



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 79 (June-July 2009) FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY

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President's Prattle

Are we all going forward to the future? – Absolutely! And everything is awesome!!

This prattle is drawing heavily on the speech patterns of sporting coaches and the media and the next time you have dialogue (talk) with a person you are interacting with you may pick up some of these gems.

By now most of us have already, or are starting to, pick up the pieces of our lives before the F day. Clearing work continues; fences are going up; and quite a number of the trees in the area are showing signs of life and bringing back a little of the former green.

Most of the groups using the Centre have settled into a routine and we urge local residents to join in. If you are temporarily away from the area try to get back now and then to catch up with your friends because we really miss you.

In that vein a Family Day is planned for mid July with lunch provided in a marquee; children's activities; and live music. All Steels Creek residents are invited and the cost is a very low nothing.

The Day would not be possible without the financial and physical support of Chaplaincy Australia; SLPA (Pipeline Benefits); and the Shire of Yarra Ranges.

The Centre, over the past few months, has received some very generous donations from individuals both here and overseas that are being utilised to help residents with their recovery. Other donations and grants have been received from community groups and various Government authorities to help offset some of the cost involved in establishing the Centre. All of these gestures are very welcome and in some future issue we will try to recognise all of this welcome support.

As the coaches say "we are taking it one week at a time"

Keith Montell

Yarra Glen Easter Art Show & CFA Benefit Auction

A lively Auction followed the well attended opening night of the Art Show and the three equal awards for works inspired by, or representing an aspect of, the Yarra Valley went to **Denise McArdle**, **Margaret McLaughlin** and **Peter Allen**.

A cheque for \$3,154.60 has been sent to the Good Friday Appeal - Royal Children's Hospital. This money was raised directly from cash donations and commission on the sales of paintings. In addition, \$845.40 was raised from two 'money boxes' at the entrance to the Art Show which brings the total donated to the GFA-RCH to \$4000! Congratulations and thanks to all those involved in making this wonderful event such a success. Many thanks to the Bendigo Bank for their donation of \$3424.20 to cover the replacement costs of equipment lost during the bushfires.

Some figures: Total attendance: 2,201 Total entries: 533 Total sales: \$27,888

Total raised through the auction for Christmas Hills, Dixons Creek and Yarra Glen CFA units: \$2700

Yve Hart Convenor

A great result, under the most trying conditions by, Yve and her band of volunteers. Well done!

Steels Creek Garden Club

Maggie Lloyd-Smith, President of Steels Creek Garden Club, has been asked by the Healesville Lions and Rotary Clubs to distribute bulbs to people who lost their gardens from the bush fires, give Maggie a ring with their names and addresses 9730 2521 or 0403661600.

There are still some garden hand tools available, trowels, cultivators and widders (I used one to great effect on Sunday - Ed), ideal for those with bulbs to plant, from the **Calders Ring first 5965 2372**

Food Writers Report

Red Shed Café Italian Night.

On Friday 8 May, 26 of our closest friends and associates headed off to the Red Shed Café in Gruyere for an absolutely fantastic Italian feast.

First, we were presented with an incredibly generous shared platter (well three platters actually!) of stunning antipasto consisting of zucchini capecce, grilled eggplant with balsamic and basil, pea and mint frittata, rosemary bruschetta and Italian salami. All absolutely superb and I was full after this.

BUT next came slow roasted shanks in balsamic served with parsnip mash, pear, rocket and parmesan salad.

Copious glasses of wine were enjoyed by all from the cellars of **Medhurst Vineyard**.

The deserts were unbelievable. Vanilla panacotta, poached pears in red wine with chocolate (to die for!!) puddings. Everybody was served one of each!!! All this was for \$45.00 per head. A true feast served with warmth and humour.

The café is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday for breakfast and lunch. These night time events are specials, but well worth a bit of pre-booking. Telephone the **Red Shed Café** at **Medhurst Vineyard** 5964-9022 for all future event details.

Judith Augustine

Proposed book - 'Black Saturday at Steels Creek'

As you may have heard, earlier this month a group of historians visited Steels Creek at the invitation of some residents. They felt that the events of 7 February had profound effects on the community - not least in the destruction of many homes and in people's deaths - and that those effects needed to be documented and acknowledged. Accordingly, Jane and Malcolm Calder contacted Tom Griffiths of the Australian National University. Tom is an environmental historian who had published a book *Forests of Ash*, a history of the Victorian forest country, and he has written pieces commenting on the Black Saturday fires one of which was published in the last *The Jolly Thing*.

