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It seems no time since we welcomed in the year 2000 -and since then we have had 1015 hits on our web page: Pat and Lindsay are currently upgrading this information - and now here we are acknowledging 2001, which celebrates one hundred years since Federation was proclaimed - a milestone in the short history our European settlement. An interesting certificate can be seen at the museum relating to the AUSTRALASIAN FEDERAL REFERENDUM put to the electors of Victoria in July 1899- out of a poll of 163783 votes 152653 were cast in favour of an Australasian Federal Constitution. This poster was donated by Bev Davies.

Looking ahead we are hosting another exhibition put together by Anne Dixon. You will remember the presentation of "The Bygone Days" Anne showed in April 2000 with her wonderful commentary of her fabulous gown collection. On Easter Saturday, April 2001 Anne will bring her wedding gowns to Anglesea and local friends and members will be asked to add their own contributions of wedding memorabilia for this display. This will be a fund raiser for the Society and its associated Family History group. So make sure you include this date in your diary for what promises to be something "special".

Our annual dinner in November was well attended - members and friends were treated to a magnificent display of artefacts from Dubais where our guest speakers. Berris and Geoff Marshall had spent several years when Geoff had represented Kraft . As a sidelight it was interesting to hear just how much cheese is consumed in the M.E. and how the blue card board packs so familiar to us over many years are "converted" into tin containers for that market.

Christmas is always celebrated at our December meeting when President Val dispenses fruit cup and presents each member with a piece of traditional cake on departure. Rhoda Bush delighted members when she showed and spoke about samplers that had been made by family members back in the U.K.

Then Melva and Stan Stott entertained us with a specially written piece "A Convict's first Christmas in Australia", their presentation peppered with plenty of wit and humour, their suitable attire adding to the atmosphere. No presents for convicts, so the ditty told us - but as quick as a flash, when presented with a small memento by President Val, Melva cried with joy - "We got a present after all!" Sadly we missed Edith Lawn a former president who had just moved to Ballarat. Members wishing to contact her can do so c/- her daughter, Mrs. V.D'Angri, 29 Lawrence Street, Alfredton 3350.

In late November four members attended the official unveiling of a "curtain" and the extensions to the Deans Marsh Hall. No ordinary curtain this was a labour of love performed by local folk showing all aspects of life in the village of Deans Marsh. So impressed were our visitors that it is planned to organise an excursion, probably on the March meeting day, so that others can have the opportunity of appreciating this fascinating "piece of history". More details later.

The last quarterly Heritage meeting - a Surf Coast Shire initiative - was held at Anglesea Museum. Di Mahoney has recently been appointed to liaise and advise various groups within the Shire with their management strategies..

FEBRUARY MEETING Sunday 4th at 2.p.m.

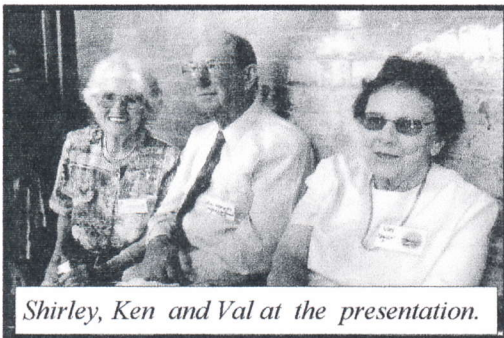
Miss Judith Venables long time resident of Aireys Inlet will speak about her town. Judith was born in England and with her mother went to live at Aireys in 1953. Her first home there had been the residence of Arthur Upfield the well known novelist. There can't be many things at which Judith has not tried her hand! Receptionist at the Lorne Hotel, served at the Aireys P.O. intermittently, organist at the Anglican Church, various executive positions on the Hall committee as well as the tennis club, a painter, craft worker and musician and a gardener of note - I'm sure you will agree that there would be very few minutes in the life of Judith Venables. We are delighted that she has agreed to speak to us.

MUSEUM VISITORS

Once again we are indebted to those members who have helped on Sunday afternoons during the holiday season. Perhaps we could have wished for greater patronage but those who have availed themselves of the opportunity have shown interest in our collection. Priscilla Fenton, a Moriac resident is currently researching "plane spotting" which inevitably led her to Anglesea to access the information we have about the station at Loveridge Lookout during WW11. Priscilla is a volunteer working with the Geelong Historical Records Centre. We are also appreciative of the work done at this Centre and are very happy to give support to Norm Houghton and his staff by forwarding a letter for publication in the Geelong Advertiser in their favour. A Mrs E. Skinner recently visited the museum too. Now living in Sydney, she was checking on her branch of the Noble family.

