

One tree hill grapevine



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They have done it again!
The creative talents of these property owners are turning heads again.
What a fabulous job, thank you to the residents on the Gawler to One Tree Hill Road for creating these masterpieces!



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From the Desk

Welcome to the very last edition of The Grapevine for 2016. It has been a busy year with lots happening around One Tree Hill.

We would love some feedback on The Grapevine, so if you have any fresh ideas please feel welcome to share them with us.

We thank the group of folders once again for getting The Grapevine folded for roadside delivery. It's very much appreciated by us all. A big thank you to Doug Winsor for putting the deadline dates on the notice board once again this year and to the OTH Post Office for helping with delivery of the newsletter.

The cover this month speaks for itself, what a fabulous idea the residents of the Gawler to One Tree Hill Road have come up with. It's certainly very eye catching, a very special thank you to them for putting a smile on faces as they pass by these wonderful displays.

In Joe Federico's report it says that we will have something to look forward to in the very near future, great news for One Tree Hill so watch Joe's space in the New Year when he will be able to share the news with us.

On page 5 we have a letter to The Grapevine about our new roundabout that has just been completed. Please feel free to discuss it further by writing to us.

On page 10, we remember some of the tragic Christmases around the world. It really makes you appreciate this amazing country.

We have Christmas themed articles through the newsletter, we hope you enjoy them. We're sure that some will amuse you.

Don't forget we have some local events happening in December, the OTH Twilight Market on the 16th and Carols in the Garden on the 18th, we hope you are able to attend them.

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If you are on the roads this holiday season please take care and make sure everyone in your vehicle has their seat belt on.

A very Merry Christmas and Happy 2017 to all of our readers.

Until next year,
The Grapevine Team.

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President's Report

Hi everyone,

We have new line marking in the car parking facilities at the hall and the disabled area has been swept and tidied up.

There are still some maintenance issues that will be needed to make the outside area safer for users.

The Audio Visual installation is proceeding, and we hope it will be completed in early December.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Twilight Market on 16th December - come and find some original Christmas goodies for sale.

One of our senior citizens, Fred Riley has recently returned home to One Tree Hill after a stay in hospital, good to see you back Fred.

May I take this opportunity to wish all One Tree Hill residents a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year for 2017.

Cheers Ian Slate President of OTH Progress Ass.



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*Have yourself a very Merry Christmas
Count your blessings and be thankful
May you all reap the fruits of your
hard work throughout 2016*



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ONE TREE HILL GRAPEVINE CFS REPORT NOVEMBER 2016



Incident Report

Well, another month down and here we are in Fire Season already. The unseasonable rains delayed the start of the season but we have already attended a couple of small fires in what was generally a quiet month. Unfortunately, that wasn't to last and on November 21st we were called to assist Police and Ambulance at an accident in Snake Gully where a motorcycle rider was tragically killed. As always, our thoughts are with the family and friends.

In contrast to the wet, this week marks the anniversary of the devastating Pinery fire and findings just released identified the cause of the fire as a car battery that was shorted out by a wire fence in dry grass. It shows how easy it happens and it seems the weather has left some local property owners a bit complacent with their preparations this year.

Have You Left It Too Late?

No, it is never too late to work on Fire Prevention around your property, however, with the Fire Danger season about to start, there are limits and restrictions around what you can do especially on Total Fire Ban days. Common sense is the key and there is a brochure available on the CFS website which clearly outlines what you can and cannot do.

No matter what, you should always ensure that you have adequate water available and stay aware.

We have all seen that it doesn't take long for smouldering grass on a lawn mower to become a major problem for you and your neighbours.

Finally, the members of the One Tree Hill CFS wish everybody a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year, and please remember if you are travelling during the holidays that fires can happen anywhere, anytime. Plan Ahead!

For general information please contact One Tree Hill Duty Phone on 8280 7055.

You can also visit the CFS website (www.cfs.sa.gov.au)

or Phone 1300 362 361.

Councillor's November Report

Congratulations to the One Tree Hill Progress Association who were, along with other community organisations, successful in getting a community grant. The Institute Hall will now have some up to date, audio visual equipment. Council has now reviewed its prioritisation criteria for the resealing of the remaining 73 kilometres of unmade rural roads by giving equal weighting to road safety and crop sensitivity, with road maintenance, dwelling density, and road usage frequency also helping to determine which roads get sealed first. Council's representation review papers and preferred options will now be out for public consultation. It is hoped that the chosen option will provide fair and equal representation to all areas of Council. New and exciting developments and activities are happening within our city not least of all some exciting community events for all residents early next year. Unfortunately, I have to wait until after this edition of the Grapevine goes to publication to let you know what is happening, which means that the exciting events happening in our City Centre, given that there is no January edition and we don't get the Messenger, will not be widely known to us Fringe dwellers and Grapevine readers, so keep an eye on announcements coming from Playford media outlets and Facebook.

I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, a Happy and Prosperous New Year and a Safe and Fun Festive season.

If you have any concerns or issues with or about our City, please in the first instance phone Council's 24 hour phone number "8256 0333" and or email playford@playford.sa.gov.au, and cc your email to me at crjfederico@playford.sa.gov.au. When speaking to Council please remember to get a Customer Reference Number to ensure registration, and easy identification of your communication. If you have a pressing concern you can talk to me at the Country Market, or pop a note into my letter box or email me. It would be appreciated if you put your concerns in writing.

Cr Joe Federico
Fax: 8280 7963
Phone: 0417 016 164





Down It Goes!



Locals, Brian and Lorraine Hughes's property at Bernalta Poll Dorset and Texel Stud at Sampson Flat had a bit of a surprise recently. Apparently this massive hundred year old plus gum tree was struck by lightning in one of the recent storms.

Pictured below is Nev overseeing the shearing in the sheds at Bernalta.

Brian and his dogs Nev and Wally are pictured with the huge tree on the left.



One Tree Hill Country Market



Various photos from the One Tree Hill Country Market taken at the November market. Don't forget the normal Saturday market is on the 3rd December and the Twilight Market is on the 16th December.



Our New Roundabout

To all Grapevine readers,

I finally got the wish I asked for and couldn't be happier with the new roundabout

I live in Humbug Scrub area (over 25 years) and travel daily through the Gawler scenic route, Kersbrook intersection. I have witnessed the aftermath of the carnage and death at the previous 3rd world goat track intersection.

My 3 kids grew up in Humbug Scrub obtained their vehicle licences and drove again daily through the intersection with always a worry at the back of my mind.

As local residents we appreciated the danger of the intersection not all drivers did pay respects it duly deserved hence the inordinate amount of deaths and accidents.

If one life is saved it is more than worth the resources to complete the new roundabout

As stated after 25 years I have finally got my wish. Thankyou father Xmas for an early present to me my family and all others who use the new roundabout.

Just proves there is a father Xmas!

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SMYG (Sunday Morning Youth Group) & Young Adults

Meet every Sunday at 10am with their leader whilst the Service is taking place. Throughout the year they enjoy various activities - paint-balling, 10-pin bowling, weekend camps, cinema evenings, and more.