Acting on this invitation, Tom asked several colleagues to join him. They are Moira Fahy, who has made films and websites about other bush fires (notably the 1939 Victorian fires) and one of his research students at ANU, Christine Hansen. ANU has a close relationship with the nearby National Museum of Australia, and Tom asked me if I'd be interested in joining his team. I run the Museum's Centre for Historical Research, and soon saw that I could contribute to this project. I've written a lot of military history - twenty-odd books, many about battles - and I thought that I could understand another sort of chaotic, traumatic event, like a bush fire. Together, we visited Steels Creek in mid-May. We saw the signs of the fires and met a few people, and we decided that we could each do something to respond to what happened to your community.

I'll leave to Moira, Tom and Christine to write about their projects in future issues of *The Jolly Thing*. As a result of what I saw and heard when we visited, I would like to outline how I feel I can best help your community. I'm planning to write a book, provisionally called 'Black Saturday at Steels Creek'. It will try to describe what happened on 7 February. It will probably draw on press reports, and perhaps on CFA or Shire records, if they are available. But its main source will be the memories of the people affected - many of them readers of *The Jolly Thing*.

Over the next twelve months or so I'm planning to visit Steels Creek several times, to meet and interview people. A local person, **Hannah Sky** who lost her house will also be interviewing people, so between us we would hope to collect a wide range of accounts. I'd like to make contact with anyone who might be willing to help us work out what happened. I'm happy to hear from you and to document your stories in any way you feel able - in writing or in person. You may already have written accounts of the fires for families or friends, or may be willing to be interviewed. My goal is to gather as wide a range of stories as possible, to reflect the range of the events of that day and its immediate aftermath.

To be honest, I had never even heard of Steels Creek until a couple of months ago. Now the events of 7 February will become the most important part of my work at the National Museum for about the next year. I'm keen to start work, and feel privileged to help to tell a story that has moved those of us who read and saw the news reports of what happened to Victoria three months ago. As an historian, I can't re-build fences, houses or lives. But I can use my skills to understand and explain what happened, so that Steels Creek's experience will at least be recorded and remembered. I'd very much like to hear from you, and would love to meet you when I visit.

I'm planning to be at the **25 July** market day at the **Community Centre** - please come to chat then. In the meantime, you might like to telephone me on (02) 6208 5022, e-mail me at pstanley@nma.gov.au, or write c/o the National Museum of Australia, GPO Box 1901, Canberra, ACT, 2601. I look forward to hearing from you, and plan to publish further reports in future issues of *The Jolly Thing*.

Peter Stanley Director, Centre for Historical Research National Museum of Australia

Family Fun For Young and Old

A family day is to be held on Sunday 19 July at the **Steels Creek Community Centre** 12pm to 4pm
With a tasty spit roast from 1pm Rides, jump castle & other kids' activities as well as live music Marquee with heating and seating if it rains (and we kinda hope it does). **Drew Gormlie's** Chaplaincy outreach mobile will be on site for those who just want a chat.

The event is kindly being sponsored by the **Sugar Loaf Pipeline Alliance**, the **Shire of Yarra Ranges** and **Chaplaincy Australia**.

Bushfire Class Action

There is to be a Bushfire Class Action and related community meeting **6.30 pm** this **Thursday night** at the **Yarra Glen Racecourse**. Maurice Blackburn and Slidders Lawyers are jointly conducting a class action on behalf of all persons who suffered loss as a result of the KEK Fire Complex.

The claim is against SP AusNet by reason of negligence or breach of duty of care to properly design and maintain a particular power line, located in Kilmore East. We believe the breaking of this line was the ignition source of the KEK Fire Complex. Towns affected include Arthurs Creek, Break O Day, Castella, Christmas Hills, Clonbinane, Coulson Crossing, **Dixons Creek**, Eagle Nest, Flowerdale, Glenburn, Glenvale, Hazeldene, Heathcote Junction, Humevale, Kilmore East, Kinglake, Kinglake Central, Kinglake West, Mittons Bridge, Pheasant Creek, Reedy Creek, Saint Andrews, Saint Andrews North, **Steels Creek**, Strath Creek, Strathewen, Tarrawarra, Toolangi, Upper Plenty, Wall Crossing, Wandong, Waterford Park, Yabamac and Yarra Glen.

