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NEXT MEETING
8PM WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 1985
ELTHAM SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTRE
MAIN ROAD ELTHAM
(ENTER FROM SHIRE OFFICE DRIVEWAY)
TOPIC: MONTMORENCY, FRANCE
GUEST SPEAKER- CECILE GLASS
VISITORS & NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Over recent months the Newsletter has contained several items regarding the contact which has been established with the Sociėty D'Histoire de Montmorency et de la Region. There has been an exchange of correspondence with the French Society which has shown considerable enthusiasm for information about our Montmorency.

Recently Father John Young of St. Faiths Church, Montmorency travelled to France and took a number of local items on behalf of our Society. These were presented to the French Society. In return, Fr. Young was presented with books and Journals on the history of the French town. Naturally enough, these publications are written in French and are of limited value to most of our members.

With the idea of making best use of the books, Cecile Glass was asked to read them and talk to the Society about them. Cecile comes from France but is now a well-known Eltham resident of many years standing. She will talk on the books and their subject matter and join in discussions on the French Montmorency. Others who will contribute to the discussions include:-

    Fr. J. Young.
    Mrs. R. Favier - former local resident who pioneered links
                       between the two Montmorencys some years ago.
    Mrs. B. Shallard- who has been our correspondent with the French
                       Society.

It is hoped that a video taken by Fr. Young can be shown to the meeting.

Montmorency is located on the outskirts of Paris in much the same situation as our Montmorency is to Melbourne. It is rich in history and historic buildings. This meeting will provide an excellent opportunity to explore a different aspect of "local" history and to further pursue the links between these two towns.

RECORDS AND RESEARCH WORKSHOPS

As announced in the July Newsletter we have initiated a regular evening for members to work on Society records and local history research. Two such evenings have now been held. They have been attended by only a small group of members but significant progress has been made in respect of organizing Society records. These workshops will be continued on a trial basis on Wednesdays 25th September and 23rd October.
The location is the War Memorial Hall, 905 Main Road, Eltham (in front of Senior Citizens' Centre). All members are welcome to attend. All materials and documents necessary will be supplied (although you could bring along any project you would like to work on).

150TH ANNIVERSARY PROJECTS

Although there have been some difficulties with our two 150th projects, both are expected to be completed towards the end of the anniversary year.

We hope to launch the historic buildings tour in mid October with an associated exhibition of photos of local buildings. Assistance from members will be required in manning this exhibition and persons able to assist should contact the Secretary.

The Monument and Time Capsule project is being arranged by a small group of members with the aim of having it completed for the Eltham Community Festival in November. Financial sponsorship of the project is necessary and this aspect is the subject of current negotiations.

ELTHAM COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

This year's Festival will be held on 8th to 10th November. The Society will again participate in the Festival Parade on Saturday 9th.

Please keep this date free.

Further details will be provided in the November Newsletter.

PORTSEA BUS TRIP

Tentative arrangements have been made for a bus trip to Sorrento and Portsea on Sunday 24th November. The cost is expected to be about $8.00 per person.

It is proposed to visit the Army Reserve at Point Nepean and the original settlers graves and the Museum at Sorrento.

Booking details will be included in the November Newsletter.

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