



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 83 (February - March 2010) FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY

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President's Prattle

I am sure most of you are welcoming the mild, as I write, summer weather as it certainly eases the nerves a bit and makes it a bit more comfortable working outside.

It is good to see several new homes and sheds going up around the place and starting to fill in some of the gaps. There have also been a few properties changing hands recently and we look forward to welcoming their new owners into our community.

The rebuilding of the Community Centre is now a definite as the funding agreement with Melbourne Water (Sugarloaf Pipeline Alliance) has been signed. A concept plan has been developed by **Lyn Matthews**, the father of **Craig and Eva** –residents of Harvey Lane and this has in principle agreement from the Shire. A big thankyou to Lyn and he is now developing the detailed plans. It is planned to complete the works by the end of September however, subject to the availability of commercial builders, it may be a little sooner.

On the anniversary of the fires, 7 February 2010, we are holding an informal family bbq/picnic from 11.30am - 2.30pm at the Community Centre. We will provide soft drinks; tea and coffee; but you will need to bring along your own food, chairs etc.

Local musician Tully Henchel (keyboard) will be providing background music.

We hope to see as many locals as possible there just to catch up and chat; swap stories and building plans etc; and remember, in a quiet way, family, the friends and neighbours we lost.

Keith Montell

Yarra Glen Easter Art Show

The Grand Easter Exhibition has been confirmed for 2010. So get painting now!

We are excited to share that **Alowyn Gardens** will be our new venue for 2010. Located 3.5km north of Yarra Glen, it is a truly inspiring environment that will delight all visitors and complement the show perfectly.

The previous four exhibitions have been hosted by Balgownie Estate and we thank them for their support during those years. Now in it's 8th year, we have been delighted by Prue and John Van de Linde's welcoming response to host the Grand Exhibition for 2010. The Art Show will be exhibited in a large marquee in the 'Maple Courtyard' adjacent to the main gardens.

The Art Show has proven to be an important event for artists in the Yarra Valley and we hope to welcome over 2,000 visitors again this year as we did last year.

Full details about the Yarra Glen Art Show and Alowyn Gardens is available at our website www.yarraglenartshow.com.au.

Chris Mullen Literary Award, Awarded.

Unlike last year Chris Mullen did pick an outright winner and it was **David Allan** a very consistent contributor over the years with articles ranging from cheese, drought and road kill. It was his most recent article *Thomas Humphreys makes a difference* (JT82) that caught the Judge's eye, a well constructed piece with a subject right for the times. Congratulations David and keep sending those articles in please.

Black Saturday at Steels Creek

Fire and an Australian community – 7 February 2009

First anniversary report

As we are approaching the first anniversary of Black Saturday I think it might be useful to distribute a report on the progress on the book for all of the many people, mainly in Steels Creek, who've contributed to my research.

Black Saturday at Steels Creek is a part of a joint project being mounted to understand and explain the fire and its effects on the environment and community of Steels Creek. In the aftermath of the fire, in March 2009, Malcolm and Jane Calder, representing the community, invited environmental historian Prof. Tom Griffiths of the Australian National University to work with the community to help the recovery effort. Tom asked film-maker Moira Fahy to become involved, and Moira began making a film exploring how families coped after the fire. He also asked me to join the project. I've mostly written books of military history, but since joining the National Museum I've been looking for a way of working in Australian studies more broadly, and the invitation seemed promising. Being familiar with writing about one kind of chaotic, destructive event (battles), I felt that I could probably understand another sort of chaotic, traumatic event – a bushfire – and soon decided that I could best help by writing a book about how 7 February 2009 affected the people of Steels Creek.

I've now been working on ***Black Saturday at Steels Creek*** off-and-on for about six months. I want to understand the place and its people, and show what happened on the day of the fire and in its wake. I hope along the way I can answer some specific questions that those affected have been asking, about what happened and why, but also look at how this fire touched an Australian community. Fire is a part of Australian rural life, and Steels Creek, while a tiny part of the 'fire ground' of 7 February and a community of a few hundred people offers an opportunity to understand this gigantic environmental and social catastrophe on a human scale.

So, what have I done? What am I looking at? What am I going to do with the evidence I'm gathering?

In the first few months of the project I've visited Steels Creek three times, each time listening to people's accounts of the fire, looking at the places they've spoken about, and generally getting to know people. I've interviewed or spoken to about twenty people in more-or-less formal interviews, some of which have been tape-recorded. After each visit to Steels Creek I've inserted a brief report in *The Jolly Thing*, the single most useful way to communicate with Steels Creek's people.

I've had a great deal of help, both formal and informal, especially from Steels Creek residents who have suggested many people I need to contact – more than I can possibly hope to talk to. Hannah Sky of Steels Creek has been active in interviewing fellow bushfire survivors, and her advice and the interviews she's collecting will be invaluable. (Survivors' accounts are the single most important source, and they include testimony from those who successfully or unsuccessfully defended their homes, those who evacuated and those who have a connection to the area but weren't in the valley on the day.) Dr Rosalie Collie of Yarra Glen is also helping me establish who was who and where on 7 February, and my volunteer researcher at the National Museum, Ms Gretel Ayre, has been conducting newspaper research at the National Library.

