



# FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Further to my letter which all members received with the Re-Enactment brochure, the Executive Committee at the April meeting, has endorsed proposals for the Fellowship's involvement in a number of Bicentennial activities.*

*The Celebration Dinner will be held on the 25th January 1988, and it is proposed that we toast in the Bicentennial at midnight. The Sheraton Wentworth has been booked, and an invitation has been extended to his Excellency the Governor.*

*Australia Day will be extremely busy; somehow 11 First Fleeters will be rowed ashore in a long boat from the fleet, to the flag unveiling ceremony. Later, at First Fleet Park, a roll call is envisaged of one descendant from each First Fleeter. The Executive has tentatively booked a ferry (plus catering) to view the fireworks in the evening. A full timetable will be prepared later in the year as it is hoped that there will be some event of note each month during 1988.*

*The First Fleet Re-enactment has agreed to fly a Fellowship Flag into Port Jackson — this, plus a new banner will be a feature next year.*

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*We are investigating the feasibility of issuing a special Bicentennial Fellowship Certificate and Medallion.*

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*On the last Sunday in August 1988, we propose to hold a Childrens' Day Picnic in Centennial Park — ideas will be welcome.*

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*It would be advisable to visitors to Sydney, for the Bicentennial Celebrations, to book hotel/motel accommodation now, as we have been advised that bookings are very heavy for January.*

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*Invitations have been coming in at a rather fast pace, over the last few weeks — it makes one feel that we have just been discovered! Perhaps publicity from Portsmouth later this month will enlighten some politicians (and ministers) both state and federal, to our existence.*

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*Our stall in Macquarie St on the Sunday of Heritage Week raised over \$600.00. Appreciation is due to those who helped on that day. Results of our combined stall at the Easter Show, with the R.A.H.S., will be in the next issue of the Newsletter.*

*On Wednesday May 13th next at lunchtime, in Martin Place, Australia Post intends holding a ceremony involving Fellowship members to launch the "First Fleet Departure" set of stamps, in a series of Bicentennial collections. We need members in 18th Century costume, in addition to several, who may be prepared to present a story of his or her First Fleeter. Please ring me THIS WEEK if you are prepared to take part. Office 29 8007 or my home after 7 p.m. 868 3063.*

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*The executive has been investigating suitable properties to purchase as our headquarters within the CITY area. We hope to be able to announce the purchase of our own premises, within the next few months, at a price within our capabilities. As I have said previously, we will be committed for rental in our present situation for \$60,000 to \$80,000 for the next ten years, therefore the purchase of our own premises is an economically viable proposition.*

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*Joining fees and Subscriptions have been increased this year; the first time for a number of years. Details are included in this Newsletter.*

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*As our incorporation nears, and from the letters I am receiving from you, I feel that the time is drawing close for committees, or chapters, of the fellowship to be formed throughout this continent. Whilst Sydney must remain the H.Q. of the national body, and verify and issue certificates, the fellowship must decentralize to survive. We have a potential of 40,000 members and that is a conservative estimate. This month we have enrolled 72 new members — This week (March 31 - 7 April) we have enrolled 25 new members — our aim is our own premises — With your help we CAN and WILL succeed.*

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*October 1988 is the proposed month for a Fellowship Pilgrimage to Tasmania. The trip will be bus/ferry and of about 12 days duration. More details later.*

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*The President's Reception will be held at our rooms on Wednesday 20th May. R.S.V.P. 29 8007 before that date — "old members" please bring a plate.*

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*Stephen Bartlett, son of member Elaine Bartlett, FF George Johnston/ Esther Abraham is a member of the Bicentennial Orchestra which will be a feature of the festivities at Portsmouth in May. Our good wishes go to Stephen and the Orchestra.*

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*The Argyle Tavern Dinner to be held on the evening of Wednesday 13th May next at 7pm, has been costed at \$25.00 per head. Please forward your cheque and/or confirm by Monday 11th May even if you have already indicated acceptance.*

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*Finally, may I, on your behalf, wish Joyce Cowell, Alice Clarke, Lloyd Allchin and Hugh Morgan executive members bon voyage to Portsmouth. I am sure they will be a credit to the Fellowship and have been promised a Right Royal welcome.*