If someone has suffered personal injury or trauma, loss of a loved one, loss of property, agricultural losses, business losses or general economic loss as a result of this fire, we suggest they contact Maurice Blackburn for a privileged and confidential discussion at the Bushfire Class Action Centre Level 10, 456 Lonsdale Street Melbourne VIC 3000 or Whittlesea-Kinglake Road Kinglake (from 9 June 2009) FREECALL 1800 99 55 70 bushfireca@mauriceblackburn.com.au

Alternatively, people can contact Simon Weeks | Client Relations Manager directly on the details below.
Maurice Blackburn Pty Limited Level 10, 456 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
T (03) 9605 2769 F (03) 9258 9610 SWeeks@mauriceblackburn.com.au | <http://www.mauriceblackburn.com.au>

SCCC Committee Matters

Your committee's next meeting is at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 17 June at the Steels Creek community centre come along and watch the elevated debate that goes on. Join in if you wish and enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit after ward to calm down.

What do you think about these ideas?

Since the bushfires, people have suggested ideas as to what resources and activities could be developed at the Steels Creek Community Centre as part of the reconstruction of our community. It is hard to tell just how much support or need there is for many of these things and this note is to get some idea from the community as to the level of support. If you think any of the ideas outlined below is worth doing, please drop a note to *The Jolly Thing* at P.O. Box, 213, Yarra Glen, 3775; talk to a member of the Committee (see back page); or send an email to the thejollything@yarraglen.com. If you have other suggestions, now is the time to get them into the system.

- Is the Steels Creek Community Centre the place for a "Men's Shed"? Some alternatives have been mentioned such as the Yarra Glen Living and Learning Centre or the Old Scout Hall near the southern end of Steels Creek Road. Would you use the resources of a Men's Shed?
- The idea of a community garden at SC3 with individuals taking responsibility for the management of a particular plot or allotment has come up as an idea. Do you need a garden plot; would you use a garden plot; is there enough space and suitable access for garden plots at the Community Centre?
- As a result of the bushfires there is a lot of timber around that could be used for interesting out-door furniture. Is anyone willing and able to guide others into making this sort of furniture? Would you be interested in being helped to make outdoor furniture from salvaged wood?

SC3 Film Club

Super Meal and jolly good company at 6pm. Films starts 7.30pm.

The movie nights have so far been very successful and we have enjoyed some good films. However the democratic process has decreed that Buck Rogers should have been left in suspended animation (like the acting). We will have to look for something even cornier to start the shows! (Impossible!)

Screening on Friday 26 June:

Blazing Saddles (1974)

Nuthin' to do with fires pardner just a classic screwball comedy.

This spoof of traditional Westerns actually broke quite a few taboos when it was released making fun of rednecks and bigots - a Black Sheriff for instance! Jews; little old ladies; baked beans; what a gas and just what we need to brighten up a winter night.

Screening on Friday 10 July:

The Five Pennies (1959)

Danny Kaye cuts loose with his trademark musical clowning; Louis Armstrong plays his horn and croons in that famous gravelly voice. Other big band icons chip in and Barbara Bel Geddes (long before "Dallas") and a teenage Tuesday Weld add to the excellent performances. This success with tears story based on the life of jazz great Loring "Red" Nichols is peppered with great music and is one not to be missed.

Screening on Friday 24 July:

My Fair Lady (1964)

Hollywood legends Rex Harrison; Audrey Hepburn; Stanley Holloway and Wilfred Hyde-White star in this masterpiece. Based on the GB Shaw play with music by Lerner & Loewe this is a charming film that is usually a favourite with everyone. It would be a good one to bring the children or grandchildren to. **Keith Montell**

Have Your Say - The Community's Plan - Vision 2020

The Community's Plan - Vision 2020 is currently being reviewed. As Council uses Vision 2020 to provide a basis for decision-making, policy and actions I would like to encourage you to read the document and provide comments and input.

Cr Jeanette McRea

http://www.yarranges.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.asp?Page_Id=1469&h=1&p=1

Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club Happenings

Tuesday Morning Social Tennis. This initiative has been off to a slow start. Anyone wishing to come for a hit between 9 and 11am please call Alby (5965 2354).

