



# NEWSLETTER

**GLENMORE PARK PROBUS CLUB Inc.**

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*Things must change, so that everything can stay the same.*

## EDITORS COMMENT

Welcome to my first Spring edition of the Newsletter, unfortunately there is a chance there won't be a 'bio' this month as Barbara, our membership secretary, my wife & right hand has the dreaded 'lurgey'. Pat, our Secretary, has succumbed as well, the common source seems to be ill grandchildren!! So, as Barb takes the notes when we do the bios, we didn't want to chance passing on her illness to our intended subject, but as it happens she had the 'lurgey' as well! The good news is this issue will include the first, I hope of many, early photos. See if you can recognise anybody from these childhood photos. If we have time at the September meeting I will hold up A4 versions and, just for fun, get you all to guess who they are :-). Don't forget to let me have your childhood or wedding photos for future issues please. In addition, I have added a crossword, cryptic, if there is room next month I will add an easier one. If this is popular I will include them every month, I have a ready supply from a friend in the UK, so they will be new to Australia. As requested by a few members, I will try and put the Calendar of events at the top of P2 each month, this is not always possible as I don't get the latest events until the committee meeting. The Movie Group wasn't so large as usual, but I suspect it might have been something to do with 'Beguiled' being a remake. We still have 'Victoria & Abdul' to see on 23rd. Sept. so hopefully we will be back up to our usual numbers. And finally, what a great lunch and good company at The Glenbrook Bowling Club, thirteen members, plus Rex, Marion Turner's husband, who joined us after his bowls game. Chris Brenton has some big shoes to fill after taking over Tours & Social from Brenda, but it looks like she is already off to a flying start, roll on next months lunch!

Glen Davis

## LAST MEETING

Meeting declared open at 10:35 by President, Ernie Campbell. **APOLOGIES:** Evelyn Martin, Connie Towel, Shana & Kaila Kailasapathy, Helen Ward, Karin Figg, Violet Mulachey, Terri Gould, Max Brenton, Pat & Roy King, Pat McCall, Joy Hotson & Irena McKenzie. **BIRTHDAYS:** Irena McKenzie, Kay Cane, Rose Ward, Elsie Bremner & Alayne Humphries. **MINUTES:** Tabled from July meeting. **BUSINESS ARISING:** None. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None. **TREASURERS REPORT:** Rosina Ward: Club funds \$3613.10 **TOURS REPORT:** Christine Brenton: Issues discussed 1) Ticket master. 2) Penrith RSL travel agent. 3) booking Xmas lights next year at Hunter Valley. 4) reviewing places to attend. 5) major trip next year to Tasmania or Ocean Road to Adelaide. **PROGRAM REPORT:** Rayella Haines: **Sept:** Jennifer Farrer - 200 years of early Australian Botany. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Barbara Davis, no issues reported. **WELFARE REPORT & CINEMA:** Carole Gregory, Welcome back to Pauline Simpson. Phone calls to Gwen Head, Clarence Go and Rayella Haines with a card to Rayella. **Movies:** 'My Cousin Rachel' big discussion about the ending, 'Dunkirk', intense from start to finish. Next month, Beguiled & Victoria & Abdul. **HOSPITALIES REPORT:** Kay Cane: No issues, but don't forget, Canasta @ Kay's house Tuesday 1:00pm. **NEWS REPORT:** Glen Davis: Photographs of marriages or early childhood. **GENERAL BUSINESS:** None. **Roving Microphone:** Vivid memories, Pauline, Rayella, Ernie & Brian. **Door Prizes:** Barbara Orth & Betty Watson. **Meeting closed 12:00pm. Next meeting:** 10:30am Wednesday 20th September 2017.

## THIS MEETING

The guest speaker for **September** is **Jennifer Farrer** - 200 years of early Australian Botany. Roving microphone: Subject, **Technology disasters.**

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**Irene Noble: 12th. Livia Parkanyi: 18th. Brenda Emerson: 26th. Glen Davis: 29th.**

## WELFARE

**Jean Howard, Gwen Head & Karin Figg**, Carole has phoned them all, plus a card to **Karin.**

## MOVIE GROUP

Coming Movie " **VICTORIA & ABDUL** " Saturday 23rd. Sept. session time 11:20. Lunch after at **Mountain Blue.**

## ACTIVITY GROUPS

**CANASTA @ KAYS HOUSE:** The **2nd. Wednesday** of the Month 11:00 a.m. New members welcome, just speak to **Kay Cane** at our meetings or by phone as listed under **Hospitality** on The Newsletter Heading.

