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1. Firstly please accept my apology for it being such a long time since the last Newsletter in October 2002..The delay has been primarily caused by the drought and the effect it has had on my available free time and energy..In any case not much water has passed under the bridge since October, and everybody knows that that is how time is measured !! The drought has been very bad but now I see where some people in ABARE are saying it's over..They ought to abandon their office chairs somewhere on the coast, for a day or two, and have a look on the inland side of the Great Dividing Range where most of Australia's food and mineral wealth is generated. Unfortunately the drought is still not over for most rural areas..We did have good rain here in December and the odd fall since, but the Big Dry seems to be again exerting it's grip.

Another factor is that not long after our Armidale reunion, **Merron** (our publisher and my assistant) was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and underwent major surgery in late December 2002..Subsequently she returned home with **Bryan** but has had to endure a course of radio-therapy which has not been overly pleasant !! She is still recovering at home in **Caloundra** and has been busy organising a venue for our next Queensland Regional Meeting which is a good sign. Unfortunately she now has neuropathy of the fingers from the chemotherapy and has had to cease her activities as publisher for this Newsletter..I am in the process of trying to line up someone else to take over her responsibilities in this area..

Compared to **Merron's** problems my own seem to have been very small beer !! My major problem has been the drought and the battle to get my small breeding herd of Angus beef cattle through it more or less intact..Just before Xmas last I did manage to get some emails away to some of those members with an email address, and I think the best way to convey the message properly is to reproduce some of them here...

My own activities are almost wholly involved in battling this drought..The Xmas Newsletter I was hoping to get out is just another casualty of the drought I'm afraid...

We have a total of about 560 acres here but it is mostly hilly,rough and timbered..ideal habitat for kangaroos and wallaroos We've been running a small breeding herd of Angus cattle for the past 35 years and this is by far the most severe test so far..I sold off all the older breeding cows and kept just 15..(plus 7 calves) and decided that I could get these through by irrigating a small area of the lower country which has some improved pasture..So I bustled about and enlarged the irrigated area but was disappointed at the amount of feed being grown..I have 2 irrigated paddocks..the one in front of the house and one adjoining it where the pump and bore is located..(We are blessed with a wonderful underground water supply..a permanent 2000gph from one bore and 4000gph from the other.) The plan was to graze one off while spelling the other..Well I was spelling the one in front of the house (well from the cows anyway) and came home at about 9.30 from my usual Saturday night out, at the Nemingha, and there were about 50

kangaroos happily munching away on my paltry 2 acres of greenfeed !! I knew then I had to either shoot every roo within 25 miles of the place, or fence them out..

Three or four weeks prior to this I had got permission from Nat. Parks and Wildlife to shoot some roos...Got in a very good professional roo-shooter..He came 2 nights..I went with him the 1st night and was very impressed at his expertise..Head shot every time..Instant death to the roo..far more humane than an abattoir..He took about 70 of the bigger ones and I thought my roo troubles were over..So I called him again after the Sat. night mentioned above, but apart from the fact that we had no more Nat.Pk.tags..he was caught up in firefighting (he's the local fire captain)... so I was on my own..Decided then to fence the roos out of about 25 acres of the lower country which includes the house and the 2 irrigable areas...

Been at the fencing now for about 5 weeks and while I don't kid myself that I've got them beaten...I only saw 4 big eastern greys on the irrigable area last night...I'm quite sure they jumped in but there were no "creepie crawlies" inside last night..The "creepie crawlies" are what I call the roos which go through the fences...and this is about 90% of them...I've got a 5000volt wire about 15" above the ground on the outside of the existing fence and that certainly seems to have discouraged them..

I suppose I could just give up...sell the place and really retire but I don't want to do that..I don't know if you remember Reeve Waugh..he was a wonderful fellow and I remember talking to him several years ago...we were discussing Rosemary Waugh and her dogged efforts to hold onto Taloumbi Station..(the cattle property near the mouth of the Clarence where my mother grew up with 5 siblings and 6 cousins)..I asked Reeve (he was Rosemary's 1st cousin) what he thought was Rosemary's motivation..Reeve said "with Rosemary...Taloumbi's not an economic thing...it's a spiritual thing.." and I guess it's the same with me and "Pindari"...I can think of no other explanation !.. And another one...

Just a note to say it looks like my Xmas Newsletter is going to be another casualty of the drought..I've been getting up early..about 6am and working on these roo proof ? fences until it gets too hot..(about 11am) then start again about 6pm and go till dark...Can't seem to get my mind working on anything else at the moment other than how to beat these b's of kangaroos..Philip Ruddock gets it easy...All he's got to do is keep the illegal migrants out of Australia...He ought to try something REALLY difficult like keeping roos off the only green patch in these drought stricken hills..But as I said to you and Bryan when you were here.."I enjoy solving problems" but of course at the time I didn't realise just how big a problem this "exclude the roos" problem was going to be..

On a more cheerful note..Ruth has taken off in her car for a weeks holiday at the coast..(Sawtell) with a couple of friends she has met at the local "Clubhouse" (specially catering for people with disabilities of all sorts.) and the nicest part of the deal is that Dargie is now here with ME for a week..Just the 2 of us !! First time for about 6 years..so a little chink of light at the end of the tunnel.

Humour Break..(An early one as I think we all deserve it !)

One of our battling, drought affected Victorian farmers, was feeling pretty down, so thought he'd take a holiday. He went along to the local travel agent and asked if the agent could fix him up with one of those packaged holidays, but as he had very little money, he told the agent that it had to be cheap...very cheap.The travel agent scratched his chin and thought for a few moments, then said

"How about a 3 day cruise down the Murray River for \$10 ??

"Sounds good to me.... where do I go to start this cruise ?

The agent gave him the address of a boatshed on the river and told him to be there by 8 o'clock next morning..

The B.D.A.V.farmer duly turned up at the boatshed, and told the man behind the desk, that he was there to take one of those \$10 three day cruises down the Murray..

The man behind the desk suddenly got up and belted the B.D.A.V. farmer over the head with a baseball bat knocking him unconscious.. When he came to, he found he was tied to a big log, and was drifting down the Murray..

He looked around and saw another guy tied to another log, drifting alongside him..Then the following conversation took place..

B.D.A.V.F... "Hey mate..I'm hungry...do they serve meals on these cruises ??"

The other guy..."I don't think so.."

B.D.A.V.F... "How do you know ??"

T.O.G..... "Well they didn't LAST year !"

2. Report on Armidale Reunion..1st and 2nd Nov. 2002..

In terms of numbers attending...this reunion did not achieve as much as our previous reunions...There were 40 members and guests there which was fortunate because the minimum charge for the caterers was for a 40 person function..Those attending generally enjoyed the week-end and the reduced numbers did have some advantages..Those who were there were as follows..

