

THE N/NEWS

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NEWSLETTER OF THE
NESBITT/NISBET SOCIETY
AUSTRALIA



STARTING POINT

Once again I wish all N/N members a happy New Year or is that a New Millenium – again?. We see Australia over “the best Olympic games ever” and now in the throes of celebrating a century of federation. Many functions, projects and celebrations are planned, with several already taking place. In Victoria there are also several sesqui-centenaries planned. Each year we seem to have reason to remember our (short) european history and with it necessarily comes remembrance of our national heroes, war dead and our personal forebears. For those budding genealogists and others like myself who have been side-tracked or stifled in past efforts I sincerely wish you a

genealogically prosperous new year. An incredible amount of information is now so much more accessible via the internet, etc. and resources such as the world-wide N/N Society should be utilised to their fullest in your assistance. Over the past 14 or so years we have had many successes, of varying degrees, and strived to perpetuate, document and preserve N/N history/ies. We have on-going projects which we hope will assist not only the Society further its aims, but also be of great value to members. Your personal enquiries, articles and family trees are not only welcomed, but indeed sought.

All the best for 2001.

NOTICE BOAR-D

(Upcoming events in the Local and Overseas Calendar)

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| Feb 11 | Berwick Highland Gathering, Akoonah Park, Berwick, Vic |
| Apr | N/NEWS # 59 |
| Apr14/15 | Ringwood Highland Games, Ringwood, Vic |
| May 19 | UK Gathering, Blair Atholl, Scotland |
| July | N/NEWS # 60 |

Note: the social calendar can be viewed on the homepage.

UK Gathering 2001 The UK gathering is to be held at Blair Atholl on Saturday, 19th May 2001 and will include a visit to Blair Castle. Contact: UK Secretary, June Nisbet, address listed on the last page of this newsletter.

MEM-BOAR-SHIP

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome the following new members to the society:

* Jackie (nee Nesbitt) and Scot James of Sweetmans Creek, NSW.

(NES)-BITS & PIECES

James Nesbet & Co – publishers are mentioned on p 38 of Victorian Historical Journal Vol. 71, No. 1, March 2000.

It appears to be reviewing the life of one Ellen Clacy, who apart from being the author of many books “left a lasting legacy in the form of her narrative of early goldrush Australia, seen through the eyes of a woman.” in “*A Lady's Visit to the Gold Diggings of Australia 1852-3*” by Mrs Charles Clacy.

Who was Who, Vol. VII, 1971-1980

BEAUMONT-NESBITT, Maj.-Gen. Frederick George, CVO 1938; CBE 1945; MC; retired; *b* 26 March 1893; *s* of late E. J. Beaumont-Nesbitt, JP. Lord Lieutenant of King's Co. and late of Tubberdaly, Edenderry, King's Co., and Helen Thomas, sister of 1st Marquis of Willingdon; *m* 1st, Lavinia (*d* 1920), *d* of Maj.-Gen. Hon. Sir C. Bingham, GCVO, KCMG, CB; one *d* (and one *s* dead); 2nd, 1928, Hon. Ruby Hardinge, *d* of 3rd Visc. Hardinge; two *s* one *d*. *Educ.*: Eton Coll.; RMC Sandhurst. Joined Grenadier Guards 1912; served European War; Commanding 2nd Bn Grenadier Guards, 1932-35; Military Attaché, Paris, 1936-38; Dep. Dir Military Intelligence, 1938-39; Dir of Military Intelligence, War Office, 1939-40; Military Attaché, Washington, 1941; Maj.-Gen., Gen. Staff, 1941-45; ADC to King George VI 1944-45; retd pay, 1945. Gentleman Usher to the Queen, 1959-67; Extra Gentleman Usher, 1967. *Address*: 53 Melton Court, SW7. *Club*: Turf.

[Died 14 Dec. 1971.]