**CHESS & PHOTOGRAPHY:** Any members who are interested in either of these activities can speak to **Brian Corlis** either at our meetings or by phone as listed under **Public Officer** on The Newsletter Heading.

**WALKING GROUP:** **Every Saturday 8:00am.** Starting 23rd. Sept. Meet at The Coffee Club Tench Ave.

Jamison town. Any members that are interested in improving their fitness and general health with walking should speak to **Pat Ryan** either at our meetings or by phone as listed under **Secretary** on The Newsletter Heading.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SEPT. Wednesday 27th. noon: Lunch at Penrith Gaels Cultural & Sports Association Club, 75 Richmond Road, ( cnr. Glebe Place ) Kingswood.**
- OCT. Wednesday 25th.11:30am-1:30: High Tea at Old Government House, Parramatta Park. \$48.Please pay at September meeting.**
- NOV. Thurs. 23rd. 8:00am from Penrith RSL. Bus trip to Berrima, visit Harpers Mansion & Courthouse. Buy own morning tea & lunch. \$53 coach & entry fee.**
- DEC. Wed. 13th. : Xmas party at Mulgoa Reception. Entertainment: Paul Fisher,byo.More details to follow.**
- JAN. 2018 Wednesday 17th. : Beautiful - The Carol King Story, Lyric Theatre 1:00pm. Tickets \$70.Please pay at Sept/Oct. meeting, latest.**



*Left to right: Maria Go, Evelyn Porter, Heather Brown, Carole Gregory, Barbara Davis, Glen Davis & Clarence Go. The Movie Group enjoying lunch at Blue Mountain Cafe after the film 'Beguiled'.*



*Left to right: Rex (just out of shot) & Marion Turner, Rayella Haines, Brenda Emerson, Chris & Max Brenton, Robert Hillsmith, Ernie Campbell, Ernie & Ann Johnson, Glen Davis (top of my head between them!), Betty Watkins, Helen Ward & Barbara Davis taking the photo. All enjoying an excellent lunch and a good old natter at The Glenbrook Panther's Bowling Club.*

### AUSSIE SLANG - V - COCKNEY RHYMING SLANG

**Cobber:** Meaning friend or mate, often used in the greeting 'G'day Cobber'. A bit archaic these days, more often used by non Australians trying to sound 'Aussie'. Origins differ, one source says its from the Yiddish word '**chaber**' for comrade. The other suggestion is it is from an old English word widely used in Suffolk, '**Cob**' to take a liking to.

**Furphy:** An Australian-Irish expression meaning a lie, as in 'That's a bloody furphy mate'. Singular only. No one in his right mind attempts to put over a bunch of 'furphies'. *I must say I have never heard this expression, I am completely reliant on my 'Dinkum Aussie Dictionary'. Please feel free to enlighten me!*

### DID YOU KNOW?

Probably the most frequently quoted saying of weather lore is:

*Red sky at night, sheperd's delight, Red sky in the morning, sheperd's warning.*

Like many such sayings, there is more to it than rural whimsy and old wives tales. Indeed, this particular observation draws on biblical authority: when St. Matthew describes the occasion when the Pharisees taunted Christ to show them a sign from heaven, he, in reply, told them:

*When it is evening, ye say, it will be fair weather for the sky is red.*

*And in the moning, it will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 21st. Movie: "Hampstead" at Glenbrook Cinema, time to be advised.**

**January 2018: Lunch at Lattitudes Cafe - batt Street, Penrith.**

**May 2018: Melbourne to Adelaide, Great Ocean Road. October 2018: Tasmanian Trip**

**November 2018: Christmas Lights Tour, Hunter Valley.**

**2018: 'Good Old Days' concerts at Sydney Town Hall - Visit Planetarium, Woolongong.**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION 'Titanic-The Exhibition' Byron Kennedy Hall, 122 Lang Road, Moore Park. Extended to December. Tickets \$32 (concession) from Ticketek.**

*As I have the room and my intended subject for this months 'Bio' was ill, Barbara has graciously agreed to step in. The 'Bio' is written by Barb but as she is well known for "hiding her light under a bushel", I have added asides in brackets where she has sometimes not told the full story! Glen Davis*

