

Founders

Newsletter of Fellowship of First Fleeters



President's Report

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A committee has been formed by your Executive to look in to the publishing of our Newsletter for this, immediate, issue and longer term plans. Your views about this issue and future issues would be most welcome.

Another reminder that Annual Subscriptions are now due for the current Financial Year. The Annual Reports will be included in the next issue of "Founders". The date of the Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship has been set as Saturday 26th November next at First Fleet House at 1.00 pm.

Those of us who knew Foundation Member Ula Clarke {#159} will be saddened to learn of her passing. Ula was an extremely proud descendant, with her sisters, Alice and Nell, of James Bloodworth FF and also claimed descent from James Lee FF Marine. I knew Ula through association going back some 40 years at St. James's Church, King St, Sydney and was thrilled to meet her again as a fellow First Fleeter in 1981.

A day or so after Ula's passing, her sister Nell Sansom OAM and husband Eric, were involved in a rather nasty accident resulting in a broken collar bone for Nell. Nell, the President of the *Friends of First Government Site*, had recently presented a rather large and beautiful framed print, originally painted by Thomas Watling, of a view of Sydney Cove and First Government House circa 1800. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Nell.



Sydney Cove, 1793

Days to remember

- 9 September - Cable Lecture
- 14 September - Lunch At the Loo
- 25 September - History Walk
- 26 November - AGM
- 14 December - Christmas Party

The Soup and Damper Day was quite successful. Over 30 members attended and were treated not only to an interesting talk by Rosemary Annable, a former President of the Royal Australian Historical Society and present Archivist and Life Trustee of St. James's Church King St, on the records held at that Greenway church, but also some short cut methods in searching the records for former known parishioners. Jean Mortimer, as usual, brought along some very welcome members of the South Coast Chapter. Appreciation to those who helped make a success of the day.

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News of Members

Membership Report For period 25 June to 23 July 2005

New Members

ANDREW FISHBURN:
Ashlea Renee Babekuhl
(jun.).

ROBERT FORRESTER/ANN FORBES: Barry Middleton.

CAROLINE LAYCOCK:
Ann Jean Smythe.

ANTHONY ROPE/ELIZABETH PULLEY:
Neroli Ann Masters; James Andrew Campbell Masters (jun.); Georgia Louise Campbell Masters (jun.).

JAMES SQUIRE/NATHANIEL LUCAS/OLIVIA GASCOIGNE:
Cameron Craig Anderson (jun.), Lachlan James Anderson (jun.).

WILLIAM STANDLEY: Patricia Heathfield Bailey.



Births

BREE MARY TRIMMINGS (FF Benjamin Cusley), a daughter for Gardenia Rose Pepworth and Brendon Trimmings, a granddaughter for Laurette Helen Waddell-Smith and her partner Roger Pepworth, and granddaughter for Fayette Mary Waddell and Kenneth W. G. Smith.

Death

ULA CLAKE

James Bloodworth FF and also claimed descent from James Lee FF Marine.

WANTED

WEBMASTER NEEDS A MATE!

We would be happy to hear from anyone who could assist our Webmaster

George Griffith.

Some knowledge of computers an advantage.

Please contact George on a

Tuesday at FF House

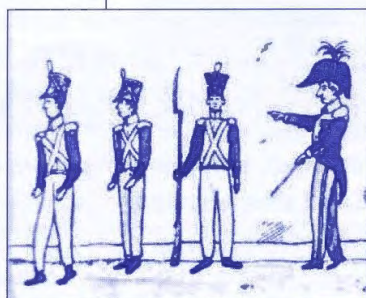
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HISTORY WALK

25 September

at 1pm

Meet at George Street
Steps of First Fleet Park

COST

Members \$10

Visitors \$15

Booking essential
Numbers limited

Call FF House
9360 3788

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR YEAR

9 September Cable Lecture (see page 8 for details)

14 September Daytime Fellowship luncheon - speaker Mr Tony Laffan

19-25 September History Week

25 September Peter's History Walk

9 October Luncheon and Talk on John Palmer

10 October Women's Pioneer Group - Arthur Phillip
Birthday Celebration

26 November Annual General Meeting

14 December Daytime Christmas Party

21/22 January 2006 Australia Day Conference/
Dinner/Picnic

26 January 2006 Australia Day Harbour Cruise

5 February 2006 Anniversary First Christian Service St. Phillip's



RESERVE DATES - further information in future Founders

Reunion:

Peter Hibbs and Mary Pardoe

There will be a reunion for descendants of First Fleet Sailor **Peter Hibbs** and **Mary Pardoe** (*Lady Juliana* - Second Fleet 1790).

