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Did you know that you can play *Sherlock Holmes* with the help of your computer or tablet, or even your smartphone? I have been very involved in writing a history of the 150 year old sandstone church near the corner of Marsden Road and Mobbs Lane in Carlingford. The book was written to celebrate a significant milestone in the once Wesleyan, then Methodist and currently Uniting Church building, which is now of historical interest.

In following the sometimes “muddled” land gifts and transfers and the stories of the people of faith, vision and passion who built the church in an area of farms, orchards, isolation and many challenges, the Internet has proved to be a great resource. However without the knowledge to carefully target my search instructions, I would not have had some of the exciting “finds”, which introduced some formerly unknown characters to the story.

I was hopefully looking for information about a church Trustee called Jordan Sparks and was greatly hampered by the

obvious world wide popularity of a young Canadian singer called Jordin Sparks, whose publicity “machine” has ensured that at least the first 10 Google pages were hers exclusively.

Thanks to Ian Gemmell who taught his students so well how to deal with such “road-blocks”, I was able to carefully navigate my way to an article which even included an impressive photo of Jordan Sparks, Esquire, in a Granville Historical Society Newsletter. I emailed the author and by the next morning this lovely lady had rung me up and offered to send me all her collected research - upon receipt of which I discovered that this gentleman had donated all 10 original windows to the church when it was built in 1866. These were replaced in 1923 and those windows have since been replaced, one by one, with memorial windows.

Perhaps some people thought I was crazy when I became really excited over the discovery of scraps of lead and glass in an assortment of “junk” that was recently

**CONTACT LIST**  
**Elected Management Committee**

Joan Craymer	President
Patricia Beal	Vice-President /Guest Speaker Co-ordinator
Brenda Horne	Secretary
Joan Tumminello	Treasurer
Maureen McDonald	Membership Secretary
Arnold Burling	Equipment Officer
Lynton Bradford	Webmaster

**Standing Committee**

Brian Kelly	Supplies Officer
Gwen Bradford	Newsletter Editor
Jeanette Masih	Website Editor
Barry McLeod	Assets Registrar

**Special Interest Groups**

**Creative Writing**.....Joan Craymer                      **Photography**.....Patricia Beal  
**Genealogy**.....In recess until further notice

**Contact for Welfare:** ..... Helen Gardner

**Club email address:**    [cps.epping@gmail.com](mailto:cps.epping@gmail.com)

**Each member of Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping Inc. is also a member of  
The Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA) [www.ascca.org.au](http://www.ascca.org.au)**

removed from under the church building - however these scraps fitted the description of the original church windows. Now they can properly be called "historic artifacts" and can take their place alongside several convict made bricks which were validated as such by - yes you have guessed - an Internet search of their markings!

How fortunate we are to be able to join the younger generations in using computers and the internet to broaden our interests and our knowledge. We can also teach them a thing or two as well! How lucky our club members are to have the help of peer trainers to encourage and teach them in such an enjoyable way, because without knowing about these things we would soon become marginalised and feel left behind.

Please be sure to say thank you to Brenda Horne and Joan Tumminello for their generous offers to take on the important committee jobs of secretary and treasurer, so our club can continue to operate with the same quiet efficiency and cheerful spirit of volunteering. I am personally very grateful to Brenda and Joan and to all our hard working volunteers.

I would specially like to thank Elizabeth Barton and Dave Wardell for their ongoing contributions to the smooth running of the club through their work as outgoing secretary and treasurer. Elizabeth has also successfully taken on the roles of president and vice president. We wish them both good health and happiness.

Joan Craymer.

## **Précis of Committee Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016**



Our President, Joan Craymer, welcomed the incoming Secretary, Brenda Horne and Treasurer, Joan Tumminello to their first Meeting and thanked them for accepting these positions on the Management Committee. The Meeting unanimously approved these appointments.

### **FINANCE:**

Retiring Treasurer, Dave Wardell, briefly attended the Meeting and Joan Craymer thanked him for all his work during his term as Treasurer. Joan again mentioned our disappointment with the Auditor's Report. Brenda Horne and Joan Tumminello to apply for authority to be signatories on our Club Bank Account.

### **SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT UPDATE:**

Over the Term break, all the computers were updated to Windows 10 Anniversary version. All are working except for a problem with some computers going off the wireless network. This has now been fixed. Thanks to Arnold Burling and to Col Maskill for his assistance. Also our thanks to Roy Ridley for taking all our empty ink cartridges for recycling.

### **GENERAL MEETINGS:**

Speakers for October and November Meetings as previously arranged.

### **TRAINING:**

Maureen McDonald reported on enrolments for Term 4. One class has been cancelled due to insufficient numbers. Vacancies for short courses starting later in the term will be listed in the October Newsletter. Joan Craymer expressed her thanks to Maureen

for handling the class allocations for Term 4 during the term break.

