

Thanks also to David Llewellyn, MHA, Mayor Robert Legge and Len Miles for their kind words.

From all Jean's family.

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ST.MARYS ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INC. (SMACD)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Friday August 25,
5.00 pm
at Online Access Centre.

AGENDA:

President's report
Financial report
Election of office bearers.

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St.Marys Op-Shop Meeting

A meeting is to be held in the
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Wednesday 23rd August, 2pm.
Could all volunteers please attend.
Or contact Kelly on 0427 361547
or Terese 63 722846 if you can't.
This meeting is also open for new
volunteers and any interested
Community members.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the
St Marys girls, for making it into the
Netball Grand Finals on Saturday.

Several girls from St Marys are
playing in the Surfside Div. 2 team,
and I wish them luck. Hoping to see
3 good games of netball.
Ruth Aulich.

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charge. If your articles are not sold after
the first entry, we will repeat the ad in the
next issue. Please inform us if your items
are sold.

Please note: Letters to be published in the
Valley Voice must be signed. Your name need
not be published, but we must have a signature.
Articles and letters published in the Valley
Voice are not necessarily the opinion of the staff
and volunteers of this community paper. Ed.

A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: *by Jim Haas*

The next time we drive down the highway on the nice, smooth bitumen in our quiet, air-conditioned, modern day motor car and slip into Launceston in a little over an hour, or down to Hobart in a shade over two, and listen to our six stack CD players as we lay back in cruise control, lets give a little thought to Lieutenant Laycock who, almost two hundred years ago, in 1807, was the first recorded white person to travel overland from Hobart to Launceston.

It's not entirely clear how long it took Laycock, but two years later Captain Fenhill loaded up a wagon hitched to a team of horses, and headed off to follow the route that Laycock had marked out with niches in the trees. It was eight days later, however, before Fenhill completed the route between Launceston and Hobart. But it was a wonderful achievement of the time and for the next couple of decades or so the route became well known, as settlers began moving inland from the major centres, and other roads, or tracks, including our own Fingal Valley track was formed.

The Government of the day began to see the benefits of a route through the midlands, and gangs of convicts were used to turn the track into a road that would be suitable for the safe and easy movement of horse drawn drays laden with goods, as well as coaches capable of transporting people. But it wasn't until 1832 that a small public mail cart began a regular service between Hobart and Launceston. In the same year the first coach was imported from England, but initially only ran between Hobart and New Norfolk.

This led to a number of other coaches being imported, and although they were used in the South and in the North between Launceston and Longford and Launceston and George Town, it wasn't until the early 1840s that a coach service between Launceston and Hobart began.

The distance, at that time, was 257 kilometers and took some fifteen hours to complete, using some twenty four horses, each covering around thirty five kilometers. This of course led to many staging stations being built along the way as well as overnight accommodation inns, some of which are still in use today.

But, possibly, the most significant land mark left today is the Ross Bridge. This magnificent piece of architecture, completed in 1836, leaves no doubt in anyone's mind that although Daniel Herbert might have been a highwayman, James Colbeck a burglar and Mary Witherington a mere maid of Lambeth and brought to Van Diemen's Land against their will, the skill and craftsmanship displayed in the sculptures of men, women, beasts and birds, were carved into this structure out of love, and in a way that would match any other work of art anywhere in the world.

For some three decades the stagecoaches, with their teams of fine horses, continued to pound through the midlands, and regardless of the danger of bushrangers and aborigines, the route became quite popular. The inns were doing a roaring trade, men were employed at the staging stations and as stage coach operators, in particular Samuel Page who had the mail contract, were all doing well. But alas, it all came to an abrupt end on the 31 October 1876. The railway, after four years in construction, was completed and the stagecoaches were deemed obsolete.

But despite the mail and most of the goods and passengers now using the new "Iron Horse", the midlands road still continued to have plenty of use, and upgrades were ongoing over the years. With the changing of the route from the Richmond, Colebrook route to the Kempton, Baghdad, Bridgewater route along with the bypassing of many towns, the distance between the two cities has been cut to less than 200 kilometers.

The evolution of the midlands highway has been nothing short of magnificent and has become, perhaps, the most important road in Tasmania, and imperative to the wellbeing of many including the people of the East Coast and Fingal Valley.

At the opening of the Ross Bridge on 21st October 1836 by Lieutenant Governor George Arthur, a prominent Ross settler, Benjamin Horne made a speech on behalf of the people, and in it he made comment of the wonderful progress of the Midlands he had seen in the thirteen years since settling there. He went on to say: "..... where we were once travelling on unmade roads, risking our lives fording swollen rivers and sleeping under the stars or our wagons, we now have solid roads, fine bridges and wonderful inns in which to rest our weary bones. We should be most grateful.....".

