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From the Committee

Welcome back to all our members and a special welcome to our new members who joined recently. The Annual General Meeting was held on July 14th 2012 followed by a great sausage sizzle as is normal, we had a great turn out of members, who braved the rather cool and gloomy day.

The AGM as usual didn't take very long to get through, with the formalities similar to past years; Peter Applebee was again nominated to be President. He asked the past committee members to stand for nomination and as you can see from the committee list, there is only one change. Our Treasurer in past years has been Helen Stein who has done an excellent job of keeping the Group's finances in order. Thank You Helen. I'm sure our new Treasurer Shirley Bulley will be equally diligent.

After the AGM formalities, Peter asked for volunteers to take on the editorial role of *The Compass* but no-one came forward, so it was decided to just concentrate on a monthly newsletter in a more expanded format. We welcome any snippets of family history stories or information that any members can contribute.

We are currently celebrating National Family History Week and our Saturday open day had a good turnout, with people both in for research and for the Ancestry tuition session. We will be open again Thursday as our second NFHW event. Membership renewals are progressing extremely well, if you have not done so and wish to renew now is the time to do so. The mailing lists and members passwords will shortly be culled to reflect the current status.

Elsbeth Grant

South Australia's British Farm Apprentices



Our speaker on the 21st June 2012 was Elspeth Grant formerly from the Migration Museum who gave a splendid talk on The Forgotten Children, part of the Juvenile Migration Schemes in the 19th and 20th centuries. Over the years there have been three prominent telemovies, books and films made, which were “The Leaving of Liverpool” 1992, “Forgotten Children” 2007 and the heart-wrenching “Oranges and Sunshine” 2011.

The 2001 Senate Inquiry and the 2009 official apology by the then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to the nation are the result of investigations into the Juvenile migration schemes, under which British and Maltese children were sent to Australia and Canada unaccompanied. Between 1869 and 1939 approximately 100,000 unaccompanied children migrated to Canada and were sometimes known as ‘little slaves’. During the 20th Century Australia took approximately 6,000 children under various schemes, one of whom was The Fairbridge Scheme, where the boys learnt farming and the girls learnt domestic service. Scouts were also recruited to come to Australia and 34 of these farm apprentices were known as the Beltana Group, named after the ship they came on.

Between 1922 and 1924 there were 1450 boys sent out from England and were known as ‘the Barwell Boys’ and between 1927 and 1929 there were 125 boys known as ‘Little Brothers’. All these schemes were run by the State Government. Their host farmers paid them a certain amount of money which was banked until they attained the age of 21, but many of them had reached their apprenticeships by the age of 19. Some of the schemes were mis-managed and were not happy times for most of these young children with punishments occurring frequently.

Elsbeth told us a few stories personally given to her by some of these children, including a lady called Pat who was placed in a children’s home at 2 weeks old, came to Australia in 1948 and placed in a home at Goodwood, where she was punished and had her hair cut off. Lots of these children became depressed.

Money has been set aside for some upcoming events and exhibitions in 2013. One will mark the 100th anniversary of the first group to come to South Australia. The exhibitions will be sensitively handled, due to the personal nature of the stories.

Websites:

Find and Connect: New website to help trace information about Australian children’s homes (not only for child migrants)

www.findandconnect.gov.au

On Their Own: Exhibition about child migration by Australian National Maritime Museum (visited Adelaide in 2011)

www.britainschildmigrants.com

Inside: Exhibition about Forgotten Australians by National Museum of Australia (yet to visit Adelaide)

<http://forgottenaustralianshistory.gov.au/>

The Golden Bridge: Further information about the Canadian child migration schemes

<http://content.iriss.org.uk/goldenbridge/migration/index.html>

FROM THE PAPERS

In our modern kitchens we have dishwashers, microwaves and the like.
But the kitchen of 1846 had a stockwhip ready for emergencies.

A Story from the Adelaide Observer

Published on 28th March 1846

On Wednesday last the family of Mr John Bowman, of Pine Forest on the North road were surprised by an unusual “rush” and violent barking of the dogs, and on Mrs Bowman going out to see the cause, she observed them in pursuit of a very fine emu. Mrs B. ran to the kitchen and procured a long whip, and, with the dogs succeeded in driving the emu to one corner of the paddock, where she contrived to throw the whip so completely round its neck to secure it. In the birds endeavours to escape it unfortunately broke its neck. About seven years ago an emu was captured in Stephens-place; but instances are now rare of them being seen so near to town.