Lee BEHRENS	Mollie CORTIS	Ned CORTIS	
Margaret DUCKER	Judith GADEN	John GILLESPIE	
Beverly HOPE	Paul HOPE	Colleen HOPE	
Jill CROFT	Rod JAMES	Yolande JAMES	
Arthur LONGSTON	Pauline LONGSTON	Jim MAIN	Joan MAIN
Penny MAIN	Philip MAIN	Danni MAIN	Bonnie MAIN
Ron MAIN	Margaret MAIN	Ruth MAIN	Bryan MATTHEWS
Merron MATTHEWS	Anne Eva PANTON-HOPE		Anne RIX
Mollie SMITH	Phil SMITH	Bevan STANSBIE	Denise STANSBIE
Chris VAUGHAN	Myf VAUGHAN	Jenny WAUGH	John WAUGH
Justin WAUGH	Margaret WAUGH		

(That list doesn't make 40 but I'm sure there were 40 there..If I've missed somebody please let me know and I'll correct it in a future NL.)

Apologies were received from..

Rosemary WAUGH	Geoff HARVEY	Yolande MILLER	Steve MILLER
Pat GRINTER	Nancy FOX	Denise SCHUMANN	Graham SCHUMANN
Ian WAUGH	Shirley WAUGH	James ELLIOTT-SMITH	Lesley ELLIOTT-SMITH
Sandy WAUGH	Stephanie WAUGH	Noella JOYCE	Colin JOYCE

The program followed the format of previous years..

Friday Night..The week-end started with an informal get-together in the Bistro of the Bowling club at about 6.30 on the Friday night..This was a very happy start for the week-end with about 25 members attending for pre-dinner drinks and a "shout yourself" meal from the kitchen. Because I let the management know in advance, they gave us the use of a small function room which worked better than in previous years.

Saturday Morning.. we had the use of the Bowling Club's function room from 9.30am for Registrations and name tags etc.. **Pauline** and **Arthur** again set up the Produce Table and those members bringing memorabilia put them on display..Lunch was a "Do-it-yourself" affair some electing to go back to their motels while other stayed on for lunch at the Bistro..

Saturday Afternoon.. At 2.30pm we had our **Bi-Annual meeting**..quite a good roll up with about 25 there..Various matters were discussed as follows...

....Possibility of getting **Neville Maloney's** Waugh History onto a website known to **Yolande James**..I've contacted Neville and he's quite happy to see this done and will assist in the process..Quite a lot of work is involved and as yet I haven't been inundated with offers to do this !!

.... **Denise** and **Bevan Stansbie** were there all the way from Roma and Bevan volunteered to make a presentation after the dinner that night on the results of their researches into the history of the **William WAUGH** branch of the family..(See later report on the dinner)

.... **Venues** for future Regional and Bi-Annual meetings were next discussed..The Armidale meetings have been reasonably successful but numbers have been declining.. Some members (**Merron** for one !) believed that a venue enabling members to have a short holiday as well as attending the AWFS meeting, might be more oriented towards a coastal venue..**Bevan** and **Denise** then put it to the meeting that **Roma** might be a good place for the next Bi-Annual meeting and offered to organise it if the members so desired..Quite a bit of discussion took place but when eventually a vote was taken as to whether we should carry on with **Armidale** as our Bi-Annual site or change it, the vote was strongly in favour of maintaining the status quo and holding the next Bi-Annual meeting in **Armidale** in 2004..

.... The **Regional Meetings** to be held in October 2003 were also discussed and while **Clontarf Reserve** seemed to be generally accepted as the right place for the **Sydney regional meeting** there was more discussion about the **Queensland meeting**..With our Queensland members now

seemingly getting concentrated in the **Sunshine Coast** area, it does seem that a venue there next October would be well received by our Queensland members ..**Merron Matthews** has been looking into this and just to-day I received an email from her with details..see later in this NL...
....Financial Report... I reported to the meeting that the Society is in a strong financial position..We presently have almost \$2000 in the account at the local Northern Inland Credit Union..
Saturday Night...We met at 6.30 for pre-dinner drinks...had a smorgasbord style meal and then had our 3 speakers for the night..

Our **first speaker** was **Chris Vaughan** who made a presentation on the life and times of his Aunt Chris., **Chris Honeyman** who was really our first Australian Waugh Family Historian..Chris V. has vivid personal memories of his **Aunt Chris** and proceeded to deliver a fascinating insight into this remarkable woman, and **Waugh Family historian**...I regard his presentation as so important to anyone interested in Waugh family history (and that means all of our members !!) that I intend reproducing Chris's presentation in a future Newsletter of it's own as it's too long to include here.

Many of our members at the Armidale meeting received copies there but many other members who weren't there, should have a copy..So I won't dwell on Chris's presentation that night other than to say "Many thanks Chris" for your wonderful presentation, when you "brought to life" a person and a personality, who had previously been for me anyway..a fairly dim historical figure in my Waugh ancestry..This is no longer true...the "dimness" has disappeared and "Aunt Chris" is to my mind now a much clearer personage and character...Well done Chris !!

Our **second speaker** was one of our younger "G" generation members..**Anne Rix** , a daughter of our "Goondowindi" **John Waugh** and wife **Jenny**..**Anne** spoke of her new job in Armidale, with an organisation which finds employment for people with disabilities ..At times serious, and at times humorous, Anne held her audience's attention very well and gave us all an insight to this most worthwhile aspect of Australia's current workforce and the part being played by a Waugh descendant...Not a job that I could handle, but thank God there are people such as Anne who can..
 Our daughter **Ruth** who has had to battle with a rather serious disability, for the past 20 odd years, really appreciated Anne's presentation and had a good long chat to her afterwards..

Our **third speaker** was **Bevan Stansbie** who spoke of the research he and his wife **Denise** have done into the ancestors and descendants of Denise's grandmother, **Alison Elizabeth Talbot WAUGH** (1878-1971) (my D338)...**Alison** is on this Society's **Line 3** (Mt.McKenzie Waughs...Nancy Fox's Line)...She was a daughter of **John Oxley WAUGH** (1847-1926) and a grand-daughter of "Aussie " **William WAUGH** (1808-1854) and his wife **Frances** (nee **Thorpe-Oxley**)..(Frances's grave at Tenterfield was recently renovated through the organising efforts of **Nancy Fox**, the co-ordinating efforts of this Society, and the financial support of the **Hedley family**..)

Bevan and **Denise** produced two genealogical charts..one showing **Alison's** 150 (approx) descendants and the other tracing her **Waugh** side ancestry back to a **Thomas Waugh** born in 1630 at **Gordon** in **Berwickshire**..These charts are too big to reproduce here but they are pinned to the wall at the end of our lounge room !! They also researched the ancestors of **Alison's** grandmother **Frances**, and her father **John Oxley**...This tree goes way back to **Nicholas St. John** who was born in 1526 and died in 1589 ..Congratulations must go to them both for their efforts in pushing back the frontiers of our **Waugh** family history, these extra generations..

3. Proposed Queensland Regional Reunion..5th October 2003..

Following is a copy of an email from **Merron** which gives details of our proposed Queensland Regional Meeting..

Dear Ron

*I let **Ian & Shirley Waugh** know that I thought it might be a good idea to have the Qld/Nth NSW reunion in Caloundra. They think that is a good idea. Of course, any member (including you!) or prospective member who wants to come is welcome. (I could put a little advertisement in the*

Courier Mail if you want to recruit at the same time! People could ring me for details.) The venue is tentatively booked for 5th October. It has Insurance.