Yes Mr. Horne, we all should be most grateful to all those strong, courageous men and women who shed blood, sweat and tears in pioneering our roads, and as we speed down them today, hell bent on getting to where we are going faster than the speed of sound, we should hesitate a moment and slow down, because what's our hurry? Captain Fenhill's journey took eight days.



Photo is of an early coach which was used between Hobart and Launceston from the early 1840s until 1876.



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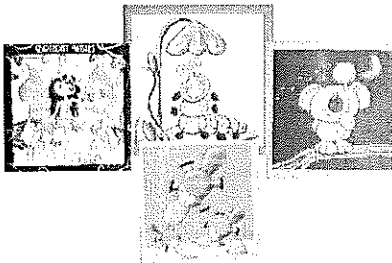
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A cozy and friendly atmosphere prevailed at the official opening of the latest touring exhibition to visit *Gone Rustic Quilt Studio & Gallery* in St. Marys.

Over thirty people enjoyed wine, cheese, home-cooked cakes and other treats on Wednesday, 9th August, while viewing part of the Knitted Room collection, specifically "the garden scene".

To add to the evening, three young women (all in their 20's) demonstrated knitting skills often associated only with the older generation, and displayed some of their work.

Two spinning wheels, operated by two local women, showed how to create yarn out of sheep and alpaca wool the traditional way. One or two of the guests even found the courage to try their hand at a new (for them) skill!

Rachael Harvey from *Grassy Bottom Regional Arts* introduced the collection, followed by Ian Summers, who introduced Dave Evelyn. Dave officially opened the evening, after finding out things about himself from Ian that even he didn't know!

Three door prizes were drawn during the evening, and the winners were:

- 1st prize: Verity Targett (one of our "live" knitters)
- 2nd prize: Ayla Harvey
- 3rd prize: Kim Chappell

All the winners received vouchers to spend at *Gone Rustic*, plus locally made (very addictive) Mt. Elephant fudge.

The next touring exhibition will be in September, and will include quilts made on the theme "Quilting the Blues", in association with the *Beyond Blue* depression awareness campaign.

There will be another official opening to launch this, with drinks, food and door prizes as before. More news on that later!

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Police report

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The past two months have seen several motor vehicle accidents on the roads in the area. I once again ask people to take extra care while driving on wet and icy roads and to ensure that their cars are in good working order. Poor weather conditions have seen trees across St Marys pass and rocks falling onto the road. Please take extra care when travelling on either the St Mars or Elephant passes.

Currentl, roadworks are being undertaken on the Esk Highway between Tullochgorum and Rostrevor. At present there is a 60km speed limit from the Tullochgorum gates to the Rostrevor bridge. This speed limit is imposed at all times and during works it may further be reduced. Please ensure that the speed limits are observed as police will be conducting speed checks in the area on a regular basis.

As you would all now be aware, Sergeant Mike Davis finished at St Marys at the end of June. Until Sergeant Davis' replacement arrives Senior Constable Dale Cook from St Helens police station will be filling in at St Marys. For any queries please contact myself or Senior Constable Cook at the station.

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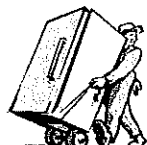
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The Say by Cagerattler

It's been fairly quiet of late around the old town, perhaps except for a bit of unscheduled painting at a local business. And the grass is growing again which means spring is around the corner.

Then a friend told me that the "Pigeon Loft" at the Recreation Ground has been declared a no-go zone for use at the moment. Apparently it's considered not as safe as it could be. For a few weeks though this will not occur, whilst all options are explored.

No-one would deny that this old building has seen better days, and requires tender loving care, so to speak. There is also a need for some structural requirements to be met, even though it's survived some incredible weather in its time.

I doubt if any decision has been made about if this building is to be renovated for future use, just taken out of use or, dare I say it, demolished. But before that last option is considered let's just stress to the engineers that this structure is a strong and vital link with St Marys as the home to agricultural shows and rural activities. It is fondly and affectionately remembered for some very happy times.

I'm not knocking the people who have concluded that this building should not be used at the moment. They would be making their decision on specific engineering and fire safety guidelines, as is their job, but let's just ask that every avenue is explored to allow the 'Pigeon Loft' to be rejuvenated to meet at least minimum requirements for ongoing use.

If this means, for a little period it's out of action, then I suggest most would accept that, to allow the work to be done.

Surely between Council and prospective users, an affordable plan can be designed to do the necessary duties. Remember Todd's Hall's transformation after not being used for years. Eventually it became an attraction. I suggest that this could also happen with the pigeon loft, and it could become part of the plans for a better utilisation of the recreation ground precinct, currently being considered. That would be a good thing.

