



Shire of Eltham Historical Society

NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING

8PM WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 1987

SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTRE

MAIN ROAD, ELTHAM

(ENTER FROM SHIRE OFFICE DRIVEWAY)

GUEST SPEAKER JOHN HANDFIELD

" YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT'S AROUND THE CORNER "

John Handfield is a former journalist and public relations consultant but now considers himself an author. He is also a long-time resident of Eltham. John's talk will be based on his book "Friends and Brothers", the biography of Father G. K. Tucker, founder of the Brotherhood of St. Laurence and Community Aid Abroad. It is proposed to tell the story of the writing of the book. The background to the story includes an Eltham theme as Fr. Tucker often visited his brother-in-law, Bishop Reginald Stephen at his Eltham home, "Stanhope". This house had earlier been owned by the Handfield family. This link created John's original interest in Fr. Tucker as the subject of a book.

This topic is largely of general interest but John's local knowledge and the Eltham "connection" referred to above will make it all the more interesting to members and their friends. John will bring along some copies of his book which will be for sale at a special price.

SOCIETY CALENDAR:

The list of Society activities for 1987 is currently being finalized. The Calendar will be distributed with the March Newsletter. Activities early in the year will include the Annual General Meeting on March 11th, Heritage Week Display, April 5th to 12th and an excursion in April, probably to historic locations in the city and nearby areas.

As has been previously advised, 1987 is the Society's 20th anniversary and it is proposed to arrange several functions to celebrate the event later in the year. Current thinking is that we should have a dinner meeting for members, plus another meeting (perhaps involving afternoon tea) to which all original members and other appropriate people could be invited. A showing of the Society's collection of items of historic interest is also being arranged. Further details will be provided in the calendar or announced later in the year.

SOCIETY INCORPORATION:

The Committee has recommended that the Society should become incorporated as a protection for members. It will be necessary to hold a general meeting of members to consider this matter.

It is proposed that the meeting be held in conjunction with the normal May meeting of the Society. A formal notice of this meeting and information to enable members to understand what they are considering will be forwarded in due course.

OTHER BRIEF ITEMS:

The Society's entry in the Eltham Community Festival parade included Ben Hall's Cobb and Co. coach and was awarded the major prize for the parade. This involves a perpetual trophy which the Society holds for one year.

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As a contribution to the Society's 20th anniversary, Peter Bassett-Smith is preparing a bibliography of publications referring to the history of our area. Anyone with knowledge of publications which may escape Peter's notice should contact him.

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The Shire of Eltham has commissioned a planning study of the section of Main Road forming the "gateway" to the Eltham township area. The intention is to preserve and enhance the character of the area which largely reflects Eltham's quality of natural environment, its historic buildings and its art and craft related uses. The Society's committee has agreed to support the concept and to provide appropriate advice on historical aspects.

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Record/Research Workshops are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month to keep Society Records up-to-date. All Society Members are most welcome to attend to assist in this project or to carry out their own personal research. Venues will be announced in the Newsletter.

Any alterations to this Programme will be notified through the Newsletter.

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1987 Programme

CELEBRATING OUR
20TH ANNIVERSARY
1967-1987

FEBRUARY 11TH WEDNESDAY :8.00 p.m.-Senior Citizens Hall
General Meeting
Guest Speaker:John Handfield
Author of "Friends and Brothers"

25TH WEDNESDAY :8.00 p.m. - Committee Meeting
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MARCH 11TH WEDNESDAY :8.00 p.m.-Senior Citizens Hall
Annual General Meeting
Election of Office Bearers and
Committee Members for 1987
:Guest Speaker:Dr. Charlie Fox
"The Exhibition Buildings
and City Baths -
A Social History"

25TH WEDNESDAY :Records/Research Workshop
Details in March Newsletter
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APRIL 8TH WEDNESDAY :8.00 p.m. - Committee Meeting
5TH SUNDAY - HERITAGE WEEK -
TO -A Week of Discovery-
12TH SUNDAY Display in Eltham Library of
books and other local heritage
information sources.

12TH SUNDAY -MELBOURNE CITY EXCURSION-
Visiting Exhibition Buildings
and other places of historical
interest around the city area.

22ND WEDNESDAY :Records/Research Workshop
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MAY 13TH WEDNESDAY :8.00 p.m.,-Senior Citizens Hall
Special Meeting
on
Incorporation
:Heritage Information:Follow-up
to Heritage Week Display

27TH WEDNESDAY :Records/Research Workshop
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JUNE 10TH WEDNESDAY :8.00 p.m. - Committee Meeting
24TH WEDNESDAY :Records/Research Workshop
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JULY 8TH WEDNESDAY :6.30 p.m.
-20TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER-

19TH SUNDAY :Display of the Society's
collection of items of
historical interest at
"View Hill" - presented
by Bruce and Joy Ness

22ND WEDNESDAY :Records/Research Workshop
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AUGUST 12TH WEDNESDAY :8.00 p.m. - Committee Meeting

26TH WEDNESDAY :Records/Research Workshop
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SEPTEMBER 9TH WEDNESDAY :8.00 p.m. - Judge Book Village
General Meeting
Guest Speaker : Bruce Bence
"Floods and Fires"

23RD WEDNESDAY :Records/Research Workshop
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OCTOBER 10TH SATURDAY :20th Anniversary Celebration
Afternoon Tea

14TH WEDNESDAY :8.00 p.m.- Committee Meeting
28TH WEDNESDAY :Records/Research Workshop
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NOVEMBER 7TH SATURDAY :Eltham Festival Parade

11TH WEDNESDAY :8.00 p.m.-Senior Citizens Hall
General Meeting
Guest Speaker:David Cameron
Botanist - Local Plants

22ND SUNDAY -CHURCHILL ISLAND EXCURSION-
25TH WEDNESDAY :Records/Research Workshop
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DECEMBER 9TH WEDNESDAY :6.30 p.m. - End of Year
Buffet Tea