Who's Who, 1949

BEAUMONT-NESBITT, Maj.-Gen. Frederick George, C.V.O. 1938; C.B.E. 1945; M.C.; *b*. 26 March 1893; *s*. of late E. J. Beaumont-Nesbitt, J.P., Lord Lieut. of King's Co. and late of Tubberdaly, Edenderry, King's Co., and Helen Thomas, sister of 1st Marquis of Willingdon; *m*. 1st Lavinia (*d*. 1920), *d*. of Maj.-Gen. Hon. Sir C. Bingham, G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G., C.B.; one *s*. one *d*.; 2nd, 1928, Hon. Ruby Hardinge, *d*. of 3rd Viscount Hardinge; two *s*. one *d*. *Educ.*: Eton College; R.M.C. Sandhurst. Joined Grenadier Guards 1912; served European War; Commanding 2nd Bn. Grenadier Guards, 1932-35; Military Attaché, Paris, 1936-38; Dep. Dir. Military Intelligence, 1938-39; Director of Military Intelligence, War Office, 1939-40; Military Attaché, Washington, 1941; Maj.-Gen., General Staff, 1941-45; A.D.C. to the King, 1944-45; retired pay, 1945. *Address*: Lisnabrague Lodge, Soarva, Co. Down. *Clubs*: Turf; Ulster (Belfast).

Major General P.C. Beaumont-Nesbitt, CVO, CBE, MC
William Nesbitt, past editor of the UK Branch, has undertaken some research in response to our query re: Major General P.C. Beaumont-Nesbitt, CVO, CBE, MC. Excerpts from his article lifted from the UK Newsletter Vol. XVII, No. 2, Summer 2000 follows:

“I approached the Royal United Services Institution in London and as far as they knew no biography had ever been written. The Grenadier Guards Museum could add little to this other than that he had kept a diary during the First World War but, as far as they knew, it had never been published.

His name however does appear in a number of reference works that throw some light on his family background in both England and Ireland and I have included some extracts of these. The fact that there is so little information about his work may well be the extreme need for reticence and secrecy in intelligence work.”

Kelly's Handbook, 1947

Beaumont-Nesbitt, maj.-gen. Frederick George, C.V.O. (1938), C.B.E. (1945), M.C., only survg. s. of Edward John Beaumont-Nesbitt, O.N.E., J.P. of Penton Lodge, Andover (*d.* 1944); *b*. 1893; *educ.* Eton and R.M.C.; *m*. 1, 1915, Lavinia (*d*. 1920), dau. of maj.-gen. hon. sir Cecil Bingham, G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G., C.B.; 1 *s.*, 1 dau.; 2, 1928, hon. Ruby Hardinge (J.P. (1944) Hampshire), dau. of 3 visc. Hardinge; 2 *s.*, 1 dau.; maj. Gren. Gds. 1924, lt.-col. 1932, G.S.O. (2 grade) (War Office) 1926-30, comdg. 2 bn. Gren. Gds. 1932-36, mil. attaché Paris 1936-39, col. 1936, dep. dir. mil. intell. War Office 1938, dir. 1939-41, maj.-gen. 1939, mil. attaché Washington 1941; served in Middle East, N. Africa and Italy (despatches), A.D.C. to the King 1944, ret. 1945; Turf club; The Old Manor, Ellisfield, Basingstoke, Hants (Herriard 238).

Kelly's Handbook to the Titled, Landed and Official Classes, 1928

Beaumont-Nesbitt, Edwd. John, O.B.E. (1919), B.A. Oxon., eld. s. of late rev. T. G. Beaumont, rect. of Chelmondiston, Suffolk. 1863-88, J.P.; *b*. 1860; *educ.* Winchester and Oriel Coll. Oxford; *m*. 1890, Helen (*d*. 1918), 3 dau. of late Fredk. Freeman Thomas, of Ratton, Sussex; 1 *s.*, 2 *d*aus.; J.P. King's co. (H.M.'s lieut. from 1918. sheriff 1892); assumed addtl. name of Nesbitt 1886: 56 Rutland gate, S.W.7 (T.N. Kensington 4549); Travellers', Arthur's and Kildare St. (Dublin) clubs: Penton Lodge, Andover.