What do you think?

Playgroup News

St Marys Playgroup meets every Friday morning at 10am until 12pm in the school kindy room.

Cost \$2 per family, with fruit to share.

We have lots of fun craft and games to play.

New families are always welcome



Note – no playgroup on the 18th of August due to school book fair.
Parents are welcome to visit the book fair.
more info contact; Tanya 6372 2534



Letters to the Editor

Editor,

Every fortnight the Valley Voice comes out, a particular highlight for me is Jim Haas' column on the historical aspect of our town and valley.

The research alone must be time consuming in itself, and is priceless stuff for the future.

In the years to come, people may well pick up an old Valley Voice or two and read Jim's lines on many things. Keep it up Jim. It's great stuff.

Rod McGiveron.

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As part of the upcoming Sesquicentenary celebrations we are looking for the oldest vehicle in St Marys and the oldest vehicle which is still registered.

Please contact Ian Summers, Grant Faulkner, Bill Targett or Reon Johns.

ST MARYS SESQUICENTENARY CELEBRATING 150 YEARS



1857 -2007

As part of SMACD St Patrick's Day 2007 theme Back to St Mary's celebrations.

We would like to honour all the residents of the St Marys area who were born or have continuously lived in the area before 17 March 1947.

Those who qualify will receive a special certificate at the afternoon tea on 18 March 2007 at the St Marys Hall. We are also searching for the oldest living resident in the St Marys area.

Please feel free to nominate anyone you consider fits the requirements or you can nominate yourself and if you need more information contact Reon on 6372 2094.

Its easy just fill in the form and leave it at the Caltex Garage.

Nomination Form

Name.....

Date moved to St Marys or Year of birth.....

Contact details (phone or postal address).....

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OUT OF THE WOODWORK

by Reon Johns President 6372 2094

Over the last few weeks things have moved forward at the Guild's Clubhouse. We made an honour board for the St Helens Gun Club and this should be ready for collection soon. The Guild also quoted on a notice board for the Fingal Neighbourhood House.

We have completed the last of the internal walls. All we need to do is finish off the plumbing and add a couple of lights and power points. Our membership is now full; yes we are now 19 members strong.

We will be having a working bee soon to tidy up the work areas and start to position the machinery and build work benches. It has taken us nearly two years but I feel that it was worth the struggle and every member deserves a big slap on the back. Well done guys.

The Guild meets on the last Saturday of the month in the Goods Shed behind the St Marys Station, at 4pm. New members are most welcome.



COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

Thanks to everyone who came along to our working bee on Saturday.

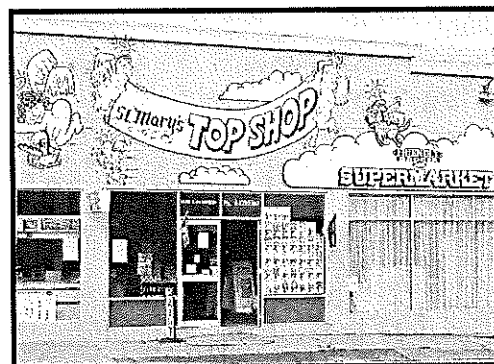
We were very lucky to have some beautiful weather.

We were able to do some fencing work to try to stop the wallabies and rabbits getting in(!), weeding, mulching and planning about what to do next.

It was a relaxing morning with plenty of sharing of gardening skills and knowledge. Our next working bee will be in approx 3 weeks time when we hope to move the raspberries and plant some seedlings. We are currently looking for donations of rhubarb and asparagus crowns if you have any to give away!!

Anyone interested in becoming involved with the community garden is welcome to come along to our gatherings!