Lighting Project and Night Tennis. If you've been by the courts, you see that construction is well under way. We are waiting for special poles to allow access to changing the lamps – then we are back in business for night tennis. Should be ready to go about the 2nd week in June. Here's hoping!

Christmas in July. Our annual dinner will be held on 11 July, Space is limited this year – to 50 lucky people or so. The venue this year is at Cuttagee Estate on Willowbend Drive. The cost will be the same as last year - \$20. Contact Alby early to get your seat. www.yarraglen.com/SCTC **Ed Bartosh, Secretary, SCTC**

Stitchers Report – Quilts Galore

Most people I think now know that there has been a massive effort from quilters both near and far, to see that every family member of those who lost their houses in the bushfire receives a handmade quilt. Distribution in our local area has been from Pat Biggs' "Patchwork Collection" in Healesville where she and a team of wonderful volunteers have been co-ordinating a huge effort to get quilts out to their new owners. I've had the pleasure of actually giving these out in the Steels Creek and Yarra Glen area and it has been just wonderful to see the delight on the recipients' faces. Now I need your help— if you know of any such people in this area who have not yet received a quilt please let me know. Also can anyone help me with the Worthingtons, I have a quilt but no contact for them or even knowledge of who they are. Thanks, **Jane Calder 5965 2372**

Future Wine Events

Shortest Day Lunch

The tenth annual "Eastern Subaru Shortest Lunch", presented by the Yarra Valley Smaller Wineries, is being held on **Saturday 20 June and Sunday 21 June 2009**, 10am – 5pm both days (locals patronage of Steels Creek wineries would be greatly appreciated on the Saturday so that we don't detract too much from the Sunday tourist trade). Why not make up a group and visit the local vineyards, **Steels Creek Estate, Yileena Park, Allinda Winery, Millers and Yarra Track**, They will be pleased to see you.

More details available from www.yarravalleyssmallerwineries.com.au

Acacia Ridge

At **Acacia Ridge** the vineyard saved the house and cellar door, but 100 ton of fruit is smoke tainted.

They are having a **Wilbur Wild** concert at the winery on 21 June from 11am onwards, entry \$15, kids free; nice bbq lunch available (vegetarians catered for) small lunch for littlies.

This will be a great family day look and the Oakleys look forward to seeing you for a fun stomping day'

Ring to book on 97301492 or 0407313980

Tricia and Gavan Oakley

Rainfall Report

We welcome two more rain fall records to our report: **Lyn Taylor** at 'Highlea' and **Judy Anderson** from 'Pencloe Park' we wont blame them for reporting one of the driest Mays on record

Rainfall Report – to end of January 2009

| Gauge Location | April 2009 | May 2009 | to date for 2009 | to date for 2008 |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------|------------------|------------------|
| 'Kilravock', Greenwood Lane | 45.0 | 17.0 | 90.5 | 229.5 |
| 'Blackwood Hill', Pinnacle Lane | 47.8 | 11,4 | 116.3 | 215,2 |
| 'Highlea' Dixons Creek | 60 4 | 21,4 | 152.8 | 250.0 |
| 'Pencloe Park SteelsCreek Road | 49.5 | 5.8 | 94.8 | 211.9 |

Rainfall from the Mt St Leonard Station for the year to date 212.4 mm, last year to date 394.4mm.

Recovery

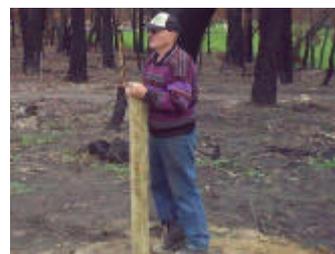
I'm impatient Nature's not from Rudi Anders poem And Nature sent fire

I am reminded of a quote I think made by the legendary coach of the Green Bay Packers that a game is won not yard by yard or foot by foot but inch by inch and that applies to our recovery. Inch by inch the trees and shrubs grow, alas not the houses, inch by inch the spirit gains strength.

Happily on Sunday our recovery got a big boost thanks to some good friends and neighbours. We managed to get over a kilometre of fencing put up, a great stride.

Alby and Gwen were among the helpers and Alby showed us his style in the new game that is sweeping Steels Creek, The fence post grip game, opponents grip their respective posts and stare at each other, the first to blink loses, Alby is a master at this.