The venue will be the grounds of Holy Trinity Church, Spencer,
September 11 from 9.30am.

Holy Trinity is three kilometres from Spencer, on the Wiseman's Ferry
Road.

Coffee, tea and hot water will be provided, BYO lunch and folding
chairs.

Associated Family Names include *Byrne, Cox, Webber, Kelly, Norman* and many
more.



FFF Daytime Auxiliary Meetings

Meetings commence at 10.45am Donation of \$5.00

SEPTEMBER 14th

Mr Tony Laffan (*FF Ann Colpitts*) will talk on his book about Ann and several others.

DECEMBER 14th Christmas Party, should be good- a few surprises for those attending.

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We did miss Bonney Savill who has helped over the years, not only at the Soup and Damper affair but Thursday by Thursday for quite a number of years. Looking forward to seeing you back at FF House soon, Bonney!!!

A reminder for the Daytime Meeting in September, Wednesday 14th at 10.45 FF House to hear Anthony Laffan talk to us. I was really taken by his book on First Fleeter Ann Colpitts, a volume which is incredibly historically correct, a volume which certainly brings home, to we FF descendants, the trials and tribulations that the female convicts endured. As Tony has said in his book..."Thanks to the availability of court and Government records we can peep into her family's trials and tribulations. RSVP now for this meeting.

On Sunday 25th September next I will again be leading a tour of First Fleet and allied sites at Circular Quay. It is open to members and the general public and will finish at First Fleet House at about 3pm for afternoon tea of wine, bikkies, and tea/coffee.

Charges are \$10 members and \$15 friends. Those attending will be supplied with relevant notes on the sites visited.

If a sufficient number could be enticed to do the walk either on the Wednesday or Friday, terminating at Phillip's Statue in the Gardens, I would be prepared to lead it. The cost would be Members and Friends \$10. Please get in early for bookings to FF House 9360 3788.

Under the eagle eyes of Elaine Bennett and Pam Quick, Exec Members, we have a new kitchen at Headquarters.

Member R Ferguson recently donated a book on Samuel Pigott [Pickett] FF. Again a valuable edition to our Library.

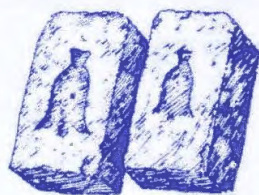
For a number of months a sub-committee of your Executive has been looking into the matter of Chapter of the Fellowship and will be sending out proposed amendments to our Articles of Association with special reference to the Chapters and Membership to the Secretaries of the Chapters. Any feedback will be welcomed. These amendments could have a far-reaching affect on the future of the Fellowship. We are keeping our head above water as far as balancing the budget is concerned, albeit due to the generosity of one of our members. We are sitting on property worth some \$600,000 !!

In Fellowship, Peter

Maintain-A-Brick Donations

The Fellowship thanks the undernamed for the generous donations made to its Maintain-a-Brick Fund. The names have been inscribed in the fund register.

B. Beresford, N. Bracey, M. A. Broughton, A. and U. Clarke, J. Cox, C. Curry, R. Hurst, S. Knight, C. A. and D. A. Lewis, R. and D. McGill, R. Manyweathers, D. Matschoss, H. G. Morgan, Northern Rivers Chapter, W. D. Palmer, R. A. Teck, N. Potter, Dr Roberts, Dr R. V. W. Roberts, J. Ross, B. Small, D. C. Smith, South Coast Chapter, E. D. Stafford,



Lunch at the "Loo"

Sunday 9th October 2005

PRE-LUNCH DRINKS AND NIBBLES AT FIRST FLEET HOUSE

11.30-12.30pm

BUFFET LUNCH AT EAST SYDNEY HOTEL

(formerly *Shamrock Inn* est. 1856) a short walk across Crown Street from First Fleet House.