More info contact: Tanya : 6372 2534 or School Office: 6372 3900



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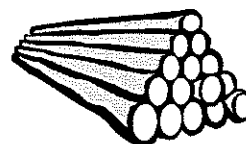
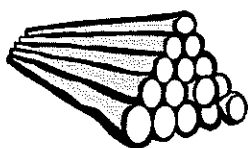
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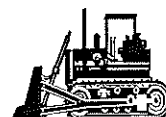
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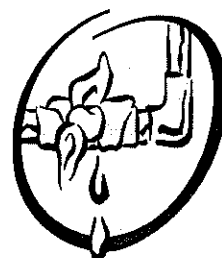
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<i>What</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time/s</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Who</i>
Tasmanian Living Writers Week – Poetry Reading	Sunday 20/8/06	2pm – 5pm	e.ScApe Cafe	Arts Tasmania
JAM's 5 th Birthday	Sunday 20/8/06	2pm	JAM Headquarters	Jesus and Me
Music Trivia Night	26/8/06	7.30 – onwards	St Marys Hotel	TasBash Variety Club
Makers & Growers Market	Saturday 2/9/06	9am – noon	St Marys Town Hall	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Karaoke	Saturday 2/9/06	8pm – onwards	St Marys Hotel	TasBash Variety Club
"Quilt the Blues" Exhibition	5 th – 28 th September	11am – 4pm	Gone Rustic Gallery	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Golf Day	16/9/06	8am – onwards	St Marys Golf Club	St Marys Hotel
Pete Cornelius	Saturday 16/9/06	8pm – midnight	St Marys Hotel	
AFL Grand Final Event	Saturday 30/9/06	1pm – onwards	St Marys Hotel	
Makers & Growers Market	Saturday 7/10/06	9am – noon	St Marys Town Hall	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Karaoke	Saturday 7/10/06	8pm – onwards	St Marys Hotel	TasBash Variety Club
<u>THE MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON</u> "The EVENT of the year!!"	Tuesday 7/11/06	11am – 5pm	St Marys Sports Centre	Tasmanian Lymphoedema Committee
Melbourne Cup Fashion Parade Lunch	Tuesday 7/11/06	tba	St Marys Hotel	RathaB'zar
Makers & Growers Market	Saturday 4/11/06	9am – noon	St Marys Town Hall	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Maypole Festival	Saturday 4/11/06	10am – onwards	Faulkner's Green	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Makers & Growers Market	Saturday 2/12/06	9am – noon	St Marys Town Hall	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Lions Christmas Parade	Sunday 24/12/06	Tba	Main St St Marys	St Marys Lions Club
St Marys 'Sesquicentenary' Pacing Cup	1/1/07	(afternoon)	St Marys Racecourse	St Marys Pacing Club

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

Aug/Sept	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 21st	Trish Pike	Karen Lohrey
Tues 22nd	Pat O'Donnell	Robyn Holder
Wed 23rd	Ruth McGiveron	Christine Woods (P)
Thurs 24th	Yvonne Salter	Maureen Hall
Fri 25th	Claire Bean	Christine Woods (S)
Mon 28th	Annette Davey	Shirley Parker
Tues 29th	Pam Lynch	Tom Brady
Wed 30th	D & V Rice	Susan Woods
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Church Services

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1st Week: **MASS**

St Helens Vigil 5.00pm
Bicheno 9.00am
Fingal 11.30am
Campbell Town 5.00pm

2nd Week **LITURGY**

St Helens Vigil 5.00pm
St Marys 9.00am
Bicheno 9.00am
Fingal 9.30am

3rd Week: **MASS**

St Helens Vigil 5.00pm
St Marys 9.00am
Swansea 11.30am
Campbell Town 5.00pm
Bicheno LITURGY 9.00am

4th Week: **LITURGY**

St Helens Vigil 5.00pm
St Marys 9.00am
Bicheno 9.00am
Fingal 9.30am

5th Week: **MASS**

St Helens Vigil 5.00pm
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Break O'Day Uniting Church

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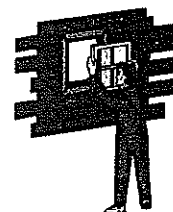
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Heather Butler's introductory speech at the launch of Mr John Sutton's new book.

What a thrill to be asked to speak today in celebration of the life and contribution to our community of the very gentlemanly Mr Jack Sutton. This much respected octogenarian has freely given our community his time, his benevolence, his generosity of spirit and has added richness to the tapestry of our lives.

His outstanding models of Poimena, his miniature spinning wheels and gorgeous carousels, help us to respect the makers and users of the pieces of equipment. The carousel brings back happy memories for many of us, the colour and music adding to the pleasure of the movement give us a picture of what has been before us. We get a much improved appreciation of the past, not only the appearance of what used to be present on those sites, but also how the machinery was made and the difficulties experienced in the construction of those machine in rugged conditions.

Jack Sutton was born on Michaelmas Day in 1920 in a small village near Hereford, the Cathedral City in England. Like my father, Jack followed his secondary and elementary schooling with an apprenticeship in the developing electrical industry. Jack's training included fitting and turning, machines and mechanisms. The new field of electronics was a challenge Jack enjoyed meeting. His education was extended by a strong interest in classical and choral music, which has stayed with him as a recreational joy, enriching his life.

The years of World War 2, 1939-45, saw Jack's service in radar installation maintenance and calibration. He was serving with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and spent some of his deployment in Egypt teaching radar to military forces of the Turks, Egyptians, Sudanese and Greeks. We can only imagine the colourful stories that must have been produced during that time.

Following the war, Jack's hungry brain needed more stimulating content. He began studies for a science degree at Luton College of Technology. After marrying he also began his family of five children, a heavy load of responsibility in anyone's language or any time.

