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On Saturday 29th October, from 10.00am until 2.00pm, the Epping Creative Centre (ECC) will be a hive of activity when the general public and users of the centre are invited to come along and look at displays and demonstrations of most of the crafts and activities that go on there throughout a typical week.

We are inviting all our club members to come and meet some of the people who make those wonderful items that you admire in the display cabinets as you come to classes and meetings. This could be a good opportunity to discover another hobby or interest - or just a chance to meet some of those people you smile at when you park your car and come and go.

The City of Parramatta Council has taken an interest in what we all do at the centre so please come along and help us to show how important the ECC is to the community and to the variety of groups that come to "play". The ECC Committee volunteers have put a lot of work into

organizing this celebration of arts and crafts. Our Epping Computer Club is also keen to show visitors what we do and how we love to help seniors enjoy the benefits of all kinds of computer technologies.

So our computer room will be open and we will be showcasing our club and inviting visitors to join us if they are interested. Perhaps you might like to bring along some friends or family members to see our room and learn more about us. They will be most welcome. If you would like to come and help in the computer room for an hour or two please talk to me and arrange a time. This would ease the burden for the committee and give us all time to enjoy the other displays.

Soon our Computer Club will be starting a new term and the enrolment book is now available. Add your name to the class of your choice. If you are not sure about anything don't be afraid to ask; our tutors are all very keen to help you and explain what is involved in their course.

CONTACT LIST
Elected Management Committee

Joan Craymer	President
Patricia Beal	Vice-President /Guest Speaker Co-ordinator
Elizabeth Barton	Secretary
Dave Wardell	Treasurer
Maureen McDonald	Membership Secretary
Arnold Burling	Equipment Officer
Lynton Bradford	Technical Officer/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

**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**

How I love SPRING - people smile more in spring - they notice things more in spring - and they seem to care more in spring. I would never have seen those tiny white snowdrops hidden in the weeds if the beautiful blue sky and the buds on my peach blossom tree had not beckoned me outside to appreciate their annual miracle.

What joy, nostalgia and gratitude I felt as I found those brave little flowers. Once more they forgave my neglect and carelessness to bloom again and remind me of their lineage. When I was a little girl my grandmother always grew snowdrops in her garden and she loved to pick a little bunch for me to take home. One day she dug up some bulbs and I planted them in my mother's garden until I grew up and had a garden of my own for them to grow.

My mother dug up some of the bulbs which had multiplied many times over and so then we both had some of my dear grandmother's snowdrops in our gardens.

One of our daughters saw my little bunch of snowdrops in a vase on the kitchen sink and I told her their story. She has just moved into a new house on her old block of land so her garden is looking desolate. So now she will carry on the tradition of the snowdrops and perhaps one day her daughter will ask for some of these special ancestral bulbs. I do hope so because they have unrivalled DNA. I wish you all a joyful **SPRING** .



Joan Craymer.

Précis of Committee Meeting 1st September 2016



SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT UPDATE:

An update from Arnold Burling reported that three computers are without Deep Freeze. He will investigate this as well as cleaning all computers during the coming term break.

GENERAL MEETINGS:

Patricia Beal outlined and confirmed speakers up to and including November.

TRAINING:

Term 4 is now in the planning stage and the Course timetable was discussed by the committee. The enrolment book will be available at the September Meeting for members to record their choice of class.

MEMBERSHIP:

Maureen McDonald reported that the latest membership figure was 288.

WEBSITE:

The Club website is up to date thanks to Jeanette Masih. Details for Term 4 Courses will be included when finalised.

SUPPLIES/REPLACEMENTS:

No orders were placed in August, however Brian Kelly is looking at the stationery needs for Term 4.

WELFARE REPORT:

The welfare of our members and the sending of Newsletters has been attended to by Maureen McDonald while Helen Gardner is on leave.

