

Das Lied

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A lot has happened since the last newsletter!

- *We had a highly successful trip to Hamilton in September. Whilst your editor didn't get there until Saturday, most of the choir enjoyed an interesting visit to the historical cemetery (if cemetery visits can be enjoyable). We also had a great night in the Tarrington hall where we joined with Arion to show the locals how to have a good time. I'm told the locals are still talking about it. The concert in the church on Sunday morning and of course the main concert on Sunday afternoon were also enjoyable. And what about that Tabor choir! I've never heard a better version of "Men of Harlech" in my life.*
- *The Ladies' "Picnic on the Port River" was another great success. I thoroughly enjoyed cruising down the river and I'm sure the rest of you did as well.*
- *Rehearsals for the Christmas season are in full swing. Please remember the following important dates:*
 - *December 1st: Concert at Holly Residential Care Centre, Hackham. It starts at 2pm, but please be there by 1:30 at the latest. The best was to get there is to travel South through Morphett Vale until you get to Pennys Hill Road. Turn left there, and when you get to the first roundabout, turn right into Holly. There are not many parking spaces available, but there is ample street parking available nearby.*
 - *December 2nd: ALT Christmas Concert, Baptist Church, 65 Flinders St. Be there by 12:30 please.*
 - *December 4th: ALT Christmas Party, SAADV.*
 - *December 5th: Rehearsal with SA Police Band at the Barracks. More details later.*
 - *December 6th: Concert in Adelaide Town Hall.*

I want to extend to all members and their families all the best for the coming Christmas season, and good fortune for 2008.

Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS:

October

6th: Sepp Rosenblüh (78)
17th: Horst Meyer (74)
29th: Horst Müller (76)
31st: Wally Pagel (72)

November

3rd: Allen Gale (75)
16th: Ludwig Merget (78)
30th: Ed Kriek (48)

December

6th: Wolfgang Fritzsche (73)
12th: Klaus Hüttenrauch (64)

If you have forthcoming personal events and celebrations let Bill or Peter T know and we will publish them here.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

With some of the better known anniversaries for the year (Sydney Harbour Bridge 75 years; the Adelaide Botanic Gardens 150 years) there is one other to bring back memories to many of our singers.

The Bonegilla migrant camp near Albury/Wodonga on the NSW/Victoria border celebrates its 60th birthday. From 24 accommodation blocks only the remnants of block 19 remain. The unlined corrugated iron huts and kitchen area, once full of life, are quiet now. In part of one building the local Dutch community has created an exhibition "Where Waters Meet" based on a book by Marijke and Dirk Eysbertse.

Each arrival was given a grey army blanket, a mug, plate and a set of cutlery. Farm-gate beds with wire-meshed tops stood in the room. Anything lost had to be replaced at own cost (today's arrivals live in relative luxury and still complain).

Australia's Immigration Minister, Arthur Caldwell dubbed the first arrivals in December 1947 - 839

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men and women from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania- "the beautiful Balts". The food was mutton for breakfast, lunch and tea, not very European at all. Many of the early arrivals stayed in Albury or Wodonga and set up cafes, restaurants, Delis and even a smokehouse run to this day by Lutz Peters who was only 2 years of age when he arrived with his parents in 1952 from Germany. His father Paul and business partner Erwin Grabbe began a butchery and smallgoods factory that supplied the camp and the twin towns of Albury Wodonga.

December will see some of the early migrants or their descendants make their way to Bonegilla for the celebrations and a visit to the Albury Museum

storing some Bonegilla memorabilia will be on the agenda.

This poem hangs on the wall of the remaining block:

*With nails he fixed his photograph
in Bonegilla on the wall,
between a windmill and some clogs
and from a neighbours shawl.
Two suitcases under the bed,
his new hat on the chair.
This is the way he'll start afresh,
with four sets of snow white underwear.*

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The Last Word: Samuel Goldwyn, the movie mogul, was famous for his fractured sayings. Here are some:

"Anyone who goes to a psychiatrist ought to have his head examined."

"If I could drop dead right now, I'd be the happiest man alive."

"I don't want yes-men around me. I want everyone to tell the truth, even if it costs them their jobs."