The hall I am proposing (subject to satisfactory arrangements being made for public risk insurance.) is the Caloundra Arts Centre Assn building on the corner of Landsborough Parade and North St, opposite the Oasis Resort. This is easily found because one turns right opposite the landmark Sunland Shopping Centre, into Landsborough Parade off Caloundra Rd (which is the main road in to Caloundra from the Bruce Highway) and almost instantly right again into the carpark. (I guess I could always put up a temp. sign.)

Advantages of this venue, not in any order:

- a.. It is very light and bright.
- b.. It is within walking distance of a swimming beach and the Sunland Shopping Centre (to buy forgotten food & drinks, ice-cream etc).
- c.. It has a large parking lot.
- d.. It has inside/covered outside area and a large grassed space.
- e.. There is a fully equipped kitchen and toilets. We can self-cater and bring our own food.
- f.. There are plenty of comfortable chairs and tables.
- g.. Cost per hour is \$12.10; count 6 hours = \$72.60 ..
- h.. Close enough to catchment area for most to drive home after the event, OR very out-of-towners could ask SC residents for offer of home accommodation for the night; otherwise there is plenty of off-season accommodation available, being the last day of the Qld school holidays.
- i.. Some people might consider combining the reunion with a holiday or weekend away.
- j.. There is a Sunday market on Caloundra road if people want to come earlier.

Possible Disadvantages (not to me):

- a.. No alcohol allowed..
- b.. Last day of the Qld school holidays (could be an advantage).
- c.. Self-catering..
- d.. We clean up and leave place as we found it.

I think that we could be 'open for business' from 10.00am to 3.30pm and have cleaned up and left by 4pm. People can come and go as they wish.

How does that all sound to you? Should we keep it informal as we did last time..no 'programme'? AWFS could provide a bottle of coffee, tea bags and milk & sugar. There is a hot water urn in the kitchen and a frig, which is handy.

Ed. Well I think it sounds ideal..What we need now ASAP is approx. numbers....how many are likely to turn up, so Merron can confirm or cancel the booking..All being well I should be able to get to this one myself as there is no clash with our sailing club Opening Day..

Members intending to be there...please ring **Merron** or **Ian** as early as possible..Phone numbers as follows...

Merron and Bryan MATTHEWS...Ph. (07) 54919771...email..merronm@ozemail.com.au

Ian and Shirley WAUGH...Ph (07) 54486669...email..siwaugh@ozemail.com

4...Proposed Sydney Regional Reunion..October 26th 2003...

The meeting held in October 2000 was such a success that no changes are really needed..It was "a big family picnic" and I believe that is how it should be..We'll have stick-on name tags available in the morning and **Jill Wrathall** will organise the Church Hall as a standby in case of rain...I don't know if she can organise possession of the same big pine tree but here's hoping !! It will once again be a BYO type show but it would be handy to have an idea of likely numbers..If you intend being there please contact Jill or John Gillespie..

Jill Wrathall..Ph. 99 494 621

John Gillespie...Ph. 99 574 310 email waugh@pacific.net.au

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From **Yolande James**...Ipswich..

Dear Everyone,

I have just had the worst week!!!!!!!!!!!!

The waterbed sprang a leak- right thru' the carpet down to the floor downstairs. The cows in the back paddock were inside our garden. What a mess!! Rod lost his Visa card. He doesn't know where nor when. My computer "lost" an assignment just as I was going to print it out!!!!!!

Oh, well! I just might go find all the "just started" bits and pieces.

Love to you all,

Yolande.

Subject: [Fwd: Inner Peace]

I am passing this on to you because it has definitely worked for me.

By following the simple advice I read in an article, I have finally found inner peace.....

It read: "The way to achieve inner peace is to finish all the things you've started."

So I looked around to see all the things I started and hadn't finished.

So, today I have finished off a bottle of vodka, a bottle of red wine, a bottle of Jack Daniel's, my Prozac, a small box of chocolates and 2 litres of Stella Artois...you have no idea how good I feel...

You may pass this on to those you feel are in need of Inner Peace...

5... Miscellaneous Family News...

.. My sister **Kath** and husband **Walter Gardiner** have sold their property "**Bow Glen**" (near Merriwa) after spending the last 51 years there..Walter's father and Grandfather had "Bow Glen" before that, so it had been in the Gardiner family for 90 odd years..When they left the agent organised a clearing sale, and over 400 cars turned up..mostly city folk looking for antique gear...Walter said that the oldest and most useless stuff there sold for the best money !! Old (now illegal) rabbit traps..ironbark slabs 100 years old, with the adze marks still on them, old farm machinery etc all sold well..He said he had an old truck which was still useful but it didn't bring much..!

They have since bought an 8acre hobby farm on the outskirts of Tamworth with a very comfortable and roomy (4 bedrooms + 2 huge sunrooms) modern brick home, and only 15 minutes from Tamworth CBD..Walter now has his milking cow on the place..a few beehives and has one more BAS staement to send in before he officially becomes a "hobby farmer"..I asked Walter how long he had been milking his own "house cow" and he said "since I was 8.."

....I have recently been in touch with **Rosemary Waugh** and she's been thrilled to learn of the success of one of the racehorses she bred and reared at **Taloumbi**..The horse is called "**Smart Bet**" and was voted Singapore's "Horse of the Year" after winning (among others) the Singapore Cup carrying 59kgs over 2000m..He has won total prizemoney to date of almost \$3,000,000.."Smart Bet" is by "Cossak Warrior" out of **Rosemary's** mare "**Quieter Still** " and never raced in Australia being sold for export...Rosemary still has the broodmare and her last foal both of which are at Minimurra Stud at Glen Innes.."Quieter Still" is now in foal to "Favorite Trick" and I doubt very much that Rosemary will allow this foal to be sold for export !!

6...Inwards Correspondence

From **Bill Talbot**...Bateman's Bay...2536..

It's 6.15am on a Sunday morning and being the insomniac I am I decided to do some Xmas cards..I will go to 8am Mass, when Rose and Lucy wake up..if I'm not asleep by then !..I was at Aunt Mollie's about a month ago, picking up Shannon from the airport, so over recent years I have stayed at Mosman quite a bit..Aunt Mollie usually gives us a lesson in Contract Bridge..Oh well I'd still rather be lucky in love..Lucy saw the Pope in Canada...a pilgrimage..but it cost her a pass in one of her UNI subjects..bad timing ! She is doing a music degree at Melbourne University...Shannon only had one holiday last year...quite amazing considering her school

attendance was only ever marginal...She is a casual Drinks Person at "Charlies" at Surfer's Paradise..She and Amy have a flat smack-bang in the middle of "Asian Wonderland" We will visit them with a Xmas hamper and lotsa money ! BILL

Ed. Thanks Bill for the update on your family activities..

From **Nancy Fox**...Wallangarra 4383..

How did the meeting go ? Sorry I was unable to attend, but very pleased to hear at least some of our Line 3 were in attendance..I know one person was pleased to meet (for the first time) other members of my line..