Project engineering took Jack's attention and he then moved through various management positions in the electronics industry. One of Jack's jobs was for English Electrics Co. and involved the development of guidance systems for weaponry. Obviously Jack had high levels of skills.

Jack's gentle smile hides a serious mind, love of a challenge and the ability to keep a secret. An extension of these attributes is the urge to start one's own business. The entrepreneur came to the fore, rose in Jack and he started his own company. This company designed, produced and exhibited a world-wide first, the successful design of electronic controls of patterns for textile knitting machines. So all those Pringle, John Crundle, Slade and Casaveen designs in beautiful knitwear all over the world over the last 60 years have been set in place thanks to the extraordinary mind of our friend Jack Sutton.

BBC television was the medium through which Dorothy first saw Jack's acclaimed innovation. She was a friend of his niece and was keen to meet the now divorced man whose clever development she had seen on television a few years beforehand. Their attraction was immediate and they married in 1969. Dorothy took over raising the family and Jack then worked on designing control systems for the Petro-chemical industry in various parts of the world.

During the 1970's Jack's grandson was unfortunately killed in South Australia. It took five years before the family was given permission to migrate to be closer to the family members here in Australia. Again the need for a change and a challenge for these two active minds of Jack and Dorothy saw another change in direction.

After developing specialised equipment for the production of their business of special pies in Adelaide, the couple managed a vineyard and cellar door sales in Coonawarra. Dorothy's renowned cooking skills came to the fore and she started a restaurant in the house.

A short holiday in Tasmania introduced Jack and Dorothy to the northern parts of our island. In 1986 they decided that it was time to retire. A small farm at Goshen became home. While Dorothy developed her cooking expertise Jack developed a hobby, which had started about a decade earlier, when they began collecting "Treen".

Treen is small items made in wood, often by wood working apprentices at the end of their training. Jack followed this interest in things wooden by making gifts for friends. He had been offered a lathe. Research for the most suitable island grown timbers led Jack to discover Dorrel or Native Olive, which has been his favourite ever since. Its close grain and availability means that it is ideal for the 1/12th scale miniature works that Jack is such an expert in.

The extraordinarily fine craftsmanship that Jack shows can be seen in the marvellous cups, saucers and plates and small tables and chairs. Wedgwood china was used as patterns for these items. Wine glasses and pestles and mortars are among the finest miniatures in Jack Sutton's wonderful collection, which is displayed on a miniature Welsh dresser. For twenty years Jack Sutton has enjoyed making miniatures, usually with an historic background. These include a sixteenth century cannon and spinning wheels of various designs.

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Geoff and I first met Jack in the early 90's. He came to Queechy to discuss how his ideas of models might be helpful to tourism in the area. I don't think that he had finished the model of the stamper at that stage. We were enthralled after seeing Jack's work on display at the Portland Hall.

Peter Burns was the Curator of the St Helens History Room at that time, and he took Jack into the bush to the old Anchor Mine site. From photographs, measurements, notes, and working drawings the amazing models we see today were built with great precision and care. The models are of the water wheel for driving the crushers and the stampers, which still exist, in the bush shrine today. Interesting details of the construction of these models can be read in one of the books being launched today.

Some special features of the books, which grabbed my attention, are the photographs in the last two pages of the water wheel in action. It is remarkable to see the people in the photos to the scale of Jack's accurate model but it is also humanising. The construction looks relatively new and fresh and the ground littered with felled trees. The bush looks quite different, as the thick undergrowth we are accustomed to is not there.

The other point that grabbed my attention is the acknowledgement on the inside of the front cover to Denny's Walter. There is obviously mutual respect between these two stalwarts of the St Helens History Room, who have enriched the lives of all those who are connected with the history of the area and future generations. These are men of generous spirit, compassion and commitment to the greater whole.

"In My Own Words" by Jack Sutton, begins with an introduction by Dorothy Sutton and the back cover features a photograph of the happy couple in 1969. The same "look of love" type smile fleets between them today. Dorothy states that she was first impressed by Jack's height (6'3") his sense of humour and his humility. He is indeed a master craftsman, a gentleman, and has been a much respected member of our community.

His contribution to the St Helens History Room and Visitor Information Centre is great, and it will continue to be enjoyed and to educate and inform visitors for many, many years into the future. The books are a timely documentation of this marvellous contribution over twenty years, a time of much change for the committee and administration of our wonderful history room.

Jack was one of those members with great vision who could see that the future visitors and community members would appreciate having amazing models of specialised equipment from a past era for them to enjoy. We can all relate to the past local history in a more informed way thanks to the vision and efforts of Jack Sutton.

