

F.F.F. NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends:

Spring is here - the spirits lift - even the budget can't destroy the feeling that now better weather is round the corner, "God's in His Heaven, All's Well with the World. Is it possible that of all human emotions, hope is the biggest and best of them all?

We send our felicitations to Jean Cowell, who is in hospital recovering from major surgery. Jean is an active member of the Fleet Committee and chairman of the Membership Committee. Best of good wishes, Jean, for a speedy and complete recovery to full health.

Where are all the Small descendents & we want you!! On Saturday, 9th October, 1971 at 2.30 p.m. the descendents will hold a family function at St Anne's Church, Church Street, Ryde. All descendents with members of their families will be welcomed by the Rev David Livingstone, who will conduct a short service in the old family church. This will be followed by afternoon tea in the Church Hall when all present will have the opportunity of meeting and talking with one another. Further information can be obtained by telephoning 969-2084 or 44-6675.

The committee organising the Small Family function is also proceeding with the compilation of a history of the Small family in Australia and hopes to meet many of the family descendents at the above function. Finally, if you are unable to attend, documentation in any form is always of great benefit and interest in such a task. OTHER FAMILIES PLEASE COPY!!!

History Corner

Perhaps members are unaware that one of the most used records at the Mitchell Library for genealogical work is the Census taken in 1928. This gives the person's name, age, sex and year of arrival, whether free or bond, religion, occupation and address. If possessing land or livestock - this is also noted. Another prolific area for anyone wishing to research early Australian history is the Australian Section of the Public Library.

If you do not have the above information concerning your first fleet ancestor (or his family), write and let us know and we shall be happy to print it in this newsletter. We regret, however, that we cannot at this stage answer other questions regarding your First Flooter.

We have received a letter from Bishop H.G. Begbie, Chairman of the Restoration Appeal, Parramatta Historic Graves Committee (St Johns). Members may already be aware that the Trust has commenced restoration work within the St Johns Cemetery where many First Floeters and other famous Australians are buried. We recommend this appeal to you. Gifts will be applied to the restoration of the most historical graves first of all. Alternatively you may care to arrange with others interested to undertake the restoration of a particular grave, and the Committee would be pleased to co-operate. Cheques should be made out to "St John's Cemetery Restoration Appeal" and forwarded to - St John's Hall, Church Street, Parramatta, NSW 2150.

Now don't all rush off to Broken Hill but we have received a very cordial invitation from Mr Robert Kable, 69 Eyre Street, South Broken Hill to visit him when passing through his famous town. Mr Kable's telephone is 29 5442 and he and Mrs Kable will look forward to receiving many visitors in the future.

Woe to all those who did not attend our Supper Dance on Friday, 13th August. Despite the implications of the date, the dance was a great success and most thoroughly enjoyed by everyone there. We had a large number of younger members there enjoying themselves and though the music wasn't quite their beat, we have extracted a promise from the band that they're going to bone up on that for next year.

Forthcoming Functions

Sunday, 12/9/71: Car Trial

Observation and navigation car trial from Top Ryde to Crosslands to Arcadia via a reasonably easy route. The starting point is from the Grace Bros shopping centre car park, Blaxland Road, Ryde (the Civic Centre side of the car park). First car will leave at 9.30 a.m., proceed via the Hawkesbury River to Arcadia. Entry fee \$1.00 per car (driver free) and 20¢ each for adult passengers. Please bring your own food (picnic, barbecue or whatever) and drink. Estimated time of arrival is between 12 noon and 1 p.m. and the route is easy enough and specific directions are given to entrants at the start that we don't anticipate anyone getting lost (that doesn't include me of course). I might win the booby prize - there'll be a handsome first prize also.

Saturday, 30/10/71 - mid-afternoon: The Salamagundy Night

We hope to see a full house at this barbecue and evening of many and varied entertainments (music, cards, games of chance, &c &c) which we hope will suit every taste which will be held at the home of George and Alice Montgomery, 162 Napoleon Street, Sans Souci. For further information please phone 529 6431 or 85 3349.

If I have omitted to tell you previously this function is being sponsored by the First Fleeters Farm Co-operative which has been successful in acquiring a few acres on the Hawkesbury near Leetsvale. You may remember we spoke of this proposal in previous newsletters. In true "country" fashion the Co-op intend to make this a night to remember - lambs cooked on the spit and lashings of side dishes. No need to bring anything at all but yourselves and your wallets - everyone can purchase their requirements there. Entry fee \$1.50 per head. May we see all those members from the south?

Bus Tour 7/11/71:

The Rhododendron Festival at Blackheath is our objective. The tour will be limited to 45 at \$2.00 per head. City departure time will be 9.30 a.m. with one pick-up point on the way. Closing date definitely 25/10/71.