The following detail regarding James Nesbitt of Captain Moonlight fame was found in:

The Dictionary of Australian Bushrangers

By Roy Mendham
1975

Page 124

Nesbit, James (alias Lyons) (V)

Born in Victoria in 1856. Joined 'The Moonlite'* gang in 1879.

On 15 November 1879 Captain Moonlite led an attack of bushrangers on Mr C. MacDonald's station at Wantabadgery on the Murrumbidgee River. A rider got through to Wagga Wagga and told the police. Four constables set out and arrived before dawn on the Monday morning, and a fight commenced when the police were positioned.

James Nesbit was shot dead. Gus Wernick* was wounded and died some days later. Graham Bennett* was wounded but recovered. Moonlite (Scott) and Rogan* were hanged. Bennett* and Williams* went to jail for life.

For details regarding other members of the gang you will need to consult the Dictionary.

N/NS IN THE NEWS

Members John & Betty Nisbet submitted the following articles, dealing with a generation either side. A balanced perspective. Thanks for the submission. Both articles appear below with the second being an article from the Colac Herald, Monday, August 7, 2000 – page 9. Firstly, a small excerpt from Betty's letter. "The first article is the Eulogy, which was read at the funeral service of John's uncle, James Nisbet of Dalry, Ayrshire 2000. James was the younger brother of "Britain's oldest living twins" Margaret & Mary." Margaret & Mary (Nisbet) were the subject of a brief article in N/NEWS No 53, page 6.

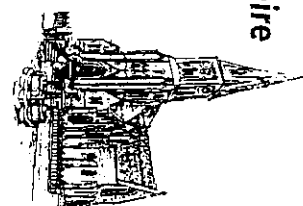


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In Memoriam: JAMES (Jimmy) NISBET ob. 9th September 2000

Helen and the family to whom our sympathy is extended wish this service to be something of a celebration. Sure, there must be sadness: for her and Alec and the girls: Gail and Alison, for Jimmy's sisters Margaret (Meg) and Mary; and sadness about Lizzie to whom he was such a loyal and caring husband. Parting is such sweet sorrow and especially so when we know there will be no more meeting this side of eternity.

And yet, as that word "sweet" suggests there is cause for celebration as we consider the very full and satisfying and purposeful, aye and faithful life that Jimmy led. Born and bred at "the Junction" in a good Christian home, Jimmy after some little time at the big mills served on the permanent way – rising to be a foreman and an instructor.

That only tells a fraction of the story of this solid yet gentle man – one who was very active in the Community. We mention the old Male Voice Choir and Choral Union, The Speakers' Club, The Burns Club – will anyone continue his "Devil's awa' wi' the exciseman"? and of course the Old Folks Treat Committee of which he became Chairman.

There are those who just take and those, a lesser number, who give - and James Nisbet gave in all manner of ways: to his wife as mentioned, to his daughter, and all the family indeed. He gave to the Community as illustrated: often entertaining in Homes and at Guilds and Groups; and in often just being there: solid, dependable, friendly and familiar with his pipe, often with an appropriate amusing comment and a hearty laugh.

As one who gave Himself to the Lord and followed that true and eternal way, Jimmy gave particular and much appreciated service to the Church: a choir member for well over 40 years, an ordained Elder since 1958, a Sunday School Superintendent...

With all that and more we are more than justified in celebrating and giving thanks to God for such a life. And more. "Confidamus" ("we trust") the motto of Kilnarnock he supported over the years – the team scoring a victory with him when some months back every player signed a greeting card to him in the Nursing Home where with his wife he was so well cared for. We can celebrate the life of this big man with confidence, for with his trust in Jesus Christ, our friend Jim Nisbet surely now shares in the celebratory feast in the Kingdom of heaven.

The above tribute was made at the Funeral and Thanksgiving Service in St. Margaret's on Thursday 14th September.

Westfalia chooses Aussie to tackle new world markets

Leading German milking equipment manufacturer Westfalia Landtechnik has appointed a former Colac man as its new area manager for 10 countries across Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

Chris Nisbet, formerly the company's area manager for Western Victoria, South-East South Australia and Tasmania will head to Germany to take up his new appointment at Westfalia's head office near Dusseldorf.

