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TRIP TO WOOLMERS



On the 8th November we boarded our trusty bus at Devonport, having fully expected to hear that the trip had been cancelled due to the terrible weather we had endured the day before. Mostly the rain held off but we still experienced cold winds while wandering around the beautiful gardens.

We enjoyed the guided tour of the house, much amused by the story of Thomas Archer I, sometimes referred to as the “bulk” of the Legislative Council, of which he was an early member. Thomas, aware that there would be difficulties in removing his remains when the time eventually came, arranged for structural alterations to be made to the doorway and windows in his bedroom, and when the time did come his body was easily removed through one of the widened windows.

Viewing both the old original house (built ca 1819) and then the beautiful Italianate front added to the house in the early 1840s was a joy, noting the touches made by Marjorie, the wife of the second last Thomas Archer to live at Woolmers. Mrs Archer was obviously fond of flowers as many of her wallpaper-borders and upholstery fabrics show.

On a balmy summer afternoon the rose garden would be glorious with the air laden with the scent of hundreds of roses in full bloom. Even on a blustery day it was a pleasant experience with many of the species roses in full flower and the promise of more to come.



My favourite part of the extensive gardens was the Kitchen Garden with its espaliered fruit trees, berry cage, gravel paths, herbs, and heritage vegetables. I was intrigued to see broad beans with reddish-pink flowers, and beds of globe artichokes.

Eventually we had to drag ourselves away and return to the bus and our next stop, lunch in Longford. Never one to miss a research opportunity, Ros borrowed a digital camera and raced around the Christ Church burial ground looking for headstones for one of her recent research enquiries!

Many thanks the Elaine for organizing the trip and for John who acted as our driver. We look forward to next year. Photos page 1 courtesy Anne Hollister. Top: the Store, ca 1820s, where the provisions were kept under lock and key; bottom: part of the Kitchen Garden.



CHRISTMAS DINNER



This year the Christmas Dinner will be held at
Madison's on Beachway, Ulverstone
on Friday 5 December, 6.30 for 7.00 p.m.

Menu

Main

Traditional Christmas combination

Tender slices of oven roasted turkey, seasoned lamb and champagne ham served with cranberry sauce, red wine gravy and summer vegetables

Desert

Apple crumble served with whipped cream

Or

Home-made Christmas Pudding with brandy custard

Self-serve tea and coffee with Beachway chocolates.

Cost is \$25 per head.

Please contact the secretary on 64278997 for a reservation.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

There is still time to get your raffle books back the Secretary or the Library! The Christmas Hamper has filled up very nicely and should be a welcome prize for some lucky member when the winning ticket is drawn at the Christmas Dinner on Friday 5th December. Be in it to have a chance to win it.

PUBLICATIONS NEW IN THE LIBRARY

Tasmania

A Midlands odyssey : A journey through parts of the Northern Midlands of Tasmania, by Frank Rigney. This book features histories of many of the historic properties of the Northern Midlands and is well illustrated in colour and B&W.

Hobart branch have just published two more volumes in the series Assessment & Valuation Rolls in Tasmania, viz

Index to City of Hobart 1868 and
Index to City of Hobart 1878.

These new indices are in alphabetical order and much easier to use than the originals which were published in street order.

On the back page is a typical page from the Tasmania Police Gazette which is now available in the library in searchable CD-Rom format for 1861-1875. There is a great deal to be found in these Gazettes relating to victims of crimes as well as criminals, paupers, lost property etc.

Queensland Cemeteries

We have two sets of cemetery records for Rockhampton:

Burials North Rockhampton Cemetery plus North Rockhampton headstones and

Index deaths / funerals / cremations from Rockhampton Morning Bulletin 1988-1997.

JANUARY 2009 MEETING

As usual the first meeting for the year will be a BBQ at our Library at Latrobe on Thursday 29 January from 6.30 p.m. Cost \$10 and BYO refreshments. If everything goes to plan we will have another *Who do you think you are* presentation.

MEMBERS FEELING A BIT UNDER THE WEATHER!

Sad to report, two members, Elaine Garwood, and Royce Jarvis, are suffering from ill-health at the moment, both currently under doctors orders and receiving medical care at Launceston. We wish them both a speedy recovery.



**LIBRARY CLOSURES ON
FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER 2008
AND RE-OPENS ON
TUESDAY 6 JANUARY 2009**