Ladies and gentlemen, it has been wonderful having the privilege of knowing Mr Jack Sutton. It is my very great pleasure to launch the book "In My Own Words" and the second edition of "The Anchor Wheel and Battery Models".

I sincerely wish both Dorothy and Jack good health, much happiness and the enjoyment of whatever challenges life may bring in their move to their new home. Thank you so much to the committee for allowing me to do so.

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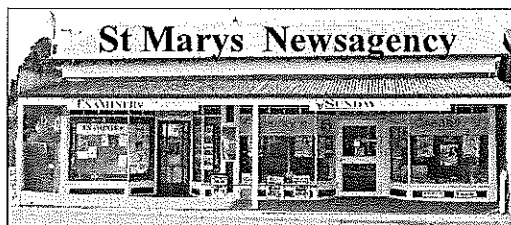
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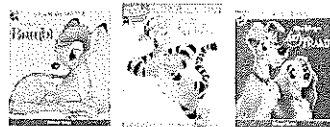


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- 18 Aug Alcoholics Anon (AA) Holy Trinity Church St Marys at 8:00pm. Please phone 6372 5026 for further details
- 21 Aug TLC Meeting 10am Day Room
- 22 Aug MOW AGM 1:30pm in the Ambulance Room of the Hospital
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- 23 Aug Alcoholics Anon (AA). Anglican Church St Helens at 8pm every Wednesday evening. Phone 6372 5026 for further details
- 25 Aug Relationships Australia
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- 30 Aug Alcoholics Anon (AA). Anglican Church St Helens at 8pm every Wednesday evening. Phone 6372 5026 for further details
- 31 Aug FIT Focus Group 1pm-2pm Day Room

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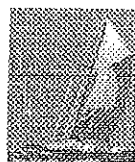
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21st Aug. • Primary Assembly 2/3 Morrison to lead. • Rock Challenge • Dental Service	22nd Aug. • Dental Service	23rd Aug. • Soccer Training • Dental Service • Business Breakfast	24th Aug. • Rock Challenge Final • Dental Service • Careers Expo - Dohertys St Helens	25th Aug. • Dental Service
28th Aug. • Arts on Tour	29th Aug. • LC/Newstead visit • Arts on Tour • Dental Service	30th Aug. • Football/Netball in Launceston • Soccer Training • Next Newsletter • Arts on Tour • Dental Service	31st Aug. • Arts on Tour • Dental Service	1st Sept. • Grade 11/12 Moderation • Arts on Tour



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- ☺ Thursday 17th August
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- ☺ Wednesday 30th August
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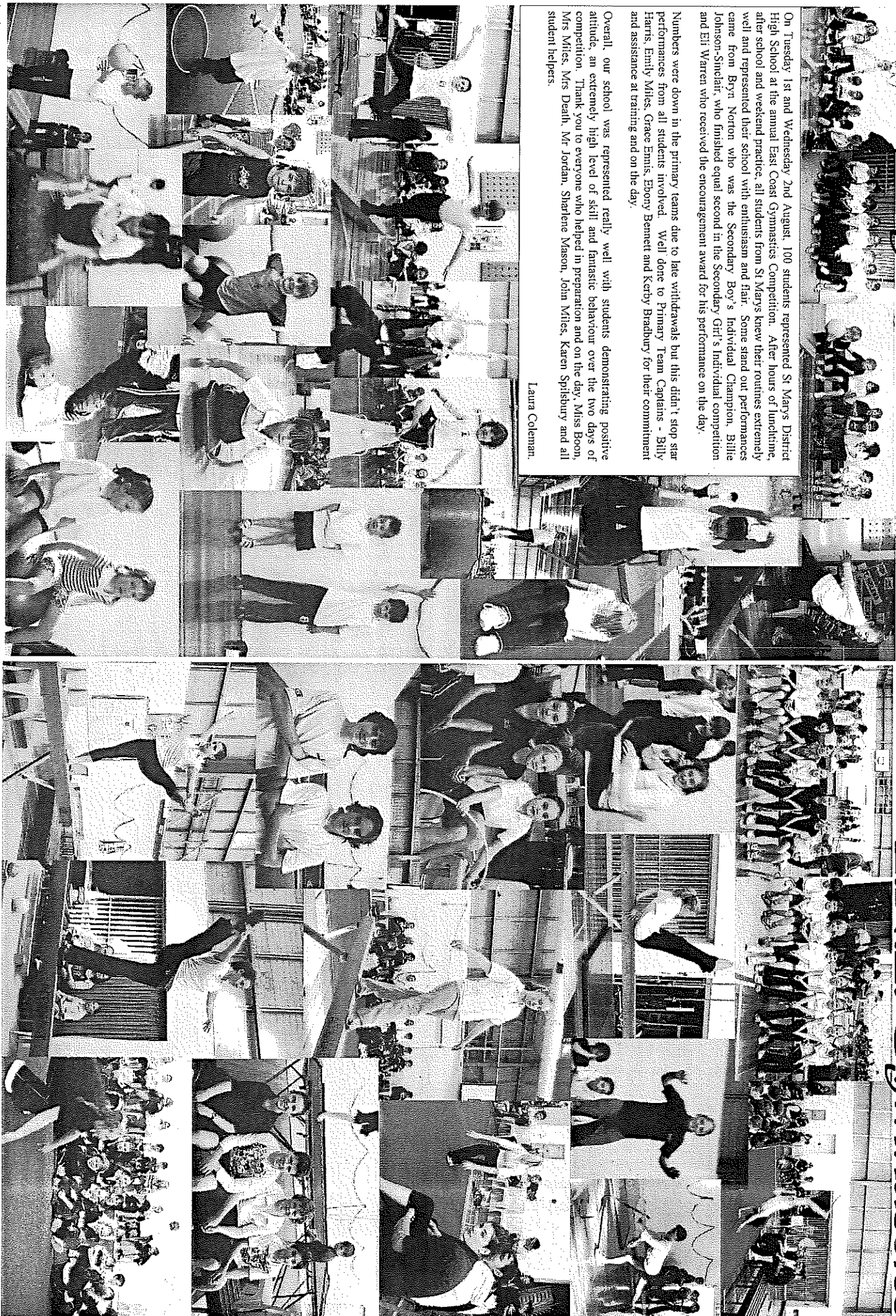
E.N.E. Gymnastics

On Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd August, 100 students represented St Mary's District High School at the annual East Coast Gymnastics Competition. After hours of lunchtime, after school and weekend practice, all students from St Mary's knew their routines extremely well and represented their school with enthusiasm and flair. Some stand out performances came from Bryn Norton who was the Secondary Boy's Individual Champion, Blithe Johnson-Sinclair, who finished equal second in the Secondary Girl's Individual competition and Eli Warren who received the encouragement award for his performance on the day.

Numbers were down in the primary teams due to late withdrawals but this didn't stop star performances from all students involved. Well done to Primary Team Captains - Billy Harris, Emily Miles, Grace Emms, Ebony Bennett and Katy Brabury for their commitment and assistance at training and on the day.

Overall, our school was represented really well with students demonstrating positive attitude, an extremely high level of skill and fantastic behaviour over the two days of competition. Thank you to everyone who helped in preparation and on the day, Miss Boon, Mrs Miles, Mrs Death, Mr Jordan, Sharlene Mason, John Miles, Karen Spilsbury and all student helpers.

Laura Coleman.



E.N.E. Gymnastics

Netball news

Heart stopping games, outstanding performances, fight-backs, unbelievable pressure and every human emotion imaginable – yes folks another fortnight of netball!

August 6

Division 1

The girls are really firing at the right end of the season and despatched East Coast in a tough game to advance directly into the Grand Final – an outstanding result.

Division 2

What a game! The girls played Surfside in the major semi-final and after trailing most of the day they overcame a 4 point deficit at three quarter time to finish the game on equal points. No-one was really sure what to do but two five minute halves of extra time were quickly organised and it was literally goal for goal until the last minute when a couple of simple mistakes let Surfside back into the game and they got up by three points. Everyone that witnessed the game admitted it was the game of the year and congratulations to all the players for a fine sporting spectacle.

Division 3

In a bit of an anti-climax the girls were comfortably beaten by Surfside but they promise to come back with a vengeance.

August 13

Division 2

The girls played East Coast in the Preliminary final and another heart stopper unfolded. The East Coast girls came out firing and in a very physical game the lead changed more times than you could count. At three quarter time the St Marys girls were two points down and in a gutsy and determined effort held off everything that East Coast could throw at them and powered home to win by two points despite star shooter Beth Rosskelly having to leave the court after injuring her knee. A truly incredible performance from all nine girls that took the court.

Division 3

In a disciplined performance the girls played themselves into the grand final with an 11 point victory over East Coast. Considering that most of this team are playing only their first year of netball, this is a remarkable effort.

Finally a big thank you to all the supporters and Division 1 players who came down from St Marys to barrack for the girls. We know they appreciated it, and the cheering and barracking really added to the atmosphere. All three teams will play Surfside in the Grand Finals on Saturday 19 August. If the last couple of games are a guide there is going to be some outstanding netball played and best wishes go out to the St Marys teams.