For Chris, 30, the move represents a major opportunity to accelerate the company's push into burgeoning new markets, particularly China and India.

Chris's appointment is believed to be the first time an Australian has held a post at Westfalia's German headquarters. The decision to look beyond Europe for its new recruit coincides with a greater emphasis on export markets.

"It's a huge adventure and it's a huge challenge," Chris said.

"The job I'm going over to do is not going to be easy by any stretch of the imagination, especially when you're moving to a new country where you can't speak to many of the people because of their language barrier. But it's something new and different and something I'm really

looking forward to."

As well as polishing up his German skills, Chris might also need to brush up on a few other languages to keep on top of his new sales patch.

"Part of my job over there is to look after 10 countries: Egypt, China, Greece, India, Israel, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, Tunisia and Cyprus," he said.

"Obviously German is the first language I've got to learn because I'm going to be working in a German office, but with all those extra countries I'm going to have to learn many different languages."

Chris also expects to experience a diverse range of dairying and general farming techniques in his new role.

"There's a lot of differences between the European way of doing things and the southern way of doing things," he said.

"In Australia we haven't really followed the European line of dairying. In Europe the cows are usually in barns and housed all year round and they're very close to the dairy, whereas here the cows are pasture based and our farmers don't have 10 hours a day to spend milking — they need to have the cows in and out in a short period of time."

A major challenge for Chris will be trying to capitalise on the growing dairy industry in China.

"Chinese people are now just starting to drink milk, and when you've got 1.3 billion people in a country, the potential milking machine market is quite huge," he said.

"And India's not much different — it's a country that's just starting in large-scale commercial dairying — and there's 800 million people there so the potential for sales in India is also huge."

"The situation there is very similar to here — they're going for the bigger herds and very similar ways of milking to how we do it here in Australia, so I guess my background and knowledge from Australia is going to be good in some of those countries, because their conditions are similar to ours."

Chris said quality control was a major issue for the new Asian markets, which had previously relied largely on hand-milking or small scale dairy operations. "With automation and machine milking of cows you can improve the quality — and guarantee the quality — and the milk factories now starting up in those countries are opting for machine-



Chris Nisbet: Bound for Germany.

milking milk rather than the hand-milked milk because the quality is better," he said.

A fitter and turner by trade, Chris joined Westfalia in 1993 as an area manager after 12 months as a milking machine technician with a rival company.

Originally based in Melbourne, in 1995 he relocated to Colac.

He competed against Westfalia's Australian operations and got things done that appealed to Ulrich Pingel the company's Manager, International Sales.

"He said, 'It's just like what you're doing now only on a slightly larger scale,'" Chris said.

The posting is for three years. And while that represented a big decision for Chris, his wife Libby and their two young children Meg, 3½ and William, 18 months it was also the opportunity of a lifetime. "After a few sleepless nights of thinking about all the consequences of moving the family to the other side of the world for three years we decided that at this stage of our lives it was something that we really have to have a go at," Chris said.

SOCIETY NEWS

New South Wales: Graham reported on the NSW Christmas gathering. "We had a pleasant cocktail time in the garden of Keith and Mary's home. There were the faithful committee members, Peter and Beryl Nesbitt, Eddie and Joy Harper, Mandy and I, Anne and Peter Walker, along with Don and Margaret Nesbitt and Alan Nisbet. Glen Hollebhone arrived towards the end. 'Twas good to meet her."

Graham also reported that the committee is to meet on Feb 3 to select 3 or 4 dates in 2001 to arrange various gatherings. Glen Hollebhone has volunteered as secretary to the NSW branch.

Victoria: Once again, the Christmas gathering went well being entertained by pianist, Mr Gordon Hamilton, carol singing and then a magician before another monster raffle and superlative supper.

FOUND

Ian Clarke supplied the following marriage details from *Northumberland & Durham Family History Society Journal, Vol. 25, No. 3, Autumn 2000.*

MARRIAGES FROM THE 'BERWICK ADVERTISER' January 1854

The 'Births, Deaths and Marriages' column of the 'Berwick Advertiser' in the 19th century included details

of many marriages at Lamberton Toll. Here are some of them for the year 1854. The date at the start of each entry is the date of the newspaper, a weekly published on Saturdays.