My touring holiday was very enjoyable, came back on the Saturday via Glen Innes...Everywhere we went there were bush fires...well almost..Looking forward to your next newsletter..Nancy P.S. Annette and her husband have moved to Brisbane..295 Gallipoli St. Carina Heights 4152..

Ed. Thanks for your letter Nancy...I'm sorry you've had to wait so long for this NL !!

From **Nonie Holtsbaum**...Castle Hill..2154

Thanks for the updates..You are marvellous!...Lorraine and I see each other often..She's had a hard year..I've had a new hip..! Nonie

Ed. Thanks for the note Nonie.. Hope that new hip is going OK..

From **Mollie Cortis**...Turrumurra...2074

Thanks once again for a very happy re-union..The attendance numbers made it especially friendly...hope we can keep on going....Ned and I like the Armidale venue but perhaps the next venue choice won't apply to us !!

Ed. Judging by the vote at our Bi-Annual meeting I think the Armidale venue will be with us for quite a while yet..If our numbers fall too far below 40 we may have to consider a different venue but we'll jump that hurdle if and/or we come to it..

From **Chris Vaughan**..Forestville....2087.....(in part)..

*I am ashamed not to have written before to congratulate you on the very successful Armidale meeting..as you said the smaller numbers made it easier to move around & I think having been privileged to speak about **Aunt Chris**, made me feel more involved with that wonderful pioneering Waugh family, and it was great to go to **Taloumbi** and see her resting place..So thank you for all the effort you have put into this Society & organising the meeting..*

*I would also dearly love to get to UNE and see Chris's photo album which I recall seeing at Neutral Bay 25 years ago..they could well be fading & in need of copying..Some day perhaps I'll get there !!
Chris...*

Ed..Hopefully you'll get an opportunity to visit UNE when we have our next reunion in Armidale in November 2004..

From **Ian Waugh**....Bli Bli....4560..3/12/02..

This note is starting early for many reasons not the least of which is that I'm a little tired of packing up and also probably that we will miss all of you who are in the Waugh Family Society meeting at Armidale next week..Also if I leave it till later you might not get anything in time for Christmas or the New Year.

*Yes moving after 32 years means a marathon sorting and packing effort over many months..One large truckload has gone up and some, too, to the dump..But those of you who moved after a long period surely do not wish to hear all the details !(however much they may be pre-occupying me!) so I'll just say it is the second move this year, as I helped move **Frances** in April to her new abode at Villa 38, 42 Ridley Road Bridgeman Downs..She is now well settled though I'm not sure if she will ever get fully unpacked ! Nuff said, but she has a very handy garage and no car !!*

This year has passed in a blurr. The early part was marred by **Shirley's** tests before Christmas indicating the need to treat a premalignant(?) bowel lesion as malignant. Mercifully it was in fact pre-malignant, but more check ups to follow.

We had a lovely time at O'Reilley's Guest House over Easter per kind favour of **Mark, Lindy** and their children..It was on that week-end away that the real estate man who had been trying to get a good price for our home for a week or so was successful..Many 'phone calls and a hurried return on Wednesday 3rd April to sign our acceptance of a 30 day contract with delivery in December after Shirley wound down work for the year..On the Thursday, fortified by the prospect of good money , we went to Bli Bli to arrange a dog proof fence for our new home there...On the 23rd April Frances moved to Villa 38..And so ended a hectic two months..

The same agent who sold our house had sold Frances's home on it's first inspection, before it was even half tidy, let alone packed up, and we both got a good result..I'm still packing and tidying six months later ! Frances's home was not advertised, and ours only on the Internet...Martin Millard now of Harcourt's Real Estate sold properties for three Waugh women in about a month..(**Lindy** was the other) and he certainly knows what he is doing..He said that he could now feed his family for the next six months !

We also won a trip to Hamilton Island by paying a subscription promptly and being the one drawn out of the hat ! So in early June we spent a lovely time exploring the island and flying over the reef and all other points of interest..Since then a similar plane crashed with a tragic loss of life..We also paraglided on a wire getting the feel of it all without risk to ourselves as it was near the airport airspace. They said anyone from 7 to 87 could do it, and that I believe, because the chief qualification really was being fit enough to climb all the stairs up through the scrub to the launching pad..

July as usual was a taxing month for bookwork, but also full of fun as Shirley took some time off and we went west to "Locano" near St.George to stay a week with the Miltons, and then they came back here for a couple of weeks. Their **Sue** and our **Lindy** started the family friendship about 35 years ago.

In early September we moved our Bli Bli tenants on as planned, and started to prepare the house with some fresh paint to our liking..August and September were busy so that in October we could start moving the first truckload for settling in before the hot weather..Moving pot plants is a major exercise.!

The two most outstanding occasions in September were the **Gillespie** week-end at their old homestead of "**Glengallan**" which was a great success..We missed **Ron Main** who could not make it on the day. I was later dragooned into being one of the three "talking heads" for the Heritage Trail Exhibit, filmed in Brisbane, each one representing in turn the **Duchar, Slade** and **Gillespie** family's time at "Glengallan". We all had fun with make-up and all ! After it was all over I realised that perhaps we should have dragooned **John Waugh** of Palmwoods as it was his branch that that married in **1903** the daughter of the Duchars..**John Duchar Neill Waugh** of Quilpie, his father, was mixed up by the Post Office in the 30's with **Justin Douglas Neill WAUGH**, my father, of Charleville.. The other unusual event was a pleasurable visit one night by **Neil McDonald**, Eden and Jim's son...He married Jill from Canada about 30 years ago, and we met in Toronto last for a meal about 10 years ago..

Our **John** and **Shelly** are expecting their third baby in January, with **Lilly** and **Eliza** eagerly awaiting the event..You are not receiving this communication per **John's** new venture which converts my Email to him into Snail Mail..ie it types and posts all our greetings if I were only a little bit cleverer ! The **Welsh** four are all thriving with the eldest **James** having enjoyed this year being Captain of his school, and also as a member of a school Rugby Union tour to Canada in an unbeaten series...**Andrew** and **Beverley's** eldest **Kate** ia a real live wire , while **Reeve** has found his feet in his first year at Kindergarten. **Elisabeth** and **Tony Bergmans** are well entrenched in

Ballina and enjoying country town life and working in a building manufacturing plant, Elisabeth manages the office while Tony works in production and installation..Meridith has had a busy year with a lot of activities including organising a significant conference, and teaching on top of her busy case load..Marcus, our resident student, may leave for Korea in November to teach English..

Ian and Shirley..

Ed. Thank you once again Ian and Shirley for your family news..I'm glad for your sake that all that moving is now over..Firstly Frances and then yourselves.. I don't think I'd have the strength to move from here..not after 41 years of accumulating dross !! So here's hoping I don't have to..

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Humour Break..

A Small Wiry Fellow of indeterminate age, walked into a logging camp in Canada. He had his axe over his shoulder and asked, where he could find the Camp Boss.. He duly found the man and asked if he could have a job...The Camp Boss looked at him rather dubiously but decided to give him a go, and directed him to a thickly forested uncut area of about 20 acres and told him if he performed OK he would employ him ..