New members are very welcome, just come along to their room located behind the church.

OTH FELLOWSHIP - MARKET STALL

Our ladies will be there with their usual variety of home-made cakes, slices and biscuits, as well as plants, bric-a-brac, games and books.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Will resume in February 2017.

OTH FELLOWSHIP STALL - TWILIGHT MARKET

3.00 - 8.00pm, Friday 16th December

Our ladies will be there with their usual variety of home-made cakes, slices and biscuits, as well as plants, bric-a-brac, games and books.

WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS & FUNERALS

The church is available for the above Services. For further information please phone **Edna on 8255 7987**

CAROLS IN THE GARDEN - SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER

See back page for further details.

CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE 9.00am

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- 2: What road safety legislation was brought in on July 1, 1991?
- 3: What political breakthrough for women was offered by the South Australian parliament in 1894?
- 4: Which South Australian beach was the first for lawful nude bathing in Australia?
- 5: What is the oldest organisation in South Australia and when was it formed?
- 6: What is the official title for South Australia's representative in London?
- 7: When was capital punishment legally abolished in South Australia?
- 8: When was the first sitting of the South Australian Supreme Court held?
- 9: Adelaide is the oldest municipality in Australia. When was it incorporated?
- 10: Who was the first person executed under colonial law and for what crime?
- 11: When was the last hanging in South Australia?
- 12: South Australia was the first Australian state to legally recognise the trade unions. When did this take place?

- 13: Over its 147 year history, how many hangings took place in the Adelaide Gaol?
- 14: When was divorce first legalised in Australia?
- 15: When did 18 year olds first receive the right to vote in South Australia?
- 16: In 1876, the only woman ever to be executed in Adelaide Gaol was hanged, what was her name?
- 17: Who was Australia's first woman Queen's Counsel and Supreme Court Judge?
- 18: When were the first speed limits in Australia introduced and what were they?
- 19: Which new laws were introduced in 2004?
- 20: Which road law was changed in 2001?



Christmas or Xmas?

Christmas is also sometimes known as Xmas. Some people don't think it's correct to call Christmas 'Xmas' as that takes the 'Christ' (Jesus) out of Christmas. (As Christmas comes from Christ-Mass, the Church service that celebrated the birth of Jesus.)

But that is not quite right! In the Greek language and alphabet, the letter that looks like an X is the Greek letter chi/x (pronounced 'kye' - it rhymes with 'eye') which is the first letter of the Greek word for Christ, Christos.

The early church used the first two letters of Christos in the Greek alphabet 'chi' and 'rho' to create a monogram (symbol) to represent the name of Jesus. This looks like an X with a small p on the top.



The symbol of a fish is sometimes used by Christians (you might see a fish sticker on a car or someone wearing a little fish badge). This comes from the time when the first Christians had to meet in secret, as the Romans wanted to kill them (before Emperor Constantine became a Christian). Jesus had said that he wanted to make his followers "Fishers of Men", so people started to use that symbol.



When two Christians met, one person drew half a basic fish shape (often using their foot in the dust on the ground) and the other person drew the other half of the fish. The Greek word for fish is 'Ikthus' or 'Ichthys'. There are five Greek letters in the word. It can also make up a sentence of Christian beliefs 'Ie-sous Christos Theou Huios So-te-r' which in English means "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour". The second letter of these five letters is X for Christos!

So Xmas can also mean Christmas; but it should also be pronounced 'Christmas' rather than 'ex-mas'.

CHRISTMAS FUNNIES

Just before Christmas John was shopping in the toy department of a shop in the city for presents for his children.

Glancing over his shoulder he caught sight of a queue at the doll counter. They were all lining up to get the latest Mattel doll. In the queue was an old friend. He wondered why he was there because he was sure that he didn't have a daughter to buy a doll for.

The man sauntered over and said "Hey Lenny, what are you doing lining up for dolls, do you collect them?". No replied Lenny. Really said John, "then you must be shopping for a niece". "No, not at all, my friend", his eyes twinkling.

"If you don't mind my asking then Lenny, why exactly are you standing in this particular queue?"

"Oh, it's like this mate" he mused. "I've never been able to resist a Barbie queue!"

Just before Christmas, an honest politician, a generous lawyer and Father Christmas all got into the lift at a swanky hotel in Sydney.

As the lift travelled from the 5th floor down to ground level, one-by-one they noticed a \$50 note lying on the lift's floor.

Which one picked up the \$50 note, and handed it in at reception?

Father Christmas of course, the other two don't actually exist!



Crime Report - One Tree Hill Rural Watch Offences reported between 2016 en 17th Oct & 17th Nov

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| <p>21st October
Vehicle stolen from Elizabeth Downs located burnt out at above location.</p> <p>Overnight 3rd November
Persons have stolen batteries from portable traffic sign.</p> <p>Daylight 3rd November
Sliding door smashed to gain entry to house. Electrical items stolen.</p> <p>5th November
Stolen vehicle detected by Police travelling in One Tree Hill area. Attempted to stop vehicle however driver failed to comply with directions and pursuit commenced. Pursuit terminated on Uley Road, Craigmore due to excessive speed and public safety concerns. Enquiries being made to identify driver.</p> <p>Overnight 10th November
Goats stolen from paddock/yard.</p> | <p>Arson of motor vehicle</p> <p>Theft</p> <p>Serious Criminal Trespass - Residential</p> <p>Police Pursuit</p> <p>Theft of livestock (goats)</p> | <p>Yorktown Road, ONE TREE HILL</p> <p>Black Top Road, ONE TREE HILL</p> <p>Humbug Scrub Road, HUMBUG SCRUB</p> <p>Black Top Road, ONE TREE HILL</p> <p>Gawler-One Tree Hill Road, YATTALUNGA</p> |
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As always if you have any information to assist with any crime issues
in the area please phone Police Communications on **131 444**



Many thanks to Darren McCue (Senior Sergeant First Class) - One Tree Hill Rural Watch Liaison Officer for this information.

Q: What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Father Christmas? A: A rebel without a clause!

Q: Why are Christmas trees so fond of the past? A: Because the present's beneath them!



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We Remember Christmas Tragedies

Christmas is the time of year when Christians celebrate the foundational event of their faith: The birth of Jesus. It's also a season when family and friends get together and enjoy good food, drink and conversation.

Greetings of "Merry Christmas" and "Happy Christmas" spill out of our mouths when we are out shopping and doing normal everyday things. Everyone appears to be uplifted with this very special time of the year.

Television commercials and shop windows glow with words like "peace", "joy" and "cheer". It is, to quote one of the holiday's many jolly tunes, "the most wonderful time of the year".

With such high expectations, however, come some pretty big letdowns. Bad weather strands travellers in airports. Some "lucky" employees are forced to work while everyone else enjoys the day off. Family gatherings get awkward when the topic of conversation turns to politics. And there's always that one member of the family who drinks a little too much and starts airing relatives 'dirty laundry'.