Andrew Chapman



Croquet Update

The lawn is growing and replacement lawn mower has been offered, just as well for the scythe got burnt and Bill thinks that play may be able to resume in the late spring

Every one has a story – get it ready for 2009

By now we should have some inspiring recovery stories preferably with some humour attached. Jot it down, but don't make it too long other wise the Editor's axe will fall, and send it to achapman@woodards.com.au. You could be the winner of the second Chris Mullen award for literary excellence.

Email Addresses - New and Up dated

Want receive the Jolly Thing by email? Let me know your email address and it will arrive as by magic.

Changed your email? Send me your new one.

Do you want to be kept up on Local Steels Creek happenings, events and offerings? Let me know and I will put you on the **Grape Vine** so you don't miss out.

Andrew Chapman achapman@woodards.com.au

The Jolly Thing Delivery

This issue of The Jolly Thing will be the last one that will be hand delivered to your letterbox or poly-pipe. From June 2009 you will be able to get it in one of the following ways:-

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Malcolm Calder c/o the Steels Creek Community Centre, P.O.Box 213 Yarra Glen, 3775
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The address is www.virtual.net.au/~thejollything/JT/

Thank you for your support of "*The Jolly Thing*" and the Steels Creek Community. We look forward to your continuing involvement.

Malcolm Calder

| JUNE 2009 | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------|--|
| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
| | 1 Women's Group | 2 Social Tennis Stitchers | 3 | 4 Art Singing Class action meeting | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 Recycle <i>Queen's Birthday</i> | 9 Social Tennis Garden Outing Stitchers | 10 | 11 Art Singing | 12 | 13 Market Tennis Comp |
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Recycle = reminder to put out your recycling bin

ART

Thursdays 1:30 PM – 4.30 PM SCCC - Bring your paints, discuss your art and share skills.

Malcolm Calder 5965 2372

BOOK GROUP

4thTuesday - 8.00 PM; 10 members – limited by library book resources. Lively discussions at SCCC. New Members welcome

Robyn Allan 0409 139 371

CLAMBERERS

Last Sunday (March to November). Since 1993, the walking group has walked over local tracks & explored the flora and fauna of the Valley and surrounding areas. Walks are announced at the SCCC Market beforehand.

Robyn Allan 0409 139371 eda@wideband.net.au

FRIENDS OF YARRA FLATS BILLABONGS

Development of wetlands adjacent to Yarra Glen.

Working Bees third Saturday of every second month starting at 12 noon

Kevin Heeley 9730 1704 kevinheeley@bigpond.com
<http://yarraflatsbillabongs.melbournewater.com.au>

GARDEN

Newsletter, Outings 2nd Tuesdays, 53 members. Fourth Monday Growing Group, 9.30 am at SC3 – all welcome.

Gillian Poulton 5797 8266

HEWI (Healesville Environment Watch Inc)

Environmental issues at Healesville Living and Learning Centre 1 Badger Creek Road.

Maureen Bond 5962 1224 hewisec@bigpond.com.

HISTORY

The Y.G. & D.H.S. meets 2nd Sundays at 1:30 pm Memorial Hall:

Mrs. Brenda Cawte 9730 1801 Eric Tetlow 9730 1445 etetlow@aphalink.com.au
<http://www.yarraqlenhistorical.websyte.com.au>

MARKET

2nd and 4th Saturdays at SCCC, 10.00 AM Sharp! community announcements, local fresh produce, preserves, baked goods. The Creek's best home made scones, coffee and tea at every market!

Malcolm Calder 5965 2372

LANDCARE GROUP

Ongoing projects and a great opportunity to obtain information, advice and possibly funding about tackling Landcare issues of significance to YOU!'

Ivan Fillsell Ph 5965 2248 or David Allan 0413 396 296

HALL & EQUIPMENT HIRE

To arrange hire of the revamped Hall and/or any equipment please contact Christine Tomlins 5965 2080

SC3 = SC4 =SCCC = Steels Creek Community (and Cultural) Centre, 699 Steels Creek Road

| JULY 2009 | | | | | | |
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MOVIES

2nd & 4th Fridays – 6.00 PM classy food followed by classic movies at SCCC. March through November.

Keith Montell 5965 2202

SINGING

Is now a Ukulele group meeting at Hargreaves Hill in Bell St on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month.

