

F.F.F. FLEET COMMITTEE

NEWSLETTER

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Hello there!

Time flies and here it is again - past due Newsletter time. Hope you are all well; have survived the odd (to say the least) weather and are happily and busily preparing for Christmas.

The many members who attended Mrs. Haig's Stanhome Party have a head start. She had a very good demonstrator and the whole evening was most delightful. Very many thanks to Mrs. Haig and her helpers, particularly Mrs. Markwell. The supper was delicious and a good profit returned. There will be more Stanhome parties - one at Lakemba in February - the 12th - Misses Jean and Berra Cowell will be the hostesses. More details later.

On November 20th Mrs Markwell has arranged a Stanhome Party also. Bookings have closed for this but we do thank these members for working so hard on our behalf.

Although we are hoping to hold a Christmas Party we have nothing definite for you at this time. We'll let you know in the next Newsletter.

We want you to make a note in your diaries to keep Tuesday, 26th January, 1971 for our second Annual Dinner. Tickets will be \$6. per head. Don't drop dead at the price - it will be a night to remember!! More details later.

Have been pleased to receive notes from members advising their preference for functions. Everything we had on the list appealed to some one. Many thanks to Mrs. Callow for suggesting a picnic area in the Oatley area. Thus we'll be able to cater for members over that way. More details later.

The Macquarie Schoolhouse, Wilberforce, celebrated its 150th Anniversary on Saturday, 31st October. We were ably represented by Mr and Mrs Everingham, Mr Parker and Misses Jean & Berra Cowell. The town was very gay for the day and the Governor unveiled a commemorative plaque amidst the enthusiastic reception of the crowd.

On the same day we were very pleased to share with Parramatta their Foundation Week procession. One of our Associates, Mr. George Montgomery had very kindly offered the use of his big truck for a float and though we would very much have liked to take part we just didn't have time to decorate the truck and do justice to the Fellowship. However, Mr and Mrs Montgomery are very enthusiastic and, in fact, are having a few members of the Fleet Committee over on Sunday 15th to talk about ways and means & c & c for a more or less permanent dress for the truck to be used by the Fellowship as and when required. The first time which springs to mind will be the Argyle Celebrations next year. Won't we be grand - our own transport and all !! We are constantly being pleasantly surprised by the great enthusiasm of members - to the Fellowship this is the stuff of life.

Saint Philip's Church has issued an invitation to all members of the Fellowship to attend an Interdenominational Service commemorating the First Christian Service held in Australia. This will be held at the Church, York Street, Sydney, at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday, 7th February, 1971. At this service, two of a set of eight bells brought to the Colony by Gov. Hunter and hung in the first St. Philip's in 1807 will be presented to the Church by the President of the Royal Australian Historical Society in whose possession they have been for a number of years. As many of you know St. Philip's hold such a service every year. Do hope lots of you can attend - the Rev. Graham Hardy of St. Stephen's (the Duke's friend) will be the preacher. More details later.

TRADING POST: Wanted a pen friend for Carollyn Lawrence, aged 7½. Carollyn is interested in physical culture, brownies and pop songs.

GI SPY: a couple of our gorgeous girls being squired by one of our leading lights at a city club - they went through the menu and then started again!! That would never have happened in the 'old days'. One gal took to the bush for a holiday to recuperate.

Now is the season for dancing - as some of our members could tell you. Also for concert going - I wasn't the only one enjoying Beethoven the other night.

The SMALL clan are anxious to find descendants of Sarah Small and George Patfield who were married 31st October, 1820. If anyone can help, please contact Mrs. Mary Thompson, 1/11 Esther Road, Balmoral Beach, 2088, or phone 969.2084. I smell (not Small) a get-together of the clan in the offing. As you know, this has been done very successfully by the Kable clan in the past. So, up the Smalls!! see if you can beat the Kables - and then how about all the other clans trying to do the same thing!! The mind boggles at the number of members we would eventually have.

A number of members have written asking where their receipts have got to. Sorry for the delay, but we must mark these off your cards before sending them or our records will be in real trouble. I don't believe we have lost any in the post, so keep your fingers crossed.

Would Queensland members please note that membership subscriptions are paid to Queensland Division, Journal to Sydney. Would all members please advise change of address. We have had some correspondence returned lately.

We have received numerous requests for spoons, badges, &c. &c. Please be patient - we are awaiting new supplies of spoons and badges. Both have been ordered as have the bars but I doubt that we shall have them before Christmas. Owing to an increase in the cost of the spoons, the price has had to be raised to \$1. each. There is no doubt at all that when the badges and bars are received that these too will be dearer.

That's all for now. Happy hunting (for Christmas presents that is). Be with you early in December with the latest!!

There are a few dozen Christmas cards for sale at \$1. per dozen.