If these and other looming headaches are getting you down, would it help you to know that it could be worse? Yes, some pretty terrible things have happened during the Christmas season. So when Scrooge and the Grinch try to tag team your Santa-day spirit, be sure to remember this list of the worst things ever to happen at Christmas.

"The snow is snowing/The wind is blowing/ But I can weather the storm/Why do I care how much it may storm/I've got my love to keep me warm." When Irving Berlin wrote this classic Christmas tune in 1937, he certainly wasn't thinking of the Christmas Flood of 1717. Love, it turns out, offered little protection against the gigantic North Sea storm that brought massive flooding to the coast of northern Europe. It was around 1am on Christmas morning when floodwaters first washed across a large swathe of farms and cities stretching from Holland to Denmark. The raging torrent swept thousands of people right out of their beds and sent many more scrambling for the relative safety of trees and tall buildings. As many as 13,700 perished and countless livestock and homes were lost. It was one of the worst disasters to hit.

Some children are disappointed when they tear into a Christmas package and discover a book instead of the latest electronic gadget. But books were exactly what the Library of Congress needed after losing nearly two thirds of its holdings in the Christmas Eve fire of 1851. A faulty chimney flue set the library ablaze and 55,000 books went up in smoke.

Today a lot of people go to the theatre during their Christmas holidays. The same was true 100 years ago when in Chicago nearly 2,000 people packed the Iroquois Theatre for a matinee performance of the musical "Mr Blue Beard". Everything was going smoothly when a light bulb malfunctioned and set a drape ablaze. The flames quickly spread to the scenery hanging from the ceiling. Panicked cast members fled for safety and terrified theatregoers stampeded for the exits as the stage collapsed and the lights went dark. Tragically, many of the doors were either hidden by curtains or locked and 575 people perished and 30 more succumbed to their injuries in coming days. The only bright side to this grim Christmastime tragedy was the implementation of many safety features we know today, including clearly marked exits and out-swinging doors that are always unlocked from the inside.

On December 26th 2004, a magnitude 9.1 earthquake rocked the bottom of the Indian Ocean off the coast of Indonesia releasing the energy equivalent of 23,000 Hiroshima-level atomic bombs. If the damage had been contained to the sea floor, it wouldn't have been a big deal. But the powerful quake displaced a tremendous amount of water, sending massive waves of destruction surging toward surrounding coastlines. As tsunami waves measuring no more than 30cms swept stealthily across the open ocean, people in surrounding countries went about their daily routines. But soon strange things began to happen. Some people reported that the ocean was rapidly receding while others heard a roar like a jet engine. As the waves pushed closer to shore they grew taller, reaching as high as 30 metres before crashing into homes, cars and people in low lying areas. Most victims were caught completely off guard because the Indian Ocean region didn't have a tsunami warning system in place. When the waters receded, they left behind 230,000 victims in 15 countries and \$14 billion in property damage. It was the deadliest tsunami in recorded history.

Holiday travel is always a headache, and the relatively recent threat of terrorism has given fliers one more unlikely but horrifying thing to stress about. Luckily for passengers aboard a Christmas Day 2009 flight from Amsterdam to Detroit, Michigan these attacks do happen but they aren't always successful!

The would be attacker was a 23 year old Nigerian who attempted to detonate a bomb concealed in his underwear as the plane made its approach into Detroit. Passengers reported hearing a noise like a firecracker, which turned out to be the sound of the bomb as it failed to detonate. Abdulmutallab (the terrorist) was nevertheless engulfed in a fireball and flames soon spread to the plane's carpet and walls. Fortunately, passengers were able to subdue the man and extinguish the flames, and the plane landed without further incident. Later investigations determined that Abdulmutallab was radicalized by Yemen-based Islamic cleric Anwar al-Awlaki and sought to carry out the attack in revenge for what he felt was the killing of innocent Muslims by the United States. He remained unrepentant as he faced eight charges, including attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction and conspiracy to commit an act of terrorism. A judge sentenced him to life in prison. But best of all, the 289 passengers and crew on the harrowing flight were able to return to their families for the holidays.

We are all happy to see our families during the holiday season but it doesn't mean that you stop complaining about early morning flights, travel delays and relentless schedules of parties, meals and visits that have become mainstays during the festive season.

When we look at our petty problems next to these horrific incidents there is really no comparison. It's difficult to think about what the people affected by these and so many more holiday tragedies must have gone through while the rest of us were tearing into gifts, and sharing conversation with family.

That doesn't mean we shouldn't enjoy Christmas, rather we should savour every moment thanks to our healthy new dose of perspective.



How To Say Merry Christmas in Other Languages

Joyeux Noel	French	Kala Christouyenna	Greek
Buon Natale	Italian	Nollaig Shona Dhuit	Gaelic
God Jul	Swedish	Feliz Navidad	Spanish
Suksun Wan Christmas		Thai	
Kurisumasu omedeto		Japanese	
Froliche Weihnachten		German	



From The Past - Assorted Clippings From The Early Days

Friday 4th January, 1918

Uley, December 29. Workmen are renovating the school house and residence by putting in new windows and ceilings, cleaning up round about and putting the well in good order.

Miss Barritt, of Yattalunga, kindly taught the VIII grade girls how to spin with spindles, and has offered a prize for the best spun wool.

At the terminal examination of the school all the children were promoted with the exception of two juniors. Jessie Bowman, grade VIII passed into the High School, and Doris Taylor, who did grades VII and VIII in one year also passed. She was the first girl in the One Tree Hill district to gain a war medal.

John B. F. Ifould (aged 11) did the work of VI and VII grades in one year and gained full marks. He showed marked ability and patriotism, being the first boy in the district to gain a war medal, and by the time this is in print will have had a bar attached to the same.

Miss Lewis, who had a serious accident to her eye recently, is about again. When chopping a piece of green wood a chip flew up and hit her in the eye. It was first thought that the sight was affected, but subsequent treatment has removed all danger.

Agricultural Bureau - One Tree Hill Branch,
Friday December 26 1901

Present - Messrs. J. Bowman (chairman), Adams, F. Bowman, A. Thomas, and J. Clucas (hon. Secretary).

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from Central Bureau considered, and extracted; members to answer questions and forward the replies. Take-all causes little trouble in the hills, no doubt, attributable to uniform rainfalls. It was found that late spring ploughing and summer fallowing did not act as a preventative like winter fallow, which received a maximum of rainfall.

ATTENDENCE

It was difficult to devise means to promote better attendance at Bureau meetings. A social yearly when a resume of the year's deliberations could be presented and opinions freely exchanged, was suggested. Members were undecided as to the advisableness of increasing the number of members of the branches. These matters will receive further consideration.

WOOL-CLASSING

This district being almost more a wool producing district than anything else it was thought advisable to invite the instructor in wool-classing to the neighbourhood.

THE CROPS

Red rust bad, fortunately, done less harm than had been feared. Early sown and early varieties suffered most - King's Karly particularly. Majestic appeared to have had immunity and was a most successful crop; it was a slow growing wheat and excellent for hay.