ASCCA:

Joan Craymer gave the Committee an outline of the forthcoming ASCCA Conference in November and some of the speakers arranged so far.

Our Club will hold a lucky draw for two of our volunteers who are interested in attending the ASCCA Conference. The cost to be paid out of Club funds.

EPPING CREATIVE CENTRE:

The Open Day on Saturday 29th October for participating groups using the Epping Creative Centre, was discussed. It was decided to open our computer room. Entrance to be from the foyer and not the outside door to the room.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Membership subscription envelopes for 2016/17 that have not been collected, will be posted out.

Annual General Meeting: Joan Craymer has the Annual Report almost complete.

The Auditor's Report was discussed. The Committee addressed every issue raised, and are very satisfied that...

"The amounts shown in the Balance Sheet for balances at 30th June 2016 for the two Bank Accounts and for the Term Deposits held are, in my opinion correct."

...as the Auditor wrote.

*Précis - Gwen Bradford
from Minutes prepared by Patricia Beal*



Annual General Meeting

and

Election of the Management Committee for 2016/17

The Speaker at the September Meeting will be our President **Joan Craymer** with the fascinating topic.....

“Share the Shoebox and take your treasured Memories on a Journey into the New Age”



There are many creative ways you can save all those wonderful treasures hidden away in boxes, suitcases or old wardrobes, in the garage

or under the bed. Using modern technology you can take them on an exciting journey into the future so you will be able to bring joy to future generations with an amazing heirloom legacy for your family to treasure long after you are gone! Planning what to do with the unsorted treasures will be a joy to share with loved ones.

Meeting ~ 19th October

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

“73rd Regiment & Governor Macquarie’s Legacy”

Ron’s talk will cover the 73rd Regiment of Foot and how they came to the colony of 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 73rd Regiment and will talk about the uniform and the black powder musket used by them.

Term 4 ~ 2016

Term 3 classes have now concluded and following the term break, Term 4 commences on Monday, 10th October.

The Enrolment book is available at today’s Meeting, so please take the opportunity to check the vacancies and put your name down.

Take special note of the starting date as some classes begin during the term.

For late enrolments or if you find you cannot attend the Course in which you have enrolled; it is important to please contact us a.s.a.p. by emailing the address below.

enrolcpe@gmail.com



**ASCCA
18th Australian
Computer Conference
for Seniors**

**Tuesday 8th and
Wednesday, 9th 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

Did You Know?

Steam and not Electricity powered the first Computers

Charles Babbage called this invention the Analytical Engine. In 1834 Babbage, who is known as the father of computing, created a computing device that was as large as a house and powered by not one, but six steam engines!

Ref: wccftech.com/5-amazing-facts-computers



Thought for the Month

"Why aren't chargers for iPhones called apple juice?"

2G Networks Closing

In the July Newsletter, we mentioned that the **TELSTRA** 2G Mobile Network would be closing on **1st December 2016**.

It has now come to our attention that the **OPTUS** 2G Mobile network will be shutting down from **1st April 2017**. Optus reports that customers can easily check if their device uses the 2G network by looking for a 2G, GPRS, EDGE or E icon at the top of their mobile screen.

To continue using the Optus mobile network, customers should upgrade to newer 3G or 4G devices and plans, however more options will be available closer to 2G network closing in April. In some instances, this might be a simple SIM upgrade.

Virgin Wholesale and Optus Wholesale service providers using the 2G GSM network, including Amaysim, will also be affected.



Come along to the

ARTS CRAFTS & RECREATION FAIR

at the

EPPING CREATIVE CENTRE

on

SATURDAY, 29th OCTOBER

from

10.00 am to 2.00 pm

The different groups at the Centre will be displaying their crafts & handiwork.

We will have our Computer Club

open to visitors.

It will be a great day.

Don't miss it!!!



