

Acquisitions and Donations

'A Voyage to Australia' - Private Journal of James Bell. (As mentioned in the last newsletter, James Bell sailed to Australia on the 'Porter' arriving in 1839. This book is a day-to-day account of that voyage.)

"Penwortham Houses" by Elizabeth Basquill. This book discusses old houses of Penwortham UK and some seven pages are devoted to Penwortham Hall. Kindly sent to the Society by Peter Wilkinson, UK

Archaeological & Excavation Report – St Mary's Church, Penwortham UK – the web link was given to us by Peter Wilkinson. This dig was undertaken while restoration work took place.

"Distant Shores – The Dukes of Penwortham" donated by Laurie Duke

DVD of the Watervale School 150th celebrations

Three framed prints of rural scenes donated by Alan Williams

It is with much regret and concern that we report the closure of the Enfield & Districts Historical Society after thirty very active years. Thankfully, the Enfield Heritage Museum at Sunnybrae Function Centre, Regency Park will continue to operate. For details on the Society's activities visit:

www.communitywebs.org/EnfieldHistoricalSociety

It was agreed at a recent Committee meeting that members will be given the choice of receiving their Newsletters via email or post. Please email the editor morranj@bigpond.com if you wish to choose the email option.

Committee Members

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| President | Wendy Spackman | Catering Officer | Mary Clark |
| Vice-President | Janet Morran | Grants Officer | Helen Karger |
| Secretary | Anne Weddle | Minute Secretary | Jim Morran |
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Details of charges for research undertaken by the Society are available on request

Website: www.communitywebs.org/MountHorrocksHistoricalSociety

New Research

John JENNINGS of Watervale 1860-1870

William PEARSE of Leasingham 1918+



It has been discovered that the State Library has in its collection, the Sunday School Roll for the Penwortham Methodist Church 1905-1967

The roll is in 4 volumes and can be inspected at the library upon request. Unfortunately it is impossible to photocopy and would cost a great deal of money to have to SLSA do it.

Media News

The Federation of Australian Historical Societies has recently had its Federal supporting grant reduced by 25% following severe budgetary cutbacks to the Heritage Division last year which has greatly reduced their staffing and capabilities. The FAHS represents and supports Historical Society throughout Australia.

Upcoming Events

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| Cottage Open | Sun. 6 th May |
| Heritage Wine & Cheese | Sun. 20 th May |
| History Room Open | Sat. 5 th & 19 th May |
| AGM | Mon. 29 th May |
| Glen Woodward Talk | Thurs. 7 th June |

MOUNT HORROCKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.



NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2012

PENWORTHAM WINS 'BEST DRESSED TOWN' IN STAGE 1 OF THE SANTOS TOUR DOWN UNDER

With a pink colour theme and a great community spirit the little town of Penwortham was awarded the title: "Best Dressed Town" by the Santos Tour Down Under Organising Committee. The prize includes a framed and signed race jersey, gift packs and garden products. The Santos Judging Panel said they were impressed by Penwortham's sense of community. "Penwortham won due to their community spirit and community pride," the Panel said. "They are a very small community and you could see that they love where they live and what they did to contribute to the event. They came together all in pink to support Pink Penwortham".

The overall winner of the best dressed town was Lobethal. Second was Willunga followed by Penwortham which took out third place.



"WINNERS ARE GRINNERS"

Residents of Penwortham and members of MHHS pose outside Horrocks Cottage all 'in the pink' about their win:

From the left: Gypsy Sandow, Leo Muller, Kay Lucking, Mary Clark, Meredith McInnes, Doreen Hill, David Spackman, Mal Paterson, Joey Duncan and Wendy Spackman



Gypsy (Mary Poppins) Sandow

Apart from the many helpers on the day, MHHS would like to thank the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council for their financial support.



HORROCKS HIGHWAY SIGNAGE

If you have travelled along the road to Gawler or the along the Northern Expressway recently you will have no doubt noticed the “Horrocks Highway” signs. As reported in the Spring 2011 Newsletter, it has taken 10 years for the Society to see this project to fruition and it is with a great deal of satisfaction that we bring you these photographs:



Horrocks Highway runs from the Gawler By-Pass through to Quorn in the Flinders Ranges

GUEST SPEAKER

Thursday 7th June 7.30pm at the Watervale Hall



“Queen Adelaide – Her Life Story”

Presentation by Glen Woodward

Glen has recently visited Germany and spent some time in Meiningen, Adelaide’s birthplace, and at her castle Museum. For those interested in history and the English Queen who our city of Adelaide is named after, this talk is a must! Supper will follow the talk for a gold coin donation.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S HISTORY FESTIVAL

“A TASTE OF HISTORY WINE & CHEESE”

Sunday 20th May 11m-4pm

As in previous years MHHS has registered to take part in the ‘South Australia History Festival’ in May.

This year we are offering ‘A Touch of History Wine & Cheese’ which will combine a visit to John Horrocks cottage with tasting of local wines and cheese.

Visitors will also be invited to take the self-guided walk of the picturesque village of Penwortham. There will also be tea and coffee available. Tasting, tea & coffee will be a gold coin donation and entry to the cottage will be \$2/adult and \$5/family.



St Marks Church will also be open to visitors – a service will be held at 11am and the church will be open from 1pm-4pm with Joey Duncan on hand to assist visitors.

The cottage will be open as usual on 6th May from 2pm-4pm when refreshments will be available.

LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION Watervale Institute History Room

**Saturday 5th May 2pm-4pm
Saturday 19th May 11am-1pm**

The MHHS History Room is also included in the ‘About Time’ Programme and our Research Officer; Janet will be at her desk during the above times and hopes to see as many visitors as possible!



The above events give members the opportunity to meet their committee and see what your Society has achieved over the past few years.

VISITORS

U3A History Group

Approximately 20 members of the History Group of the Clare U3A visited Horrocks Cottage for morning tea on Friday 23rd March. The group was served tea and cake by MHHS Committee Members.



As the group was also to visit St Marks Church, Research Officer Janet gave a short talk on ‘John Horrocks and his Connection to St. Marks Church’; copies of which are available through the Secretary.



Vineyard Lutheran School

On Thursday 29th March twenty one Grade 3 students from the above school visited to hear Janet talk about Horrocks’ Northern Expedition in 1846 as well as inspecting the cottage with ‘seek & find’ sheets. They were assisted in their task by Helen, Gypsey, Wendy & David. After lunch beneath the walnut tree they visited St. Marks Church and cemetery with Joey. An enjoyable day was had by all.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Monday 28 May
7pm Watervale Hotel**

Members are advised of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Mount Horrocks Historical Society at which all positions on the committee will be declared vacant and a new committee formed. Nominations can be lodged with any committee member or on the night.

All members and friends are welcome to join the old committee for dinner prior to the AGM. Please RSVP Anne Weddle (8843 0140) by **Monday 21st May**

In addition, notice is hereby given that Mount Horrocks Historical Society Inc. will put forward a special resolution at this A.G.M. for the acceptance by members of a new Constitution drawn up in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act of 1985. Copies will be available at the meeting or can be requested from the Secretary prior to the meeting.



The Society currently operates John Horrocks Cottage and adjacent Interpretive Centre as well as the History Room at the Watervale Institute. With increasing interest in our activities **we need your help**, whether it is helping out at working bees, taking a turn showing visitors through John Horrocks Cottage, assisting in researching family histories or the ongoing cataloguing of our collection. Please contact the Secretary if you are able to help. (8843 0140)