Friday December 11th, 1936

On the 5th December a social evening was held in the One Tree Hill Institute, in aid of the combined funds of the Uley and Precolumb schools. There was a very good attendance.

Items were rendered by Mrs. Kelly (song); Miss Josephine Kelly and Master Brian Robinson (pianoforte solos).

A lucky number box of sweets was won by Mr. C. Robinson; Mystery Canadian barn dance, by Miss Doris Shillabeer and Master Max Horgan.

Strawberries and cream, ice cream and cool drinks were sold during the evening, and Miss Thomson and Mr. Horgan and several willing workers did well to dispose of all strawberries and ice cream.

Supper was provided and served by the ladies.

The takings for the evening were about £7 10/. Mr. N. Robinson carried out the duties of M.C.

Friday 22nd December 1922

City entertainers gave a concert in the One Tree Hill Institute on December 15th, the proceeds going part to the Memorial Hospital and the local cricket club.

Items were contributed by Mrs. Barritt, Miss Lilian Rendall, and Miss Joyce White, Messrs. Harry Tovey and Jarrett. The visitors were afterwards motored to the city by local residents. Mr. H. H. Blackham arranged the concert.

The rain of the past week, although beneficial in various ways, did damage to the fruit crop, causing the apricots to split badly. Hay-carting was hindered, as stacks have to be opened to prevent mould.

Telephone communication with Adelaide was opened on Tuesday last. There are several private subscribers, and eventually the line is to go on to a point near the Barossa weir. It will fill a long-felt want and make up, to some extent, for the absence of a daily mail service.

Friday 26th November, 1943 - Field Day at One Tree Hill

Under the auspices of the Agricultural Bureau and in association with the Department of Agriculture, a field day will be held at Dr. L. Tostevin's Farm, One Tree Hill on Friday, December 3rd at 1.30p.m.

The Hon. A.P. Blesing, MLC., (Minister of Agriculture) will open the proceedings and visitors will be afforded the opportunity of inspecting the "Wattles" herd of stud Jersey cattle which has recently been imported from Victoria: Stud Large White and commercial pigs and piggery; the layout of which has been constructed on up-to-date lines.

At opportune intervals during the inspection, addresses will be given by technical officers of the Department of Agriculture.

Lunch and afternoon tea will be available, the proceeds from which are to be devoted to the Fighting Forces Comforts Fund.

Tuesday 25th August, 1936 - Shillabeer - Pridham

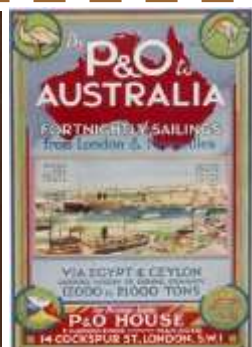
In the Grange Methodist Church on August 1 at 7 p.m., Mary, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pridham, of Dawke's Peak and Douglas, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Shillabeer, of One Tree Hill, were married by the Rev. I'Anson.

The bride's dress was of white matelassé merged into a long train. The veil was of Brussels lace with a halo of silver lace and orange blossom. She carried a sheaf of sweet peas and carnations, and wore a string of crystals. She was given away by her uncle Mr. H. T. Cowley.

Miss Jean Hughes, cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid and Mr. W.T. Cowley was best man. Little Jean Shillabeer was flower girl. Mrs. Lachlin McGilp, of One Tree Hill, sang while the register was being signed.

Afterwards 60 guests were entertained at the Grange Institute. For dancing and games Mr. Cliff Cowley was M.C. Music was supplied by Mrs. L. Shillabeer, Miss Nancy Hunt, Mr. C. Hahndorf and Mr. T.J. Pridham.

The bride and bridegroom left that evening for their new home, High Street, Grange.



Kids' Page

Hello again, this is the last edition for 2016. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a great New Year. For some of you it will mean a transition from kindy to school and primary school to high school, I really wish you all a successful 2017.

I'm hoping that we will get more kids joining the Kookaburra Club next year, don't forget we have a \$10 voucher for best letter of the month and a \$10 voucher for your birthday. I think it should be a great incentive to write to me so how about putting that on your list to do in 2017.

Until next year, Auntie Bev.

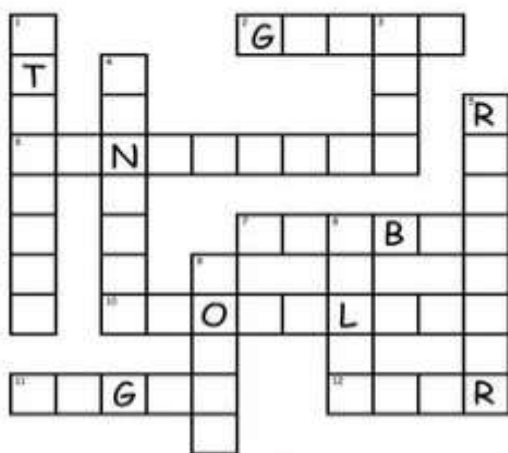
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OTH Kookaburra Club



The Kookaburra Club is open to all children 15 years and under. If you would like to become a member email or post your name, address, birthdate and a story or jokes to the grapevine. (Details are on page 2 of this edition) We have a monthly prize for the best story or jokes, this is a \$10 voucher. Birthday cards and a \$10 voucher will be awarded for your birthday but please note that if you don't submit something for 6 months you will not receive your birthday gift. I hope to hear from lots of you this year. Thank you to OTH Progress for the awards.

'Tis the Season



Across

Down



Peter: What does Santa say at the start of a race?
Susan: I don't know.

Peter: Ready, set, Ho, Ho, Ho!

Knock, Knock, Who's there?

Murray. Murray who?

Murray Christmas to all.

Q: Where do snowmen keep their money?

A: In a snowbank!

Q: What do snowmen like to do on the weekend?

A: Chill out.

Q: What do you get if you cross and an iPad with a Christmas tree? A: A Pineapple!

Q: What do you call Santa when he stops moving?

A: Santa Pause!

Q: What's red and white, red and white, red and white?

A: Santa rolling down a hill!

Q: What did the Christmas tree say to the Christmas bauble? A: Aren't you tired of just hanging around?

Q: What kind of bug doesn't like Christmas? A: A humbug!

Q: Why do Mummies like Christmas so much?

A: Because of all the wrappings!

Q: Knock, Knock, Who's there?

Hanna, Hanna who?

Hanna partridge in a pear tree.

Q: Why did the elves ask the turkey to join their band?
A: Because he had the drum sticks!

Can you name a favourite Christmas king?

Yes, I love stockings!

Q: Why can't Christmas trees stand up?

A: Because they don't have any legs!

Q: How do you scare a snowman? A: You get a hairdryer!

Q: Why is Santa so good at karate?

A: Because he has a black belt!

Q: What did the reindeer say when he saw an elf?

A: Nothing, reindeer can't talk!

Q: What is the best thing to put into a Christmas cake?

A: Your teeth!

Q: What do reindeers sing to Father Christmas?

