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Here I am writing up No 40 Newsletter and it only seems yesterday when I began. I must say it has been a pleasure and that daunting fear that I may not have enough to fill the page has not materialised as yet.

We have just had Remembrance Day on the 11th of this month and it was a delight to see the interest and the attention of the young schoolchildren of Goolwa listening to the stories told by returned servicemen.

Rex Jory in his column "**Back Chat**" in the *Sunday Mail* 11/11/07 wrote

"it is worth noting there are three World War 1 Victoria Cross winners buried at Adelaide's West Tce Cemetery, more than any other cemetery in Australia. The three heroes are Arthur Blackburn, Jorgen Christian Jensen and Reg Inwood. There are about 4000 military burials and memorials in the AIF section of West Tce."

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I recently received a letter of thanks from the **Southern Eyre Peninsula Family & Local History Group Inc**, who receive a copy of this newsletter each month. They operate from the rear of Mill Cottage Museum, an old pioneer home built in 1866 for Joseph K. Bishop in Pt Lincoln. They have 26 volunteers and open twice a week. If you happen to be visiting Pt Lincoln call in and say hello. I like their motto "So Many Relatives So Little Time."

I have been informed that Ancestry has started to put **Australian Electoral Rolls** (except SA) on their database - accessible for those who have joined. You get full name, address, and occupation for the year of the roll.

Recently I was with a group of friends who have an interest in genealogy, and the subject of **Police Gazettes** came up. A lot can be gleaned from Police Gazettes, other than wrongdoing. It can make for interesting reading in your family history! One person's relative had their doormat stolen. In my case a great uncle was mentioned as below-

"Esselbach O." – 7.12.1878, Gold ring (O.E. engraved on shield with vine leaves on each side) stolen from his bedroom, Franklin St, Adelaide. Sold to pawn shop on 14th and subsequently auctioned. Offender not caught. (Girl servant suspected)."

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[His name was again mentioned in 1882 (fire in his premises) and 1905 when cutlery and serviettes were stolen from his restaurant.]

There is an excellent article '**Government and Police Gazettes –Unlocking a major untapped resource**' in the September 2007 issue of *Australian Family Tree Connections* by Jessie Warner.

Graham Jaunay in his *'Proformat News'* reports that they are undertaking a joint venture with **Gould Genealogy** and a new site is being developed – an Australian History Gateway, which will be free. In the newsletter was a cartoon, which I loved, but can't re-produce because of copyright. [A couple are sitting in a lounge room, with papers spread all over the floor, and the husband says to the visitor "I did warn you not to ask how her research is going?"]

The **Clipper Ship 'City of Adelaide' Preservation Trust** is still campaigning to save the ship from demolition. A meeting was held in Adelaide on 20th of this month to see what could be done. The Clipper ship made 23 return journeys from the United Kingdom to South Australia from 1864 until 1887.

What's On:

27th November – 10.30-12noon. State Library. Introduction to useful websites for family history.

28th November – 2pm. Goolwa National Trust Museum. Talk by Ted Beckett on the **Armfield Slip**.

13th December – 10am-12noon. History Room Goolwa. Alexandrina Local History WIKI programme. Meet Robyn Lockwood a talented employee of Alexandrina Library, who will demonstrate and explain how to use the new WIKI internet programme, and how it can be utilised for Family History Research.

Did you see that the series **'Who Do You Think You Are?'** A new series will be screened on SBS television and commences on December 2nd.

It commences with the six episodes of the first English series, and is followed by six episodes of the new Australian series.

Last Sunday the TV program '60 Minutes' featured a story on cheap computers costing around \$100. Do you remember I did a story on exactly that in *'History Room News'* No 17 in December 2005.

Websites:

<http://www.familychest.co.uk/> for Historical Documents.

<http://www.ancestordocs.co.uk/index.htm> Genealogy and History Documents.

<http://www.familysearchwiki.org/> a new Familysearch Wikipedia.

This week I was doing research into one of our local hotels and found reference to the pricing schedule. Ale was quoted as per barrel, per kilderkin, per 10 gallon keg, and per 5 gallon keg.

I had never heard the word **kilderkin** so it was onto the computer and 'Googled' the word. Kilderkin = 18 gallons or nearly 82 litres. 2 firkins = 1 kilderkin.

Kilderkin is related to kintal, another name for the English measure hundredweight, and comes from the Arabic word qintar.

[Now isn't that something that you really needed to know?]

*Happy researching,
Dawn*

Genealogy help is available by appointment on Thursdays, to guide you through your research. Please phone the Library on 8555-7000 to make an appointment. For comments, suggestions or to receive this newsletter – email

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