Angie Macmillan 97301998

SMB

Last Thursday 10.30 AM – 11.30 AM. Men's morning tea at Anita's Yarra Glen.

Gordon Brown 9730 1937

STITCHERS

Every Tuesday, 1.30 PM - 4.00 PM at SCCC. Since 1993. 24 members, 12 regulars. Work shops plus, bring own work – knit, patch, embroider; **SSS – Informal "Stitchers Sit & Sew" alternate Tuesdays.

Jane Calder 5965 2372, Christine Tomlins 5965 2080

TENNIS

Since 1911. Newsletter, competitions, 70 active and social members. Mondays, 7.00 PM*, (Social tennis). Tuesdays 10.00 AM - Social Tennis. Thursdays 7.00 PM*, Social tennis. Saturdays 1 PM to 5 PM regular competitions. *Night tennis on hold for lights installation.

Albie Leckie 5965 2354, Ed Bartosh 9739 1879

<http://www.yarraglen.com/SCTC/>

WOMEN'S GROUP Evening Friendship Group

1st Monday, 7.00 at JJ's in Yarra Glen. Come for company, conversation, food and coffee. You'll be made most welcome for a pleasant evening of food and chat.

Pam Verhoven 5965 2274

YARRA GLEN TOWNSHIP GROUP

Meets last Thursday of the Month 6 to 8pm. All welcome

Melinda Koth 9730 2600

SCTC Christmas in July – 11 July 2009 at Cuttagee Estate, Willow Bend Drive

Cross Creek 33

Across

1. Red beet in the USA (8)
5. Honey's one not much good for hair (4)
7. Once carried to ward off the plague (4)
8. Please to 5/11(8)
9. Ice, roller or in-line (6)
12. Good winter pudding with custard (7)
15. The Ancient World had Seven (7)
19. John Keats' was full of the warm south (6)
21. The 'G' of GBH (8)
22. She stood amid the alien corn (4)
23. Should run the other way in this puzzle (4)
24. to say, so why say it? (8)

Down

1. Will Yarra Glen's truck one work? (6)
2. Lovers' meeting (5)
3. Iris root for pot pourri (5)
4. "The and the shouting dies" Kipling (6)
5. Now most often digital (6)
6. Are stripes excluded? (6)
10. Popular 'author' (4)
11. with the wind (4)
12. ... --- ... (3)
13. Lake of the fabled inland sea? (4)
14. Food for young mammals (4)
15. Emus and kiwis aren't this (6)
16. Miss Daisy was this in a film (6)
17. Fame (6)
18. Underneath the quality watercolour paper? (6)
19. Northern Swiss city (5)
20. It was short on showers this year (5)

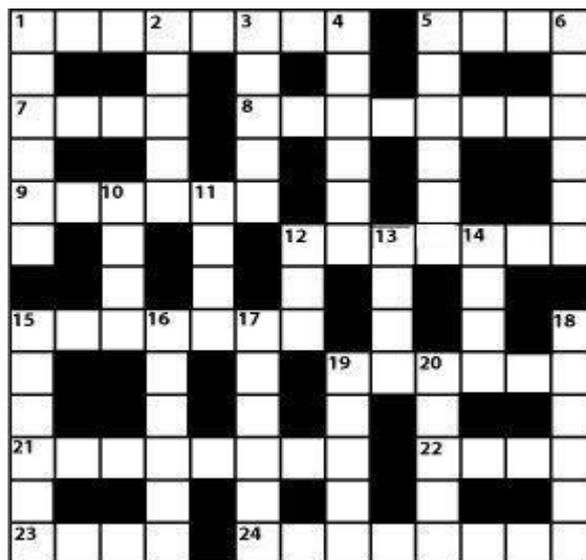
Cross Creek 32 Answers

Across

1. Beanies 4. Carpe 7. Andorra 8. Yahoo 9. Faster
12. Artisans 15. Eyesight 17. Escort 18. Water
21. Insider 22. Three 23. Ronnies

Down

1. Bushfire 2. Ninety 3. Spry 4. Clay 5. Revhead
6. Echo 10. Range 11. State 13. Spotless
14. Heather 16. Screen 18. Wort 19. Ripe 20. Tsar



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HOOGIES

O F Y A R R A G L E N



No worries!

DEADLINE 27th July 2009 for the
 next *Jolly Thing*