A: Freeze a jolly good fellow!

Q: Which of Santa's reindeers has bad manners?

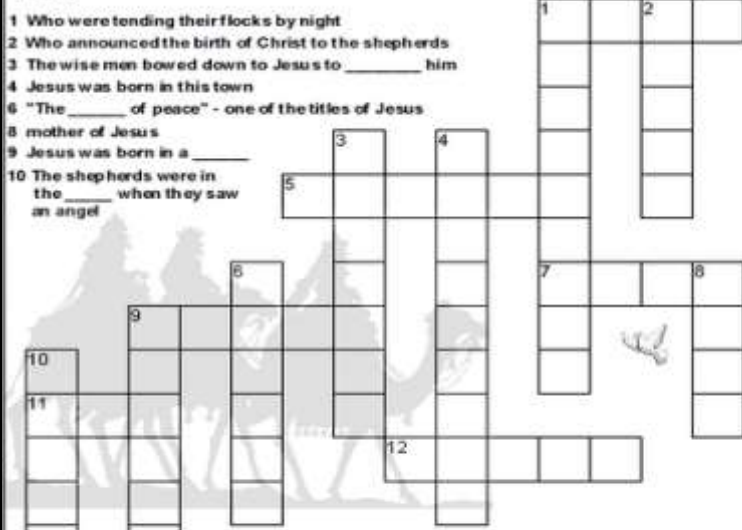
A: Rude~alph!

Q: Why did Santa get a ticket on Christmas Eve?

A: He left his sleigh in a snow parking zone!

Birth of Christ

DOWN



ACROSS

- 1 The wise men followed a _____ that led them to Jesus
- 5 human father of Jesus
- 7 There was no _____ at the inn for Jesus
- 9 one of the gifts of the three wise men
- 11 Jesus could not stay at the _____ because it was full
- 12 and on earth _____, goodwill toward men (Luke 2:14)

Last Saturday, I went to my friends Birthday Party.

We played Pass the Parcel and had to answer a riddle.

They had a piñata and I got all the lollies out.

They were also doing horse rides. When I went on the horse, she asked me if I wanted to go trotting.

We trotted and also I went over some jumps.

I had a great time there.

Daniel Age 10 years.



Kids Stories

A couple of weeks ago I went to my friend's house for a sleep over.

On the Friday we had some nerf wars and did some archery.

After that we watched a movie called Big Hero 6, it was a great movie.

The next day I got to use my friend's dad's rifle. It was a 22.

I hit a 2 litre fizzy drink bottle from 40 metres away.

The next shot I hit a little target that would be 5cm in diameter.

It was the first time I have ever used a real gun. I had heaps of fun.

Samuel Age 14 years.



Q: What is green, white and red all over?

A: An elf who is sunburnt!



Not long ago we had a broody chook. We put it in a cage and on some eggs.

About three weeks later one of the eggs hatched, but the rest didn't.

The mother is grey with black spots and the chick is all black.

About a week ago we moved the mother and the baby chicken into the chook run.

Our chook run is on four posts, so the mother sleeps under it with its chick.

Every morning when I go to feed the chooks, I give the chick a little bit of grain.

Joshua Age 12 years.



My mum, two sisters and I went to the Adelaide Christmas pageant a couple of weeks ago.

We had to leave home at 5.15am so that we got to our usual space.

It was a really colourful pageant with lots of clowns. I liked the ones on the unicycles.

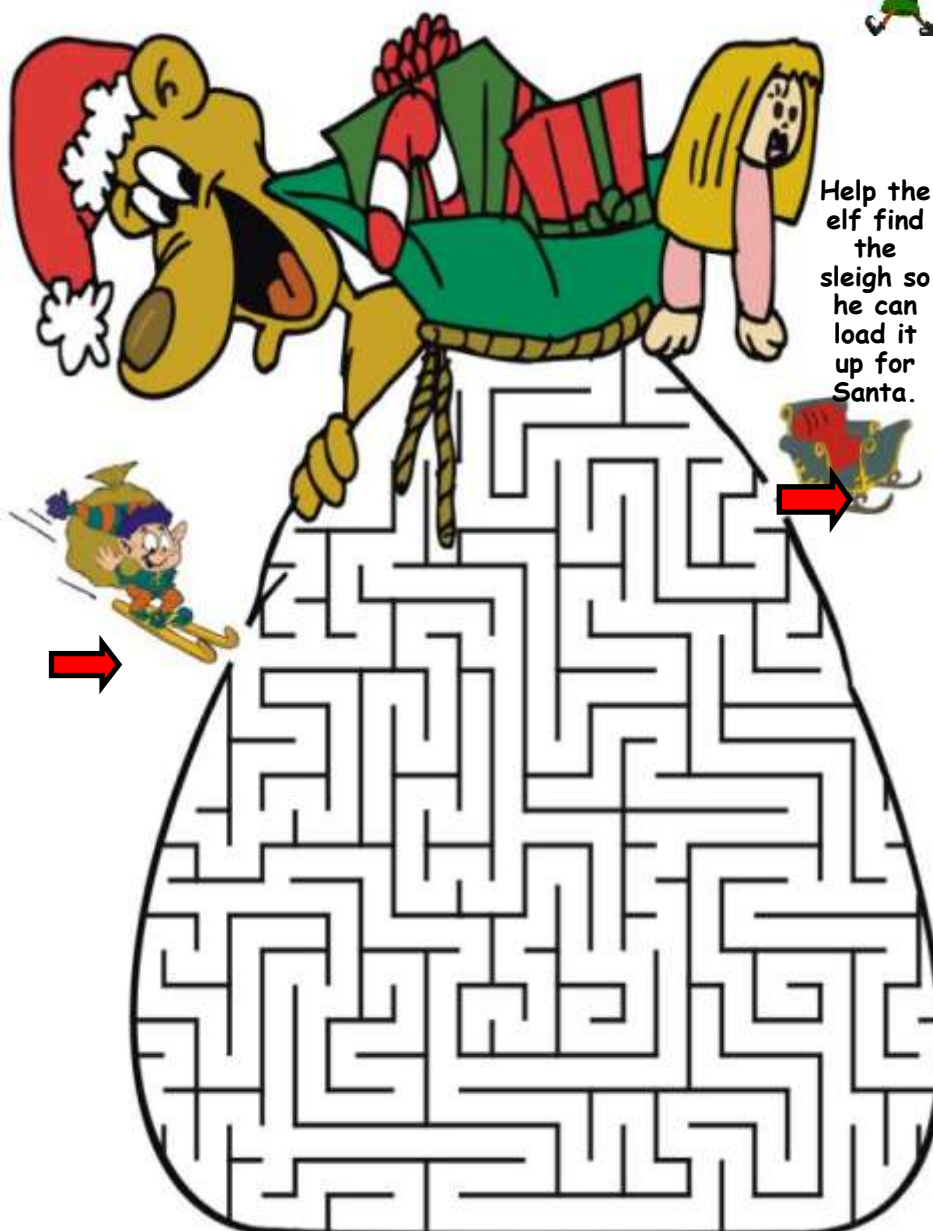
It rained while we were there and we got wet through.