Netball Presentation night

Don't forget the presentation night to be held at the St Marys Sports Centre on August 26 –

The division 3 presentations will commence at 6.45pm sharp and the night will feature Donna Gough fronting local disco/funk band The New Hefners who will commence at approximately 8.00pm.

Everyone who has seen this band perform is raving about them so make sure you have your dancing shoes on - all family/friends are welcome -

\$5 admission to cover the band and a light supper will be provided.

(Div 1 and 2 girls bring a plate of finger food, Div 3 girls something sweet).



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Sports Centre news by Kackhander

Starting with the club Championships, and congratulations to Dale Ridgers, Barry Harrison and Leigh 'Blairy' Spilsbury, who won the three major titles in A, B, and C Grade respectively.

Dale fought it out with a solid field from day one, to retain the championship, and with a fine score of 284, two sub 70 rounds were the foundation for this. John Miles and Jack Viney both also beat the 300 barrier by 2 and 1 shots, again respectively. That's great in itself. Damon Viney played excellent golf to win the A Grade Handicap with 265.

In B Grade it was perhaps the tightest 3 way finish possible, with Barry returning 354, Col Payne 355, and Kodie Donald 356. Not often you see three players able to win with one hole to go. Great effort boys. Barry also comfortably won the B Grade Handicap.

In C Grade it was the Blairy show. He mentioned before the championships that he normally manages to stuff up somehow, at least a couple of rounds each year. Not this time. He played four excellent rounds indeed, and fully deserves both C grade Championship and Handicap. To all who contributed to the championships in any way, thanks to you all. It was terrific.

The next week was the time honoured first round of the Spilsbury Trophy. Next to the championships it is the longest running of our perpetual trophies, and all want to win it at least once. What a day we had for the first round, with Bob Hersey 73 - 62, Barry Harison 83 - 63, Mark Carrick 87-66, all vying for the 2006 win, with the final round Saturday August 19th. How good is that.

Thank you to Keith, Elma, Rod and Bette for the trophies for day one. In the next issue we will be thanking the other Spilsbury family members who put so much into this event each year. It's just so good for the club, even though it's not the biggest field ever.

Our Annual Tournament at St Marys is nearly upon us, in less than two weeks in fact, August 26/27th.

As reported previously, we are very happy to have Hobart House of Golf on board as a major sponsor of this year's event. Even better, our friend Brian at the House of Golf will be setting out his fantastic mobile golf shop in the clubhouse at the tournament, so that our local golfers can have an opportunity to purchase some great gear. He is also available to take orders for equipment and will be our guest. Having only recently returned from the British Open Championship, he will be very up with the latest gear available.

There will be light meals available and plenty to drink, so please try and support one or hopefully both days.

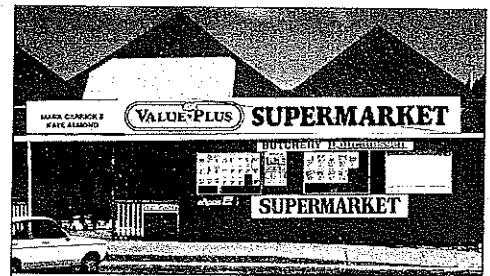
The following week is the Malahide Tournament, and, as our protocol, there will be no scheduled competition set down for that weekend as a mark of respect for our good friends there. There is no conflict of interest then, and this allows our players to travel to Fingal to enjoy their tournament. The same rule applies at Malahide for us, which we appreciate. Both clubs struggle for numbers, and hopefully if we both support each other we will have good events.

The eight ball season is coming to an end, with our team in a great position to challenge for another title. Hopefully the finals will go well for them all.

Meals are still going well, and with St Marys Netball dinner coming up soon, there will be plenty of people using the ever popular facility.

A slight change to the menu for Friday nights will be occurring soon, to suit more people. Sounds great, and sure tastes great too.

Anyway, until next time, good hitting and rolling.



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1 lge carrot, chopped, 500g mince,
2 tablesp tomato paste,
400g can tomatoes, 1 teasp vegemite,
1 teasp dried mixed herbs,
1 teasp Worstershire sauce,
440g can baked beans in tomato sauce,
½ cup frozen peas,
440g can new potatoes, drained,
30g butter, melted,
¾ cup grated tasty cheese.

Method

Heat oil in pan, add onion, cook, stirring until soft. Add carrot and mince, cook, stirring until mince is browned.

Stir in tomato paste, undrained crushed tomatoes, vegemite, sauce and herbs.

Bring to boil, simmer uncovered for 10 minutes. Stir in beans and peas, simmer uncovered for 5 minutes.

Pour mix into greased oven proof dish.

Slice potatoes thinly, place over mince mix, brush with butter, sprinkle with cheese.

Bake uncovered in moderately hot oven, about 20 minutes, or until topping is crisp and browned.