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'Towards a Community Arts Centre'



Update - June 2007

Experience the atmosphere.

During the coming months there will be a programme of events presented in the former Kew Court House to celebrate its acquisition by the City of Boroondara. Come and experience the historic interior before it is transformed into a Centre for the Arts.

Enjoy the performances.

You will shortly receive a program of coming events. Come along and bring your family and friends to have a good time and learn about this exciting project.

Help us to make the dream a reality

In order to speed the process, we need major sponsors as well. All major donors will have their contribution acknowledged within the finished the building, as follows:-

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| • Benefactor | \$10,000 | • Associate | \$1,000 |
| • Champion | \$ 5,000 | • Friend | \$ 500 |
| • Companion | \$ 2,000 | • Donor | \$ 100 |

Cheques should be made payable to:-

KEW COURT HOUSE RESTORATION APPEAL

Postal Address: c/o KEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.,
P.O. Box 175 Kew 3101

or contributions can be made at any branch of the **BENDIGO BANK**, where payment by credit card can also be accepted.

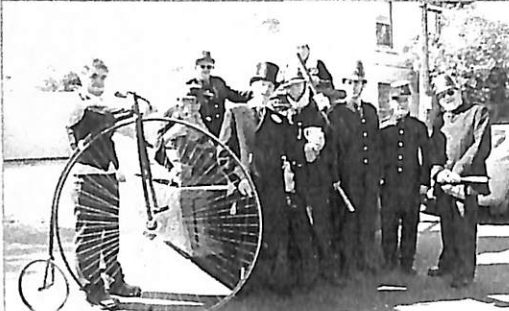
Tax Deductibility is available through the COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE FOUNDATION.

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KEW FESTIVAL

Our contingent in the Kew Festival Parade included "maids", "policemen", a Town Crier, a moving Magistrates Court complete with magistrate and 2 arrested persons, old vehicles, members, friends and supporters, and representatives from Kew Rotary, Kew Probus, Kew Football Club, Kew Little Athletics, Kew Croquet, Kew Community House Music Group, and Ruyton Girls School. For the 3rd year running we were awarded a certificate for the Best Interpretation of the Theme. We also had a display in the Phyllis Hore room, a Sunday bus tour and a Cemetery walk and a School Activity Day on Monday. In the words of our Kew Festival rep., Graeme Lindsay "a truly outstanding effort by members and supporters". We thought Graeme's effort in organising everyone and everything for our entry in the Kew Festival was outstanding. Many thanks Graeme for all your hard work!



Kew Festival Parade



Photos kindly provided by Tony Michael

BOOK SALES

Kym Sullivan thanks those who helped with the May book sale, the result of which together with his mini book sales raised \$1070.85.

The mini book sales will continue in the library foyer each Sunday from 2pm to 4pm and members are invited to donate saleable books.

Louise Pitcher from the Kew Library thanks the Kew Historical Society for their efforts in running the book sales. Book shelving, fittings for the children's section and a digital camera have been purchased from the library's share of the proceeds.



BOOK SALE

SUNDAY 19th August

(Setting up starts 1:30 pm Saturday 18th)

SALE starts at 1 pm & stops at 4pm

Clearing up starts 4 pm

Helpers are needed both days,
Especially before and after sale

Please put this date in your diary and
come

All help appreciated

OLD KEW RESIDENTS

"In November 1857 Francis and Elizabeth Barnard moved from Bridge Rd, Richmond to Kew which was then a small village. Here they stayed for the remaining 55 years of their lives. Early in 1858, Francis established a pharmacy at the junction of Bulleen Rd {now Kew High St} and Cotham Rd, where Kew Post Office stands today.



Elizabeth Barnard



Francis Barnard

19.2 Kew Pharmacy and Post Office, c.1880. F. G. A. Barnard, son of Francis Barnard is in the doorway. The site is that of the present Kew Post Office. Photograph taken from Bulleen Rd (now Kew High St) looking east.

He built a wooden shop with a modest dwelling behind it and here his and Elizabeth's family consisting of a daughter and four sons grew up.

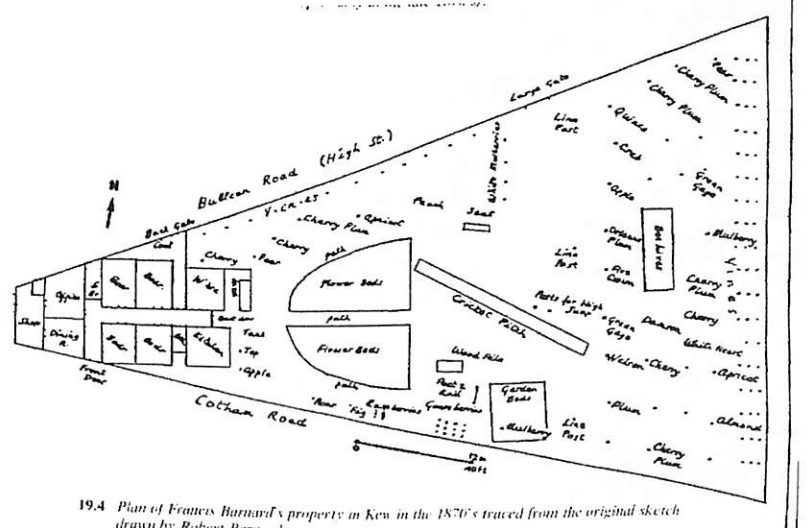
Beyond the house, in the triangular piece of land between the two roads, stretched a large garden and over the years Francis and his sons established a small orchard, beehives, a cricket pitch and an area for athletics in addition to the usual garden beds. A plan of the site was drawn by Mildred's father, the youngest member of the family, many years later.