My nana wanted to know what part I thought was the best and I said "Father Christmas of course because it was the end of the pageant".

We were all so tired and wet when it finished and I couldn't wait to get home.

Next year I think I will watch it on TV.

Riley D. Age 4 years and soon to be 5. (with nana's help)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Riley D. on the 12th December. Have a really good day. Your Card and voucher can be picked up from the One Tree Hill Country Market which is on the 12th December.

Q: What do you get if you cross mistletoe and a duck? A: A Christmas Quacker!

Q: Santa has a phobia. What is it? A: Claustrophobia!

Q: What do cats and dogs call their Santa? A: Santa paws!



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I ASKED FOR 10 ELVES!



How Well Did You Know South Australia?

Answers from page 7

- 1: 1942, SA was the first state to introduce it.
- 2: The compulsory wearing of cycling helmets.
- 3: The right to vote and stand for election (SA was the first Australian parliament in the British Commonwealth to do this).
- 4: Maslin Beach.
- 5: The oldest organisation in South Australia is the South Australian Police Force, which was formed 1838.
- 6: The Agent General for South Australia.
- 7: 23rd December, 1976.
- 8: 13th May, 1837.
- 9: 1840.
- 10: Michael Magee was hanged on 2nd May, 1838 because he singed the sheriff's ear with a rifle shot. The executioner was the camp cook disguised in a harlequin suit who later became known as Harry the Hangman. £30 was the fee for the grisly task.
- 11: On 24th November, 1964 Glen Sabre Valance was hung for murder and rape.
- 12: 1876. The Eight Hours Day procession began in 1873.



- 13: Forty five, all prisoners were buried in the Gaol grounds.
- 14: First legalized by South Australia under the Matrimonial Causes Act 1858, which came into effect on 1st January, 1857.
- 15: 30th June, 1972.
- 16: Elizabeth Woolcock, aged 25, for murdering her husband.
- 17: Dame Roma Mitchell, appointed to the Supreme Court of South Australia on 23rd September, 1965. Dame Roma also became Australia's first woman governor when she was appointed to the position of Governor of South Australia.
- 18: Introduced under South Australia's Motor Traffic Act of 1904. On country roads the limit was 15mph, but in most of Adelaide only 12mph and in the two principal shopping streets it was restricted to 4mph between 7pm and 10pm on Saturday night.
- 19: The Hoon Laws which target the misuse of a motor vehicle eg: racing vehicles in a speed trial, pursuit or test of driver's skills in a public place; causing engine or tyre noise likely to disturb residents or workers in the vicinity; driving onto a park, garden or road related area to break up the ground surface or cause other damage.
- 20: All speed limits in built up areas were reduced from 60km/h to 50km/h.

Next year we have a few more subjects to finish this series off.
We hope that you are finding it interesting. I know we are!

Horse Care - Use of the Seat



Sometimes we hear instructors saying to use our seat. What do they mean? In most cases they tell the rider to "push with your seat". But do they tell you HOW to push?

Recent biometric studies indicate that if we truly push with the seat we actually block the back of the horse. If we push, our buttocks become hard and this puts pressure on the horse's back. He can no longer round up and therefore cannot step as long or as softly as if he had a rounded back with a soft rider. This results in a rougher ride for the rider and this leads to more bounce, which in turn causes pain in the horse's back. And so the spiral begins.

This is visible with the horse stepping short, with hollow back and unhappy ears. He may appear to be going quicker, but he is not going well.

The use of the seat is best left to the educated horse and rider. It is used to indicate what is required. "Educated" in the sense that horse and rider have more than a basic understanding of what is required.

One master has said it is "an influence on a horse that is thinking forward" and "the seat is a very refined aid".

In this regard, it is used to indicate the direction and speed of the required gait: A lift forward or back or a slower or quicker rhythm or even a change of pace.

So a cue for walk can be the lift of one buttock followed by the other. The horse will try to match the length and speed you indicate IF you do not block his movement.

Likewise, the beginning of the motion to ride a canter can tell him that is the gait you want. There should always be some leg aid associated with the seat but it does not have to be an almighty kick. A tightening of the calf muscle will be sufficient once you have reached an understanding.

This is possible with most horses after some time learning to understand each other.

One other issue with pushing with the seat: If you push you will need to lean backward (at least from the hips down). But this should be telling the horse that he is to go backward. Remember; the horse should always go with you. This is how you balance most easily. If he goes forward when you lean back you will be left behind. It is also in contradiction to the training (and the easier way of going) to always balance you on his back.

This will be a controversial topic.



If you have any horse query for Julie please email or post to the Grapevine and we will pass it on.
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Tail Docking - A Lamb Topic



I was struck recently by the similarity of the length of a goat's tail and the recommended length for lambs to be docked.

Why do we dock lamb tails? Long tails collect faecal matter and urine. In our climate they attract flies. If you have seen a fly struck sheep, you understand. If you haven't and disapprove of docking, think about it.

Lamb tails should be docked at the 5th joint. This leaves enough tail to cover the vulva in ewe lambs. If they are shorter, they are more likely to be sunburnt and the lamb does not have enough tail to flick away the flies.

Another thought on tails; when our does kidded, I always washed the hind quarters of the girls. Sometimes this would be 2 or 3 times before she 'cleaned up'. But it was worth the trouble as there were less fly problems.

I also trimmed the hairs along the sides and tip of the tail and clipped short those around the hind quarters prior to kidding. Of course washing only works if you have friendly animals. It was just too hard with the sheep as they had to be rounded up before we could do any work on them. All sheep were "crutched" before lambing to reduce the wool around the back end.

If you have any query about goats, please email or post topic to the Grapevine, details page 2.



You do know what would have happened if it had been three wise WOMEN instead of men, don't you?

They'd have asked for directions, arrived on time. Helped deliver the baby. Cleaned the stable, made a casserole and brought disposable nappies as gifts!



I have a little Christmas tradition I like to keep:



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Six White Boomers

Christmas in Australia is celebrated during our summer months. No snow, and log fires for us, though our Christmas cards and traditions usually depict those of colder climates.

Australia is a multicultural country and with this, our traditions are often mingled and derived from a mixture of other countries.

Yes, we have Christmas Trees, Father Christmas, Christmas Carols, and gifts which are a familiar Christmas scenario. Christmas dinner may be a BBQ in the backyard or a picnic on a beach though. Champagne instead of eggnog, Pavlova instead of Plum Pudding. Christmas also coincides with the Summer Holidays and quite often families will celebrate Christmas away from home.

The big events of the Christmas season are the Carols by Candlelight. These began in Melbourne in 1937 and are outside concerts on warm summer evenings, people sit on blankets, light candles and join together to sing Christmas Carols. Most towns have a concert and two major ones are televised across Australia from Sydney and Melbourne. Christmas Eve wouldn't be the same without Carols by Candlelight.