The small wiry fellow went off to the patch with just his axe and a billy of black tea, but was back at the boss's caravan inside the hour.

Camp Boss.."What are you doing back here ??"

S W F..."Well I've finished falling that patch.."

C B..."Did you trim and bark them ??"

S W F.."Yes that's all done.."

C B.."Where on earth did you learn to use an axe like that ??"

S W F.."In the Sahara"..

C B.."You mean the Sahara Desert ??"

S W F.."Oh that's what they call it now.."

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From **Kate and Ron Main**...New Lambton...2305....Dec. 2002..

Another busy year nearly over..

We have been busy enjoying our 200 acre property at Glen Martin, about 40 minutes drive from Newcastle..Ron has erected a Rotoloo composting toilet, which is resting in an armchair on a platform about 5 feet above the ground. We have yet to put sides or roof on the structure, so going to the toilet is a real out door experience with lovely views of the bush and sun set !

Ron has also mastered the tractor for doing the fire breaks and forest tracks..I have concentrated on doing up the cabin, learning how to look after the bee hives and have mulched and pruned the fruit trees in the orchard. We are planning to spend some time up there in the school holiday to complete the toilet, check the fences and have some walks to check for weeds.

With the recent drought, one of our neighbors asked if he could put 30 cattle on our property..We said no, as we are planning to apply for a grant to protect the property as it is native bush and a wonderful sanctuary for native animals..Luckily it rained last week and everything is much greener.

In town we have a menagerie of animals which include Tinka the cat, Tulip the 6 month old Labrador, 20 plus gold fish, 2 chooks and one drake, 4 ducks and 22 ducklings..The ducklings will become Christmas presents on 23rd Dec.

This year we have decided to make or grow our Christmas presents..Free range chook and duck eggs and chemical free home grown lemons are perfect for lemon butter. Christmas cakes and Christmas puddings, home made sweets and the ducks are basically what we have in mind as presents this year. Lilian has also been doing cross stitch cards.

Lillian finishes her first year at Newcastle Grammar School tomorrow with a speech day to be held at the University of Newcastle..She has had a marvellous year having made some very good friends, represented the school by swimming at the Olympic pool in Sydnnet earlier in the year and has done very well academically..She sings in two school choirs and plans to do percussion and drama next year..

Lillian was also a finalist in the annual Northcott Society for Children with Disability Christmas Card competition. Her entry was one of 192 chosen out of 1100 cards...We went down to Sydney last week-end for the presentation and to look at the exhibition..

We are looking forward to a holiday, with as yet not too much planned..We are going to the Snowy Mountains for a week on 27th Dec. with our group of bush walking friends..We also have 4 days booked at Pt. Wollstoncroft Sport and Recreation camp the last week end in January, just before school starts..Other time may well be spent with Jim and Joan, Ron's parents in Nelson Bay..at the property and decorating my office, Lillian's bedroom and polishing the floors.

This is beginning to sound quite busy but we do have a 2 month's holiday!

At the beginning of 2002 I did not have much work, and retirement was becoming a pleasing option in my mind...The last part of the year has been comfortably busy and I am already booked from the end of January until the end of March running workshops. However the farming life appeals to me more and Lillian's activities keep me on my toes, so I try and take on no more than 3 to 3 days work out of the office a week, as reports can keep me office bound for one to two days...I have had enough of getting up at 4.30am or working to 2.00am on a regular basis !

From Penny WAUGH..Cranebrook..2749

Further to my husband's telephone conversation last night , I am enclosing a cheque for \$10 as family membership for the "WAUGH" family group.

I have been fortunate to review a copy of **Neville Maloney's** book on the WAUGHS but unfortunately there does not seem to be an obvious link to **Darrel's** family..I have enclosed a brief summary of his ancestors.. Although I am still waiting on some documentation for proof of details I think it is close to the truth but will obviously verify the information as the paper work is received..

I would appreciate any help and information that you or the members of the group can provide..Thank You... **Penny Waugh..**

Ed..The genealogical data sent by Penny shows that **Darrel** is descended from a **William WAUGH** born on 12th July 1802 in Kirklington, Cumberland England..He married **Sarah FOX** , daughter of **John FOX** and **Elizabeth FURNASS**..born ca 1826 in Plumbland, Cumberland, England..(?)

They had the following children:

1. **Thomas**..born ca 1859 in Ellenborough, Cumberland, England..Thomas died in Fairy Meadow, NSW, Australia on 30 Jun 1937, he was 78.
2. **Joseph** (ca 1861-1931)
3. **Andrew** born ca 1867 in Aspatria, Cumberland, England. He died in Woonona, NSW Aust. on 23 Feb. 1933, he was 66.

Andrew married Eliza Jane MONTGOMERY.

4. **Henry**. born ca 1873 in Gilcrux, Cumberland, England..

Many thanks Penny for your letter and sub..Your letter raises some very interesting questions regarding the future of this Society..Like you I couldn't find any recent "**Common Ancestor**" which would link Darrel's ancestor William to those known to our Society..."**William**" is a fairly common name among the Waughs. Our 2 best known "**Williams**" are "**Wealthy**" **William**...1788-1866 and "**Aussie**" **William**...1808-1854...With Darrel's ancestor William being born in 1802 it is highly likely that he was a cousin of our "Aussie" William..1st 2nd or 3rd cousin once or twice removed..who knows ?? As **Reeve WAUGH** used to say "They're still "**COUSINS**" Ron !! Don't worry about the details !!

In the early days of this Society (1997) **Neville Maloney** discovered that there are over 700 WAUGHS listed as having a telephone service...For every descendant called WAUGH there would be probably more than 20 with a different surname..(me for one !)

I said earlier that I could find no recent common ancestor, but if we go back further in time I believe we can.. A very believable family legend (reproduced in Neville Maloney's book) is that the Waugh family originated in the 8th century when a Dane, **Valdemaa Waa**, took part in a raid on Britain in the Border country..killed a farmer then married his daughter and settled down !! There are a few mysteries about this story and not much detail (eg. did he really marry the daughter ? if he did, then he must have been one of the better behaved Vikings !!) So **Darrel** and myself and all the Waugh descendants in Australia and New Zealand almost certainly DO have a **common ancestor..Valdemaa Waa..**

Until now, our Society members have all been descendants of **Thomas WAUGH** 1706-1783 and **Margaret JOHNSTONE** but I see no reason why other descendants of old **Valdemaa** shouldn't also be members..One of our members **Edith van Driel** (see later) is also a member of the "Clan Johnston/e" Association and sent me a copy of one of their Newsletters..It is a very large Association, and while I don't believe the Waugh descendants are as numerous as the Johnstons, I can see the possibility of a much bigger Waugh Society than we have now, catering for ALL **descendants** of **Valdemaa** and not just those of our Thomas (1706-1783)..

So a big welcome to our new members **Darrel and Penny WAUGH** !!

From **Edith van Driel** (G377) (nee Oakes)...Croydon 3136..

