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FROM THE PRESIDENT.

My report this issue will be very short to allow space for other important items.

On Sunday 28th February I was honoured to unveil a plaque on the grave of First Fleeter, Elinor Magee at Camelia. A small group of members attended this ceremony.

February Lecture night proved extremely interesting when Mrs. Sue Walker addressed us on the proposed tapestry project for the Bicentenary. At the conclusion of the lecture, member Mrs. Thea Hosking presented the Fellowship with a 1797 twopenny piece, to help swell our funds. Thank you Thea it was a most generous gesture and very much appreciated.

I commend to you all the list of outings published this Newsletter and hope to meet many of you there.

Beryl Lewis

BICENTENNARY PROJECT.

As previously reported, your Executive have agreed to commission a 100% wool, Australian made tapestry to hang in the State Library.

The current revival of woven tapestry as an art form has been inspired by the vitality and bold textural qualities of medieval tapestries. The kings and nobles of Western Europe in those times recognised the decorative and lasting value of tapestry and prized it more highly than any other form of art.

Works of art are a sound investment and a tapestry is a unique and individual work of art. Their practical values include - exceptional lasting qualities, ease of installation and transfer, not readily damaged and extreme beauty.

The project will progress through three stages:-

- STAGE ONE - Fund Raising.
- STAGE TWO - Research and Design Development.
- STAGE THREE - Weaving.

The tapestry Workshop will submit several designs when stage two is reached. Prior to this we would like to hear from members who have any ideas as to preferred designs, bearing in mind it must be original. The tapestry could take a number of different forms, but basically it will aim to illustrate some aspect of early settlement. It may depict ONE event such as the arrival of the First Fleet or the first flag raising. Or, it may be formed from a collage collection of material and include such items as tickets of leave, marriage permissions, land grants etc. together with early views of Sydney Cove or a First Fleet ship or both. A further possibility would be to focus on one person such as Captain Arthur Phillip and build a design incorporating the voyage and arrival in Sydney Cove. Another approach could be "then and now", Sydney Cove 1788 and Sydney Cove 1988. Stage one at this stage is the most important. Being such a scattered membership makes this a great problem, as we want all members to be involved. With this in mind, how do you, as a member, feel this should be achieved? Are you prepared to undertake to raise money in your area or do you feel a levy on all adult members would be more feasible? Also consider that money invested NOW will practically double in five - six years. If a levy of say a voluntary ten dollars, were subscribed by present members now and future members as they join, and invested and added to the amounts that can be raised by functions and stalls over a period, our goal would be achieved. It is important to point out that the price of the tapestry is not achieved by size (although it plays a part) but rather by the intricacy of design. Because of the amount of work and artistic value involved tapestries do not come cheaply.

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We believe that all members of the Fellowship will want to, and will feel involved in the making of this tapestry, which will surely take its place as one of our national treasures and in years to come part of Australia's heritage.

Beryl Lewis — President.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

The following social functions have been arranged

- SATURDAY 8TH MAY** — Inspection of Mitchell and State Library, 2 pm - \$2.00 each. Come along and see behind the scenes — Bookings Beryl Lewis on 709.8974.
- SATURDAY 28TH MAY** — Inspection of Sydney University 2 pm \$4.00 each including afternoon tea. Come and enjoy this glorious Blackett Building. Bookings Beryl Lewis on 709.8974.
- SATURDAY 5TH JUNE** — A harbour trip under sail on the "New Endeavour" — bring a picnic lunch. 10 am from Darling Harbour, return 4 pm \$12.00 each. Bookings Keith Lehane 32.3904.
- SUNDAY 4TH JULY** — Inspection of the Great Synagogue. Elizabeth Street, Sydney, 1.30 pm - \$2.00 each. This is a rare opportunity. Bookings Ann Campbell 437.6656.
- THURSDAY 12TH AUGUST** — Inspection of Sydney Town Hall, 2 pm - \$2.00 each. Come along and see the City's treasures.

DO COME ALONG AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS

The following trips are being organised

- SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER** — Coach trip to the Hunter Valley. Details Mary Bailey on 43.4075.
- SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER** — Coach trip to the Zig Zag Railway and on the way we will call in to "Yester-grange" at Wentworth Falls. Details Anne Campbell on 437.6656.
- SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER** — Fort Dennison. Details Naida Jackson on 982.8014.