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*We say to them "God speed and a safe return." Joyce, of course is representing the Fellowship and the 1788-1820 Pioneer Association.*

IN FELLOWSHIP

Peter Christian

*Please remember the First Fleet Families Picnic — Mrs Macquaries Point from 10 a.m. Sunday 17th May, 1987.*

## AROUND THE TREES

### MEREDITH FAMILY

The 1987 reunion of this family will be held on Sunday 31st May 1987 12.30 - 5 p.m. at the Whitlam Recreation Centre in Woodward Park, Memorial Drive Liverpool. Further information from Ray Meredith (02) 70 1137.

### ARNDELL FAMILY

1988 re-union on the Sunday of the Queen's Birthday Week-end at Cattai State Recreation Area. Contact Dick Arndell 48 Reid St Parkes NSW 2870. Ph (068) 62 1755 or (068) 62 2208. Sydney contact is Andrew Arndell (02) 875 4976. Remember this is for June 1988.

### HERBERT FAMILY

Descendants of John and Deborah Herbert are requested to contact Mr C.V. Herbert 58 Links Rd Gunnedah 2380 NSW for a planned Bicentennial gathering.

### ANN FORBES DESCENDANTS

Plans are in hand to have a family reunion for all those descended from Ann Forbes on 30/1/1988. The date has been chosen so that descendants from interstate and country locations who have come to Sydney for the Bicentenary may have a chance to meet with their Sydney cousins, swap family trees and visit the locality in which their ancestors originally flourished.

It matters not whether you are descended from the Drings, or the Huxleys please extend your stay for this once in a lifetime occasion. Also a special invitation to those who trace their family back to Lydia Monro.

Tentative arrangements are as follows:—

Meet at McQuade Park opposite St. Matthews Church Windsor, from 10 am Sat 30.1.1988. For those without transport, Windsor Station is nearby. Convoy trips to St Peters Church, Richmond; Lunch in McQuade Park, Windsor and then in the afternoon to Sackville Cemetery where the grave of Ann Forbes is located.

Please try to make your own accommodation arrangements, however billeting of interstate and country visitors may be possible.

Please advise by letter quoting FF No. if needing some form of private accommodation or space for tent or caravan.

Perhaps Sydneyites might care to indicate to me if they could help, in this manner.

For further details or any suggestions, please contact Bruce Arnett, 211 Targo Road, Girraween 2145 ph (02) 636 3440.

### KABLE DESCENDANTS

Bicentennial Dinner will be held at the Regent Hotel Sydney Saturday 13th February 1988.

Further Details from Zillah Campbell (02) 86 1088 5 Lowrie Place Marsfield 2122.

### WILLIAM BOGGIS DESCENDANTS

Gilian Doyle has co-written a book on First Fleeter William Boggis called "Where Honour Guides The Prow". This promises to be a most interesting and informative, fully historical account of William and his daughter Elizabeth. A publicity pamphlet will appear in the Newsletter later this year.

### TO ALL FIRST FLEETERS IN THE BLAYNEY AREA

MR F.V. Kable is organizing an exhibition of historical artifacts on loan to Blayney council. The opening ceremony will be held on the 13th May, at the Museum Library within the Council Chambers if any member can attend please do so and make yourself known as a First Fleeter.

### HAWKESBURY PIONEER FAMILIES BICENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION.

The above organisation is seeking family groups and descendants of those pioneers who settled the Hawkesbury, Macdonald and Colo River basins from 1790 to 1828. April 9th 1988 will be THE day in Windsor. To register please contact Greg Hearne 5/4 Sherbrooke Rd Meadowbank NSW 2114 (02) 808 4686 for full particulars. Some First Fleet Families including the Tunks and Cavanaugh descendants have already registered. The Fellowship will be lending full support to this important occasion in Windsor.

### DESCENDANTS OF NORFOLK IS. FIRST FLEETERS

Member, Jim Donohue's book "Norfolk Island 1788-1813 The People And Their Families" has just been published this is a must for all who have a genealogical interest in the island up to 1813. It is available from the office at \$14.00.

