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# NEWSLETTER

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Hello Everyone:

Last month we started off with the Small family gathering at Ryde. What a wonderful afternoon they had with almost six hundred persons attending with excellent publicity gained in the national press. I know our member, Mrs Beth Hooke, had a lot to do with the organising of the clan and we should like to congratulate Beth and the other co-ordinators on a highly successful function. Needless-to-say, the Fellowship has gained quite a few members!!

A number of people took notice of Mrs Thompson's suggestion for sending donations in to the Parramatta Historic Graves Restoration Appeal in memory of particular people. The Appeal Committee is grateful for our assistance, so keep those donations rolling in!! Every little counts. But, don't forget cheques are to be made payable to the Parramatta Historic Graves Restoration Appeal.

The Salamagundy Night was a wow and the Farm Co-operative benefited financially. So much so that the committee has been able to finalise payment of the block with the next step in view being the building of facilities so that families et al will be able to use the site for camping & c. I hear that the new bridge over the Hawkesbury is not too far away from completion either. The Co-op is to be congratulated for getting their scheme off the ground so to speak.

Unfortunately I can't report favourably on the bus tour to Blackheath as not enough people booked and so, to preclude a loss, the tour was cancelled. I know how very disappointed were those who had intended going and I do hope we shall be able to arrange this tour again next year when the rhododendrons are in bloom.

We've lots of happy news concerning members this month. Jane Bailey and her brother Tom's fiancée, Joy Boag, both graduated nursing sisters. Congratulations girls - keep up the good work. Margaret Markwell became a grandmother for the first time with the arrival of Andrew Mackay Sparke, born to Sylvia wife of Margaret's son Peter in Canada. I think Margaret's husband Dick thought it a good excuse for a celebration too. Congratulations all round. Bill Harris-Walker joined the ball and chain brigade on 1st October. You will remember I believe we announced Bill's engagement earlier this year. Do hope you will be very happy - both of you - Bill.

Our popular Fleet Committee working family, the George Montgomerys are moving shortly to Caringbah. Do hope they have a back garden as good as the one in Sans Souci. Talking about the Montys reminded me that I didn't tell you about all the goodies they had at the Salamagundy night there. There were two succulent lambs cooked on the spit ably turned, among others, by George's Greek neighbours who not worn out by turning the spit then turned on a display of Greek dancing. I wonder if George is taking his neighbours with him to Caringbah!!

Congratulations and very best wishes to Kathleen Oakes, daughter of Mr John Oakes of Lane Cove and grand-daughter of our Vice-Patron Mr Dudley Oakes. Kathy celebrated her twenty-first birthday on 6th November, ably helped by her family on that occasion.

On the travelling scene is Graham Haig, second son of Mr and Mrs Doug Haig of Narrawee. Graham departed these shores on 9th October bound for England and other lands. All the best Graham and we'll

On the gloomy side we have our former Hon Treasurer, Mr Eric Blair, in Mater Private (until 10th November) after having undergone surgery. Sorry to hear about this Eric and we sincerely hope you will soon be restored to perfect health.

By the way, talking of Hon Treasurers from our last Newsletter there appears to be some confusion about Mrs Joy Wallman's election. It is indeed a fact that Eric Blair retired and in his place we now have Mrs Joy Wallman as Hon Treasurer.

#### History Corner:

Following are one or two interesting epitaphs taken from the Royal Australian Historical Society Journal Vol V Part iv, 1919....  
These have been copied exactly by Mrs M.G. Bailey.

"THE SANDHILLS.---An Historic Cemetery"  
by A.G. Foster

Epitaph of James Squire - "First Fleeter".  
In Sacred Respect  
to the remains of  
Mr. James Squire,  
late of Kissing Point,  
who departed this life May 16th, 1822,  
at 67 years.  
He arrived in this colony in the First Fleet,  
and by integrity and industry  
acquired and maintained an unsullied Reputation,  
Under his care  
the Hop Plant was first cultivated  
in this Settlement, and  
the first BREWERY was erected,  
which progressively matured to perfection.  
As a Father,  
a husband, a friend, and a Christian  
he lived Respected and died Lamented.  
Also JAMES SQUIRE,  
Son of the above,  
who died March 5th, 1826,  
Aged 28 years.

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"first fleeter" - John Trace.  
Sacred  
to the memory of  
JOHN TRACE,  
who departed this life,  
1st July, 1823,  
aged 82 years.  
A faithful friend, a father dear,  
A loving husband lieth here.  
In space of time god (sic) did him Take,  
Lord rest his soul for Jesus Sake.

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We'll have more next month - By the way, Mrs Bailey also contributed that very interesting article on William Broughton which appears in the current journal. Some of you will already have your copies. Those who haven't yet received them will soon do so.

#### Forthcoming Functions

Addington Settlement Ball, Saturday 27th November, 8p.m. \$12.00 double  
Dress for this function is Period from 1780 or optional. It is to be held in Ryde Civic Centre, Top Ryde (tons of parking) and is being organised by the Addington Trust to gain proceeds for the preservation of this historic old building. If anyone would like to join a party, please telephone Mrs. J. Hooke on 446675 or Mrs. D. Haig on 48 6307 or Mrs K. Ross on 80 2953.