Ed...Edith sent me a copy of a quarterly issue of the Newsletter of the Clan Johnston/e Association which contained extracts from the memoirs of William Napier Reeve WAUGH (1853-1945) originally published in Chris Honeyman's history and reproduced in Neville Maloney's Waugh History..Edith had previously asked my permission to use the material which I was happy to give on behalf of our Society provided the source was acknowledged..This was duly done in the Clan Johnston/e Newsletter and it is good to see this valuable historic material being given wider dissemination..The Waughs and the Johnston/es have been marrying each other at least since the early 1700's in England and of course "Aussie" Alexander's daughter of his first marriage..Eliza Annie Isobella Grieve Waugh married James Johnston at Bungay Bungay on 23/4/1858..They had 5 children and in 1996 when I was compiling lists of descendants we knew there were at least 337 of them. Edith, who is a descendant of Eliza Annie also sent me a copy of a poem written by Frank Oakes (G375) at Kempsey about 1987..

In My Shoes.....by Frank Oakes..

So you want to be a farmer,
I said to my lad,
He said, too right I want to be,
Just like you Dad.

So I looked him up and down,
And stared straight at my kid,
I wondered quietly to myself,
Is he the full Quid ?.

Then I thought it's great to see,
A young bloke so keen,
But I'd hate to see him,
In the situations I have been.

Up to my knees in the mud,
Trying to save a cow,
Trying to plough a paddock,
That's too hard and dry to plough.

Finally I plant my corn,
And hope with luck it grows,
But when I finally pull it,
I find I've shared it with the crows.

Looking for cows in the dark,
Being a real loner,
Getting letters from the bank,
And wondering who's the owner.

Finally I milk the cows,
And look inside the vat,
Fairdinkum, there's not enough milk,
To drown a flaming rat.

I said you know this farming game,
Is mainly sweat and toil,
It's not all beer and skittles,
Making a living from the soil.

But he says, I want to be a farmer,
I think that farming's nice,
So I said just hold your horses son,
And I'll give you my advice.

Get an education,
For the career that you choose,
But boy you'll make me proud son,
If you follow in my shoes..

Frank Oakes....1987.

Ed. Many thanks Edith for sending me this...After battling through the recent (and current ??) drought, I can really relate to your brother's poem..

From **Angela Williamson..Cronulla..2230....15/12/2002..**

I have been putting off starting this letter and now I am annoyed with myself that it is the eleventh and a half hour..I have been putting it off because while we Williamson's have had a good year the world and the weather have gone mad or madder and it is hard to write when some people have lost so much..I will set that aside for now and give you the Williamson news..

When Charles was sixteen he went on a football tour of Europe. In England he stayed with a family who made him very welcome and wanted to keep him (had they asked me I would gladly have let them at that stage) Charles left some clothes behind and the mother posted them home.. I wrote to thank her and sent a small gift & we have kept in touch ever since..I was absolutely thrilled on the 28th Dec 2002 to receive a phone call from her son Michael & his wife Kate..They spent two days with us and I was glad to be able to return the hospitality and kindness shown to Charles..

Once the festivities of Christmas and New Year were over it was back to wedding preparations. Angie was an easy bride to get on with ...she was quite organised...there were no last minute dramas and she and her mother Kris were nice enough to include me in all the picking and choosing of the dress, invitations , cake and all the other little things..

As Thomas was best man he was responsible for Charles buchs day,, I was relieved that the final venue decided on was our back yard..I felt it safer than war games, Paint ball, parachute jumps and all the other dangerous things suggested..I was banned from the property for the day (I was only too pleased to go, football teams, race boat drivers and fast car enthusiasts and a couple of kegs are not what I call fun.)

The wedding day was fine and hot, I think it rained for two weeks either side of the big day..The bride was beautiful (aren't they all, but Angie is pretty and has a very sunny nature) It was a very happy wedding, the band was great and Stuart and I were most impressed by Angie's father's speech..He said he had been impressed by Charles when he first met him 10 years ago, "a fellow with normal hair, no earrings, m a real job and someone who spoke in real sentences not just "Yes" or "No"..

The day after we had a recovery lunch at home at home for the close families and the newly-weds opened their gifts with much oohing and aahing.

Charles and Angie went to Hamilton Island for their honeymoon to our ex neighbor's new holiday unit..It waqs really nice of them to offer the unit, the golf buggy and the use of their boat..They had a great time.. Before the wedding they were in a mad panic to clean, sand the floors and paint the house Charles has rented out for the past couple of years..It is a tiny little cubby house with a tiny bathroom and they love it..Angie has painted the horrible kitchen and bathroom tiles, Charles & Stuart have built a deck out the back and are revamping the yard..It's like backyard blitz on a go-slow..

Thomas turned 21 on the 7th March and we had a small party for him at home.. In the seven weeks between the Williamson & Penny weddings (my niece was married at our house) it was all go here to put the final touches to the house and garden. My job was to have the venue looking it's best and Shan and Beth had everything else under control..

I planted hundreds of white impatiens down the drive and mauve and purple near the house and on the day it did look nice.

We only had one small disaster. On the Thursday before the wedding the men were putting the nmarquee up on the terrace in the rain..They put one of the poles in the wrong place and I could not open the doors to the terrace which would have defeated the whole idea of making the the lounge dining room & terrace into one big room. I went to get an umbrella from the garage so I could go out and tell them and slipped down the only step in the house and tore the ligaments in my foot. Thank heavens the wedding was not that night. I could not have gone I was in so much pain. (Lots of physiotherapy and it is still not right.)

Beautiful day for Beth and Matthew's wedding. The garden looked great, food delicious, band fantastic, bride looked stunning, mother of the bride looked 20 years younger, and aunt of the bride confined to a chair..It went like a dream.

They say "Pride goes before a fall"..As I said the garden looked great. Three days after the wedding my garden was attacked by a plague of famished grubs..Stuart sprayed them three times and they still ate & grew fat. I dragged my useless foot off the couch and armed with tweezers and a half filled bottle of metho picked them off the plants by their hundreds..I finally bought a spray that worked but by then most of the impatiens were stumps..I am seriously thinking of cemented in plastic flowers. Luckily they have grown back and look OK again..Now I am waiting for the grubs to return, but this time I am ready for them.

Stuart Thomas & I went to Canberra for a few days for the opening of Parliament and to do the tourist bit...We spent hours in the War Memorial and I saw the Italian exhibition at the Art Gallery..All very pleasant.

Stuart and I also spent a week with Stuart's brother and sistyer & Sister-in-law, John and Norelle, at Tewantin..

Thomas got a job with a reak estate agent in Cronulla at the beginning of July..He is their "Rental Consultant" and is enjoying it..

I went to Ireland in October with two friends..We had a great time..The Irish are friendly and the scenery beautiful.. One of the highlights for me was visiting where my Patterson ancestors lived and going through the parish register..The minister was very helpful and has put me in touch with a distant cousin who is also interested in the family tree.

It was while we were away that we heard of that cowardly senseless bombing in Bali..Those poor families..A POX ON ALL RELIGIOUS FANATICS!

Between September 11th , Bali, & bush fires & George W Bush rattling his sabre the festive season seems to have lost its festivity.