Creative Writing Report

"I heard the unexpected and familiar voice"

"Many hugs and kisses and of course many tears" came from a desperately homesick and lonely young woman, a former student of the author's wife who responded to the unexpected and familiar voice from the bartender who said; *"How good it is to see someone from home!"* Alone in England, she was very unhappy and very much in need of a hug.

A phone call from his 'soon to be' mother in law telling our writer *"The wedding is off"*, on the night before his wedding was a big shock. However morning brought *"the unexpected and familiar voice of my girlfriend"* apologising for the behaviour of her mother the previous night. The wedding went ahead and six weeks later he arrived at Nui Dat in Vietnam, aged 19.

A strong friendship forged on the first day of school did not need facebook, the internet or mobile phones to flourish - little letters, occasional phone calls and arranged meetings kept it alive and well. Geographical separations and marriage meant infrequent communications, but what joy our writer experienced one day as she heard her name called by Rita's familiar voice as she entered a shop in Sydney. ... and so the friendship continues.

The Blue Mountains, the Golden Staircase, the Ruined Castle and a rolled ankle. *"My knees acted as brakes as they wedged themselves into large iron 'nails' that secured the wooden steps"*. I heard the familiar voice of my son call back ; *"This is not a good place for such a disaster - a*



helicopter can't land because of the tree canopy." *"The family walked on and I followed - then there was 'the landslide' and the offspring charged ahead"*.

Our next writer re-told the story of James, a British soldier. He volunteered as an engineer and was sent to Hill 60 on the Messines Ridge. On the 7th June 1917 a huge explosion was set off by the allies. On the 27th June in England, his wife was woken by his unexpected and familiar voice and heard a knock at the door - nobody was there! Some days later a telegram told Annie that James had died in hospital at midnight, ten days after the explosion. This was the moment she had heard his voice and the mysterious knock on the door.

We heard that our 6th writer is looking forward to rekindling a very old friendship, after a phone call when an unexpected and familiar voice announced; *"It has been a long time - this is a blast from the past - it must be more than 40 years!"*

Finally, we heard tales of an exciting trip to Lebanon, Syria and Jordan where the trusty four-wheel drive had taken our writer and her family safely to many exciting places in search of ancient ruins. Luckily the car broke down not long after a garage had been passed and her son went for help. *"Do you speak English?"* he asked. *"Sure do mate!"* came the answer in a broad Australian accent. The sweetest sound!

Next Meeting Monday 10th October - The topic for this meeting will be: **"Obedience"** You are welcome to come along and join us as we read our stories. Why not write one?

Joan Craymer



Digital Photography Interest Group
“Giant Tortoise ~ Galapagos”
September Photo of the Month taken by Helen Gardner
on her recent trip to the Galapagos Islands
Topic: “Animals/Birds/Insects”

Visit our Website

A reminder to members to check our Club website regularly. You will find the monthly Newsletter, latest information on Term timetables and classes, times and dates for monthly Meetings and Interest Groups. Visit the site and keep informed at.....

www.cpepping.net.au

Quote of the Month.....

“This ‘telephone’ has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication”.

....*Western Union internal memo 1876*



First telephone invented by Alexander Graham Bell in 1876

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

2016	Enrolments Open		Computer Class Dates	Weeks
	Start	Finish		
Term 4			Mon 10 Oct - Fri 9 Dec	9

NEXT MEETING ~ WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER 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, 10th OCTOBER 2016 at 10.00am

Topic: **"Obedience"**

You don't need a story, just come along to listen

Please note change of usual date

(Contact: Joan Craymer)

Digital Photography Interest Group

MONDAY, 10th OCTOBER 2016 at 1.30pm

Topic: **"Travel/Journalism"**

Please bring your photos on a flash drive

Please note change of usual date

(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

No Interest Group due to Term break

(Contact: Maureen McDonald)

Android Tablets & Android Phones
Special Interest Group

TUESDAY, 11th OCTOBER 2016 at 9.30am

(Contact: Arnold Burling)

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