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Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society

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Newsletter

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President's Report

by Kay Hayes



It is that time of year again when membership are due for renewal. Forms were sent out some weeks ago and we have requested that all members complete the form for insurance purposes. Also it is nearly time for our Annual General Meeting and nomination forms will be sent out in the next week or so. As I have already advised, I will not be standing for the position of President and Jenny Goodfellow is stepping down as Minute Secretary. All members where possible are encouraged to nominate for one of the positions on committee.

The Market Day on Sunday 18 June was a huge success with just over 100 Devonshire Teas served in 3 hours! Campbelltown Council have purchased tables, cloths and chairs for the terrace and it was a welcoming place to have morning tea and a chat. Council have advised these will available for our use when required for tour groups and other functions. The next Devonshire Tea open morning will be with the markets on Sunday 20 August.

We are really pleased to welcome the Vauxhall Car Owners Club for their visit to Glenalvon on Saturday 12 August, from 10am to 12.30pm. There will be 8-12 cars of various vintage and the owners will have a tour of Glenalvon as it is open morning. Devonshire teas will be available. The Vauxhall Car Club will then go on to Mount Annan for lunch.



The terrace at Glenalvon on Sunday Market Day, looking festive with the new tables, chairs and check tablecloths Campbelltown Council are providing for the Society's use.

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The Launch of the Grist Mills in May

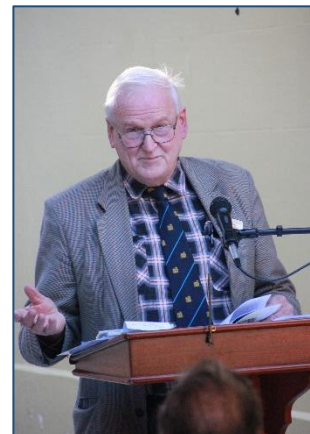
Special Edition: St Peter's Anglican Church Bicentenary

On Saturday 27th May the latest edition of the Grist Mills was launched. This was a special edition to commemorate the bicentenary of the building of St Peter's Anglican Church. Looking firstly at the pioneer Rev. Thomas Reddall, the first incumbent of the church, an account written by CAHS member Tom Reeve.

The journal also covered the history of the Anglican and Catholic schools from the time of settlement. Tom Reeve covered schools from the bush school operating in a bark hut prior to the proclamation of Campbelltown to the present St Peter's Anglican Primary School and Broughton Anglican College, while Fran Musico-Rullo wrote about the history of Catholic education; St Patrick's Primary at Quondong, St Patrick's Convent School and St John's 'Westview' up until 1899.

This edition also included 'Gleanings' with a very human story of Charles Theodore Warby written by his grandson, Craig McEwan, who visited Campbelltown from the UK last year, searching for the various local tributes to John Warby.

The launch was well attended with a few guests from the St Peter's Church community including Senior Minister Jason Veitch.



Dates to Remember

Saturday 8th July Open Morning at Glenalvon 10am-1pm

Sunday 16th July Market Day with Trash and Treasure. Glenalvon will be open to visit