LOCAL HISTORY GRANT PROGRAM

Our submission for a grant to "Digitally scan the Society's photographic collection" met with success. We are now awaiting a cheque for \$2970 : 00 so that



Shirley, Ken and Val at the presentation.

the work can commence. A large number of members representing organisations from all over the State attended the presentation ceremony held in Castlemaine At the former Court House, now home of the local Historical Society who hosted the afternoon. MLA Bruce Mildenhall acting on behalf of the Minister for Arts Mary Delahunty made the awards.

A REMINDER

Subscriptions \$10 per person are now due. A mark here will indicate if according to our records you are not "financial."

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Elizabeth (Lily/ Lille) de Crillon Berthon - continued

He later bought the school from its founder, C.H. Rendall, in 1915 and ran it through World War I selling it to S.R. Dickinson in 1923. (see attached "Pioneer Families at Aireys Inlet, Ian F McLaren 1988). Haileybury College history records that the "Misses' Berthon helped out at the College during the difficult war period. Did this include Lily?

Hand written notes I discovered at the State Library, (Arts Library section AAA collection) relate that Lily "was the artistic member of the family. She was tall, dark and dignified and could hold her place socially in any company. She was a perfect gentlewoman and had lived in Queensland and also West Australia for a few years but never travelled overseas". The notes go on to say that Lily was educated privately and never married although she had several "good offers".

The nephew relates that Lily was the most talented in the family, a



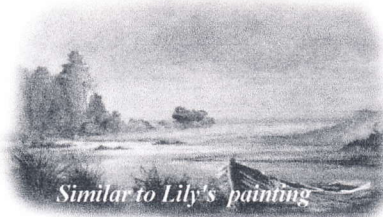
very proud and handsome woman with a wonderful personality. He believed that had Lily lived in these times she would have "gone far" and could have achieved much success with her art. He states he was very proud of his "Aunt Lil".

According to her death certificate, Lily died at home on 28th September 1946 aged 83 years and was

buried in Geelong Eastern Cemetery (location COE*12***248) on October 1st 1946 without a headstone. James Berthon of Blackburn, a nephew, recalls being a pall bearer.

Lily the artist

In 1898 Lily painted "Entrance to



Aireys Inlet" oil on cardboard 24.4 x 42.9 signed "L de C Berthon 1898". Provenance the artist. It was donated to the Geelong Art Gallery in 1900 by G.F. Belcher a Mayor of Geelong and patron.

Lindsay Braden, researcher for the Anglesea Historical Society told me that the boat in the painting belonged to the Nobles of Angahook" and is painted moored at exactly the right spot!

Another painting has turned up recently in private ownership titled "Lorne in the distance with coastline at Boat Creek" signed Lili de C Berthon, July 21 1886.

The "Encyclopedia of Australian Art, Vol I A-K, Alan McCulloch 1984, Hutchinson Group (Aus) P/L Hawthorn 3122 records that Berthon, L de C was a landscape painter in oil circa 1880.

He is recorded as having painted a pair of Melbourne scenes, one of the Yarra and the other of Sandringham (Catalogue of exhibition Christy's March, 1977)".

These paintings are recorded in the Australian Art auction Records 1975-78, Mathew/Hutchincon Volume 2 as being named - "On the Yarra Yarra Flats" and "Fisherman's Point, Sandringham" oils 17.5 x 35.5 cm, sold together by Christy's for \$300.

A further work "Willsmere, Kew in the 1890's" - signed L de C, oil 19.5 x 34.5 cm was sold by Leonard Joel 26 July 1989, Lot 839 for \$200 -

source Australian Art auction Records 1989 - 91 Volume 17

The Berthon Family History

From Shire of Barrabool rate records, Angahook subdivision 20/10/27 we learn that Edward de Crillon Berthon had "Wybellenna" and the river frontage leased from the Crown, Elizabeth (Lily) de Crillon Berthon owned allotments 5 & 6, "The Wattles" and her brother?, William de Crillon Berthon jnr, was at allotment 1, "Lulotte" which fronted Phillip Street which also burnt down in the '83 fires.