PLEASE NOTE IT IS NECESSARY TO BOOK, AS THE VARIOUS HOSTS NEED TO KNOW THE NUMBER OF GUIDES REQUIRED.

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- SATURDAY 1ST MAY** — Third Annual Waldron - McCarthy Lecture at Amaroo Room, Civic Centre, McMahon Street, Hurstville, 2 pm.
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REPORT FROM SUB-COMMITTEE IDENTIFYING FIRST FLEETERS GRAVES

The identifying of graves of First Fleeters buried in St. Mathews Cemetery, Windsor has now been completed.

Approvals from the Heritage Council and the Church Committee have been obtained to affix the Fellowship identification bronze plaque to each of the following graves.

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| 1. Thomas Arndell | 2. Elizabeth Arndell | 3. John Cross |
| 4. Edward Miles | 5. Benjamin Cusley | 6. Robert Forrester |
| 7. Henry Kable | 8. Susanna Kable | 9. John Merritt |
| 10. William Roberts | | |

A function has now been arranged for Sunday 20th June, 1982 to fix the plaques to the graves. Preliminary arrangements include a picnic day at Windsor, attending Morning Service at St. Mathews Church of England, and during the afternoon a trip to Richmond to fix a plaque on the grave of Thomas Spencer at St. Peters Church Cemetery.

When the plaque fixing project commenced, the Committee did ask for donations from Members, as the costs involved approximately \$50 per grave, and it is again appropriate to appeal to Members, especially of these families, to assist the Committee to purchase and fix plaques to a First Fleeter's Graves.

The next issue will give further details of the arrangements for June 1982, but if you require advance information please phone any of the Committee mentioned below.

Douglas Oakes 428.2806 — Rod Best 85.3914 — Roy Kable 759.6161.

1986	Mr. Eric Arthur COWELL	FF William Tunks
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1990	Mr. Thomas Ormond ROOTES	FF William Dring-Ann Forbes
1991	Mr. Edwin Gordon LUCAS	FF N. Lucas - O. Gascoigne
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1993	Mrs. Dianne Pamela WALKER	FF William Roberts
1994	Mr. Maxwell Arthur HARPER	FF William Roberts
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1996	Miss Lisa F. TRACEY (Jnr.)	FF as above
1997	Miss Peta E. TRACEY (Jnr.)	FF as above
1998	Miss Virginia S. TRACEY (Jnr.)	FF as above
1999	Mrs. Kerry Anne HOLMES	FF as above
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2005	Mr. James H. Colless BARRETT	FF as above
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2007	Sister Marie Jean AKERS	FF Thomas Acres
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2020	Miss Bronwyn Jane CLARKE (Jnr.)	FF A. Rope - E. Pulley
2021	Brett Graham CLARKE (Jnr.)	FF as above
2022	Mr. Ian C. MacGILLICUDDY	FF Robert Forrester
2023	Mr. James JACKSON	FF Thomas Acres
2024	Mrs. June Thelma COWAN-LUNN	FF William Roberts
2025	Mr. Frederick Thomas ALLSOPP	FF Hugh Hughes - Wm. Tunks
2026	Mrs. Alice Rebecca J. COWAN	FF James Squires
2027	Mrs. Maureen Helen BRIDGE	FF as above
2028	Mrs. Royealeene Vera BATHO	FF William Roberts
2029	Mrs. Jeannette MANYWEATHERS	FF William Douglas - Mary Groves
2030	Miss Jennifer MANYWEATHERS (Jnr.)	FF as above
2031	Miss Margaret MANYWEATHERS (Jnr.)	FF as above
2032	Mrs. Beryl Grace EAST	FF as above

ASSOCIATE SPOUSE MEMBERS

Mr. Sven Ivanouw HANSEN — husband of 1883 — Mrs. Mollie L. Hansen
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Mrs. Heather Lynne ALLSOPP — wife of 2025 — Frederick T. Allsopp
Mr. Robert Luke COWAN — Husband of 2026 — Mrs. Alice Rebecca Cowan

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This is the tribute read by Mr. Roderick Best — Vice President — at the unveiling of the plaque, performed by Mrs. Beryl Lewis — President — on the grave of Elinor Magee on Sunday 28th February, 1982. The grave is beautifully cared for by James Hardie & Co Pty Ltd., at Camelia.