### **SUPPLIES/REPLACEMENTS**

Stationery and other supplies for Term 4 are in hand. Brian Kelly will be ordering toners for the HP and OKI printers.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Maureen McDonald reported that the membership figure was 286. Some late renewal payments are still to be processed.

### **WEBSITE:**

Jeanette Masih has updated the Club website with the latest information.

### **WELFARE REPORT:**

While Helen Gardner has been on leave, the welfare of our members has been taken care of by Maureen McDonald. Newsletters were mailed out to those unable to attend the Meeting.

### **ASCCA:**

The ASCCA October Newsletter is available on their website for downloading. Two of our volunteer members interested in attending the ASCCA Conference, will be the lucky recipients in a draw to attend the two day Conference. Registration for the Conference will be paid by our Club.

### **EPPING CREATIVE CENTRE:**

The ECC Committee is looking into the pros and cons of becoming Incorporated, in order to enable them to lease the premises at Dence Park from the Parramatta Council.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Discussion on arrangements for our Club at the ECC Open Day on 29<sup>th</sup> October. It was agreed that 1 free membership for the remainder of this financial year be offered as a Lucky Door Prize.

*Précis - Gwen Bradford  
from Minutes prepared by Brenda Horne*

## Today's Meeting

Our Speaker, **Ron Ray** is returning (and yes, in period uniform again) to talk on:

### **“73<sup>rd</sup> Regiment & Governor Macquarie's Legacy”**

Ron's talk will cover the 73<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot and how they came to NSW with Governor Lachlan Macquarie in 1810. He will review the legacy left by Governor Macquarie and some of the important projects he implemented during his term in office in NSW. Ron will be dressed in the uniform of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Regiment and will talk about the uniform and the black powder musket used by them.



### Meeting - 16<sup>th</sup> November

### **“Discovering Lucy Osburn, the controversial founder of modern nursing in Australia”**



**Judith Godden** our Speaker for this Meeting, lives in Epping and is a freelance historian specialising in the history of healthcare.

In 1868, Lucy Osburn and five other nurses arrived at Sydney Hospital. They had been sent out by Florence Nightingale at the request of Henry Parkes, to reform nursing in NSW. As an inexperienced nurse and an even more inexperienced manager, Lucy Osburn faced numerous obstacles and created others. Finally in 1871, Florence Nightingale repudiated her, privately writing that Lucy Osburn had failed. At this low point, Lucy Osburn proved her resilience and ultimately, that Florence Nightingale was wrong. In her talk, Judith outlines some of the reasons for Lucy Osburn's turbulent time in Sydney and finishes with a sample of one of her typically indiscreet letters.

## Term 4 ~ 2016

Term 4 classes have now started, however there could be vacancies in some short courses that begin later in the term. Also check 'Training' on our website for more information.

**Short courses that have vacancies are listed below.**

### Vacancies in Term 4 Classes

**We need more members to fill these classes please!!**

#### **Desktop Tips using Windows 10**

**3 weeks - 31<sup>st</sup> October/7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> November  
11.00am**

#### **Buying & Selling on eBay**

**1 week - 22<sup>nd</sup> November - 9.30am**

#### **Shopping Online**

**1 week - 22<sup>nd</sup> November - 11.00am**

#### **Introduction to Spreadsheets**

**2 weeks - 21<sup>st</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> November - 11.00am**

#### **Fun with PowerPoint**

**2 weeks - 21<sup>st</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> November - 1.00pm**

#### **Using Windows 10**

**4 weeks - 17<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> November  
1<sup>st</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> December - 11.00am**

**Either put your name down today,  
contact Maureen McDonald a.s.a.p.**

**or**

**Email: [enrolcpe@gmail.com](mailto:enrolcpe@gmail.com)**

### **Computer Programmer.....**

*“A person who fixes a problem that you don't know you have, in a way you don't understand”*



*Come along to the*

**ARTS CRAFTS & RECREATION FAIR**  
at the  
**EPPING CREATIVE CENTRE**

on  
**SATURDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**  
from  
**10.00 am to 2.00 pm**



*The different groups at the Centre will be displaying their crafts & handiwork. Some groups will have items for sale.*

*We will have our Computer Club open to visitors.*

*Free Entry*  
*Sausage Sizzle & cold drinks available.*  
*Coffee Van and Ice Cream Van*

*Don't miss this opportunity to show your support for our Epping Creative Centre!!*

# Scam Alert!

## POLICE WARNING - CORRUPT USB DRIVES

Residents in Pakenham, Victoria have been warned to be on guard following reports of corrupt USB flash drives being placed in letterboxes.

When the USB drives are plugged into computers, "fraudulent media streaming service offers" come up.

The USB drives are believed to be extremely harmful and the public are urged to avoid plugging them into their computers or other devices.

Some people who have plugged the USB drives into their computers reported their machines then shutting down.

*Acknowledge: David Hurley,  
Herald Sun - September 21, 2016*



**ASCCA**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Australian**  
**Computer Conference**  
**for Seniors**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and**  
**Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**

at Rydges World Square Hotel,  
389 Pitt Street, Sydney.