January 14th At Lamberton Toll 6th instant James Nesbitt, cabinetmaker to Margaret Alderdice, both of this town; On 9th inst Mr James Riddell, tobacconist, Alnwick to Miss Jane Glen youngest daughter of Mr John Glen, cloth-lapper, Glasgow.

NETWORKED N/N's

Nisbet Plantation Beach Club, Nevis publish a news letter "*Nisbet NEWS WAVES*" and can be found at:

www.NisbetPlantation.com

Scottish Focus Web Site, including six live web cam views around Scotland:

<http://www.scottishfocus.com>

Perhaps special handcrafted Scottish gifts:

dode.les.tay@tinyworld.co.uk

or:

www.oorwullie.com

where a variety of coats of arms, including Nisbet, are supposedly available to be replicated to glassware, mouse pads, etc.

THE WANTED LIST

The first two queries are from the *Northumberland & Durham Family History Society Journal*, Vol. 25, No. 3, Autumn 2000, pp 96 & 99 and the next two from No. 4, Winter 2000, p 133.

8684 MARGARET NESBITT, 11 West Acre, Shotley Bridge, Consett, Co Durham DH8 0AY

Information welcomed on the **MILLHOUSE** family who came to leadgate from Swineshead, Lincolnshire in the mid-19th century. Researching the **TELFORD** family of Haydon Bridge. Where did John who married in 1698 come from? Any information on Edward after 1831? Also, the **NESBITT** family of Lesbury. Who was the wife of George 1699-1786, living at Bilton? When Christopher died in 1797, and his wife in 1798, who took their children? Thomas was born in 1788, John 1791, George 1794 and Richardson in 1797. Richardson was a ward of George Nesbitt in 1809 according to the Freeman records at Alnwick; what was their relationship? Does anyone have a picture of Richardson Nesbitt's shoe shop in Fenkle Street, Alnwick, believed to have been started in the late 1810's. Thomas Bell Nesbitt was a coachmaker with the firm *North Northumberland Coach and Harness Manufactory* of Howick Street, Alnwick; any information about the firm would be welcomed.

10400 MARGARET GANNON, 5 Middleton Road, Hutton Rudby, Yarm, North Yorkshire TS15 0JT

Researching: 1) James **BALMAIN**, born c1806 Sunderland, lived Morpeth/Ponteland area, died Milbourne, married Isabella **RUTHERFORD** and had 7 or 8 children. He later married Elizabeth born Colwell c1815. 2) Robert **MEEK**, born c1789 Marley Hill, Whickham, married Elizabeth Rutherford, born 1803 Stamfordham area and they had 8 children including Jane who married Joseph **SMITH** c1846/8 Ponteland area. 3) Thomas **ROBSON**, born c1827 Newburn, married Elizabeth and had children: Elizabeth and Thomas. They lived at Clickemin, Ponteland and East Farm, Prestwick. His mother was Mary born c1798. 4) Elizabeth **NAISBITT** born c1796; had daughter Jane c1819 and son John 1829. Jane's children Thomas 1843 and Charlotte 1846, both Barnard Castle. Any information welcome.

4217 Mrs JEAN TAYLOR, 91 Coppice Road, Whitnash, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV31 2JB

Denis **MONAGHAN** born 1851 Elswick has Peter Monaghan as his father on his birth certificate but William on his marriage certificate. Denis married Mary **LARGEY** 1871 at St Joseph's RC Church, Gateshead and was living at Lambton Terrace, Gateshead at the time of the marriage. Two siblings (Patrick and Mary) have been found on the 1871 Census, however their father is named Patrick Monaghan. In all three cases the mother is given as Bridget nee **McGRATH**, born London. Can anyone help to clarify? Also looking for a Jack **NAISBITT**, believed to be a brother or half brother to William Naisbitt who was born 1895 at Woodmans Place, Lumley. William's mother was Margaret Naisbitt (no father's name on the birth certificate). Jack may have been younger than William but was born before Margaret married Matthew **McGEE** 1897 at the Register Office, Houghton-le-Spring. Margaret had two daughters, Margaret and Aggie, and died 1932 at Long Row, Colliery Row, Houghton-le-Spring.