This grave of Eleanor Magee actually involves the lives of three first fleeters:- the deceased Eleanor Magee, her widower Charles Magee and the lady who drowned with her, Ann Green.

The story of Eleanor is not a very pretty one. Eleanor McCave (her maiden name) was born in 1763. In 1787 she was sentenced at the Old Bailey to seven years transportation to Australia for feloniously assaulting John Harris in the dwelling house of William Calloway on the 1st May, 1785 and putting him in corporal fear and danger of his life and feloniously taking from him and against his will six copper half pence value three pence and three shillings in monies.

Evidence was given that she was working as a hawker at the time. During the trial the prosecutor was almost torn to pieces by Eleanor and three other women.

Elinor travelled to Australia on the "Lady Penrhyn" and during the voyage gave birth to a still born baby boy.

On the 21st August, 1788 Elinor McCave married Charles Williams alias Chris Magee who arrived in the First Fleet on the "Scarborough". They had two children.

Their first child James was born on 22nd November, 1789 and died 31st January, 1790. The second child Mary was born on the 30th January, 1791. On Friday, the 18th January, 1793, Eleanor Magee drowned together with a friend and another First Fleeter and fellow traveller on the "Lady Penrhyn" Ann Green alias Ann Cowley.

The three adults had been drinking and revelling in Sydney. They were proceeding to Parramatta in a small boat loaded with rice belonging to Ann Green. The boat was tossing about with water wetting the cargo. Eventually it capsized near Breakfast Point, Mortlake. The two ladies drowned and the baby and Charles Magee was saved. Eleanor, who was pregnant at the time, and Ann's bodies were not found for a few days. The baby died, however, due to lack of medical care.

This grave of Eleanor Magee and her daughter Mary was within a few feet of the door of Charles Magee's former home. They owned a farm that occupied this area.

Legend has it that Charles Magee, in a drunken fury, was seen sitting at his door a short time after, with a bottle of rum in his hand drinking one glass and pouring another on the grave, until the bottle was empty, declaring how well she loved it during her life.

In October, 1793 Charles Magee sold the farm for just under one hundred pounds and intended to return to England. However he was condemned to work as a servant on the farm. In 1794 he moved to Mulgrave Place.

It is not for us to pass judgement on the character of these people nor the way they lived and died. We realise that they were victims of the primitive places and times in which they lived. It is from these places and people Australia was progressed to the grand country that it is.

We pay homage to a sad lady and child and the contribution they made in the establishment of this wonderful country of ours.

FOR DESCENDANTS OF NATHANIEL LUCAS.

A book to be published in the near future pertaining to Nathaniel Lucas "Scarborough" and Olivia Gascoign "Lady Penryhn" written by their descendants is currently in the research stages. We would appreciate family trees and any other information pertaining to their descendants for inclusion in the book.

Information and inquiries may be sent to either Betty Taber, 3 Garuwa Street, Fingal Bay via Nelson Bay 2315, or to myself, Rhonda Kroehnert, 14 Fitzpatrick Crescent, Casula 2170.

We have now been able to establish that Olivia Lucas nee Gascoigne died at Launceston, Tasmania. Her burial is registered at St. Johns C. of E. Launceston on 12th June, 1830 aged 69 years.

After reading the letter sent to the Fellowship by Mr. G. Squires of Bowral, Volume 12 No. 9. October 1981, I can imagine the sadness felt, as on my recent visit to Tasmania I visited the Christ Church Cemetery, Longford, and have seen the stacked headstones with the long unattended grass growing around them.

Maybe a more distressing story is that the Cypress Street, Cemetery, Launceston, where Olivia Lucas was buried is now a playing field. I was informed by the librarian in the Local History Section of the Launceston library that a number of years back the headstones were pulled down, broken up and used to make roads. A notice was installed in the LOCAL newspaper for relatives of the deceased to claim their respective headstones. Needless to say what happened if you didn't read the local newspaper at the time.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE FROM THE F.F.F. OFFICE.

