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Greetings Probians

Brrr! Well to my mind – it is definitely time for us all to gather around the fire to keep warm. Winter has hit with a vengeance. How are you all coping with the cold – or are you all so acclimatized that it is nothing to you?

After four years, I still dislike this time of the year vehemently. I do not like the cold weather. My house is nice and warm, when the sun shines, but not when it is grey all day, and as neither of us occupy the main living room during the day, the fire there is not lit until the evening.

My husband has so many computers and gadgets in his office that he had no need for any extra heating, but my little room does need some help; but it is cosy enough with the heater on.

I have to say though that the weather was kind to us for the Festival of Voice.

As Eklektika was singing in the Uniting Church on Sunday afternoon, I noticed the previous choir, who were standing around outside talking, suddenly make a dash for cover as the rain arrived.

All the best

Joyce.

p.s I not only remember learning the following poem in primary school, but I stood upon the slab of concrete upon which Wordsworth lay as he gazed upon that dazzling host.

next meeting

7 JULY 2021

10:00 am Denmark Country Club

Guest Speaker: BART LEBBING – Bee Keeping

Lunch: Tavern

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Cheers everyone and I hope you are all well.

Last month saw me transplanting several hundred daffodil bulbs, that will now extend the large patch that have already been in the ground for several years. I can tell you I am rather chuffed to see all the green sprouts occurring and growing so well.

Thinking on spring and hopefully lots of blooms, I recalled an old poem – one that we learnt in Year 7 at South Bunbury Primary School. Our class learnt this poem, along with several others, for our end of school concert. I recall our teacher, Mr Benson, standing in front of us, waving his arms as though we were all ‘singing’ and perhaps we were almost doing just that, with this one in particular.

I wonder how many of you may also have learnt and remember it:

A Host of Golden Daffodils.

I wandered lonely as a Cloud

*That floats on high o'er Vales and Hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden Daffodils;
Beside the Lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.*

Continuous as the stars that shine

*And twinkle on the Milky Way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.*

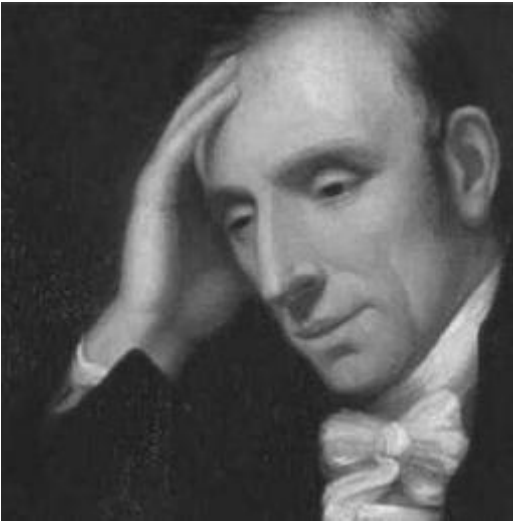
The waves beside them danced, but they

*Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A Poet could not but be gay
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the shew to me had brought:*

For oft when on my couch I lie

*In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye*

*Which is the bliss of solitude,
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the Daffodils.*



William Wordsworth 1770-1850



FORTHCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Helena Wragg	Tuesday 22 June
Fran Pederick	Wednesday 23 June
Barry Barton	Tuesday 29 June
Wendy Lind	Tuesday 29 June
Neville Thorn	Tuesday 29 June
Kevin Stone	Wednesday 30 June
Anne Peterson	Saturday 17 July
Tracey Barton	Tuesday 20 July
Kevin Nayda	Sunday 25 July
Susan Allan	Wednesday 28 July



MEMBERSHIP



We had one new member inducted in June - Marion Marshall. Marion, who originally came from Dubbo in New South Wales, has had a very interesting life travelling all around Australia with her geologist husband and then living in the real Denmark, working in a geological laboratory in Copenhagen for 6 years before returning to Australia.

After 20 years working as a "lab rat" in the Geology Department at UWA, she then ran her own laboratory here in Denmark processing rocks from all over the

world.

Her interests are many and varied. Travel, wildflowers, embroidery, table tennis, reading, cryptic crosswords, mah jong, to name a few. Please make Marion welcome.

Guest Speaker

“What’s in a Name” – by Bev McGuinness

The guest speaker for June was Bev McGuinness, giving us. History of some of Denmark’s street names. The first group of people who were honoured in this way were, not surprisingly, the superiors of those with naming rights, to win endorsement or curry favour perhaps. Barnett Street, for example, was named for Edward Barnett, an MLA for Albany.

Mitchell Street was named for a former premier and later govern of WA. Strickland Street was named for another WA governor.



More significant locally ere citizens such as Tom Hamilton, who served on the Denmark Road Board, built the Civic Centre and was active in the local St. John Ambulance. He was acknowledged in the naming of Hamilton Road.

A prominent couple in the early days of Denmark were Fred Osborn and his wife Biddy. Fred was on the local council and was involved in the formation of William Bay National Park, while Biddy was matron of the Denmark Hospital. They were recognised in the naming of Osborne Road.

Those Denmark citizens who died in the wars had streets named after them. This list of honours has not yet been completed, as those who developing new subdivisions have a say in the street naming and often choose names that reflect the image they want to promote in marketing their land, rather than choose to honour historical citizens.

Then there was the story of Bandit Road, which was named after the barefoot thief who broke into Ricketts’ store and left his footprints in the dust being apprehended in Walpole soon afterwards.

Bev has published a book entitled “What’s in a Name?”, which is soon to be reprinted and will be available from the Historical Society for anyone who would like to know more of the interesting stories of Denmark street names.

