



A.N.D.F.H.G. Inc. News Sheet

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		AUDITOR	Shirley Bulley

Mar. Calendar

Thursday, 1 March
10:00am - 4.00pm
Mid-Week Research Open Day

Monday, 5 March
7:00pm - 8.39pm
Legacy Users Group Meeting

Thursday, 8 March
10:00am - 4.00pm
Mid-Week Research Open Day

Saturday, 10 March
1:00pm - 4.00pm
Research Day - By Appointment
only due to Sydney Congress.

Thursday, 15 March
10:00am - 4.00pm
Mid-Week Research Open Day

Saturday, 17 March
1:30pm - 3.30pm
Family Tree Maker User Group
Meeting

Thursday, 22 March
10:00am - 4.00pm
Mid-Week Research Open Day

Saturday, 24 March
1:00pm - 4.00pm
Demolition Day - Combined effort
on your Brick walls.

Thursday, 29 March
10:00am - 4.00pm
Mid-Week Research Open Day

From the Committee

Hello Members,

The second half of the year is proving to be quite busy with a few things in the pipeline. Our February Speaker Day was very well attended and for those of you who came along, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

March is proving to be a busy month – in fact we will be cancelling our usual committee meeting on the second Saturday (10th March). Our President, Vice President and others will be representing the group by attending the Genealogical Congress in Sydney and some of our committee members will be on holiday. If any member would like to make a special appointment for research on that day, please ring our ANDFHG number and discuss your requirements, so that we can organize a volunteer to open up.

Our usual Legacy and FTM user's groups will still be meeting in March and we urge you to consult the diary at the side of this newsletter.

Our Speaker Day will be to try and break down 'brick walls' in your family trees. We cannot guarantee we will be successful, but we think it will be a good idea to discuss your queries and concerns.

We look forward to the challenge!

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and to enjoy the holiday break.

Stay safe!

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OLD BOOTS



Prim and proper with their laces tied,
two black old boots stood side by side.
At the back of the cupboard as though in fright
you'd think they were hiding out of sight.
Searching for them with his sore bent back
an old fellow scanned the tidy shoe rack
It was hard to see in the cupboard's dim light
but all of a sudden his face shone with delight.
as though to the boots he then seemed to talk
Saying "It's time again for our special walk
We'd better be careful we're not too late
Or we'll miss out seeing my very best mate"
Taking the boots with an arthritic hand
He straightened his back and attempted to stand
"Well fellows" he said as he grabbed for a seat
"We'd better get ready for the boys we must meet.
"It's a year to the day since we last met,
When we had a few beers and a 'two up' bet
Don't know how many will still be here
For our numbers get less every passing year".
He gave the boots a quick polish once more
Then put them down very near to the door
Close by some clothes that hung from a hook
Including a coat with a military look.
On top of the cupboard next to his bed
Lay some medals with ribbons of blue and red
First one then two and then several more
He pinned to the jacket that he now wore.



With hat under his arm and head held high
A stick in his hand and a last minute sigh
He marched proudly out as a soldier once more
Though thankfully this time not going to war.

An Online Archive of Pictures and Stories of nearly 50,000 Australian Prisoners between 1870 and 1930 is Now Available

<https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/exhibitions/captured>

Portraits of Crime is an exhibition and major project of State Archives and Records NSW, which has selected 37 of the prisoners to tell their stories in-depth. Not only are the tales compelling and moving in themselves, but exhibition curator Dr Penny Stannard said they give people “a taste of how they might engage with these archives”.

The stories of these men, women and children are told through source material from the State Archives Collection of Gaol Photographic Description Books from 20 NSW prisons.

Source: Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter



ARTHUR ASTILL, A 16-YEAR-OLD LABOURER FROM ORANGE, CHARGED WITH MURDER AND PHOTOGRAPHED AT DUBBO GAOL IN 1893. (PHOTO COURTESY OF: STATE ARCHIVES AND RECORDS NSW)

PEDAL POWER

Every January, since 1999, South Australia has held the 'Tour Down Under' event - where super fit, lycra clad cyclists race at incredible speeds on expensive light weight machines. In February each year, since 1983, another bike race has been held in the small town of Evandale, not far from Launceston, in Tasmania. Riders from all over the world compete in both events – but there is one major difference between the two, for competitors in the Evandale race ride 'Penny Farthing' bikes!

One of the main races at Evandale is the 'Century Ride' which is a traditional ride dating back to the 1880's. Competitors cover 100 miles [162 km] in this race which starts at 7 a.m. The first riders usually finish mid-afternoon with the stragglers reaching the finish line as the sun sets. Penny Farthing riders in the 1880's would have had to contend with a much rougher road surface but fit riders are estimated to have reached speeds of 40 kph [probably whilst going downhill!]. The winner of the 146 km Stage 2 race of the 2011 Tour Down Under covered the distance in 3hrs 28 mins – that's an average of 41.7 kph - on a much more comfortable seat!



James Starley designed the 'Ordinary', 'High Riser' or 'Penny Farthing' bicycle in 1870. This differed from all previous bicycles as the two wheels were dramatically different in size. The front [Penny] wheel could be up to five feet in diameter and the very small rear wheel [the Farthing] was used mainly to steady the bike. The large front wheel increased the amount of ground that could be covered with just one turn of the pedals, which were welded directly on to the wheel.

Mounting the bike was a work of art but falling off, often head first, over the front wheel was easily done! Unlike their present day counterparts the only head protection worn by Penny Farthing riders was likely to have been a cloth cap and so serious injuries were common. The term 'break-neck' speed is thought to have originated in the era of the Penny Farthing bike!