Visit to Belmont Park, Richmond, Sunday 29/11/71 - 60¢ per head  
This priceless mansion, formerly the property of Sir Philip  
Charley, and now a geriatric hospital conducted by the Brothers of  
the Order of St John of God is indeed a beautiful sight. The Brothers  
have signified their great interest in the Fellowship by offering us

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conducted tours of this magnificent building. Our plan is to meet for lunch in the grounds (picnic style) and then proceed to tour. Groups will be limited to 20 at one time and should the interest be as great as we expect a series of tours will be arranged throughout the year. The first tour is almost booked out at time of going to press. Please book early.

## Christmas Party: Saturday 18/12/71, 7.30 p.m.

Miss Gwenda Houston, 1 Tintern Avenue, Carlingford has kindly offered to lend her home for our party this year. We ask that everyone bring a gift to the value of \$1.00 suitable for giving to a person of one's own sex (this will balance out the gifts and if suitably marked with "male" or "female" should preclude a lady going home with something for her best boy or vice versa. Please do NOT include beer or cigarettes). There will be music for dancing. Please bring your own food and drink - adults only function and limited to members and associates - the rest is up to you!!

## Anniversary Day 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 know this is our most important annual function and marks our respect for the founding of Australia, and this our day of remembrance. There will be a guest speaker.

## Dinner at City Tattersall's Club: Saturday, 26/2/72

Mr John Richards will be our host. The cost will be approximately \$4.25 per head and we shall provide music for dancing. Guests may take their own liquor or purchase it at the Club. More details later.

## Argyle Celebrations: The Rocks, Saturday 15/4/72

Please start thinking about goodies for the stall. Hand sewing and home baking is always very popular and acceptable.

## Regional Conference: Port Macquarie: Sat/Sunday 22-23/4/72

Arrangements are well in hand with an early city departure with a pick up at St. Leonards and Hornsby. "The Oaks" for breakfast. Chatham for lunch, arrival at Port Macquarie soon after, a tour of the old cemetery at Port Macquarie, a meeting and then dinner. A church service on the Sunday morning then home. Approximate cost \$20.00 each plus meals &c.

## NEXT MEETINGS:

### Fleet Meeting

Tuesday, 23/11/71 8pm, R.S.L. Hall, Northbridge. Everyone who can make it is welcome to come to the Fleet Meetings. The R.S.L. Hall is close by the Cammeray Golf Club and there will be a sign up at the turn-in.

### Executive Meeting:

At 36 Dartford Road, Tuesday, 7/12/71 8pm.

### Subscriptions:

Could all members who have not already paid their subs for this year please hasten to do so. Please make your cheques in this case payable to the Fellowship of First Fleeters NOT the Fleet Committee. We have had an excellent response so far this year but there are still a few laggards and we hope that we may soon see positive evidence of your interest in the Fellowship by the remittance of any outstanding subs.

By the way cheques for the Addington Settlement Ball should be made out Addington Settlement Day Ball Committee and NOT to the Fleet Committee.

The same applies to the Parramatta Historic Graves Restoration Appeal.

Saturday, 27/11/71 8pm: Addington Settlement Day Ball - \$12.00 double

I shall be coming to the Ball and bringing.....friends. Cheque made out to Addington Settlement Day Ball Committee for \$.....is enclosed. Closing day 18/11/71

Visit to Belmont Park, Richmond, Sunday 28/11/71 60¢ each

I shall be coming on the Belmont Park Visit and bringing..... friends. If unable to be included in this tour I should like to be included in a future tour. Please indicate the best time (month) .....for you. Cheque for \$.....is enclosed.

Saturday, 18/12/71 - Christmas Party

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

Wednesday 26/1/72 - Anniversary Day Dinner - \$6.00 each or \$11. double

I am interested in attending Dinner and bringing.....friends.

Saturday 26/2/72 - City Tattersalls Dinner - limit 30

I am interested in attending Dinner and bringing.....friends.

Saturday 15/4/72 - Argyle Celebrations 11.a.m.

I am interested in working on stall Yes/No

I am interested in joining parade Yes/No

Sat/Sunday 22-23/4/72 - Port Macquarie Regional Conference

I am interested in joining the bus to travel to Port Macquarie for the Conference.

I shall be attending the Conference and will travel by my own transport.

Parramatta Historic Graves Committee

I enclose a Conation made out to the above Committee.\$..... in memory of.....

Australia/Britain Society

I believe the Fellowship of First Fleeters should join the Society.

I enclose a donation, made out to the F.F.F. Executive for \$.....

I do not believe the Fellowship should join the Society.

Subscriptions:

I enclose overdue fees amounting to \$..... Please make your cheque payable to the Fellowship of First Fleeters.

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Would all members, when sending money orders or cheques, please remember to make them payable to F.F.F. Fleet Committee for functions and other nominated bodies and please enclose stamped self-addressed envelopes where tickets are to be returned.

Name:.....

Address:.....

Telephone No:.....