Thanks to Bev for keeping the history of Denmark alive.

Thanks to Kerry Clark.

HAPPENINGS:

Anzac Centre, Albany



joined the League of Local Legends which expires at the end of June.

In a similar vein to our last excursion to the Shaplands War Memorabilia collection, our latest excursion was to the Anzac Centre in Albany. This was mainly to take advantage of the free entry offered to those who

I first saw the centre in 2014 when it was first opened. We travelled down from Perth and stayed with friends who lived in Kendenup in order to be there for the opening. My husband was particularly interested because his grandfather had been one of those New Zealand soldiers who met up with their Australian counterparts in King George Sound before setting off for Gallipoli in January 1915.



Once again, I was impressed by the centre. The idea of following the career of one of the people who served in the war as you go through the centre makes it personal even to those who do not have members of their family who were ANZACs. I am one of them, but I did have a grand uncle who fought in France and died there in 1918; so, what I saw in the centre did have some relevance to me and my family.



After going through the centre, I went and had a look at the exhibition of photos across the carpark from the centre. It was an exhibition of modern photos depicting the recovery of ordinance from farmland and other places with pictures taken during the war at the same place superimposed on top of them. Not only were they artistically interesting, but it was also a moving experience to see them. Well worth seeing.

After a quick turn through the Forts Store, we all met up in the Garrison Restaurant for lunch. Unfortunately, my choice, although delicious to eat, must have contained preservative because I ended up with a migraine very soon afterwards. However, that did not dampen the enjoyment of the

excursion for me.



SOCIAL GROUPS



Singing for Your Own Pleasure

This group has been in limbo for a while, but there is talk of starting it up again. It would be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month. If anyone is interested please contact the secretary.



Wine Appreciation Group

Held every **4th Thursday** of the month at the Community resource Centre

The next Wine Appreciation Group get together will be on **Thursday 24 June 5-7pm** in the Garden Room at the CRC.

Byo nibbles and wine + \$10 to join in the game.



Fran's Coffee Mornings

Meets at **10:00** every **3rd Tuesday** of the month at various venues. Come along and Socialise! At a safe distance, of course.

Next – **20 July** at **Ravens**



Kayaking

Kayaking –is held 2nd & 4th Fridays (weather permitting) 9:00am in the water. Launching from the boat ramp at the Denmark River Mouth Caravan Park. Afterwards coffee at the Caravan Park's Reminisce Café. **Next – 25 June, then 9 July.**

All types of paddle craft are fine – sit in, sit on, canoe type – it is paddling for pleasure on our beautiful river Paddle time is up to you, but normally, usual paddle time is about 1-1 ½ hours it is entirely up to the individual paddler. It is for the pleasure of being out on the water, soaking up the peace and quiet, admiring the wild life, generally just soaking up nature at its best.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

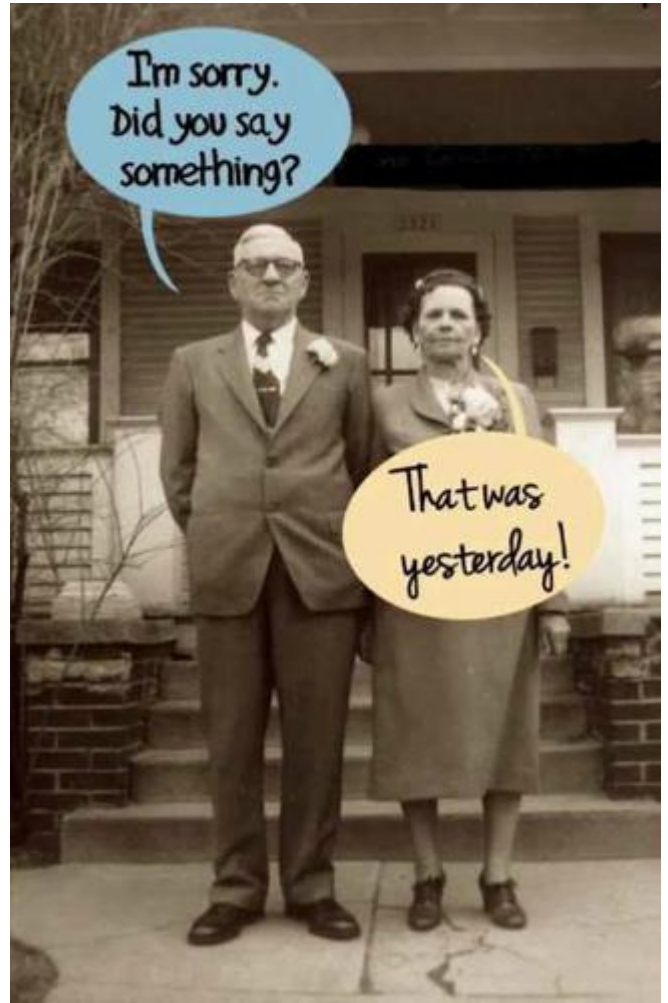
21 July – Ten Pin Bowling, 10 am. There will be two games at a cost of \$21 per person. 120 Stead Road, Albany. Please wear your own soft soled shoes.

12 Noon - Lunch will be at the Earl of Spencer, 60 Earl Street, Albany.

18 August – Chain Saw Sculptures, Albany. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at 333 Mercer Road, Walmsley. As we an organised group, we can park in the large carpark on the right-hand side and walk the circuit. Cost is \$5 per person – there is a box to put the cash in on the circuit.

Lunch - TBA

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THE SEVEN DWARVES OF OLD AGE..