Both here and in their later home of 'Bracondale', Foley St, Kew - which due to an alteration in Foley St, no longer exists - Francis filled many positions in the life of the district. His wife who, according to a cousin who remembered her clearly, was a well-educated woman, no doubt helped him considerably.

Francis was a Councillor of the Borough for 23 years from 1863 and three times Mayor. He was involved in the establishment of the Kew Literary and Scientific Institute and the Free Library and was the Treasurer of the latter for some thirty years. From 1858 to 1904 he was the local Registrar of Births and Deaths and the official Postmaster for seven years from 1873. He gave up the latter position when, in 1880, he acquired premises on the north side of the present High St and moved the pharmacy there." p. 224-5. Prentice, Sydney and Prentice, Mildred. "Bear and Forbear a genealogical study of the Prentice, Barnard and related families in Great Britain, Ireland and Australia." Watson, Ferguson & Co, 1984 ISBN 0 9590184 0 9

It was Francis' son F. G. A. Barnard who wrote "The Jubilee History of Kew: its Origin and Progress 1803-1910" (publisher: E. F. G. Hodges, Kew, 1910).

The original wall clock from Barnard's Pharmacy is on the wall in the K.H.S. archives.



19.4 Plan of Francis Barnard's property in Kew in the 1870's traced from the original sketch drawn by Robert Barnard.

VILLA ALBA MUSEUM INC.

Please Note Whilst the house of Villa Alba Museum Inc. is closed for repairs, the garden will be open on the first Sunday of each month and admission is free

2007 CALENDAR

Wednesday 8pm

We meet monthly in the Phyllis Hore Room on the second Wednesday of each month unless otherwise announced.

July 11th	Mr. L Savige <i>Lt. Gen.</i> Sir Stanley George Savige of Legacy
August 8th	Mr. Roger Young of D. L. Young East Kew
September 12th	Members Night - Dr David Pitt - Chopin
October 10th	Annual General Meeting The Mayor Cr. Phillip Healey
November 14th	Mr. Charles Harkin - Boroondara Cemetery Trustee - Boroondara Cemetery
December 12th	Christmas Party Note: 7pm start

VALE

Agatha Grey-Wilson MBE 9-8-1922 – 3-4-2007

Agatha was the fifth child of Frank and Bessie Grey-Wilson. She attended Firbank and was head prefect in her final year. Agatha studied physiotherapy at Melbourne University, graduating in 1943. She joined the army early in 1945 as a physiotherapist and was demobbed in the middle of 1947 but stayed on at the Repatriation Hospital, Heidelberg. Agatha was Chief Physiotherapist from 1958 to 1981. She is remembered for her work ethic, her passion for physiotherapy and her commitment to teaching. She had a wide range of interests including travel, walking, bird watching and was an avid gardener. Her quiet support of all K.H.S. activities will be greatly missed.

**Dorothy Ada Adams 25-6-1919 - 7-8-2006**

Dot was the fourth child of Walter James Woollard and his wife Elizabeth (nee Maguire) and followed her brother John and sisters Elsie and Fran. They lived in Cotham Road in close proximity to Wally's grandparents and a variety of aunts, uncles and cousins. Her Great Grandfather James Venn Morgan built the first house in that part of Kew. Dot married David Adams in 1942. They had met as teenagers at Manchester Unity socials and picnics. Dot's service to the Kew Lodge of the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows (M.U.I.O.O.F.) was remarkable. She achieved the position of Grand of the Lodge 3 times and was the secretary for many years. When the Kew meeting hall was closed, Dot was able to have the Honor Board of the Kew lodge handed into the care of the Kew Historical Society where it causes much discussion whenever it is displayed. Dot was a life member of the K.H.S.

A Reminder that
MEMBERSHIP FEES
for 2007-2008

fall due on
1ST July 2007

Membership fees are

- Individual \$15
- Family \$17
- Student \$5

NEW MEMBERS

On checking our list of members we found some names had been missed in previous newsletters.

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members

- Allen Martin
- Elizabeth Foley
- Ian Willson
- Adam Bisits
- Simon Phipps
- Carole Hooper
- Ren Evans

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Additions to our Archive Collection include

- Collection of clothing - nurses blue uniform with cape and a Top Hat from Christine Gray
- Collection of papers and books including 1912 Melbourne Telephone Directory from Mr. Keith Hobson.

- Cane washing basket - anonymous

Purchases

- New computer, scanner and printer
- Child mannequin
- 2 bookcases with glass doors