

THE Artful DODGER

JANUARY: 2007

1.n. loveable young pickpocket from Lionel Bart's "Oliver!" 2.n. printed handbill full of tidings from the W.M.I.&A.A.. with a closing date for contributions of 17th of every month to Alan Cornell on 9844 4995 or alan@commercialventure.com.au



Muriel, Pauline and Terri's legs by the river.

Happy New Year and welcome back to the arty, the crafty, the dramatic, the musical and the potty! Not much news for our first issue, mainly a few dates to get things under way.

We do want to pass on our love to Pat and John Anderson after Pat's mum passed away just before Christmas. This follows quite a bit of travelling to and from England last year. Our thoughts are with you and the family.

I need Pat's help to judge the **"Name the Players" competition** from last issue, so I'll have results for you next time.

Subs are now due for the 2007 calendar year - still only \$15 or \$25 per family sent to

PO Box 150, Warrandyte 3113.

Finally I got a new computer last month and in the change over have lost my email list. I've done my best to recreate it but I'm sure I've lost a few so if you don't get an **e-Dodger** this month please send me your email address again!

Dates to remember

- 23 Jan. 8pm - *Follies Writers @ the Hall*
- 28 Jan. 2pm - *Follies Auditions @ the Hall*
- 30 Jan. 8pm - *Follies Auditions @ the Hall*
- 7 Feb. 10³⁰am - *Painters behind the Bakery*
- 13 Feb. - *Pottery starts @ Pottery Studio*
- 19 Feb. 11³⁰am - *Craft starts @ the Hall*

Group reports.

POTTERY Welcome back after the silly season. Isn't it great to have a whole new wonderful year ahead of us. I have lots of clay - I hope you have lots of creative ideas!

Congratulations to Noelle who unanimously won the Beryl Robinson award this year. Given for her outstanding effort and support in creating the "Potters Folly".

Term 1 begins on Tuesday Feb 13th. May I remind you that fees are due on this day. As always we are looking for new members so please see what you can do. Happy New Year!

Marj Beecham 9844 3206

PAINTING I hope you all had a pleasant break and all the best for 2007.

We will meet again on Wednesday 7th February around 10.30am. If the weather is fine we will be down behind the bakery, if not Gill Beddington has invited us to come to her home - to paint, chat and coffee.

We all are thinking of you Muriel at this time - recovering from your operation and further stresses within the family, hope things soon improve.

Pauline Cross 9439 1775

THEATRE Things are, well, underway for this year's Forensic Follies! Writers are urged to gather at the Hall next Tuesday at 8pm to breathe life into this infant body of whimsy and wit.

And actors, singers, movers and indispensable back stagers are summoned for auditions on Sunday 28 January at 2pm or Tuesday 30 January at 8pm. Just watch out for Colonel Mustard with a Candlestick in the Hall. Performance dates are 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31 March.

Ghostwritten for Adrian Rice 9844 1528

CRAFT First meeting is 3rd week in Feb. That would be Monday the 19th.

Rosemary Climas 9844 2154



Wattle and Daub

Another era
I thought
but no

In Warrandyte
Wattle and Daub
homes, houses, huts
in Yarra and Webb
Chapmans and Holloways
families of nine, seven and twelve
reared in wattle and daub with
dirt floor only

They knew
sisters in law
Jean Chapman and Jean Jones
telling us while knitting
Alan their link
arguably Warrandyte's best cricketer
his son John in cricket whites
meeting the Queen
Susie playing cricket to cheering
crowds in India
Warrandyte's famous family
and Alan grew up in
Wattle and Daub

The City Valuer knew
out to Warrandyte
to inspect
in the 1930's
Wattle and Daub
swept away
in the 1939 bush fire

Not just nineteenth century
a gold rush shanty town
part of our era
Chapmans and Holloways
in Wattle and Daub
I was born then
in bricks and mortar

Information from Jean Chapman and Jean Jones
2006 Warrandyte Neighbourhood House
Tuesday morning "Busy Fingers" group

More comprehensively illuminating information,
too fulsome to reproduce here, is available from Louise.

Snobbery

Once I was
PROUD
the split infinitive
divided my world
my one published work
a letter to the editors
pointing to their split

Now
I am sort of humbled
released from the straight jacket
merrily I text message
without a sentence in sight
my emails do try for a semblance of
grammar and punctuation
even a greeting Dear John
sometimes

I admire tradesmen
so secure in their practical competence
but I shudder for them
as they build their large houses
and afford their private schools
soon to be exposed to the tyranny
of the split infinitive

I've heard that in the modern mating game
it's the appendages of the mobile phone which
score
it will transform your life said my son
Now
with my golden mobile phone (and camera) I am
PROUD

Alain De Botton *Status Anxiety*
Hamish Hamilton Penguin Group (Australia) 2004
Edward Rutherford *Ireland Awakening Century*
London (2006)

p.354 *he'd let the man know by subtle means that, even
if the Lord Lieutenant had taken him for a gentleman,
he..knew him for the imposter he was*

Evelyn Waugh *Scoop* Chapman & Hall 1938
Penguin 1947

p.208 *"common little fellow" said Uncle Roderick.
I always understood that the true Salters became extinct in
the fifteenth century*

Room travel

I'm not into Tuscany or fine wine
nor rough red neither
how wonderful to discover
ROOM TRAVEL
thanks to Jock McNeish
at Warrandyte Policing Committee
farewell to Phil Honeywood MP
my arch rival
all mates together thanks to
Margory Lapworth Warrandyte Housing
Sergeant Keith Walker Warrandyte Police

Xavier de Maistre 1790
Journey around my bedroom
he tried travel
but panicky returned home
and now I have a new bedroom
monastic cell in Wuthering Heights
is my version
I can feel
a Barry Humphries coming on
Donvale a nice type of person
not as CULTURED as Warrandyte

Only just over the hill
I exclaim
the Donvale side of Reynolds Road
Warrandyte edge
Do join me for afternoon tea
at *Wuthering Heights*

"Warranvale"

314 Reynolds Rd.

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You see it is the 9844 prefix
from 01 - 01 -2007

Alain de Botton (2002) *The Art of Travelling*
Hamish Hamilton Penguin Books p.245
Xavier de Maistre 1790 *Journey around my bedroom*
1798 *Nocturnal Journey around my bedroom*
*Millions of people who, before me, had never dared to travel,
others who had not been able to travel and still more who
had not even thought of travelling will now be
able to follow my example*

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