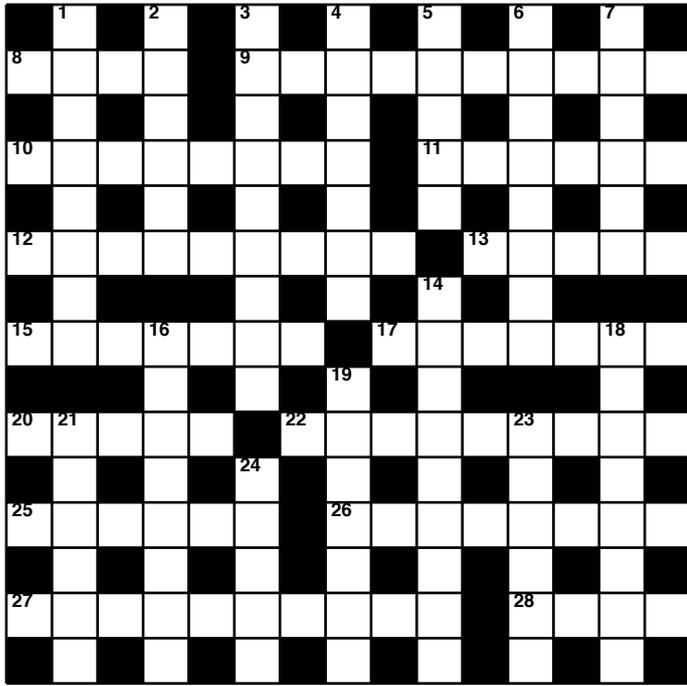


**BARBARA JEAN BOARD :** *I was born in 1948, a few years after the end of WW2, when expectant mothers were still sent away from London to give birth, so I was born in St. Neots Huntingdonshire, although my parents were Londoners. We lived in a semi-detached house in Ladywell, Lewisham, a suburb of southeast London. I lived there, with my parents & brother John, born 1950, until I married in 1970. My parents John & Doris Board, bought this bomb damaged house a few years after he returned from India, where he convalesced after contracting dysentery whilst serving in Burma. My father had various jobs after the war until eventually he bought a local Hardware store, which he and my mother ran. {this was so successful that he soon added a DIY shop that brother John managed, eventually selling the hardware store and opening a Garden Centre}. Early school was Lewisham Bridge Primary where I did nothing remarkable, other than passing my '11 plus exam' {only about 10% of children passed this exam!} When I was 8 I was hit in the eye with a stone, which ever since has affected my ability*

*at most sports. As a young girl I did ballet & tap dance classes, then aged 10 was taken to ballroom dancing lessons by my Aunt Phylis, who was a successful amateur ballroom dancer. Having no children of her own at that time, she treated me like a daughter. This progressed on to Latin American. I entered a few competitions with a 'partner, but gave it all up aged 14. { The dance lessons were at the famous 'Victor Silvestor School of Dancing', Barb also failed to add that she gained Gold Star in both ballroom & Latin American}.*

