

KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Dear Members,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you are all well-rested after the holidays and ready for another busy year with the Historical Society.

Those of you who were able to attend our Christmas Party will be interested to know that Mrs. Sillcock won the "Name the Building" competition with seven correct answers and Mrs. Steele guessed the nearest correct number of Smarties (389 actually - for all those who were wondering). Lex Allen is making up a board of photographs taken on that evening, which will be displayed at the February meeting, so we'll be able to see ourselves enjoying the revelries. I'm sure you'll agree that Mr. Alva Allen made an excellent Santa and I thank him most gratefully for taking the part. Thank you also to Irene Stones for the Santa costume and wonderful decorations which she supplied.

Well, your Committee has been busy throughout December and January. Dorothy Benyei and Thea Sartori put up an excellent display of maps and memorabilia in the library in honour of Kew's 125th Anniversary. I hope most of you were able to see this and also the hands of these two ladies in the "Progress Press" and "Free Press" 125th supplements. We are very thankful for Dorothy and Thea's efforts.

You will be pleased to hear that the Kew Council has granted us \$250.00 to purchase a new filing cabinet for the archives. The money has been banked and will be used for the purchase during this year.

I have been busy lobbying on your behalf for a new home for the archives and have written to all Kew Councillors, the "Free Press", "Progress Press" and Kewriosity, reminding everyone of the situation and asking for help. I think we may soon see a result in our favour. Let's all keep our fingers crossed!

We will be taking part in the Kew Festival again this year. At this stage we're not sure if we'll have a hall display or stall in the gardens. We will definitely be conducting some guided walking tours on the Sunday. Lex Allen (with the leg-power of Clancy Crowe) has put together an excellent walking tour which we will have printed by the Festival. Lex has put a lot of effort into the tour and it is sure to be successful. We will probably run a mid-week bus tour as well.

Don't forget the Society's cake stall on Friday, 7th March. We will organise this at the February meeting.

The C.W.A. of Kew has asked us for a speaker on Monday, 3rd March at the Uniting Church Hall, East Kew, at 1.00 p.m. Mary Macdowell will kindly take on this task and we thank her and wish her a successful time.

Hopefully, 1986 won't be all work for the Society; speakers are being invited for our monthly meetings, and we're planning a ferry trip and possible tours through the M.C.G. and with the M.M.B.W.

I look forward to seeing you all at our first meeting on February 12th when Arthur Howard will present the "Ruddergrange Story."

Warmest regards,

Sue Leong
PRESIDENT.

1986 DIARY DATES:

February 12th.	Arthur Howard - "Ruddergrange Story."
March 12th.	Representative Kew Police Forst - Police in Kew.
April 9th.	Mr. Sam Spano, Post-master, Kew. Following the business meeting at the Manchester Unity Hall, there will be a viewing of the Post Office.
May 14th.	Councillor Ormando - retail trading in Kew.
June 11th.	<u>AT Kew East Primary School, Beresford Street</u> , a talk by Mr. Graeme Lindsay, School Principal.
July 9th.	Mrs. Fuller - National Gallery of Victoria "Your artists visit you."
August 13th.	Mr. and Mrs. Reeve: "Our lives in Kew."
September 10th.	Mrs. Helen Hoyle - establishing a school in Mooroolbark.
October 8th.	Annual General Meeting. Guest Speaker the Mayor of Kew.
November 12th.	Members' night. Two minute talk on "Childhood Memories."
December 12th. Friday.	Christmas Party and close for 1986.

We welcome the following new members:

Mr. and Mrs. Sillcock
Ms. Elizabeth Lloyd
Ms. Dorothy Tamblyn

DONATIONS:

Cloth from "Villa Alba" by Mrs. Lees.
Books - "Verses Versatile" and "Eyes in the back of my head" by Frances Allen.
Copy of 1948 "Kew Advertiser" by Mr. Viv Gordon.