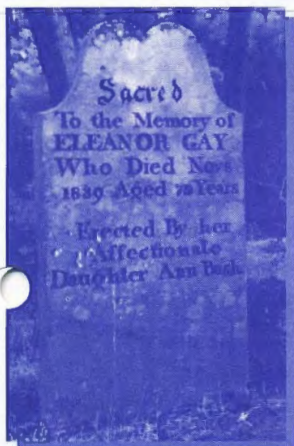
Buffet Lunch and Pre-lunch Drinks: \$40.00

Parking is available at Domain Parking Station for \$10.00 on Sundays.

Numbers are limited BOOK EARLY

First Fleet House is on the original land grant of First Fleeter John Palmer. During lunch one of his descendants, Ian Palmer will give a short history of his life.

Ian is a busy volunteer worker at FF House, entering family histories on our database.



Friends of Wilberforce Cemetery

In early September 2003 vandals destroyed or severely damaged approximately 25 headstones at the historic Wilberforce Cemetery. Some of the headstones were smashed into pieces whilst others were pushed over and left lying face down. Wilberforce is one of the oldest surviving cemeteries in Australia with

many pioneering families represented including three First Fleet arrivals. Fortunately the cemetery had been recently transcribed and photographed by a local historian.

The Friends of Wilberforce Cemetery was formed to promote the conservation and preservation of this historic place. The group is keen to make contact

with descendants buried in the cemetery or with family historians who have an interest in the cemetery.

If you are interested in the conservation of this magnificent cemetery please contact the group at this address:

*Friends of Wilberforce
Cemetery
PO Box 7154
Wilberforce NSW 2756*

AGM Jane Langley Descendant Association

Annual General Meeting and Picnic Day

Sunday, 30th October 2005 From 10.30am

FORESTRY COMMISSION PICNIC GROUNDS, Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills

Further details: **TOM SILK, 9427 2394**

From The Chapters

South Coast Chapter

On 13 May 1787, the First Fleet left England on the first leg of their momentous journey. The colonising of New South Wales and ultimately Australia was the result of this eight-month journey.

On the nearest Saturday to the 13th May, the South Coast Chapter of the Fellowship of First Fleeters had a special luncheon to commemorate this great event. The venue this year was Stella's Restaurant in Kiama.

Members and guests were welcomed by our president of four years, Jean Mortimer. Under Jean's guidance, our members have increased from eight to more than 60. Well done, Jean!

We were honoured to have Ray Thorburn of Kiama Family History Centre as our guest speaker. Ray is an outstanding speaker and we always enjoy his talks as well as our visits to the Family History Centre.

The people of the First Fleet, including our convicts, must never be forgotten. Without their hard work and sacrifices, Australia would not have evolved into the wonderful country we enjoy today. For details on membership, contact *Betty Warn (Helensburg)* on 4294 2735, or *Jean Mortimer* 4257 5575.

Southern Highlands Chapter

Since our inaugural meeting last November to determine if a chapter of the Fellowship of First Fleeters was to be established in the Southern Highlands steady progress has been made as our membership increases and interest deepens.

At our April meeting it was absorbing and inspiring to hear member Beryl Lewis relate with pride her experiences during early years of the fellowship and her years as president.



Marilyn Kelly (minute secretary and October's guest speaker) with Patricia Robinson (President), and model magistrate.

It was also most warming to share her First Fleet heritage background. Many thanks to Beryl!

On June 17 members and friends were guests at Berrima courthouse and museum where an informative talk of our colonial past was given by Curator Colin Gelling and we later toured this unique museum. Our thanks were expressed to Colin for his talk and for his support of the Chapter.

Valerie Collyer, the founding member of our Chapter, to whom we owe a debt of gratitude for her endeavours, has been very ill and 'out of action' for several weeks. However, I am delighted to report that this marvellous lady is now travelling steadily along the recovery road. I am sure all members join

with me in wishing Valerie a full and speedy recovery.