### CALLING ALL MOBBS

Although not a First Fleet family the descendants of William and Ann Mobbs married into a number of First Fleet families. A Mobbs Muster will be held Sunday May 31st next at Parramatta Town Hall 10am-4pm. Enquiries Beryl (Mobbs) Lewis ph (02) 709 8974.

## THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A few letters have recently arrived in the editor's mailbag requesting publication of a list of the executive members, one rather humorous letter arrived addressed "Dear Incognito — or is it David" and went on to enquire as to the identities of P.G.C. AC and S.A.S. — thanks "MT" for the push for enlightenment.

### THE COMMITTEE IS

President	Peter G. Christian 162 Beecroft Rd Cheltenham (02) 868 3063
Vice Presidents	Doug Oakes (Graves Convenor) Frank Everingham
Hon Secretary and Archivist	Joyce Cowell
Hon. Treasurer	Shirley Beale
Minute Secretary	Alice Clarke (ac)
Committee	Lloyd Allchin, Rod Best, Naida Jackson (Membership Sub-Cttee Convenor), Pat Gilmour (Canberra), Vicki Lamb, Jim McLean, Hugh Morgan, Pam Quick, Sue Stanton, (SAS), Mary Hope Caten has been co-opted as acting secretary whilst Joyce is overseas.

The President (P.G.C.) is also acting as editor of the Newsletter.

## **APOLOGY**

An apology is due to Mr Frederick William Hitchens FF Wm Douglas/Mary Groves for incorrect spelling of his name in the last newsletter.

## **THANKS**

To Mrs Betty Farlow (1790). For the fabulous collection of 1¢ and 2¢ pieces for our Bicentenary Project. The treasurer to date, is still counting them!! A receipt will follow later. Many thanks, Betty.

## **BIRTHS**

Congratulations to a busy and proud grandfather, Arthur Ebb, (2820), FF John Cross — Two eighth generation Australians — Megan Alexandra Ebb born 16.2.87 (Victoria); Rebecca Leanne Ebb born 9.3.87 (NSW). Best wishes to parents Craig and Heather and Malcolm and Leanne.

## **CONDOLENCES TO**

Mrs Barbara Garth and Family on the death of James McInnes Garth (No. 2300) at Maffra District Hospital, Victoria. 20.12.1986. The Fellowship has lost a keen member and true patriot of his country.

### **TO:**

The Family of Leslie Claude Roy (No. 3753) FF John Nicholls 23.1.1987. Although only a member for a short while, he took pride in his first fleet ancestry.

### **TO:**

The Family of Mrs Ella Elizabeth York (2570) FF Ann Forbes died July 7th 1986 at Bathurst at the age of 83. She was the last of age group in the Huxley family and up to her death took a keen interest in the F.F.F.

### **TO:**

The Families of Abel S. Everingham (1085) and Robert L Cowan husband of Alice Cowan (2026) our deepest sympathy is extended.

## **FROM THE MAILBOX**

From the Prime Minister thanking the Fellowship for letter of congratulations re Australia Day holiday sent on 30.1.87. We still await a reply from the Premier of NSW.

From Dot Johnson (2569) FF Ann Forbes with the suggestion that each newsletter lists office bearers and that a list of members be compiled annually and available to members at a small fee; and also we look into the possibility of producing address labels with the FFF logo.

Many thanks Dot for these thoughtful suggestions. This issue contains the names of the executive but costs of producing this newsletter would preclude the publication of this each month. The executive is looking into the mechanics of your other ideas. We indeed look forward to your future involvement. (Dot is the State President of the Women Bowlers Assn. Ed).

From Mrs D. Harris No. 2703 FF Andrew Goodin/Lydia Munro Koondrook Vic. — hasn't noticed mention of Tasmania re plaques (A list of First Fleeters who died

in Tasmania may be seen in the Nov. issue of the Newsletter — Ed).

We are more than interested in Tasmania and the FFF will descend on that State in force in October 1988.

Mrs Harris also mentions Robert Hughes' idea in putting up a permanent memorial to the convicts of the First Fleet. (The President tried to contact Mr Hughes to no avail — the executive is, by an overwhelming majority, in favour of a memorial to ALL First Fleeters not just the convicts. Ed).