To finish on a far more cheerful note next Saturday we are holding a party for one of my friend's 50th. We will have about 120 guests so it can rain every day but not Saturday..

Christmas day will be celebrated over breakfast at Shannon & John's (my sister and her husband) this year to allow our growing families to visit their other families..

Angela..

*PS I was really sorry to hear **Reeve** had died..he was such a nice man...*

Ed. Thanks once again for your update on your family news..I hope you and/or some of your family can get to Clontarf in October..It was a very enjoyable function in 2001 with many young Waugh descendants of Charles and Thomas's generation there. Hopefully there will be even more there this year..

6. Emails Inwards...

From **Yolande James**....Ipswich. yolandejj@uq.net.au

Can't Remember

I thought that you might enjoy the music . even if the text does not apply!!???

Cheers

NEW VIRUS

Just got this in from a reliable source. It seems there is a virus called the "Senile Virus" that even the most advanced programs of Norton and McAfee cannot take care of it

So be warned. The virus appears to affect those of us who were born before 1950..

Symptoms of the Senile Virus:

1. Causes you to send the same e-mail twice.
2. Causes you to send blank e-mail.
3. Causes you to send e-mail to to the wrong person.
4. Causes you to send e-mail back to the person who sent it to you.
5. Causes you to forget to attach attachments.
6. Causes you to hit "SEND" before you've finished the e-mail.

Remember?????????????

I don't remember if I sent this one out.....

I don't think I did...or did you send it to me??

Funny, I don't remember being absent minded...

God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Now that I'm 'older' (but refuse to grow up), here's what I've discovered:

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats have turned into prunes and All Bran.
3. I finally got my head together; now my body is falling apart.
4. Funny, I don't remember being absent minded...
5. Funny, I don't remember being absent minded...
6. All reports are in; life is now officially unfair.
7. If all is not lost, where is it?
8. It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
9. Funny, I don't remember being absent minded..
10. Some days you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant.!
11. I wish the buck stopped here; I sure could use a few..
12. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
13. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.!
14. Funny, I don't remember being absent minded...
15. It's hard to make a come back when you haven't been anywhere.
16. The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.
17. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.
18. When I'm finally holding all the cards, why does everyone decide to play chess?

19. Funny, I don't remember being absent minded..

20. It's not hard to meet expenses... they're everywhere.

21. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

22. These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter... I go somewhere to get something and then wonder what I'm here after.

23. I AM UNABLE TO REMEMBER IF I HAVE MAILED THIS TO YOU OR NOT !

24. Funny, I don't remember being absent minded..

Now, I think you're supposed to send this to 5 or 6, maybe 8, maybe 10, oh, heck, just send it to a bunch of your friends if you can remember who they are. Then something is supposed to happen... I think. Maybe you get your memory back or something! I think...

From **Mike Anderson**..Forest Lodge..3ms@bigpond.com

Thought I'd better give you a cyber buzz as I haven't talked to you for a while. How are you going? I hope you're getting some of the rain. Sydney is drenched but I believe the dams to the west are still going down. We went to **Sunny Corner** for a few days in the holidays and it is still drought stricken. On another tack this was the trip we planned with **Christopher and Lyn** and the kids before **Phil** died. We decided to go ahead with it anyway and had a terrific time. Your 86 year old sister is a bit frightening as she can't see a thing in the dark and nearly fell into the fire a couple of times but all ended happily. It was sad in some ways because there are so many reminders of Phil. Every piece of junk has a history.

I think you would have enjoyed the funeral and we had a really good party afterwards with mostly rels. **Kath** and **Walter** couldn't come of course but **David** and **Robyn** came instead. Even **Tom** and **Dianne** turned up. That's cheap airfares from the Gold Coast for you.

Mollie is off to Italy with **Joan** and **Margaret** next Thursday. She's changed her mind a few times but I think I have bullied her into not changing it again. It sounds a pretty geriatric show but I think the blind will look after the blind. Here's hoping anyway.

We are in the middle of a bathroom renovation so when you come in October you will have your own.

Mike

From **Yolande James**..Ipswich..yolandejj@uq.net.au

I am sending this to you all as a record of what my/our Dad has done or is currently doing with his life, or part of it..... I suppose you all know Mum and Dad are selling their house in Greenacre and moving to Ipswich Queensland in the near future.

Arthur Gordon LONGSTON

Arthur was born 18 December 1918 at Prahan VIC and educated at Ripponlea State school, then Elwood Central School and later Melbourne High School. His first job was in cabinet manufacturing, and then he went to Wondoflex Textiles PL, Gardenvale where he was promoted to the rank of foreman in the knitting department. He then moved to the Government Gun Turret plant at Heidelberg making gun turrets for the Australian Beaufort Bombers.

In 1944 he joined the RAAF, completed an instrument makers course at Ultimo Technical College in Sydney, and was then posted to Darwin 4RSU working on Liberator Bombers until 1946..

While doing his Tech course at Ultimo, he met a beautiful girl at a dance at Wynns in Oxford Street, Sydney and married **Pauline ROBINSON** on 26 April 1947 at St Matthews Church in The Corso, Manly, NSW. They continued to live at Manly then moved to Melbourne for two years. They later returned to live at Watson's Bay, then Bankstown and finally Greenacre in 1956.

In Sydney, Arthur worked at the Sun Newspaper for 32 years before retiring to become one of their Official Visitors (CO) to other Fairfax retirees.

He joined Lodge Forrest Hill 408 on 4th August, 1942 following talks with twin brothers whom he had known for about 20 years, as well as their father who was IPM when he joined them in the Porter St, Prahan Masonic Centre. (Too poor to buy a dinner suit, he had to hire one each month). On moving to Sydney in 1950 (after WWII), he remained a country member until that lodge handed in it's charter in 1994.

He joined Bankstown Daylight (as the first Affiliate) in 1988, WM in 1994, now Chaplain for many years, and currently Caring Officer, Hall Booking Officer and Hall Director for the Hall Company. He is now the proud father of 3 boys and 3 girls, 12 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. He is a member and a Past President of the Bankstown Probus, member of Greenacre Senior Citizens and President of Greenacre Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association. He is now looking forward to receiving a telegram from the Queen (or her successor) which is only 15 years and 8 months to go. **Yolande..**

Ed...Thankyou Yolande for that great word picture of your Dad..I've met him many times at our reunions but didn't realise the great scope of his activities..I hope all has gone well for Arthur and Pauline in their move to Ipswich..

From **Jim Main**...Nelson Bay...jjimain@nelsonbay.com

Thanks for the email. I didn't bother with reading the website regarding the scam. Phillip explained all.

Joan, Molly and Margaret Nicholson (Joan's sister) have flown the coop to **Tuscany** for a quick visit. Flew out on the 22 May and due back on 6 June. Their combined ages is 248 years!! I have attached a copy of their itinerary which may be of interest. I've been staying at Harbour Haven Hostel for this couple of weeks - until Joan returns. This is only a short distance from Parkes Street so I can spend a lot of my time at home anyway.

Jeff has come up today to spend the night tonight, going back tomorrow. We won't get up to too much mischief - we are both reformed characters these days....**Jim**

P.S. **Michael** came up on Wed last - just for the day. By rail.