One of the popular songs sung at Carols by Candlelight is "Six White Boomers". For those of you who don't know about white boomers, they are special kangaroos that Santa uses in Australia instead of a traditional reindeer team. Our boomers are stronger than reindeer so Santa only needs six of them to pull his sleigh!

The words to the song are as follows:

Early on one Christmas Day, a Joey Kanga-roo,
Was far from home and lost in a great big zoo.
Mummy, where's my mummy? They've taken her a-way.
We'll help you find your mummy son. Hop up on the sleigh.

Up beside the bag of toys little Joey hopped,
But they hadn't gone far when Santa stopped.
Unharnessed all the reindeer and Joey wondered why,
The he heard a far off booming in the sky.

*Chorus: Six white boomers, snow white boomers,
Racing Santa Claus through the blazing sun.
Six white boomers, snow white boomers,
On his Australian run.*

Pretty soon old Santa began to feel the heat,
Took his fur-lined boots off to cool his feet,
Into one popped Joey, feeling quite okay.
While those old man kangaroos kept pulling on the sleigh.

Chorus:

Joey said to Santa, Santa what about the toys?
Aren't you giving some to these girls and boys?
They've got all their presents, son, we were here last night,
This trip is an extra trip, Joey's special flight.

Chorus:

Soon the sleigh was flashing past, right over Marble Bar,
Slow down there, cried Santa, it can't be far,
Come up on my lap here, son, and have a look around.
There she is, that's Mummy, bounding up and down.

Chorus:

Well that's the bestest Christmas treat that Joey ever had,
Curled up in mother's pouch feeling snug and glad.
The last they saw was Santa heading northwards from the sun,
The only year the boomers worked a double run.

Chorus:



Christmas Berry Pavlova

Ingredients:

6 Egg Whites	340g Castor Sugar
1 tsp Corn Flour	1 tsp Vanilla Essence
Fresh Fruit and Cream	1 teaspoon White Vinegar

Method: Separate the egg whites and place in a clean bowl. Whisk until light soft peaks form. Pour in half the sugar and whisk again until it becomes silky. Add the cornflour, vinegar, vanilla and the rest of the sugar and whisk until firm peaks form. You should be able to hold the bowl upside down without the egg whites falling out of the bowl.

Preheat the oven to 250°

Spoon the Meringue mixture onto baking tray lined with baking paper. You want to form a wreath shape with the mixture. Place the tray into the oven and cook for 1½ hours or until it has risen and gone a light sandy colour. When the Pavlova is cooked turn off the oven and leave it in the oven to cool down with the door open. Once it has cooled completely, slide the Pavlova onto a serving plate.

When you are ready to serve the Pavlova whip cream and put a nice thick layer on the meringue. Decorate with lots of fresh fruit and enjoy. (Strawberries, Kiwi Fruit, Banana or assortment of berries)

Perhaps would like to drizzle the Pavlova with a Berry Coulis. It is quite easy to make, you will need 340g of frozen Raspberries or Strawberries, ¼ Cup of icing sugar, juice of half a Lemon.

Method: Sift icing sugar into bowl. Place a spoonful of Raspberries onto sieve and push through. The idea is to get all the liquid out of the berries and leave the seeds in the sieve. When you have completed that step squeeze half a lemon through the sieve and discard the contents of the sieve (raspberry and lemon seeds). The coulis can be made up before hand and kept in the fridge in a glass container for up to three weeks. The coulis would be lovely on ice-cream too!

It is ideal to drizzle over the Pavlova to give it that extra zest!



An Irish Poem - Politically Correct Santa

T'was the night before Christmas and Santa's a wreck....
How to live in a world that's politically correct?
His workers no longer would answer to "Elves",
"Vertically Challenged" they were calling themselves.

And labour conditions at the North Pole
Were alleged, by the union, to stifle the soul.
Four reindeer had vanished, without much propriety,
Released to the wilds by the Humane Society.

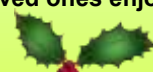
And gifts; nothing of leather, nothing of fur,
Which meant nothing for him. And nothing for her.
Nothing that might be construed to pollute.
Nothing to aim. Nothing to shoot.

Nothing that clamoured or made lots of noise.
Nothing for just girls. Or just for the boys.
Nothing that claimed to be gender specific.
Nothing that's warlike or non-pacific.

He tried to be merry, tried to be gay,
But you've got to be careful with that word today.
His sack was quite empty, limp to the ground;
Nothing fully acceptable was to be found.

Something special was needed, a gift that he might
Give to all without angering the left or the right.
A gift that would satisfy, with no indecision,
Each group of people, every religion;

Every ethnicity, every hue,
Everyone, everywhere..... Even you.
So here is that gift, its price beyond worth....
"May you and your loved ones enjoy peace on Earth."



A Christmas Carol ~ Charles Dickens

A Christmas Carol is a novella by English author Charles Dickens, it was first released on 19th December, 1843.

The story tells of sour and stingy Ebenezer Scrooge's ideological, ethical, and emotional transformation after the supernatural visitations of Jacob Marley and the Ghosts of Christmases Past, Present, and Yet to Come.

The novella met with instant success and critical acclaim. With a Christmas Carol, Dickens hoped to illustrate how self-serving, insensitive people can be converted into charitable, caring, and socially conscious members of society. With each Ghost's tale functioning as a parable. A Christmas Carol advances the Christian moral ideals associated with Christmas - generosity, kindness, and universal love for your community.
It's time to dig out your copy of A Christmas Carol to read to your children or grandchildren.

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer ~ Robert L. May

Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer is a character created in a story and song by the same name. The story was created by Robert L. May in 1939 as part of his employment with Montgomery Ward.

In its first year of publication, Montgomery Ward distributed 2.4million copies of Rudolph's story.

Johnny Marks decided to adapt May's story into a song, which through the years has been recorded by many artists.

It was first sung commercially by crooner Harry Brannon on New York City radio in the latter part of 1948 before Gene Autry recorded it formally in 1949, and has since filtered into the popular consciousness.



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On the 23rd October Northern Hills Pony Club held the 2016 Metro Zone Pony Club Gymkhana it was an extremely successful day and thanks must go to all members that attended, helped prepare the grounds and also helped on the day. We have just been informed that the Northern Hills Pony Club has won the 2016 Metro Zone Gymkhana Trophy for the highest points achieved. (Very well done all) The day offered Hacking, Show jumping and Novities.

Kristen Weber-Moll and Squirt jumping in true style

Tessa Thomas on Vixen looking stunning all day

Emily Hill and Ruby Showing how Games are done



Alison Taylor all smiles with her performance with Goldie



Both eyes ahead for Helen Kerr and Copper during their Show jumping round



Rebecca Dinning making light work of the jumping on Dom

**Northern Hills
Pony Club
Members
all having a very
successful day.**



Sharon and Holly showing how it is done in their Hack Class



Nora Henry On King both enjoying the day



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Up and Coming at Northern Hills Pony Club.....