Many thanks for your letter which will be answered personally by the President in the near future.

Kathleen Broughton (3033) FF Wm Broughton takes us gently to task for considering Newcastle — (Perhaps somewhere between Sydney and Newcastle). Kathleen has unwittingly become an ally of exec. member Frank Everingham who is the lone voice calling for Bowral again next year. We must consider quite a number of Novocastrians, Maitlanders and those who reside Points North. The venue under consideration would be almost equivalent to Hyde Park in Sydney and the auditorium for the meeting would be ideal. How about us hiring a couple of buses for the trip?

Mavis Stuart (3485) FF Ed. Goodin sends bouquets and tells us she is writing a book with her niece, Betty Hicks, on Edward Goodin, First Fleeter. Mavis also is interested in the proposed commemorative plaque for St Annes Ryde.

There is a possibility this may be done inconjunction with the Small Reunions in October 1988. You will be more than welcome to attend. Looking forward to your offer of help — Thanks Mavis.

There doesn't appear much space for further letters but we close this segment from Margaret Thompson of Clayfield Brisbane (No. 3460 Lucas Gascoigne). These Lucas' are really keen! I have answered the first part of her letter in the list of committee members — now for the rest — Margaret writes — "The benefit of fellowship is heavily weighted in favour of those who live within a few hours drive from Sydney" — This is what the President has been saying for two years — This can be overcome WHEN we incorporate — we need more catalysts like Margaret to form Chapters Committees under the guidance of the executive body. If we don't do this after 1988 our membership could possibly stagnate.

Margaret also pens some constructive suggestions which are under consideration by the executive in the form of an information booklet.

Also our first enquiry for information:—

Lucas/Gascoigne: Dau Sarah M James Hortle Launceston 1820. Information please re their sons James b 1827, Henry b 1830 and William b 1831 to Mrs M Thomason 7/15 Junction Rd Clayfield Qld. 4011. The archivist, Joyce and Assistants Hazel and Mary thank you for the "tree".

Margaret I know there are many more like-minded out there, and I know that the fellowship will go from strength to strength through our combined efforts. PGC.

## **WEDNESDAY DAY TIME AUXILIARY**

Tuesday 5th May 10 a.m. Tour of Sydney Town Hall. Meet at 9.50 a.m. on the steps of the Town Hall.

## **WEDNESDAY 1st JULY MEETING**

Mr Len Reid will be bringing The Holterman Collection of slides of early Bathurst — Last year we viewed the

slides of Gulgong with great interest. Do come & enjoy the afternoon.

Mary Hope-Caten 407 1042 Social Secretary

## FIRST FLEETERS GRAVES REPORT

We seek the assistance from the Descendants of the following First Fleeters for details of the location of their ancestors graves and details of the inscription on the tombstones.

1. JOSHUA PECK died 25.02.1828  
Arrived on the Scarborough  
Reportedly buried in Newcastle.
2. JOSEPH TRIMBY or ELLIOTT died 25.06.1836  
Arrived on the Friendship  
Reportedly buried in Maitland.
3. JOHN SMITH, reportedly buried in Maitland.  
Letters to Newcastle city council, Maitland city council and Newcastle University for this information have been unsuccessful.  
Your help for information and possible photographs would be appreciated.

This information is required for our project of placing plaques on tombstones, identifying the internees as First Fleeters.

We would like to have the plaque dedication services on the day of the Fellowship's 1987 annual meeting.

Our thanks go to the many people who supplied further information on First Fleeters buried in Tasmania following our article in the November 1986 edition of the Newsletter.

We intend organizing a bus tour to Tasmania in October 1988 for the placing and dedicating plaques on tombstones of First Fleeters buried there.

DOUG OAKES  
(Graves Convenor)

## NORFOLK ISLAND 1788-1813 THE PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES

by J. Donohoe BA, Dip. F.H.S.

The book comprises a list of all the persons who were sent to Norfolk Island during its first settlement following the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788 up until the Island was abandoned in 1813. The focus of listing is on families with children listed under their parents where they were ascertained. Other details including place and date of marriage and the dates of arrival or birth and departure or death are included. Where found amongst surviving records the name of the ship on which the person arrived from England is mentioned too.

