



## **FEBRUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER.**

Members enjoyed morning tea prepared before the meeting began.

**Open & Welcome:** Colleen Evans welcomed everyone, saying it was good to see Joe Melling back after his accident and introduced a new member, John Smith who told us a little about his very interesting ancestors.

**Apologies:** Verle Wood, Pam Fuller, Ann Turner, Lawrie Foster, Gayle Northcott

### **Matters of Business.**

- **Appointment of Officers:** Colleen Evans called for nominations for Chairman; none were offered so she agreed to hold the position for another year but it will definitely be her last term.
- **Treasurer:** Verle Wood was nominated in her absence, hopefully she will accept.
- **Tea Lady:** Peggy Beckett is happy to continue filling that position.

**SCFHG Monday Library Help:** Very well attended, particularly since Peggy Beckett arranged for a notice to be in "The Times" 'What's On This Week' page in each edition. More helpers would be welcome.

Library staff will be asked to book no more than 4 people each week, if five helpers are available the spare one can assist the others.

**Web Site:** The analytical reports show an amazing number of 'hits' from many different countries, Egypt, France and several others. Several have resulted in requests for more information.

Peggy Beckett proposed that Ros Wood, who administers the site be approached, through Verle, to prepare a manual of instructions (a fee to be negotiated) on how to administer the site for future reference. Seconded by Cheryl Brow. This was carried by the members present.

**Heritage Advisory Committee:** nothing new to report at the moment.

**Radio 5E FM (89.3)** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 11am two members have been talking to Denise, the interviewer, about family history subjects. Peggy and Joan began talking about 'how to start your research' and since then Rosemary and Joan have talked about 'the old bible challenge', recording the provenance of your family treasures and internet searching with 'Trove'.

Denise, the interviewer has become quite interested and after the last session Rosemary talked to someone who had been listening and was still on the phone when we left the sound studio.

**Any Other Business:**

Colleen Evans attended a workshop last November & subsequently submitted the Registration Form for History Month, May 2013;

The Parks and Gardens research list has been changed a little;

- **Joy Beer Reserve.** Kay Taylor
- **Hurrell Reserve.** Jan Roberts
- **Ephraim Tripp.** Joan Sandford & Rosemary West
- **Cudmore Reserve.** Colleen Evans
- **Africaine.** Peggy Beckett
- **Ena Reid Reserve.** Verle Wood
- **Eric Ashby Reserve.** Cheryl Brow

**Back Up Safe storage:** Peggy reminded members that they can store their back up memory sticks, discs etc in the EBFHG locked filing cabinet.

Rosemary said it's a good idea to swap between two copies and place one away from your home, ie the filing cabinet, and regularly swap them with a recent backup copy. So many sad tales are heard of years of research lost for the want of a recent backup being put in a safe place.

**Family History News:**

- Peggy shared a lovely story about an adoption, a little diary had been written by the adopting mother and sent years later, after her death, telling the story of all the events involved, the things she wasn't able to tell personally.
- Frank Hall read out a very funny 1911 census, the proper details were recorded but a Tom Catt who was born in Cheshire was added, his occupation, a mouse catcher, soloist and thief!
- Frank and Elaine also found the birth of two children followed by a gap of some years then another birth, supposedly to the same parents but the husband had been dead 3 years!
- Rosemary talked about recording the provenance of family heirlooms and showed photos of her mother's wedding dress, grandmother's dolls clothes, grandfather's christening robe and a cot quilt made for her and embroidered with 28 family and friends signatures. They are now stored in acid free wrappers with copies of their heritage as well as listed with her will. This is a very good idea and hopefully will save those items for future generation to admire.

**Meeting closed 11.00am**

**Computer Hour.** Followed with all five computers in use and some interesting information found.

**Next Meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.

Enjoy, *Colleen Evans.*