Jim..

8...Births Deaths and Marriages...

Deaths..

Donald Philip Smeed SMITH...b. 1917..d. 3/4/2003.. Sadly I must report the death of my sister **Mollie's** husband, and my brother-in-law **Phil Smith**..Phil was 86 when he died and though death is never an easy thing to accept, when the time comes to depart this mortal coil, very few of us are granted the sort of departure achieved by **Phil**..He had always been exceptionally healthy but a couple of days before he died, he was feeling a bit "off colour" and made one of his rare visits to a doctor..He got some pills and carried on at home for a couple of more days, then on the night of Thursday 3rd April, he went to sleep in his own bed, and didn't wake up next morning..Mollie was unable to wake him..I can't help feeling that such an end to one's life is a just reward, reserved for saints or heroes..I don't think Phil would've liked me to call him a saint, but he certainly was a **hero**..**Phil** was a pilot in the RAF during World War 2 and was decorated with the DFC for his efforts..When Hitler was threatening to impose his heinous "people management" schemes on the world, **Phil** was one of those modern day heroes, who helped preserve the freedoms we enjoy today..**Phil** was shot down over France..rescued and hidden by a French family..eventually escaped back to England and resumed his career in the RAF..In recent years **Mollie's** son by her first marriage, and Phil's stepson, **Michael Anderson**, went to France and stayed with this family, who are still very appreciative of the efforts of Australian servicemen in liberating France in WW2.

Phil's working life was spent with the CSR in the sugar industry initially as a chemist then in later years in an administrative position in marketing..He married **Mollie** in Condong northern NSW on

8/10/1949...They had three sons but lost the eldest one tragically in a surfing accident many years ago..Their two surviving sons are **James Elliott-Smith** of Toowoomba and **Kit Smith** of Burleigh Heads Q..

Phil's funeral was at Neutral Bay and was very well attended..Many Society members were there all of whom had a great respect and love for Phil..Phil and Mollie's home at Mosman was a real social centre for many Waugh descendants, (eg.see letter from Bill Talbot) and Phil's generosity and hospitality was widely recognised and appreciated..This Society and the world are poorer for his passing..He is survived by his wife **Mollie**, stepson **Michael Anderson**, sons **James** and **Kit** and grand-children **Mollie Boland-Anderson** (14yrs), **Ian James Elliott-Smith**(20yrs), **Michael John Elliott-Smith**(18yrs), **Carl Lawrence Smith**(14yrs) and **Lauren Kate -Smith** (13yrs)

On behalf of myself and the Society, I wish to offer sincere condolences to his widow and family on their grievous loss.

Alison Isobel Doone DEVINE....(F1047) b..11th Jan 1935.....d. 6th Dec. 2002..

Ed..Denise Stansbie of Roma advised me of Alison's death in a letter which reads (in part)

"Just a note to let you know Alison Isobel Doone Devine passed away on 6/12/02..We attended the funeral at Nerang on the Gold Coast on Wednesday 11th.

*We were delighted to meet our cousin's daughter, **Sarah Payne**.. She came over from New Zealand for the funeral. Her mother **Sandra Miles** , is my cousin & I have never met her children. Sarah is now 32 years old and very interested in ancestors..We will send her a print out of the ancestors and descendants of Alison Talbot WAUGH..*

*Alison Isobel Doone DEVINE is the eldest daughter of **Doris Mary MURPHY** and **George Alfred MILES**..*

Ed. Alison's WAUGH descendency is as follows...

Grdaughter of Alison Elizabeth Talbot WAUGH) (1873-1971) and John Samuel MURPHY

Gr.Grdaughter of John Oxley WAUGH (1847-1946) and Elizabeth Muir..

Gr.Gr.Grdaughter of "Aussie" William WAUGH (1808-1854) and Frances Thorpe-Oxley

Gr.Gr.Gr.Grdaughter of Thomas WAUGH (1750-1820) and Isabella Crosbie.

Gr.Gr.Gr.Grdaughter of Thomas WAUGH (1706-1783) and Margaret Johnstone.

Gr.Gr.Gr.Gr.Grdaughter of Adam WAUGH (1670-??) and Janet Tuntar.

Gr.Gr.Gr.Gr.Grdaughter of Thomas WAUGH (1630-??) and Janet Hunter.

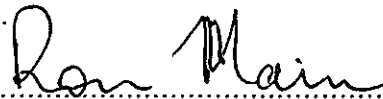
Marriages..

Charles Stuart Williamson (H419) married **Angela Kristy Metham** (H420) (Angie) on 2nd February 2002..

Elizabeth Monica Penny (H417) married **Matthew Bradley** (H418) on 23rd March 2002..

Well that's the lot from me this time..I should be able to get another NL away before our Regional Reunions in October..

With Family Love from.....

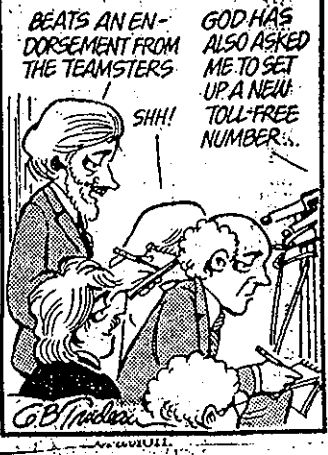

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Editor.....

PS I've got one page unused so will fill it up with a cartoon I saw which really appealed to me..Maybe it was the reference to the reporter's bosses being "secular humanist masters, the editors, who are forces for evil, satans in eye-shades..!!"

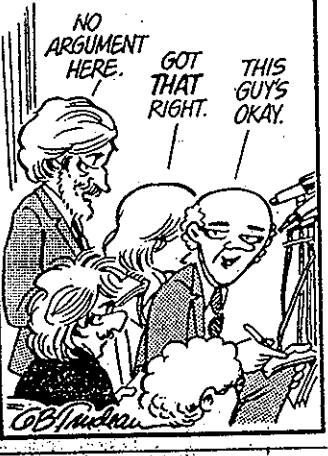
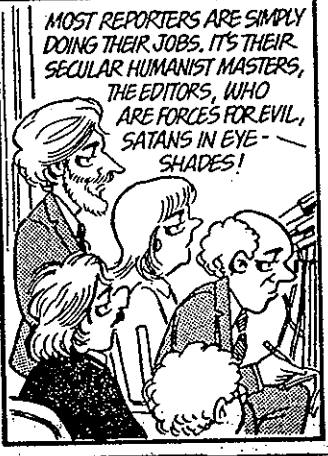
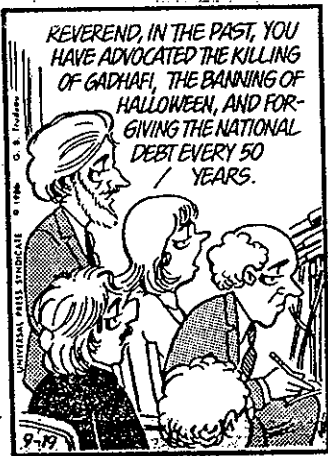
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