Price of book at Fellowship's Office \$14.00.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR MARCH/APRIL 1987

We extend a warm welcome to the following 72 new members, 31 junior members, and 19 spouse associates (joined between 5th February and 1st April 1987.

**Thomas Acres:** Mrs Eliza Margaret Loxley; Miss Suzanne Louise Loxley (Jnr).

**Mary Allen:** Mrs Mary Ann Dillon Polizzotto.

**Thomas Arndell:** Mrs Gwendoline Fisher; Mr Ian

Francis Fisher; Matthew Ian Fisher (Jnr); Adam Douglas Fisher (Jnr); Mrs Marilyn Anne Gilbert; Miss Amanda Jane Gilbert; Samuel Francis Gilbert (Jnr); Tobias James Gilbert (Jnr); Mrs Kerry Margaret Enemark.

**Daniel Barnett:** Miss Desiree Jane Shortt.

**James Bloodworth — Sarah Bellamy & James Lee:** Mrs Priscilla Eileen Aiken.

**John Barrisford — Hannah Barrisford:** Mrs Jennifer Lyle Little (sp. Geoffrey Edward Little).

**William Broughton:** Mr Robert Gould Pratt.

**Owen Cavanaugh — Margaret Darnell:** Mrs Joan Wookey.

**David Collins — Ann Yeats:** Mr John Christopher Crees (sp. Mrs Hazel Clare Crees); Mrs Muriel Beryl Mills.

**Benjamin Cusley:** Miss Jamie Stafford (Jnr); Miss Belinda Ann Stafford (Jnr).

**William Eggleton — Mary Dickenson & Philip Devine:** Lt. Col. Robert Horace Hodges; Mr Christopher Robert Hodges; Mrs Jane Elizabeth Aberhard-Hodges; Mrs Lesley Jean van Hamburg (sp. Mr Nigel Anthony Hamburg); Piers Anthony van Hamburg (Jnr); Tate Andrew van Hamburg (Jnr); Miss Gemma Kathleen van Hamburg (Jnr).

**Matthew Everingham:** Mrs Cheryl Lorraine Moore; Jason Ross Moore (Jnr); Miss Justine Cheryl Moore (Jnr).

**Andrew Fishburn:** Mrs Ethel Mary Mann.

**Phoebe Flarty:** Mrs Winifred Main.

**Ann Forbes:** Mrs Sylvia Mary Yabsley (sp. Mr Stanley Owen Yabsley).

**Robert Forrester:** Mrs Lynell Gai Reid.

**Ellen Frazer:** Mr William Richard Chapman (sp. Mrs Merle Hope Chapman); Mrs Pamela Cherry; Miss Nicolette Robin Cherry (Jnr); Daniel Barton Cherry (Jnr); Mr John Simmons; Mr Geoffrey Simmons.

**Edward Garth — Susannah Garth:** Mr Geoffrey Paul Sylvester (sp. Mrs Holly Sylvester); Miss Kate Zoe Sylvester.

**William Hambley — Mary Springham:** Mr Kenneth David Richardson.

**Thomas Headington:** Mrs Elaine Margo Halbwirth.

**John Herbert — Deborah Ellam:** Mrs Elsie Lillian Cuthbert.

**Peter Hibbs & Matthew Everingham:** Mr Geoffrey Stuart Booth.

**Henry Kable — Susannah Holmes:** Mr James Anthony Fitzsimon; Mrs Esther Catherine Lansdown.

**David Kilpack:** Mrs Lyndall Stewart Russell; Mrs Barbara June Weir.

**Nathaniel Lucas — Olivia Gascoigne:** Miss Claire Nielsen; (Jnr); Miss Katie Neilsen (Jnr); Mrs Dorothy Jean Shumack; Mrs Dorothy May Kendrick.

**James McManus — Jane Poole & James Bradley:** Mrs Barbara Daisy Donelan; Miss Sheridan Patree Donelan (Jnr).

**Frederick Meredith:** Mrs Janette Beavis; Mr John Hemsley Rogers (sp. Mrs Ann Nora May Rogers); Mr Robert John Herbert Rogers (sp. Mrs Laurel Joy Rogers); Mr William David Rogers (sp. Mrs Laurel Joy Rogers); Mr William David Rogers (sp. Mrs Majella Catherine Rogers); Mrs Isabel Mary Schmarr; Mr Wayne Schmarr.