Visit to historic and stately Belmont Park, Richmond, Sunday 28/11/71
This priceless mansion, formerly the property of Sir Philip Charley, and now a geriatric hospital conducted by the Order of St John of God is something not to be missed. The brothers have expressed their great interest in the Fellowship and have signified this by offering conducted tours of this magnificent building. Our plan is to meet for lunch in the grounds (picnic style) and then proceed to the tour. Groups will be limited to 20 at one time and should the interest be as great as we think will be, a series of tours will be arranged throughout the year.

Christmas Party, Saturday 18/12/71. Miss Houison has kindly offered her home for our party this year. We ask that everyone should bring a gift to the value of \$1.00 suitable for giving to a person of one's own sex (please do not include beer or cigarettes in this). There

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will be music for dancing provided and our endless good humour and conversation as usual. Please bring your own food and drink. Starting time 7.30 p.m. - for adults only.

Annual Anniversary Dinner, Wednesday 26/1/72

Will be held at the Anzac Memorial Club, North Sydney and further details will be provided in future Newsletters. As you all may know this is our most successful function of the year and we hope to see at least 200 members present next year.

Regional Conference 15-16/4/72

Tentatively arranged to be held at Port Macquarie. Members attending will go by bus with pick up points en route to Newcastle. There will be business sessions and, of course, local entertainments for getting to know members &c.. More details in future newsletters.

Annual General Meeting, Sunday 26/9/71 - 10.30 a.m.

Will be held at the Northbridge R.S.L. Hall, Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge (Gregory's reference 59.8L and UBD B8.57). Bus 202 from Martin place passes the door and the stop at which to alight is the one outside the golf club. Hot water is available and so, please bring your lunch and your family and join in the informal discussion following the meeting. Have we an active membership? Your attendance at the meeting will show us whether or not.

FORWARD BOOKINGS

Tear off and return to the Secretary

Sunday, 12/9/71 - Car Trial \$1.00 plus 20¢ ea

I shall be coming on the Car Trial and bringing.....friends.

or I shall be coming on the Car Trial alone and would like to take.....passengers.

Sunday 26/9/71 - Annual General Meeting

I shall be coming to the Annual General Meeting and bringing

.....family and friends

Saturday, 30/10/71 - Salamagundy Night \$1.50 each

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Sunday 7/11/71 - Bus Tour Blackheath \$2.00 each

I shall be coming on the bus tour and bringing.....friends

Sunday 28/11/71 - Belmont Park Visit

I shall be coming on the Belmont Park visit and bringing.....

.....friends or If unable to be included in this tour I should like to be included in a future tour. Please indicate the best time for you.....(month.

Saturday 13/12/71 - Christmas Party

I shall be coming to the Christmas Party and bringing husband/ wife.

If sending money please make cheques &c payable to F.F.F. Fleet Committee.

Name:.....Address:.....

.....Postcode.....

Telephone.....

We are having a deal of trouble with changes of address. Would members check please on their families, relations of all sorts and see if their addresses are up-to-date. Following is a list of correspondence returned to us through the dead letter office. We felt that if we published these names and addresses there may be members to whom these are familiar and could help us by advising us changes they know or otherwise asking parties concerned to advise us of changes - the hunt is on!

Mrs Leta Moss, 33 Amott St, Stafford Heights, Q'land
Mrs E.T. Carragher, 97 Taylor St., Lakemba, 2195 NSW
Mr G.J. Hude-Cates, 9/122 Perouse Rd, Randwick, 2031, NSW
Mrs J.A. Hanson, 15 Sheppard St, West Wollongong, 2500 NSW
Mrs M.K. Walker, 47 Lancaster Ave., West Ryde, 2114 NSW
Rev J R Flook, Unit 130, Blues Point Tower, Blues Pt Rd.,
McMahons Point 2060
Mrs I.V. Wehrle, 5 Berith St., Collaroy Plateau, 2098
Mrs M.E. Finlay, 3 Kimbarra Ave, Camden, 2570, NSW
Mrs J. Eargreaves, Box 68 PO, Narromine, NSW 2821
Mr H.M. Small, 6/86 Memorial Drive, Bar Beach, NSW 2300
Mrs T.A. Upfield, 12/11 Everton Rd, Strathfield, 2135
Mrs D.E. Wehrle, 2 Gipps St, Mount Keira, NSW 2500

Should anyone know the whereabouts of the above, please contact Secretary at 85 3349 any evening or write to Box 267, PO, Pennant Hills, 2120.

Would someone please let us know what is happening in Queensland. We have heard nothing from anyone there for months yet there are almost 100 members in that state. It is important that they be active and informed.