5008 SHIRLEY HAMMER, 1520 Knappen Street, Port Coquitlam, British Columbia V3C 459, Canada (email: sehammer@telus.net)

Looking for information on the **MOSSMAN** family who lived at Castlegate, Berwick upon Tweed, Westgate, Newcastle, Drake Street, York and Hartlepool. Robert Mossman married Mary **DAVISON** 1823. Their children Mary 1826; Robert 1827; John Davison c1831; married, firstly Ann **NESBITT** (widow **CLOW/CROW**) c1856 Berwick, and secondly, Eleanor Nesbitt (Ann's cousin) 1874 Newcastle. Children: Mary Ann 1856 Berwick; Robert 1859 Berwick; Eleanor Nesbitt 1860 Newcastle; Jane Davison 1863 Newcastle; Richard Nesbitt 1868 Newcastle; Isabella 1871 York; John Davison 1875 York; Joanna 1876 York; Maria 1879 York and Thomas 1881 York. Richard Nesbitt Mossman married Margret E Lazonby **NEWTON** 1893 Hartlepool.

On 15-Dec-00
Jackie James (nee Nesbitt)
(jackiejames@one.net.au)

From Hunter Valley, NSW, Australia wrote:
I'm tracing my family tree and was delighted to come across this site. So far I have details of 308 relatives descended from my grandfather Michael "Skipper" Nesbitt, i.e. my cousins, 2nd cousins & their children but do not know much about his ancestors. His father's name was Mark Nesbitt and his mother's name was Madeline McInerney, and Michael was born 3rd June 1882. I'd appreciate any info relevant. I'll certainly be joining the society and look forward to future events.

On 28-Nov-00
William Straker-Nesbit
(eximuk@globalnet.co.uk)

from London, England wrote:
Attempting to trace Edward Nesbit's issue. Edward was the brother of John (b 1750) and they were sons of Caleb Nesbit (who left Paxton, Berwickshire, Scotland and went to Long Benton, Northumberland, England). Edward at some stage went to Australia and had a son called Earnest who lived at Medindis (? Spelling) Australia. Would be interested in any connections/information/dates about Edward/Earnest and any descendants. John Nesbit is my GGGgrandfather and Edward my GGGuncle.

Date: January 2, 2001 Time: 10:59 am
Name: Drew Nisbet Email Address:
druid@inforamp.net
Subject: NISBET, John Reid & William Begbie - AUSTRALIA

I am searching for information regarding John Reid NISBET (b. Edinburgh, Scotland - 8 Dec 1909) and William Begbie NISBET (b. Edinburgh, Scotland - 3 Feb 1913). John and William were sent to Australia as teenagers in the 1920s. Their father, Robert NISBET, served in the Royal Field Artillery during W.W.I and was killed in France, 23 Mar 1918. I have no information regarding the fate of their mother, Elizabeth Mill TAYLOR. I believe that the mother's family arranged for the boys to be sent to Australia, where they at one time lived or worked on a sheep station. Any information regarding John or William, or their descendants, will be greatly appreciated.

Date: November 21, 2000 Time: 3:21 am
Name: Gayle Brocas Email Address:
saint@clear.net.nz
Subject: James Nisbet 1837 Tyrone, Ireland
I am descended from James (Joseph) Nisbet, 1837 married Margaret Elder, Lanarkshire, Scotland, who notes his parents as James Nisbet/Matilda Hamilton, Tyrone Ireland.

