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Hello Everyone:

Congratulations to each and every one who has survived 1971 - it's December upon us with the joy of Christmas heralding the end of the year and, we hope a peaceful and prosperous 1972 with good health for each of us.

About twenty members and their friends made the trip to Belmont Park, the historical old mansion at North Richmond. We were delighted to see the magnificent old home set in spacious grounds and in an excellent state of preservation. It was very interesting too, to see the craft rooms set aside for the use of patients there; the recreation rooms and the wards, and the general air of homeliness achieved by bright drapes, &c among the panelled rooms.

After the inspection, which was at 2p.m. the Prior, Brother Pius and Brother William entertained us and served a very nice afternoon tea in the massive parlour.

Our next visit is to be in mid-February - so book early - as the maximum number to inspect at one time is approximately 30 people. As there will be many trips to Belmont Park we will be able to say that all who book for a trip will be able to see this gorgeous old place. Bookings may be lodged by phone with either -

Mrs B. Lonergan 25 3349 or
Mr V. Parker 648 1072

Please name the time during the year which would best suit you. Don't miss out on your trip - this property has to be seen to be believed.

The First Fleeters Co-operative Society are happy to announce that:

The primary aim of the Society has now been achieved by the purchase of portion of the historical land known as "Australian Farm" at Leets Vale, 3 miles upstream from Wiseman's Ferry on the Hawkesbury River, 5 acres in all, with 100 yards of river frontage.

With this tract of land at our disposal - plans for the future development are of ~~the~~ immediate importance, and an invitation is extended to all Members and Associates of the Fellowship to subscribe towards their own Holiday and Recreation - Picnic area at a minimum cost.

Subscriptions are for either \$100 cash or by an easy payment plan over a 12 months' period.

All intending subscribers may obtain detailed information of the above from any of the following members by telephoning -

Mr Des Jurd	80 4583
Mrs Joan Ross	80 2953
Mr Vincent Parker	648 1072
Mr George Montgomery	529 6431

We would also appreciate it if existing shareholders would express their views on development to the directors by letter addressed to -

The Chairman of the Board
First Fleeters Co-operative Society
Box 267, PO
Pennant Hills, NSW 2120

Another very interesting report follows from the Committee who convened the "Small Family Gathering" held Saturday, 9th October, 1971.

Because of the fine work and generosity of members of the committee and that of the Rev David Livingstone of historic St Anne's Church, Hyde, the Gathering was able to take place.

The committee, of course, stood the initial expense for this first function as there had to be a beginning. However, it was all an amazing experience especially the beautiful service which pleased all faiths and tastes. Following the service the descendants of all ages crowded into the Church Hall for afternoon tea. There they were able to obtain undocumented copies of the first two generations born in Australia (all large families - and copies are available from the committee). On account of the crowd there was not sufficient time for everyone to sign the visitor's book. Suggestions are that we have a much expanded programme next time since such enthusiasm resulted. Although so many attended contact is needed with the remaining legions of relatives to commence listing the huge third generation.

We are much indebted to the Cutty Sark Sea Rangers of the District lead by Mrs. Douglas who, under great difficulties, together with those members of the family who supervised the kitchen arrangements &c &c all nobly saw us through the massive afternoon tea and also to those who took an active part in making the church service so delightful and impressive. The report is signed by Mr. J.J. Pollock, Chairman; Mrs. E.I.A. Cooke, Secretary; and Mr. C.D.G. Small, Treasurer. They and the other members of the committee, Messrs A.C. Small, B. Cambourn, D. Cakes, M'dames I.A. Thompson, F. Denning, D. Upcroft, Misses E. Eridle, G. Small, and D. Whitting are all 4th or 5th generation descendants of John and Mary Small who were married in the colony on 12th October, 1788.

Since that day we are very sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Upcroft the husband of one of the committee members, Mrs. D. Upcroft. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Upcroft and her family in their sad bereavement.

History Corner

Omission - Before commencing our history corner, Mrs. Bailey, who wrote the piece about William Broughton in Journal No. 5 wishes to apologise for an omission in her article. When listing the five children of William and Elizabeth Beathorn, Rebecca, the fourth child was omitted. Rebecca married Cornelius O'Brien.

