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Welcome from the Editor

Last month's talk was by Pauline Weeks on New Zealand Family History BDM Resources. Pauline is congratulated on an informative and well-presented talk. A confident speaker with an assured attitude reflecting her competent understanding of her subject, Pauline is a member of the NZ Society of Genealogists and the Society of Australian Genealogists.

Pauline gave an oversight of the 3 main sources – NZ BDM and their website dating from 1/1/1840; NZ Archives ; and the use of "Ancestry", "Find My Past" and "Family Search". NZ Archives have 200 years of records with more than 4 million records; and 13 Research Guides. The PAPERS PAST website is the equivalent of our National Library's TROVE site, and can search 83 publications with more than 4 million articles. "Family Search" has Passenger Lists with over 3.5 million Passengers from 1855 as well as Probates for several courts. Pauline can be contacted at: pauline.weeks@gmail.com

Sharon Greene said Queensland's Hatches, Matches & Dispatches (BD&M's) are now on-line.

Remember – There is now a Book Review every month and this month's is a classic of community history - *The Common Stream* by Rowland Parker.

Camden Area Family History Society Inc. Research Room, Library/Museum Complex, John St. Camden

The research room is open
Thursday 10:00am to 3:00pm
Friday 10:00am to 3:00pm
Saturday 9:30am to 12:00 noon

There is a charge of \$5.00 per session for non-members to use our resources,

There is a volunteer on duty whenever the research room is open. They are only too happy to assist with any inquires.

If you would like to volunteer to assist in the research room please contact the Library Co-ordinator Tony Jackson on 4655 1098 letting him know when you are available.



**April 2014
Happy birthday!**



Averill Foole 1st April
Dawn Lotty 10th April
Fran Ferris 13th April
John Wrigley 18th April
Terrie Butler 20th April
Sharon Greene 25th April

Best wishes and a happy birthday to you all!

MEETINGS

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month (except January) at 7:30pm in the Meeting Room of the Library/Museum Complex, John St. Camden.

To help cover the cost of supper there is a gold coin donation.

Visitors most welcome.

MEMBERSHIP

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

Normal	Pensioners/Concession
Single \$25	Single \$20
Couple \$30	Couple \$25

FOR YOUR DIARY

1) State Library of New South Wales - Workshops & courses –

Refer to <http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/events/courses/index.html>

The State Library of New South Wales provides a range of workshops and courses for the public.

- Wednesday 2 April, 10.30AM Course: The Art of Searching Online
- Thursday 10 April 10:30AM Workshop: Where do I start: online eResources on SLNSW website
- Thursday 8 May, 10:30AM Talk: Where do I start? Discover the State Library For the first-time user, this talk introduces the fantastic services and collections available at the State Library and provides a good idea of where to begin research.

2) Old Government House – Parramatta. <http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/nsw/old-government-house>

- 11/4/2014 - Ghost Night tours run on the third Friday each month (evening)
- 3/5/2014 - Parramatta Lecture Series 2014 - The early journeys of the Royal NSW Lancers traces the earliest journeys of Australia's oldest and most decorated surviving Regiment to London and Pretoria with items from the Museum collection.

3) Rookwood Cemetery Heritage Walk Part 1 OR Ships & Shipwrecks.

- 6/4/2014 - Heritage & Theme Tours depart from Necropolis Circuit (near William Drive) Tours - 10am - 12.30pm. Details and bookings (02) 9889 3899 or

<http://friendsofrookwoodinc.org.au/tours> <http://friendsofrookwoodinc.org.au/2014-tour-timetable>

5) Society of Australian Genealogists - Costs apply. <http://www.sag.org.au/events/list-of-events.html>

- 3/4/2014 - Getting Started on Your Family History - March
- 4/4/2014 - Hands On - SAG Library Electronic Resources & catalogue tips
- 5/4/2014 – Finding Margaret: a Hill End case study. 1:30-3:30pm
- 10/4/2014 – Writing Discussion Group – Hill Appendices. 10:30am-1:30pm
- 11/4/2013 - County Spotlight: Staffordshire, Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire - Hands On
- 12/4/2014 – Charting your family tree. 10:30AM-12:30PM
- 30/4/2014 - Webinar - Sydney's Cemeteries.



CLUB ACTIVITIES

- **TONIGHT'S TALK** – Our Cathey will demonstrate in her talk “TREASURES IN TROVE”, some of the resources in TROVE on the National Library website; (**with secret info.**)

Program for 2014 :-

- 6/5/2014 – Old Razorback Road – part of Heritage Week “Journeys”; Betty Villy.
- 3/6/2014 - Irish Research – Hillary Walker from the Society of Australian Genealogists
- 1/7/2014 – Talk by BDM Transcription **Agent???** – To be confirmed
- 5/8/2014 – AGM – “Show & Tell for Family History Month”
- 2/9/2014 – Orphanages – Professor **Perry???** - To be confirmed
- 7/10/2014 – Member’s stories – Searching for your Hardest/ Favourite Ancestor
- 4/11/2014 – “Back to the Track” Tom Rofe – WW2 Military History in the Northern Territory
- 2/12/2014 – “Show & Tell” with a Christmas Theme

FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

- 1) **Camden Show – 4 & 5 April. Special Event is the Military Tattoo at 6:30pm on Friday.**
With 6 Bands – Ingleburn, Tasmanian, Police, and Rural Fire Service; Mounted Troops; WW2 military vehicles and helicopter.
- 2) **1/3/2014 to 1/6/2014 Miss Fisher’s Murder Mysteries Costume Exhibition** – Old Government House, Parramatta. is open Tuesday to Sunday, 10am – 4pm. The exhibition showcases more than 40 outfits worn by Phryne Fisher (Essie Davis) and her cohorts – including Detective Inspector Jack Robinson (Nathan Page) and Aunt Prudence (Miriam Margolyes).. <http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/nsw/old-government-house>
- 3) **April 2014** – Mondays – Ray Herbert – “**Finding WW1 Ancestors**”
- 4) **The National Trust – 2014 Heritage Festival “Journeys”**
 - Travelling through Camden – every day in April. Camden Museum.
 - On the road to Camden – April and May. Camden Library.
 - “*Camden’s WW1 Diggers 1914-1918*” – 11/4/2014 @ 5:30pm launch of a new book by Janice Johnson in the Camden Library/Museum Galleria.
 - How did we come here? The journeys of local families to the Camden area. – 14/5/2014 @ 7:30-9:30pm. Camden Museum.
- 5) **12/4/2014** – “**Family, Local and Social History Expo**” Kiama Family History Centre – refer to the “Australian Family Tree Connections” magazine March 2014, page 12 for details.
- 6) **26/4/2014 - ADFAS Camden – Henry Lawson:** Australia’s most famous writer. Paul Brunton was Senior Curator, Mitchell Library. 4 for 4:30pm at Narellan Library. Book with Carla Hill 4655 9724. \$20 for visitors.
- 7) **July 2014** – Christmas in July - @ Wivenhoe **Date to be confirmed**
- 8) **12-14/9/2014** NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies - Illawarra Remembers 1914-2014
- 9) **November 2014** – Christmas Dinner - @ Wivenhoe BYO appetite. **Date to be confirmed**
- 10) **2014** - Kingswood State Archives - <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/> **Date to be confirmed**
- 11) **2014** – The Royal NSW Lancer Barracks - <http://www.lancers.org.au/> **Date to be confirmed**
- 12) **2016.** A proposed Family History Conference in Camden.
We have to nominate by **September 2014**. Ideas are welcome. Eg. **Self-Publishing** talks; another suggestion has been to **learn how to edit** Family history articles or a Family biography.
- 13) A 2nd attempt to get a Bus trip into (and out of!) Joadja has been postponed.



Occasional Book Review – from the Editor’s desk

“What I really like is an intelligent review. A review that has some kind of insight”

A Golden Oldie -

If I had to pick one book that triggered a desire to find out where I came from, it is ***The Common Stream -- 2000 years of the English Village*** –

Rowland Parker's 1975 classic history of normal people.

The setting is the village of Foxton, in Cambridgeshire, 12 kms South West of Cambridge and the common stream is the history of its development from the first traces of human settlement to the present day. The common stream is also the rivulet that runs through it - both ordinary in its appearance and enjoyed by all - and yet again the common stream is that of the ordinary men and women who in their countless thousands have trudged through life and then departed from it, leaving no visible trace.

Foxton is a small village with an unusual wealth of recorded history (nearly 2000 years). The parish has been occupied for at least 2000 years; in the first century A.D. a Belgic settlement appeared, closely followed by a Romano-British farmstead near Hoffer bridge. A pagan English cemetery has also been found just north of the railway station.

The parish itself was formed over the medieval period and is bounded on the north by the River Cam and on the north-east and southwest by the Hoffer and Shepreth brooks. Its south-east boundary follows an ancient road that runs north-east from Fowlmere, known as the Mareway from the 14th century (now the B1368), and further west by an earthwork known as Grim's ditch or Thriplow bank.

Known as *Foxetune* at the time of the Domesday Book, the village's name means "farmstead where foxes are seen". A (very short) Civil War battle was fought there, and the area contains one of the biggest hauls of Anglo-Saxon relics and (it is thought) a large number of pre-historic mammal fossils.

Rowland Parker draws on religious, legal, geographic and social records spanning many centuries to map the changing, multifaceted landscape of the village of Foxton. He peels back the layers of this Cambridgeshire village and inspires the imagination to dream about the everyday experiences of ordinary people across centuries. Through descriptions of the events and possible interactions that crisscrossed the social classes, the fields, streams and lanes of Foxton and its environs, he brings to life a rich interweaving and enriches our understanding of how those who went before have shaped the England of today.

This isn't the history of knights in shining armour and dead kings, but of ordinary people going about their various lives, making a tale that is told in a lively and accessible manner by the author.

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL7883342M/The_Common_Stream

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/work/10882900?q=rowland+parker&c=book>

JUST when you thought it was safe to come to a CAFHS meeting :-

Name the 2 major religions associated with CAFHS’s up-coming “Camden Calling” ???

Hint - see the March edition of The Camden Valley Voice :-

“Why *YOU* should contribute to the next “Camden Calling”.

And remember:

"Everyone has ancestors and it is only a question of going back far enough to find a good one."

-- **Howard Kenneth Nixon**

Signed : The Editor