From: Gary Golding marjgary@bigpond.com
My name is Gary Golding and I live in Shepparton, Australia. My mother is Doreen Nisbet and she is the daughter of Alexander Nisbet who was born in Selkirk, Scotland in 1906. Alex was the son of Alexander and Euphemia. My grandfather emigrated to Australia in the 1920's and took up employment in the textile industry in Geelong, Victoria. He was married to Mary Johnstone and had two daughters Doreen and Jeanette. My mother Doreen is the only member of the family living now in Australia and is keen to find out if she has relatives still living in Scotland or other parts of the world. We would be delighted if you could provide us with information or the direction we should follow to find out this information. Kindest regards. Gary Golding

Date: November 11, 2000 Time: 11:29 pm
Name: Joan Wrenn
Email Address: wrennjay@aol.com
Subject: Nisbets from Tarbolton, Scotland
Looking for Nisbets primarily from Tarbolton (Ayshire District in the Lowlands). Small parish, so all Nisbets probably related. Have found one cousin now in New Zealand thru this website and we'd like to find more. The majority of my Nisbets have the following first names: Robert, Hugh, James, Margaret, Elizabeth, Duncan, Sarah, William, Mary, Agnes. If you've traced your ancestors back to the Tarbolton, Loudoun, Kilmarnock area, we may be cousins! E-mail me with dates and we'll compare! Can't hurt! Thanks.

SUCCESS

Note the previous item, where a cousin in NZ was found via the web-sites.

Well, maybe. In response to Hazel Nesbitt's search notice of N/NEWS No. 57 we have put her in touch with N/N member, Harry Nesbitt and we await to hear of the outcome.

On 07-Nov-00
Will Nisbet (acorntc@breathemail.net)
From Glasgow, Scotland U.K. wrote:
I was very surprised to see such a web site on my family name. If anyone requires information from Glasgow, just ask, after all you may be family. All the best.

OBITUARY

The Society is saddened to be informed of the passing Norman Edward Nisbet on 1st January 2001. Norman was one of our original NSW members.

FAMILY SNIPPETS

On 18-Dec-00
Brian Nesbitt (bnesbitt@cpsact.com.au)

From Canberra wrote:

For the third time I'm trying to say hello to all. Our 4th grandchild was born 25 November 2000 in Canberra. Cathleen Alexandra Nesbitt-Heelan. Enjoying retirement. Congratulations!

COUNCIL OF CLANS

N/N member, Bob Johnston (Commissioner Clan Johnston Association) has resigned as "Chief" of the Council of Clans and is replaced in the short term by Vice President Doug McLaughlin. Bob has volunteered to continue as a fundraiser for the Council of Clans.

The Council minutes were also accompanied by minutes of the Victorian-Scottish Organisations' Meeting Inaugurating the Scots of Victoria Coordinating Group and its Committee. This resulted from a Seminar run in October 2000 which resulted in a motion "The members of the various Scottish organizations represented at the Scottish Organizations' Seminar, 22 October, 2000, propose that a committee be formed with a view to communicating with the Scottish groups and facilitating activities within Victoria that impinge on the whole Victorian-Scottish community."

As a result a body called the Scots of Victoria Coordinating Group (SVCG) was established and will be supported by a working committee to be known as the Scots of Victoria Coordinating Committee (SVCC). Presumably the N/N Society will hear more from them in the future.

STOP PRESS

The committee has decided not to arrange a country gathering nor a picnic early in 2001. Instead we have decided to encourage members to attend the BERWICK HIGHLAND GATHERING and join in the fun with a wider group of like-minded Australians, generally of Scottish descent, and see some genuine highland games, dancing and fare. The venue is Akoonah Park Reserve, Princes Highway, Berwick on Sunday 11th February (Melway Ref 111 H10).

The 2001 Ringwood Highland Games will take place on the weekend of Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th April, 2001. They will host the biggest ever gathering of pipe bands in Australia. The games are a culmination of celebrations during Scottish Week. For further information about the Ringwood Highland Games contact the games organiser Sue Macleod on 9876 4140 or for information about Scottish Week, contact Council on 9871 0348.

BOARS HEAD TIES: The Newsletter Editor has taken delivery of more Boars Head Ties (Navy blue with white boars head pattern embossed). I have six in stock available at \$22:50 (AUD). Please contact the Newsletter Editor to arrange delivery and payment.

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