I've also established productive contact with both the Shire of Yarra Ranges and the Country Fire Authority, and both organisations have been very helpful in allowing me to consult their records. I've also approached the SES, the Department of Sustainability and Environment and the CSIRO's Bushfire Co-operative Research Centre for assistance.

The Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission has been and remains an important source for both witness accounts and its invaluable first Interim report. Many individuals have lent or given me large quantities of other documents, including personal accounts, newspaper clippings and photographs. (The photographs are vital in helping to plot what happened when. This is particularly important because the fire hit the valley within a short time, but at different times at various places, so time-coded digital photographs can help to nail down what was happening when.)

What will I do with these various sources? For the time being, I want to keep asking questions and keep gathering material, and resist the temptation to jump in too early to find easy answers to complex questions. Eventually, though, I will have to make sense of the mass of evidence I'm collecting and start to write a coherent account of an event that (as Steels Creek people know all too well) seemed chaotic at the time. While the book aims to tell the story of the fire's effects on the valley and its people, it won't be able to tell everyone's stories individually, but it ought to reflect the range of experiences people had, and try to explain what happened, how, where and when. (Naturally, the best way to ensure that your story will be included is to contact me and tell me.)

The other encouraging development to report is that the Melbourne publisher Scribe Publications (which published a book of mine last year, *Men of Mont St Quentin*) has accepted the proposal for publication, probably in 2012. This gives me all of 2010 and half of 2011 to research and write the book, with the aim of launching it on or around the third anniversary of the fire. I don't know exactly how the book will be structured just yet – except that the wind change on the evening of 7 February will literally be central to it.

Over the next six months or so I'm planning to return to Steels Creek several times to conduct more interviews. If you haven't previously contacted me I'd be very glad to hear from you, by post, e-mail or phone.

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

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Food Writers Report

Voft An advertising pamphlet dropped in our letterbox alerted us to a great meal deal at Voft Café (previously The Berry Café) at Dixons Creek - three courses and coffee - \$35.

On arrival at **Voft** Café we were seated on fairly high wooden stools at a glass topped table for four inside the café proper. Other seating was available in the annex. Through the glass top of the table could be seen a wine barrel and we puzzled over whether it did in fact contain the juice of the grape. Our hostess Sam enlightened us, explaining that the six barrels in the café were each made from different types of oak and the wood of each barrel had a major influence on the flavour of the wine it contained.

The average price of a bottle of **Voft** wine was about \$35 but was also available by the glass and tastings were available to help in making your selection. For our meal we chose a light Semillon followed by a delicious Voft Cabernet Sauvignon that had been aged, by the winemaker Rion, in a barrel of Russian Oak. The café menu was fairly small but varied with a choice of four entrees, five main courses and four desserts. Among the four of us we enjoyed entrees of calamari and spinach quiche, main courses of eye fillet (cooked to perfection); tiger prawns; and flathead fillets (each served with plenty of vegetables), and desserts of warm chocolate cake; cheese cake; and sticky date pudding. Platters of cheese and biscuits were also available.

We certainly enjoyed good value for money at this local café and we would recommend it for a relaxed, unhurried and very tasty meal.

Reservations are required and the deal is available until the end of February.

Lindy Montell

Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club Happenings

Day at the "Australian Open": Fifty valley residents and club members were treated to a day at the Australian Open, courtesy of *Tennis Victoria*, *McKenzie's Tourist Services* and the *Shire of Yarra Ranges* Bushfire Relief. Tennis Victoria donated 50 seats in Hisense Arena to see Victoria Azarenka, Serena Williams and Novak Djokovic continue their climbs toward the title. McKenzie's donated the use of the bus, and Jim Aiken drove down and back for us. The Shire of Yarra Ranges supported us through their Bushfire support team with funding for lunch and incidentals. A great day was had by all – and it really helped up our Open Day attendance the next day.

Open Day: SCTC, with the support of *Tennis Victoria* and the *Shire of Yarra* Ranges Bushfire Fund, held an Open Day and BBQ at the courts. Coach **Andre Mewett** gave coaching clinics all day-long for both kids and adults. Almost 50 people came for the sausages, social and tennis. It was great to see the kids learning the sport; they did better hitting their target in the competitions than the adults did. Andre does do private coaching for those who want to improve their skills.



Saturday Tennis: Saturday competitions have started up again in February after the holiday break. They are on at the courts on Saturday afternoons at 1:30; finals are in March.

Women's Tennis Program: We have organised the much loved women's tennis session at the Tennis Club starting 9:30am next Thursday, February 4th! The idea is for mothers with kids to get together with other women and have a 30min coached tennis session with Andre, while the kids play together. The mums on the sideline banter, drink coffee and watch the kids, and when the session is over, we swap. We're in the process of trying to get a grant through the bushfire fund to pay for the coach, but it's all based on numbers and interest, so until then it'll cost those want to play \$72 per term (\$9 per session). Call Morgan Calder on 5965 2481 if you need more details.