**John Small — Mary Parker:** Mr Arthur James Dunn; Stephen James Dunn; Mrs Sheelah Margaret Stenhouse; Mrs Yvonne Lorraine Franges (Jnr); Miss Tara Louise Franges (Jnr).

**John Small — Mary Parker & James Squire:** Miss Marlene Oakley.

**Charles Peat — Hannah Mullens:** Mrs Elizabeth Phoebe Heyer; Mr Terence Heyer; Miss Katrina Phoebe Heyer (Jnr); David Terence Heyer (Jnr).

**Thomas Risdale (Crowder):** Mrs Kerrie Elizabeth Phillips; Miss Skye Elizabeth Phillips (Jnr); Miss Sophie Allison Phillips (Jnr); Mr Geoffrey Vernon Edgar.

**Anthony Rope — Elizabeth Pulley:** Mr Mervyn George

Jones (sp. Mrs Judith Gwenda Jones); Miss Mairin Frances Donnelly (Jnr); Miss Maeve Carol Donnelly (Jnr).

**James Squire:** Mr John Daniel Colhoun (sp. Mrs Carol Christine Ann Colhoun); Mr Daniel John Colhoun; Miss Kellie Marie Colhoun (Jnr); Miss Jodie Lou Colhoun (Jnr); Mrs Sherilee Anne Storr (sp. Mr Michael Geoffrey Storr).

**William Tunks:** Miss Laura Jane Jackson; Mrs Zenie Gwendoline Bruce; Mrs Jeanette Gwendoline Dixon; Mr Mitchell Peter d'Kugener (sp. Mrs Carol Anne d'Kugener); Tynan James d'Kugener (Jnr); Mr Alan Keith Tunks (sp. Mrs Elaine Sophia Tunks); Mrs Julie Ann Bartlett (sp. Mr Neville John Bartlett); Michael John Bartlett (Jnr); Luke Alan Bartlett (Jnr); Miss Beth Elissa Bartlett (Jnr); Mr Robert Charles Foulcher.

**William Tyrell:** Mrs Eva Florence Anderson.

**John Winter — Ann Sandlin:** Mr Vincent Joseph Gattenhof; Miss Denise Marie Gattenhof; Mrs Betty Primrose Barbour; Mrs Beryl Cole Perry.

**Joseph Wright:** Mrs Beryl Isabel Mawkes; Mrs Ruth Wilson.

#### **SPOUSE ASSOCIATES OF EARLIER MEMBERS:**

Mr Francois Constant Rups, husband of No 69 Mrs E.R. Rups.

Mr Simon Julian Eyland, husband of No 200 Mrs Annette Maie Eyland.

Mr Shane Michael Donnelly, husband of No 199 Mrs Mariette Francis Donnelly.

Mrs Hazel Clare Crees, wife of No 3917 Mr John Kitchener Crees.

#### **NEW FIRST FLEET ANCESTORS:**

James Williams, marine private, "Sirius".

Mary Allen, convict, "Lady Penrhyn".

#### **ADDITIONAL FIRST FLEET ANCESTORS:**

Mr Rodney Walter Bellette, No 3693 adds Thomas Kidney, convict on "Alexander" to Jacob Bellett.

Mrs Helen Rose Hemmons, Glen William Hemmons and Paul Bradley Hemmons adds James Bradley, convict, "Scarborough" to John Small and Mary Parker.

Mrs Helen Marilyn Maish, Stuart Neil Maish and Miss Sally Ann Maish add Owen Cavanough, Margaret Darnell, William Dring and Ann Forbes to Matthew Everingham and Thomas Arndell.

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS 1987 - 1988**

(for period 1 July 1987 - 30 June 1988)

At its 1st April meeting the Executive Committee voted to increase the "Joining Fee" and most of the "Annual Subscriptions" as from 1st July, 1987 as follows:

1. the "Joining Fee" (once only for adult full and pensioner members only) to increase from \$15.00 to \$20.00

2. the "Annual Subscription" for adult full members to increase from \$12.50 to \$15.00.