Saturday 22nd July Open Morning at Glenalvon 10am-1pm

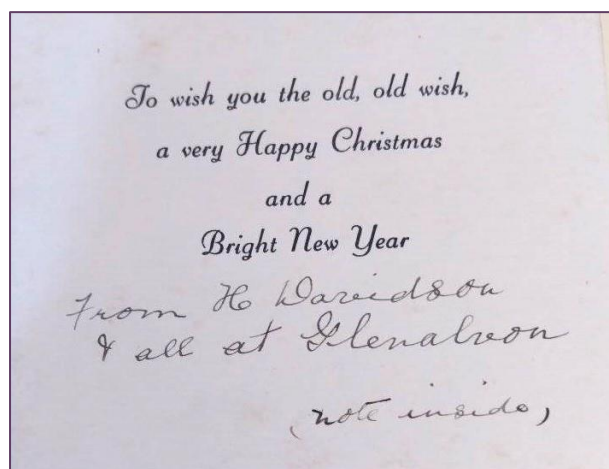
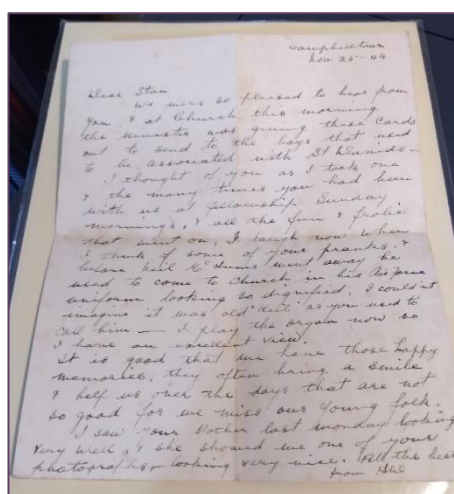
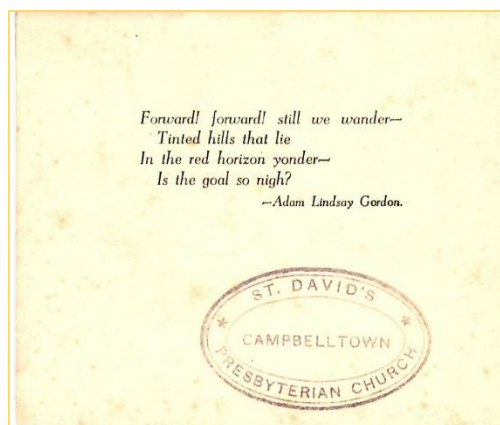
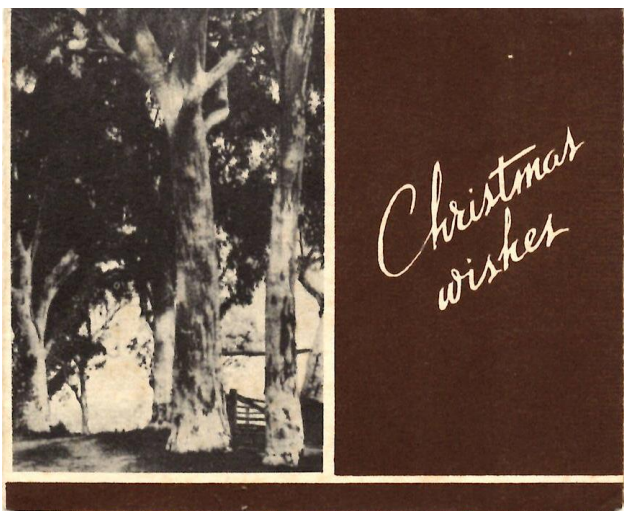
Members Meeting at Glenalvon with guest speaker John Morthern.

Topic: We are Still Here: The Battles of Gapyong and Maryang-San 1951

Afternoon tea to follow.

Saturday 12th August Open Morning at Glenalvon, with guest display of the Vauxhall Classic Car Club
Glenalvon open 10am to 1pm.





Rev. Louis Anderson and St David's Presbyterian Church

Louis Anderson was born in Melbourne and spent his primary school years there. He moved with his parents to a farm in Gippsland and it was from here that he entered the College of the Bible at Glen Iris.

His course completed, he began preparation for work as a medical missionary before enlisting in the 1st A.I.F. where he served with the 6th Australian Field Ambulance in Egypt and France until the end of World War I.

He went on to do his B.A. in 1922 and an M.A. in 1924 at Melbourne University followed by a B.D. completing his studies at the Theological Hall, to be received by the General Assembly of Australia. In 1931 he was ordained, spending the next twelve years firstly at Gosford and then North Queensland. He translated to St David's Campbelltown where he was inducted on 30th December 1943.

He came to Campbelltown with his wife and three children, James, Connie and Joyce.

His first project was to compile a list of service addresses for all young people from St David's serving in the forces. Letters were sent regularly to keep them in touch with life back home. A contribution box for gifts for service personnel was placed in the church porch. Normal letters cost 2d in 1943 with the forces rate cheaper. St David's paid 16/- for bulk postage to its members deployed in the various services. Undoubtedly Rev. Anderson's concern for service personnel emanated from his experience during the First World War and the comfort derived from the letters he received from home.

One such letter furnished by the church, has been donated to the Society by Tom Reeve. It is of special value as it was sent by Hilda Davidson 'and all at Glenalvon' to Stan Reeve. The note she includes gives us an insight to the times, the young church community and to a little glimpse of Hilda herself.

(Summarised from the book 'Take Up the Torch' by R Lockett 1992, page 83.)

*Card Sent from St David's Presbyterian Church to Fl. Lt Stan Reeve in England
Written by Mrs Hilda Davidson 25th Nov 1944*

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Dear Stan

We were so pleased to hear from you, & at Church this morning the Minister was giving these cards out to send to the boys that used to be associated with St Davids-

I thought of you as I took one & the many times you had been with us at Fellowship Sunday mornings, & all the fun & frolic that went on. I laugh now when I think of some of your pranks & before Neil McInnes went away he used to come to Church in his Air Force uniform looking so dignified, I couldn't imagine it was old 'Neil' as you used to call him- I play the organ now so I have an excellent view.

It is good that we have those happy memories, they often bring a smile & help us over the days that are not so good for we miss our young folk.

I saw your Mother last Monday looking Very well, & she showed me one of your Photographs & looking very nice. All the best

From HD