Mark Twain wrote a rather amusing description of his misfortunes trying to mount a 'high riser': "...*you hop along behind it on your right foot, resting the other on the mounting peg, and grasping the tiller with your hands. At the word you rise on the peg, stiffen your left leg, hang your other one around in the air in a general and indefinite way, lean your stomach against the saddle and then fall off, maybe on one side, maybe on the other; but you fall off. You get up and do it again; and once more; and then several times ...*" Sounds like fun for the spectators!

The metal framed Penny Farthing bikes were very expensive, so only the 'well-to-do' could afford them in the 1870's. This led to the formation of elitist cycling clubs - such as the British Amateur Bicycle Club with its goal to promote the sport amongst '*middle, upper and higher classes of society*'. Clubs had their own caps, uniforms and badges but probably not the big name sponsors of today's main cycling teams, although images of cyclists were used on the Huntley and Palmer biscuit labels around 1890.

The design of the modern 'mean machine' is based on the 'Rover Safety bicycle' which was created by Englishman, John Kemp Starley [nephew of James Starley] around 1885. This was the first chain driven bike and featured the same diamond shaped frame still used today.



After John Boyd Dunlop, an Irish veterinarian developed the inflatable tyre, in 1888, to replace the solid rubber ones, the bicycle became much more comfortable to ride and its popularity grew rapidly.

Adventurous women joined the cycling ranks and it is reported that suffragist Susan B Anthony declared that the bicycle "*has done more to emancipate women than anything else in the world*". A wider world was opened up to anyone who could afford a bike and many a young man rode great distances to visit his sweetheart or to get to a far flung place of employment.

The popularity of the bicycle waned when the motor car became more affordable to the average family but there has been a resurgence in its use in recent times. Fuel costs and environmental awareness has made bicycling more popular over the years and in 1978 there were more bikes than cars sold in the U.S.

A few years later mass production of mountain bikes began and in 1996 they were first entered in an Olympic Games event. This was 133 years after Pierre Michaux developed the Velocipede, which became the first mass produced bike featuring pedals and cranks on the front wheel, This model was known as the 'bone-shaker' which must be a similar sensation to that experienced by today's mountain biker.

The question about who invented the bicycle remains controversial – maybe we should conclude that it just evolved!

THE BOMBING OF LONDON DURING WORLD WAR II AND THE BLITZ

Did you or your family live in London during WWII ?

A great link has been given to the newsletter regarding a website which shows the enormity of the bombing of London during World War II. The site is called

www.bombsight.org

By clicking on MAPS on the tab, this will show a sectioned map with little red bombs and their location. If you click on the red bomb it will give more information i.e. the road/street, images and stories. There are lots of images and photos from Guys Hospital and people sleeping wherever they could.

For instance, a click onto a bomb site close to the River Thames showed the following :

High Explosive Bomb :



Source: Aggregate Night Time Bomb Census 7th October 1940 to 6 June 1941

Fell between Oct. 7, 1940 and June 6, 1941

Present-day address Hanseatic Walk, City of London, EC4N 6AP, City of London

Further details 56 18 NE

A more detailed search can be made by clicking on the tab "Explore London" which divides the city into its allotted boroughs and areas within that borough. i.e. Barnet – then Golders Green which will show the density of the bombing and also a link to stories about the area.

This is a great source of social history seeing as the majority of Londoners (especially children) were evacuated to Wales or Devon or Kent or perhaps farther afield.

We would like to acknowledge that this site is purely for information and personal use and is licensed as under :

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Thank you to our member Rosemary Ward for this information.

VICTORIAN *G.U.M. INC. NEWS

ANDFHG and VICGUM have been affiliated with each other for a number of years now and meet up periodically whenever there is a Congress organized as well as being part of our Family Tree Maker Group. Every month we receive a VICGUM newsletter which has handy hints and tips for both our Legacy Users Group and Family Tree Maker Users Group and other articles.

In February 2018 edition, there is much more to read than just these hints. For instance, on page 26 there is a great article called "What to do with Floppy Disks?" written by Dick Eastman. If you have been around family history for a while, you will probably have some of these sitting in a drawer and you are wondering what you can do with them. He states there are 3 separate problems regarding floppy disks and gives advice as to what to do. You will need to borrow the magazine to find out more. The main one of course is COPY the data.

Page 22 gives us more information regarding the NBN with problem areas, one of them being Murray Bridge.

Page 15 gives us a great article called "Busted! 10 Genealogy Myths and Falsehoods." For instance, Myth 2 = It's in print, it must be true! Just because the information you find is in print, doesn't mean it is true. Errors can creep in due to incomplete research, misinterpretation of records and inaccurate sources etc.

Page 13 gives us an update on the very popular Family Book Creator with lots of new enhancements listed. If you are not familiar with Family Book Creator, then you can speak to one of our volunteers and see an example of what this actually creates in our Library. If you are thinking of putting your family history into print, then this could be the answer.

* For your information G.U.M. stands for Genealogists Using Micro-Computers.

PLAYING WITH WORDS :

These has been floating around social media and other sources for a while but a bit of fun and gives food for thought. Quite brilliant really.

PRESBYTERIAN: When you re-arrange the letters it gives you

BEST IN PRAYER.

THE MORSE CODE : re-arranged comes out HERE COME DOTS.

SLOT MACHINES : re-arranged the letters comes out

CASH LOST IN ME.

ELEVEN PLUS TWO : re-arranged can read : TWELVE PLUS ONE.

THE EYES : When you rearrange the letters makes it : THEY SEE.

And we have saved the best for last !!

ELECTION RESULTS :

When re-arranged comes out LIES – LET'S RECOUNT.



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