3. the "Annual Subscription" for adult members holding a pensioner card to be retained at \$6.00

4. the "Annual Subscription" for Junior Members (under 18 years) to increase from \$2.00 to \$5.00

5. the "Annual Subscription" for Spouse Associates to be increased from \$3.00 to \$5.00.

6. the "Annual Subscriptions" for Associate Relatives to be retained at \$10.00 for adults and increased from \$2.00 to \$5.00 for juniors (under 18 years).

**THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE AND PAYABLE ON 1st JULY, 1987.** A coloured "Subscription Form" is enclosed with this NEWSLETTER; please fill in the form according to the instructions thereon and return it with your remittance or bring it with you if intend paying at the F.F.F. office.

Unless subscriptions are paid before the end of August 1987 members will not be eligible to vote (by post or at the Annual General Meeting in September) nor will they continue to receive Newsletters.

Members who might wish to have their spouses or children become members should NOT just include their names on their "Subscription Form" when renewing their own subscriptions; they are required to apply formally by filling in "Application for Membership" forms and supplying a photocopy of full birth certificate for adult or junior children; or sending a written request plus a copy of their marriage certificate to enrol a spouse as associate.

Several hundred members who were financial in 1985-1986 year have not yet paid their 1986-1987 subscriptions and those of their spouses and/or children where applicable. To remain financial they must pay the arrears of 1986-1987 subscriptions before the end of June 1987 as well as the 1987-1988 subscriptions due and payable on 1st July, 1987.

## **FROM THE PAST**

### **THE FIRST CHAPLAIN**

The first Church Service in New South Wales was conducted by the Rev. Richard Johnstone on Sunday 3rd February, 1788, under a large shady tree. A monument in Richard Johnstone Square at the corner of Hunter and Bligh Streets, marks the spot.

Richard Johnstone, as Chaplain to the Penal Settlement, had to "be the guardian of public morality". He carried out all the clerical duties of the Colony for the first six years; baptisms, marriages and funerals, and he worked hard among the convicts.

Despaired of waiting for a church to be built, he erected one at his own expense, at a cost of a £67.12.11½. He also had general supervision over all schools. When the church was burnt down in 1798 a new one was built.

His wife Mary shared his compassion for the Aborigines; their daughter was named Milbah, (an Aboriginal name) He was the best farmer in the Colony, with a farm at Brickfield Hill and at Petersham, in 1790. He sold his farms to William Cox in 1800 and departed for England, he was succeeded by the Rev. Samuel Marsden.

The Annual Memorial Service held at St Phillips Church Sunday, 8th February, was attended by members of The Fellowship.

A Clarke

### **IN SEARCH OF SARAH BELLAMY**

A search for the birthplace of Sarah Bellamy, convicted at the Worcester Assizes in 1785, aged 15, took us to Belbroughton, a delightful little Worcestershire village not far from busy Bromsgrove, where we were visiting a friend of many years.

Belbroughton is an ancient settlement, and the Parish Church of Holy Trinity stands on the site where former pagan ceremonies were celebrated. An early Saxon church is mentioned in the Domesday Book. The old mill stones used as attractive steps leading to the houses are evidence of a once thriving industry producing mill stones from the local quarry for the manufacture of agricultural tools.

Records show that a legacy left to the old village school of the 18th century provided for a 'skilful teacher to instruct pupils to read and write and learn Latin! School commenced at 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. with two days holiday at Easter, a week at Whitsuntide and twelve days at Christmas. Could this be where Sarah learnt to read and write?

By arrangement we met the Church Warden and the Founder of the Belbroughton History Society. The latter, Mrs Agnes Spier presented us with copies of certifica-

tes from the Church Register now held in Worcester, of the Bellamy's and Stauntons. We felt sure that the Sarah, baptised 3.2.1770 was the person we were seeking — father Richard Bellamy and mother other Elizabeth Staunton.

Since returning to Sydney correspondence with Mrs Spier and Mrs Gibson of the Belbroughton History Society have confirmed our hopes, Sarah sailed with the First Fleet on "Lady Penrhyn".