*After passing the '11 plus' I attended The Addey & Stanhope Grammer Sxhool {you had to be selected to attend this school} where I did quite well passing 5 GCE 'O' levels, although not showing aptitude for any particular subject, although art was coming to the fore. I then went on to study Interior Design at The London College of Furniture & Design, later on changing courses to Textile Design as I found this more enjoyable. By this time (1965) I had met my future husband Glen Davis, drummer in a local Pop group. After passing my exams I worked at the college for a year {assistant lecturer} before leaving to take up a position at Tricotex as head fabric designer specialising in Jersey dress fabrics. 1970 Glen & I married and the following year, our first son, Gawaine was born, followed the next year by our second son Galvin. Shortly before we married Glen decided to go freelance as a Photolithographic retoucher, eventually starting his own company, {Barb did all the finances, including the staff pay roll} which meant moving about from South London to Southall in Middlesex then to Croydon in Surrey, eventually buying our own house in Erith, Kent, later buying next door for parents. We lived there for the next 40 years until 2014 when we emigrated to Australia. In 1980 I was asked by our sister-in-law to make club outfits for her Artistic Rollerskating Club, this would change our lives for ever. To cut a very long story short, our two sons took up the sport, eventually being picked for the GB squad. They both represented GB at youth and junior levels travelling all over Europe. Gawaine went into coaching after his skating partner was injured and when Galvin was picked for his first Senior World Championships after winning the Junior European Championships, Gawaine was part of his coaching team. These Worlds were held in Germany and this is where they met their future wives, Karen James & Esther Ambrus, who were representing Australia. No coincidence that the next Worlds were to be held in Sydney!! I stopped working when I had the children, but continued with my love of design. As a child I had been taught to sew by a neighbour who was a tailoress, combining this with my skills from college, I started designing and making our sons and their skating partners outfits. Other skaters then asked me to do their costumes, which then almost became a full time job. After the Worlds in Sydney 1991 Karen came to stay with us for a short holiday! Until she left in 1997 when Galvin too emigrated to Australia! They now live in Newtown, Sydney with our three grandsons, Flynn 16, Carter 13 & Sonny 8, running Protein-one, their Digital Design Agency. Gawaine emigrated to Australia in 1994 and married Esther, they live in Cranebrook with our two grandchildren, Shae 8 & Zara 5. They are the head coaches at Skatel Rollerskating rink in Emu Plains, Esther also designs & makes skating costumes, while Gawaine is also an Administrator for The NSW Skating Federation. Gawaine and Esther also became Australian Rollerdance Champions twice and Silver Medallists at The world Games in Tokyo. In 1995 Glen unfortunately suffered an eye trauma, leaving him with only periferal vision. It would be almost a year before he could work again so I started making Wedding, Bridesmaid & Evening dresses to earn some money. For the next 20 years we visited Australia at least 30 times until we decided it would be cheaper to emigrate! Glen retired in 2008 and although we had our visas, Glen's mum, who was living in our house next door had to go into 'end of life care', so our plans were put on hold. We emigrated in August 2014 and I joined Probus in 2016 after we found it hard making friends of our own age, we haven't looked back since! I enjoy sewing, mainly for the grandkids, fancy dress costumes etc. Cooking, especially for other people, painting, drawing, art in general but especially Art Deco, crochet, family history, movies, theatre, music, travel, history and reading.... in fact keeping busy.....*

# CRYPTIC CROSSWORD



## Across

- 8 One must enter by means of jetty (4)
- 9 The anxious eccentric shows fatigue (10)
- 10 Client in hoax reckoning to meet the Queen (8)
- 11 Prize draw match (3,3)
- 12 Flower people going by mini perhaps (9)
- 13 This will have some imbibing excessfully (5)
- 15 Vicar standing in can triumph (7)
- 17 Leaf insect's colourful display (7)
- 20 Second caution causes alarm (5)
- 22 Winter personified as knave, female or twisted saint (4,5)
- 25 Act one goes wrong immediately (2,4)
- 26 Unperturbed about commercial music (8)
- 27 Something soothing in mist left by enchantress (5,5)
- 28 Road covering very undulating (4)

## Down

- 1 Creature is no longer around on the prowl (8)
- 2 Bird cage (6)
- 3 Meet corgi barking in a regular pattern? (9)
- 4 Cigar in bed interrupted by brave man (7)
- 5 Fast living (5)
- 6 A carpet I damaged costing quite a bit (2,1,5)
- 7 Not still causing emotion (6)
- 14 Military punishment that will pass by anon? (4-5)
- 16 One woman or another pocketing bent coin (8)
- 18 Take the plunge suddenly? No, I have to get around Home Counties date initially (8)
- 19 Turn over hat dimentions (7)
- 21 Family Pet's first flower (6)
- 23 East these days puncturing Navy's reputation (6)
- 24 City food bar's hot inside (5)

*Crossword courtesy of Peter Kurton, an old work buddy, table tennis doubles partner and, most importantly, still a good friend. He and his wife, Sandy, also keeps Bees at their home in Essex, England. I will include a quick crossword next month if I have room.*

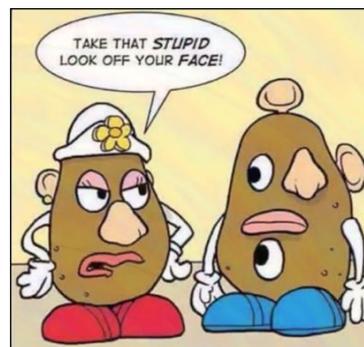
# GUESS WHO?



THESE TWO, SAME PERSON, DIFFERENT AGE



## THE FUNNY CORNER



Following a recent survey it has come to light that senior citizens are the nations leading carriers of AIDS! Hearing aids, Band aids walking aids medical aids government aids and most of all monetary aids to their children!