The ASCCA AGM is to be held at the conclusion of Day 1 of the Conference during which the results of the 2016 ASCCA competitions will be announced.

Details for on-line registration and other information about the Conference are available on the ASCCA website.

[www.ascca.org.au](http://www.ascca.org.au)



# Creative Writing Report

**“Obedience”** was not a topic that appealed to many of our writers - it wasn't that they are a lawless lot - it was just that they found it hard to write about with great enthusiasm.

Our first writer received inspiration for her story at Mass, from the story of the one leper who came back to say “thanks”. Her sister often found it harder to obey than she did and being younger, she was often unfavourably compared with her older sister by the thoughtless nuns. She flourished when she went to a different school and led a wonderful life as a teacher, wife, mother and friend. Our writer is now obeying her *“family instincts”* and visiting her dear sister whose life will soon end.

Next we heard an interesting “internal debate” about the difference between obedience and discipline. The word used in the defence forces is discipline - so our author asked; how can we explain the Holocaust which was only possible because of conformity? Hitler and his cohorts needed the ordinary people to bow to social pressure and conform. *“We hear commands, instructions, directions and orders every day. What is it that makes us obey (or disobey) them?”*

Our next story revealed that at church schools, both Roman Catholic and Anglican and at his public primary school it was the teachers who were the biggest bullies. Our writer claimed the primary teacher *“enjoyed caning any unfortunate boy who broke his rules which he seemed to make up as he went along.”* At secondary boarding school; *“the head master would grab some poor innocent boy for an imaginary breach of the rules and cane him as a warning to the*

*others”*. Even in kindergarten at just four or five years old he was caned on the first day as the teacher shouted; *“Say it say it”*. He had never even heard of a catechism!

We followed our next writer's life from the simplicity of parents allowing their kids the opportunity of *“learning from our mistakes”* and followed a school principal whose *“manic behaviour blurred the boundaries”* and then passed through the *“laws of God and the nuns”* to the next level of obedience which *“now encompassed God, Country and Fellow Man”*, to a time where *“laws of obedience and compliance”* have now made life *“Fragile”*.

After an amusing discourse on obedience for dogs, children and adults, with special reference to brides; our writer reduced us to tears of laughter with her conclusion; *“I didn't want to write this article because I didn't warm to the topic but I obeyed! I did give it some thought first and then decided I would conform as it wasn't a matter of life and death and I do enjoy the people in the group and their work..”* *“Love conquers all.”*

Finally we heard the story of a kind sister, (daughter of the local minister) who worked in an orphanage hospital in the 1930s. She was described 70 years later as *“A real sweetie”* for relaxing the 8.00 pm bedtime rule and allowing the kids to get their pillows and lie on the floor to read.”

**Next Meeting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November** - The topic for this meeting will be: **“A Dark Time”**. However we will turn on the lights and have a great time listening to the stories - would you like to come too?

- Joan Craymer



**Digital Photography Interest Group  
“Changing Tack”  
October Photo of the Month taken by Nancy Moxom  
Topic: “Photo Journalism”**

**A warm welcome to our newest Computer Pals  
who have joined our Computer Club for Term 4.**



**Jeanette Barrett  
Kay Vernon  
Margaret Whitehall  
Yvonne Qwok  
Josephine Baldacchino  
Sue Meredith  
Jenny Hoffman**

### **Our Club Welfare**

Helen Gardner is our Club Welfare Officer - so please let her know of any member who would welcome a card or a friendly phone call.  
Helen's details are on page 2 of this Newsletter.

## Dates to Note in 2016.....add to your diary now

	Enrolments Open		Computer Class Dates	Weeks
	Start	Finish		
Term 4			Mon 10 Oct - Fri 9 Dec	9
2017 Term 1	TBA	TBA	Mon 6 Feb - Fri 7 Apl	9

**NEXT MEETING ~ WEDNESDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 AT 10.00 AM**



*Christmas-end-of-Year Celebration  
Wednesday, 14th December, 2016*

**Come along ~ these Interest Groups are open to all members**

### The following Meetings are held in the Foyer Room

#### Creative Writers' Group

**MONDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 at 10.00am**

Topic: **"A Dark Time"**

You don't need a story, just come along to listen  
(Contact: Joan Craymer)

#### Digital Photography Interest Group

**MONDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 at 1.30pm**

Topic: **"Light"**

Please bring your photos on a flash drive  
(Contact: Patricia Beal)

### Genealogy Interest Group

**The Genealogy Interest Group is in recess  
until further notice.**

### These Meetings are held in the Training Room

#### iPads & iPhones

#### Special Interest Group

**TUESDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

(Contact: Maureen McDonald)

#### Android Tablets & Android Phones

#### Special Interest Group

**TUESDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 at 9.30am**

(Contact: Arnold Burling)

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