We have now learnt that the Belbroughton History Society is organising a major Exhibition in the Church Hall in May (to coincide with the sailing of the First Fleet) and Sarah will be featured. Despite the old adage, 'a prophet is never honoured in his homeland', we, the descendants of Sarah Bellamy can rejoice that Sarah, just 200 years since she was banished from the shores of England, is being honoured at her birthplace.

Ula Clarke.

## "CAPTAIN PHILLIP'S HOUSE"

The following is taken from a recent issue of the Newsletter of the Royal Australian Historical Society. Whilst a First Fleeter would instinctively know where to find the First Governor's home in Bath it can be quite an experience for "other" Australians.

A Bicentenary footnote Dr. Portia Robinson in Bath, England.

Admiral Arthur Phillip's house is on the high side of Bennett Street. Knowing this could save you many hours of frustrating questioning of the present-day inhabitants of Bath.

I tried asking. First at tourist centres, then at the bus depot, the taxi rank, shops, postoffice, newsagency, passers-by and, finally at the Bath Assembly Rooms historical costumes display.

The blank looks, the non-committal, disinterested answers were awful. Aweful in its original sense of awe-inspiring — for an Australian. 'Phillip? Phillips? Can't say I know the chap'. Gentle prodding from me. 'Governor, was he . . . oh, you mean an Australian! That explains it.' 'Arthur Phillips? You mean that seaman chap? Something to do with Australia, wasn't he? Let me think . . . wasn't he the one who sailed out there in a small boat alone? Can't say I know where he lives.' 'Phillip's House? Here, in Bath? What is it? . . . Oh, ARTHUR Phillip? Sorry don't know . . . a GOVERNOR? Here, in Bath?' 'Arthur Phillip? Yes of course, wasn't he the one mixed up with this family migration down under? His house? Can't say I know that.'

So I took an extensive guided tour of Bath and environs in one hour from the top of an open double-decker bus with full historical commentary.

Innumerable stops and pauses as we climbed the hill behind Bath. Then arrived at Bennett Street with its facing rows of tall, narrow terrace houses, each with its iron-spiked fence dividing pavement from basement entrances. The bus slowed down. 'On the right is the house of Captain Phillips. He was mixed up with Australia a long time ago.' And the bus went on. Not a camera clicked, not a head turned to look at this, the final home of the man responsible for the establishment of the English colony of New South Wales.

Trudging back ('No, madam, you may not get off') I stood on those pavement squares, hand on the spiked railings and looked at this, the house Phillip chose as a retirement home for himself and his wife. The sailor was home from the sea . . . but chose to live on the hill of this lovely town within strolling distance of the Assembly Rooms.

I looked up at what had been his parlour, his drawing room, his bedroom. As he stood at those open windows looking over and beyond the whole of the town to the distant coast beyond, had he thought of that far-off colony of Botany Bay, of the men and women he, had taken there — and left to settle that land? Did he think of his marines and seamen who had chosen to remain when he himself had returned in 1792? Did he think of those 'miserable wretches' the convicts destined not to be 'slaves in a new land', but the founders of a new society, a unique society, Australia?

I looked at the rows of shabby buttons next to his Regency front door. Buttons which showed how that final home for Arthur Phillip, had become a sub-divided, non-descript collection of flatettes. The only comfort his ghost could find, if, as rumour says, that lonely ghost still haunts his home, is the brass plate to the right of the front door. 'Admiral Arthur Phillip'. At least some promotion from 'Captain Phillips'.

In 1988 we celebrate the Bicentennial. And what of our first, our founding Governor? Doubtless Arthur Phillip will receive full recognition and honour from Botany Bay. But — to misquote Rudyard Kipling. 'What should they of Bicentennials know when only Australians know?' What of the men and women of England? What of the good people of Bath? Will tour bus guides be instructed to stop, not pause, at 'Captain Phillip's House' and identify that naval chap — and the years 1788 and 1828? Will the Council or elders of Bath fly an Australian flag proudly from Phillip's House for 1988? Or will Phillip's troubled spirit still haunt his last home, undisturbed by Bicentennial fever in that far-off struggling colony he cared for so long ago?

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