T Shirts (navy with gold emblem) — most sizes (packaged and post \$1 extra)	\$6.50 each.
Tea Towels — lines. 4 designs - old Sydney, modern Sydney, Australian birds, Australian wildflowers	\$2.50 each.
NOTELETTS with matching envelopes, packet of 10 - Postage 50c extra	\$2.00 each.
SOUVENIR TEASPOONS , Sugar Spoons, Fluted Spoons, and Cake Forks, Tea Caddie Spoons, Key Rings	\$2.50 each.
PAPER KNIFE	\$2.85 each.
CAR STICKERS	\$0.50 each
(Package and Post of each of above, 50c each)	

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Journals (4 Editions) 50c each plus postage — set of 4 in NSW 80c, interstate 90c.
First Fleet Book, \$4.50 — (50c pack and post).
Compiling your Family History — \$3.00 (50c pack and post).
First Fleet Lists — \$2.00 (50c pack and post).
They Came by Road — by Viv Kable (special interest to Kable family) - \$5.00 (50c pack and post).

NEWSLETTER.

Mail for the following members has been returned to this office. Anyone knowing their present addresses?

Mrs. H.E. Farlow,
11A Excelsior Avenue,
CASTLE HILL. 2154.

Mr. Alan Parker,
12 Madeline Crescent,
HALLETT COVE. S.A. 5158.

Mr. R.E. Ravenscroft,
24 Powell Street,
RICHMOND. 2753.

Mrs. C.R. Russell,
65 Harris Street,
ROSEBERY. 2018.

Mrs. R.L. Steele,
R.M.B. 42,
North Arm Road,
BOWRAVILLE. 2449.

AUSTRALIA-BRITAIN SOCIETY

The President has received a letter from the Secretary, Miss M.L. Deer, which reads in part — "a letter received from the British High Commissioner following the annual dinner of the Fellowship of First Fleeters. Sir John said he was encouraged to find that you had extended an invitation to members of this Society. As he was leaving the dinner, one of the First Fleeters came up to him and said she had never heard before of the Australia-Britain Society and was extremely interested in joining, as would also, she thought, her father.

Members interested in joining this worthy society should forward their name and address to Mrs. Lewis who will pass them on to the Australia-Britain Society.

The AUSTRALIA-BRITAIN SOCIETY is a non-political organisation established in 1971 by Australians who want to preserve the best of our British heritage. It does not promote any one ethnic group but is open to all Australians who want to preserve the best of our British heritage. It does not promote any one ethnic group but is open to all Australians and residents of this country in the belief that we all benefit from the British Connection.

SATURDAY 5TH JUNE — "HARBOUR SAIL"

SATURDAY 5TH JUNE — "HARBOUR SAIL" The F.F.F. has chartered the 132', 3-master and Barquentine "New Endeavour" for a day's sail on Sydney Harbour, leaving Darling Harbour. Qualified Captain and Crew, well-stocked bar on board, bring picnic lunch. Cost \$12.00 each.
Members wishing to take part, please post cheque or money order, made payable to F.F.F. and address your envelope — "Harbour Sail" c/- F.F.F. P.O. Box 283 Grosvenor Street, Sydney. 2000.

JAMES FREEMAN, convict on "Alexander": ELIZABETH THOMAS, convict on "Prince of Wales", spouse of John Bayliss, c. "Friendship": SARAH DAVIS (ASHLEY), convict on "Lady Penrhyn", spouse of Thomas Risdale (Crowder), c. "Alexander": ALICE HARMSWORTH, widow of Thomas Harmsworth, Marine private (d.30.4.1788), later married to Daniel Stanfield, Marine private: Are newly-listed First Fleet ancestors.

OBITUARY - Sympathy is extended to the families of the following:-

CARRUTHERS - Ethel Hope, February 11, 1982 of Eastlakes in her 104th year. Mrs. Carruthers was the Fellowship's oldest member; she was the youngest child of Thomas Stephen Hughes, a grandson of Hugh Hughes, arr. "Alexander", 1788.

ERROR IN FEBRUARY/MARCH NEWSLETTER.

No. 1975 — MRS. Eunice Merle Fitz JACKSON was wrongly listed as "Miss".
(sorry Mrs. Jackson for the printer's error)

CORRECTION - (F.F.F. Newsletter, December, 1981 - P.7, para. 4)
The statement "the late Frederick H.W. Daniell a Vice-President from the beginning for several years until his death in February 1973" is incorrect. In fact, Mr. Daniell was elected President in September 1972 and was holding that position in the Fellowship when he died the following February.

I am indebted to Mrs. Beth Hooke for drawing my attention to my mistake, for which I apologise. Mrs. Hooke was Hon. Secretary during Mr. Daniell's short term as President.

Len Chalmers