My home at Aireys Inlet, "Kontiki", which has its own history, was situated between the two.

The following is taken from information supplied by James Berthon of Blackburn -

Magdalen Darvall was born in 1678 and married Saint Paul Berthon of Chalellerault in the Province of Poitou, a former Province of western France, capital Poitiers, born 1674. The marriage took place at St Mary Magdalene. She died prior to 1716 having had issue.

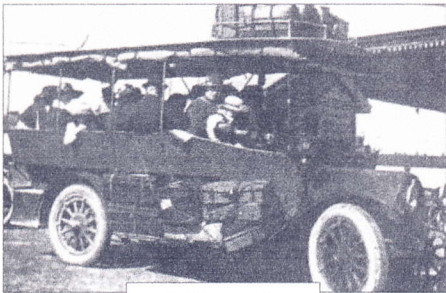
Saint Paul Berthon was named Saint after his Godfather but usually described himself as Paul Berthon. He fled his country at the "Revocation of the Edict of Nantes" in 1685 and set himself up as a jeweller.

On 23 November 1716 he married Martha Martineau, born 1684 at St Martins in the Fields. They had three sons, Paul, John and Michael. Their eldest son, Paul, married Jane Sauret of Lisbon and this is probably where Marjorie Hedding nee Berthon, acquired her second name of Sauret.

A possible ancestor is de Crillon, Louis des Balbes de Berton (c1541 - 1615) see attached, information found in "New Age Encyclopedia", Volume 13 GOA-HAU, Bay Books Sydney 1983 □

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Early buses to Anglesea



Molyneaux's

The Molyneaux family operated horse drawn coaches from Geelong to Torquay and Anglesea during the 1890's.

They then introduced their Graham Paige motor bus to the scene. This was replaced by a Talbot.



Molyneaux's

it sometimes backing up a hill to activate the gravity fuel supply.

This service picked up passengers from outside Mousley's General store - even the dog if required (see below)

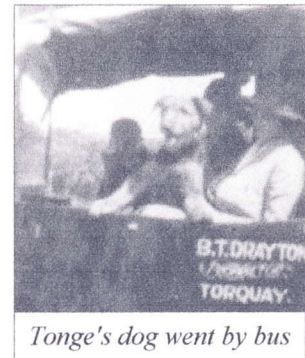
Fletcher's buses replaced Drayton's. Later Trans Otway, then VLine. L.B.



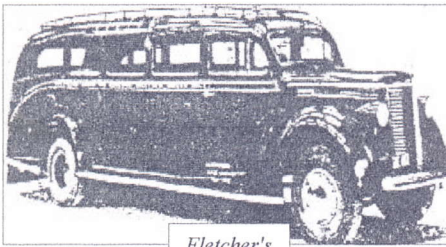
B.T. Drayton's T. Model

Their base in Torquay was the Café Garage, later re-named the Camp Store - near the Caravan Park. When the Great Ocean road opened they extended to Lorne and changed to seven seater automobiles. In 1926 leggings were standard dress to protect the drivers from muddy roads.

B.T. Drayton's Model T Bus also carried passengers between Geelong Torquay and Anglesea. Stories are told of



Tonge's dog went by bus



Fletcher's

A wartime walk to Addis - at your own risk!

Recently a plaque was unveiled at Pt. Addis to commemorate wartime activity along the Surf Coast. As you know there was once a RAAF camp there, plus a bombing and gunnery range out to sea.



Until Pt. Cook training school recently closed, flight maps designated our coastal area as - restricted RAAF airspace.

A walk along the beach to Addis has always been a popular pastime. Both Brett Harvey and Everet Greeves recently reminisced that while doing this at separate times

in 1945, they both experienced a Beaufighter suddenly appearing overhead firing at Ingoldsby reef.



Those familiar with this particular aircraft will remember it's capability to fly low, and creep up without warning. During WW2 they were nicknamed "whispering death!"

Not only did this unexpected incursion give the local strollers one heck of a fright, but also spent cartridge cases (still hot) fell in front of them.

Loveridge lookout log books record that Beaufighters were only in the Anglesea area for a short period during WW2.

This was when the Australian built machine was being tested at the nearby gunnery range out to sea.

The last Beaufighter retired from RAAF strength in Nov. 1956. Pt. Addis Camp closed in the 1960's.

Addis via the coastline is less hazardous these days. L.B.