11th December – Rally Show jumping and Cross Country
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Christmas Trees and Lights

Have you ever wondered how we came to have lights on our Christmas trees?

Apparently they were invented by Ralph Morris, an American telephonist because of the danger of fire from using candles on a tree.

In 1885 a hospital in Chicago burned down because candles on a Christmas tree caught fire.

In 1908 insurance companies in the USA tried to get a law made that would ban candles from being used on Christmas Trees because of the many fires they had caused! So we have to say a big thank you to Ralph Morris for making Christmas safer.

The most lights lit at the same time on a Christmas tree is 194,672 and was done by Kiwanis Malmedy/Haute Malmedy in Belgium on 10th December, 2010.

Many towns and villages have their own Christmas Trees, one of the most famous is the tree in Trafalgar Square, London which is given to the UK by Norway every year as a 'thank you' present for help the UK gave Norway in World War II. The White House in America has a big tree on the front lawn, this tradition started in 1920.

The record for the most Christmas trees chopped down in two minutes is 27 and belongs to Erin Lavoie from the USA. She set the record on 19th December, 2008 on the set of Guinness World Records.

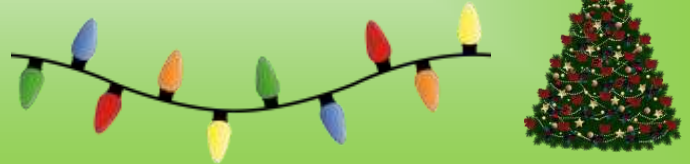
Synthetic Christmas trees really started becoming popular in the early 20th century. In the Edwardian period Christmas Trees made from coloured ostrich feathers were popular at 'fashionable' parties.

Around 1900 there was even a short fashion for white trees - so if you thought coloured trees are a new invention they're not! Over the years synthetic trees have been made from Feathers, Papier Mache, Metal, Glass, and many different types of plastic, there are even inflatable trees.

The tallest synthetic Christmas tree was 52m high and was covered in green PVC leaves. It was called the 'Peace Tree' and was designed by Grupo Sonae Distribuicao Brazil and was displayed in Brazil from 1st December 2011 until 6th January, 2002.

In many countries, different trees are used as Christmas trees. In New Zealand a tree called the 'Pohutakawa' that has red flowers is sometimes used and in India, Banana or Mango trees are sometimes decorated. Here in Australia many decorate a gum tree.

The first Christmas trees came to Britain sometime in the 1830s. They became very popular in 1841, when Prince Albert (Queen Victoria's German husband) had a Christmas tree set up in Windsor Castle. In 1848, drawing of "The Queen's Christmas tree at Windsor Castle" was published in the illustrated London news. The publication of the drawing helped Christmas Trees become popular throughout Europe and other parts of the world, including Australia.



A Microsoft Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, except Papa's mouse.
The computer was humming, the icons were hopping,
As Papa did his last minute Internet shopping.

The stockings were hung by the modem with care
In hope that St. Nicholas would bring new software.
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of computer games danced in their heads.

PageMaker for Billy, and Quicken for Dan,
And Carmen, Sandiego for Pamela Ann.
The letters to Santa had been sent out by Mum,
To santaclause@topshop.northpole.com

Which has now been re-routed to Washington State
Because Santa's workshop has been bought by Bill Gates.
All the elves and reindeer have had to skedaddle
To flashy new quarters in suburban Seattle.

After centuries of a life that was simple and spare,
St. Nicholas is suddenly a new billionaire,
With a shiny red Porsche in the place of his sleigh,
And a house on Lake Washington that's just down the way.

From where Bill has his mansion. The old fellow preens
In black Gucci boots and red Calvin Klein jeans.
The elves have stock options and desks with a view,
Where they write computer code for Johnny and Sue.

No more dolls or toy soldiers or little toy drums
Will be under the tree, only compact disk ROMs
With the Microsoft label. So spin up your drive,
From now on Christmas runs only on anything but Win95

More rapid than eagles the competitors come,
And Bill whistled, and shouted, and called them by name.
"Now, ADOBE, Now, CLARIS, Now, INTUIT too,
Now Apple and Netscape you are all of you through.

It is Microsoft's SANTA that the kids can't resist,
It's the ultimate software with a traditional twist -
Recommended by no less than the jolly old elf,
And on the package, a picture of Santa himself.

Get 'em young, keep 'em long, is Microsoft's scheme,
And a merger with Santa is a marketer's dream.
To the top of the NASDAQ! To the top of the Dow!
Now dash away, dash away, dash away, wow!

And Mama in her kerchief and I in my cap,
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap.
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
The whirl and the hum of our satellite platter.

As it turned toward that new Christmas star in the sky,
The SANTALITE owned by the Microsoft guy.
As I sprang from my bed and was turning around,
My computer turned on with a Jingle-Bell sound.

And there on the screen was a smiling Bill Gates
Next to jolly old Santa, two arm-in-arm mates.
And I heard them exclaim in voice so bright,
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A Reindeer Story

According to the Alaska Department of Fishery and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid December.

Female reindeer retain their antlers until after they give birth in the spring. Therefore, according to EVERY historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, EVERY single one of them, from Rudolf to Blitzen, had to be a girl.

We should have known.... ONLY women would be able to drag an overweight man in a red suit all around the world in one night and not get lost!



A Sign of the Times!

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?"

The little girl stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped: "Didn't you get my email?"



A Snowball Poem

I made myself a snowball,
As perfect as could be,
I thought I'd keep it as a pet,
And let it sleep with me.

I made it some pyjamas,
And a pillow for its head.
Then last night it ran away,
But first ~ It wet the bed!



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Please feel welcome to join the Senior Citizens if you are new to the town, recently retired or just want an outing.

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On Christmas Eve, Nathan thought it would be nice to buy his wife a little gift for Christmas. Always short of money, he thought long and hard about what to buy. Unable to decide, Nathan entered Myer's and was looking at perfume. The sales person told him the bottle of his wife's favourite perfume was \$150. "Mmm, too expensive" said Nathan. The salesperson returned with a smaller bottle that was \$100, again it was still too expensive. Growing rather annoyed at Nathan's meanness, the girl brought out a tiny bottle that was only \$50. Nathan by this stage was getting quite agitated, "What I mean", he whined, "is I'd like to see something really cheap". So the sales girl handed him a mirror!





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The Playford Mobile Library will be at the OTH Institute on Friday 9th and 23rd December. The van parks outside the OTH Institute from 3.00 to 4.00pm.

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Feel free to spread the word and encourage past and present residents of One Tree Hill to attend and catch up with past friends and enjoy the day.

Please contact Heather Fischer to book your seat.

Phone 0427 454 160
or 8280 7104

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For stall enquiries please call Bev 0448 208 338 or Email oth.market@bigpond.com

Next PROGRESS GENERAL MEETING is Thursday 8th December at 7.30pm.
Venue: One Tree Hill Institute, 1009 Black Top Road, One Tree Hill.

New members welcome, Progress is at present a small group but with your input we can grow and make One Tree Hill an even better place to live.