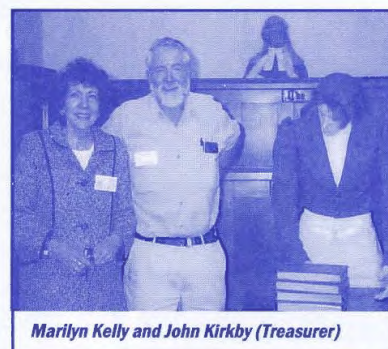
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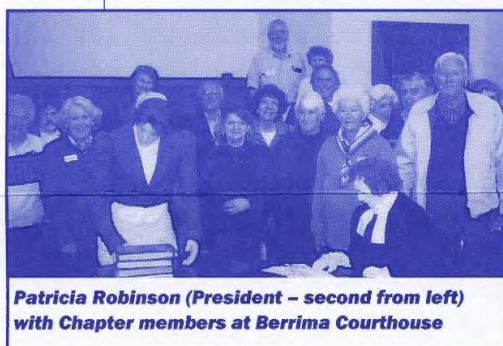
October 12 meeting –
Marilyn Kelly's talk:
'Lachlan Macquarie –
A Highland Laddie'

Southern Highlands Chapter Continued

The next meeting, on Wednesday, 10th August, at the CWA rooms in Mittagong, promises to be an interesting one with Linda Emery, eminent local historian and author, as our guest speaker. Linda will speak about the First Fleeters and Norfolk Island. Unfortunately I will not be present at this meeting as I am travelling to Great Britain to attend my son's wedding but I look forward to our October 12 meeting (CWA rooms Mittagong) and listening Marilyn Kelly's talk: 'Lachlan Macquarie – A Highland Laddie' which I know will be interesting! Marilyn is a respected educator and historian as well as being our most capable minute secretary.



Marilyn Kelly and John Kirkby (Treasurer)



Patricia Robinson (President – second from left) with Chapter members at Berrima Courthouse

Our final meeting for 2005 will be a Christmas luncheon at The Journeyman Restaurant in Berrima on 14th December – a celebration of our first year.

It is an honour for me to be part of the executive committee of the Southern Highlands Chapter and I am confident our Chapter will flourish mainly because of our mutual desire to keep our wonderful First Fleet heritage alive and to

pass on this pride and knowledge to future generations.

NEW CHAPTER?

Interest in Central Coast Chapter

First Fleeters interested in the establishment of this new Chapter are asked to fill in the coupon in this Founders and return to First Fleet House.

Your Response

Name of My First Fleeter

Convict • Marine • Seaman • Gov't Officer • Came Free

My Name

Address

Phone

Fax



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**Closing Date for
items in Next Issue:
September 30**



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AND MINDS OF
DESCENDANTS IS TO LIVE
FOREVER

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The Cable Lecture Friday 9 September 2005

The second annual lecture in the series established by the Parish of St James in honour of the distinguished historian and Anglican scholar, Dr Kenneth Cable AM, will be held on **Friday 9 September 2005 at 6.30pm** in St James' Church, King Street, Sydney.

The lecturer is *Justice Keith Mason AC*, who will be speaking on:

***Believers in Court: Sydney Anglicans going to Law.
A historical and critical analysis of public litigation
involving the Diocese of Sydney***

Justice Mason AC, President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal, a member of the Appellate Tribunal of the Anglican Church and Chancellor of the Diocese of Armidale represented various parties seeking the ordination of women in proceedings in the Appellate Tribunal and the Supreme Court of New South Wales in the period 1985 to 1992. The lecture will examine intra-Church disputes involving the Diocese of Sydney that spilled into the public domain of civil litigation. The earliest case (the Smith-Hall case involving St James' Church) occurred in 1828. The latest is *Scandrett v. Dowling* (1992) involving an attempt to prevent Bishop Dowling from ordaining women priests in his diocese. The survey will include a reflection on the theological issues involved in litigation in the secular court between fellow believers and consideration of the social and other costs of such litigation.

The lecture is free and all are welcome.

The lecture will be followed by a Dinner in *Cello's Restaurant*, The Castlereagh Boutique Hotel, 169-171 Castlereagh Street, Sydney

Cost \$60 per head. (Bookings essential by **Friday 2 September**)

Booking forms for the dinner are available from:

**St James' Parish Office, Phone (02) 232 3022, Fax (02) 9232 4182
E-mail: office@stjameschurchsydney.org.au**

For those attending the dinner, parking is available after 5.00pm at the Piccadilly Car Park, Castlereagh Street at a cost of \$15 for the evening. Parking vouchers may be purchased from the hotel reception desk following the dinner.

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RON MAGUIRE, Hon. Editor