Now, a few more epitaphs taken from the Royal Australian Historical Society Journal Vol V Part iv, 1919.....copied exactly.

Sacred to
the memory of
WILLIAM TYRILL,
who departed this life,
JUNE 25th, 1827,
Aged 69 years.
who Arrived in the First Fleet in the
Year 1788.
Do not lament my children, dear;
I ham (sic) not dead, but sleepeth Here.

To the Memory of
ELIZABETH BECKFORD,
who departed this Life,
January 10th, 1827,
Aged 55 Years.
It is finished, was her latest Voice,
These sacred Accents o'er she bowed.

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Her head gave up the Ghost, and
Suffered pain no more.

Sacred to the Memory of
THOMAS PRIOR,
who departed this Life,
July 24th, 1836,
Aged 88 Years.
who arrived in the First Fleet, 1788

On the brighter side of history, members will remember we have spoken about Maurice Elish, g.g. Grandson of Governor Elish. Recently Maurice visited Pitcairn Island and met many of Fletcher Christian's descendents. He inspected the County bible which the mutineers removed from the ship and took with them to the island. Maurice is now on his way back to England and describes the visit as "the most momentous meeting of his life".

The Addington Settlement Ball held on 27th November was a huge success for those who attended. A good (meaning large !!) party went from the First Fleeters and a good (meaning pleasant) time was had by all.

Forthcoming Functions

Christmas Party: Saturday 19/12/71, 7.30 p.m.

Miss Gwenda Louison, 1 Tintern Avenue, Carlingford, has kindly offered to lend her home and garden 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 (also suitable marked "male" or "female" and please not to 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 -

Anniversary Day Dinner: Wednesday 26/1/72 - \$6.00 single, \$11. double
will be held at the Anzac Memorial Club, Bellevue Street, North Sydney (Bellevue Room). Pre-dinner drinks will be served from 7p.m. until dinner commencing at 8.30 p.m. and table wines will be served. Additional drinks will be available from the Club at licensed club prices. Please make up parties from among your friends and relations - tables will be set for eight. Our Guest Speaker will be Mr. J.E. Luscombe, Town Clerk of Sydney and our Senior Vice-Patron.
CLOSING DATE - 10/1/72

Dinner at City Tattersall's Club: Saturday, 26/2/72 - \$4.25 ea.
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.

Artycle Celebrations: The Rocks, Saturday 15/4/72
Please think about goodies for the stall. Hand sewing and home baking is always very popular and most 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. An interesting programme has been arranged including a meeting and dinner, and a church service on the Sunday morning. Approximate cost \$20.00 each includes accommodation and most meals. Please signify interest in attending as soon as you are able. When booking please forward a deposit of \$5.00 each. Remember there are only 45 places on the bus!!

NEXT MEETINGS:

Fleet Meeting

Tuesday, 11/1/72, 7p.m., R.S.L. Hall, Northbridge. All members and associates are welcome to come to the Fleet meetings. The R.S.L. Hall is close by the Northbridge Golf Club and there will be a sign at the entrance.

Executive Meeting:

Tuesday, 7/17/71, 3p.m. at 36 Dartford Road. The January meeting will probably be held on Tuesday, 10/1/72.

Booking Application - please address to The Secretary, PO Box 267 Pennant Hills, 2120 and enclose cheques &c. together with self-addressed envelopes where necessary.

Christmas Party: Saturday, 10/12/71

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

Wednesday, 26/1/72 - Anniversary Day Dinner -

I shall be coming to the Dinner and bringing.....friends.
Cheque foris enclosed. CLOSING 10/1/72

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

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

Apple Celebrations 11a.m. Saturday 15/4/72

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 enclose \$.....to cover deposit.

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

Sarramatta Historic Graves Committee

I enclose a donation 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 \$.....
or

I do not believe the Fellowship should join the Society.

Subscriptions:

I enclose overdue fees amounting to \$.....Cheques &c please make payable to the Fellowship of First Fleeters.

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

Name:.....

Address:.....

Telephone No:.....

HAPPY CHRISTMAS
and
RECEASEL, PROSPERUS 113 YEAR
and
THE WIFE YOU LOVE AND BELIEVES