Bible Christians of the Adelaide Plains

By Peter Applebee

The denomination was established by William O’ Bryan, twice rejected by the Wesley Methodists. He went on to establish his own flock, and quickly expanded across Cornwall and Devon, where the other forms of Methodism had little hold.

For South Australia’s part, the core of establishment was the Cornish miners of Burra and Kapunda. After a short while of taking their weekly sermon in the established Methodist church, the call went out to Bible Christianity’s Head Quarters at Shebbear in North Devon. In August 1850 Rev. James Way and Rev. James Rowe sailed for South Australia. Arriving in Adelaide, they wasted no time heading for Burra, where the State’s first Bible Christian church had been established the year before. Rev. Rowe was left in Burra to take charge of that church and create a new Bible circuit, while Rev. James Way was to return to Adelaide to start the establishment of the Church from the Capital. Basing himself in the Bowden area with the support of locals, he worked to create the Adelaide Bible Circuit and support for incoming ministers. James’s son went on to become Sir Samuel Way South Australia’s Chief Justice, and a staunch Bible Christian till the Methodist unification in 1900.

Rev. Samuel Keen arrived 1853, his role was to establish the Gawler Circuit, basing himself at Ebenezer Chapel at Angle Vale, now a private home, but more commonly known today as Angle Vale Methodist Church. With the support of Rev. Keen and the Taylor and March

families, Robert Wait, a Cornish teamster offered up land to establish a chapel at Waterloo Corner. Elim Chapel was created on the corner of Huxtable and Short Roads. But with time the core families were to move away, needing larger acreages to support them. Bethlehem chapel in Virginia was built in 1858, on land donated by Catholic Irishman Daniel Brady. Used as a Sunday school for many years by the Methodist Church next door, it is today National Trust Listed building.

Zoar Chapel at Penfield opened 1855, but only the Graveyard remains. Many Pioneer families from the area are represented in the graveyard, such as Argent, Fatchen (the ancestors of Max Fatchen, the well known writer.) and Catherine Way (Wife of Rev. James Way). Bethesda is at the corner of Dawkins and Bethesda roads at Lewiston and was built in 1855. It was used as Methodist church up till 1948, and then demolished in 1951, only the graveyard remains. Zion Chapel at Kangaroo Flat remains in relatively good condition, just off the Gawler to Mallala road on Lucas Road. Of course like the others that survive today it now a Methodist church and has a small graveyard. It is a wonderful little church sitting on the edge of the wheat fields. Grace Plains is much the same, now also a private home, just north west of Mallala on the Balaklava Road. Other churches made up the Gawler circuit, Gawler West and Smithfield, just to name a couple. But as the circuit extended beyond, Grace Plains and Kangaroo flat, new circuits were created.

Robert Wait who had donated the land, on which Elim chapel is built at Waterloo Corner, was to help establish the Woolshed Flat chapel. And the Taylor family also of Elim moved to Kulpara, establishing a chapel there. The March family was involved with the chapels at Grace Plains and Dalkey near Balaklava. This migration north was to put an end to the congregation at Elim chapel, and as early as 1879 there was talk of selling the land. The final meeting in relation to Elim was held in August 1890, and then it was sold. Today nothing survives, not even the graveyard. The site was a polo field for a few years, but is now no thing more than a lettuce patch.

Like the Bible Christians themselves, it is part of the History of our Region and State.



Kangaroo Flat Zion Chapel and Bethelhem Chapel Virginia (now demolished)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				2nd Aug NFHW Special Open Day 10 am – 4 pm		
	6th Aug 			9th Aug Mid Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm		11th Aug Research and Networking Day 1 pm – 4 pm Committee Meeting 2 pm
				16th Aug Mid Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm Guest Speaker Night		18th Aug 
				23rd Aug Mid Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm		25th Aug Research and Networking Day 1 pm – 4 pm
				30th Aug Mid Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm		

National Family History Week

27 July to 5 August 2012

www.familyhistoryweek.org.au

Past • Present • Future



Thursday 2nd of August

National Family History Week Open Day.
and

Guest Speaker Night

7 pm THURSDAY 16th August

John Clift

Gawler's Now and Then History Project



institute 1800s

Gawler - Now & Then is a wiki website that anyone can join. It will provide a new and dynamic place for contributors to add their photographs, documents, stories and memories about Gawler and the surrounding district.



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