Social Tennis: Warmer weather has enabled Monday and Thursday night social tennis. We will be continuing our no-fee policy through the end of the membership year, thanks to those who slaved under the marquee at Bunning on Boxing Day.. Come and enjoy the tennis and friendship.

Ed Bartosh, Secretary, SCTC

Yarra Glen RSL To Dedicate ANZAC Avenue Memorial

The Yarra Glen RSL Sub-branch will sponsor an unveiling and dedication for a memorial at the foot of ANZAC Avenue on Sunday, February 21st at 10:30am. Following the return of our local servicemen from World War I, Yarra Glen created an "Avenue of Honour" to their service, complete with oak trees planted for each of those who did not return. It was renamed ANZAC Avenue, but other than a street sign, we can find no other record of a commemoration of the "Avenue". Funded by grants from the Victorian Veterans Council and the Department of Veterans Affairs in Canberra, two plaques were struck – one with the names of the servicemen and one with a poem used at the dedication of a cenotaph, which had been relocated from a site near the Yarra River to the Memorial Hall vicinity in the past. The plaques have been mounted on a plinth at the head of ANZAC Avenue. It is this memorial we will be dedicating to our Great War veterans. Refreshments will be served in the Hall afterwards.

Ed Bartosh, Secretary, Yarra Glen RSL

SC3 Film Club

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

More nights of fun: suspense and drama together with fine food and wine (yours).

Unfortunately I have mislaid the Grand Final DVD starring Geelong!

Keith

Screening on Friday 12 March

The Castle (1997)

Re-mastered and Re-plastered.

Looks so good you'll think you're dreaming!

The original copy was located (probably in the Trading Post), cleaned with "spray n' wipe" and a new sound track added.

Starring Michael Caton and Bud Tingwell this true blue aussie comedy is well worthy of being our opening screening for the year.

Screening on Friday 26 March

Ruthless People

Starring Bette Midler and Danny De Vito this fiendishly funny comedy about a loathsome millionaire who is overjoyed when his wife is kidnapped and then he won't pay the ransom especially when she is threatened with being done in! Naturally he gets his comeuppance. Lots of laughs!

Coming Up over the next few months we will have a few more serious classics; maybe a chick flick (only maybe); and a couple of Travellers Tales nights.

Keith Montell

Sheds Are Springing up all over, all over the meadows and the Hills

There has been an out break of shedness in the Creek, every week a new one appears and there has been a certain amount of, what will I call it, Shed envy breaking out. We have what we thought was a sizeable roller door shed with two glass sliding doors and windows, our near neighbours at Echo Vale appear to have built a much bigger one as have Jim and Cheryl Crynes, a long wide one, then there is Alby & Gwens a five, yes that's right a five door monster overlooking the valley. But the daddy of them all is Ed & Amanda's huge hay shed big enough to hold a mid American revivalist meeting. It would come as no surprise to see Ed, collar on backwards conducting a Sunday morning service in the **Brockspur Cathedral**.

Andrew Chapman

Building A Railway? House? Garden? Like Some Sleepers?

Railway Sleepers from near Euroa: red gum, 2.5m long, 220m width, 120mm thick.

A grade \$8 each (no blemish), B grade \$6 each (some chips, not entirely straight but apparently suitable for garden edging). Let us know if you'd like to order any quantity and we'll co-ordinate what we estimate will be a couple of semi-trailer loads to be delivered to Steels Creek.

Delivery has been initially quoted at approx \$400 per semi-trailer, but Andrew, the Manager at Access Recycling has kindly suggested that we might be able to reduce that due to the fires and rebuilding circumstance. We'll let you know an equitable estimate for transport once we know the total quantity we'll be ordering.

For those who have asked why JB and E-M are suddenly in the business of timber distribution: the simple story is that we noticed them on the side of the road whilst on a country jaunt, we tracked them down to Access Recycling www.accessrecycling.com.au (Timber Sales link) and now it seems we're planning the Trans Screekian Railway journey. You can order/pick up your own stash at any time; apparently there are thousands available, but for this order all together and in the name of efficiency, we're aiming to have it underway and on its way.

Please let JB or E-M know how many and what grade of railway sleepers you're interested in purchasing by Friday 12th February. Choo Choo.

Erin Marie O'Neill erinmarieoneill@gmail.com

Every one has a story

Why not share it with the jolly thing readers, be it sad, serious or humorous: local or not. Jot it down and send it to the editor. You could be the winner of the Third Chris Mullen award for literary excellence.

The Dali Lama's Seeds

The Dali Lama has given packet of Golden Wattle seeds to be distributed to those who lost bush in the fires. Jane Calder is the Dali Lama's disciple for this event and will have the packets to hand on Sunday 7 February.

Clamberers

Clamberers undertake monthly walks during the cooler months of the year, from autumn to late spring, usually on the last Sunday of the month. Walks are in our local area and elsewhere and aim to offer an enjoyable walk in good company. Details are announced on Steels Creek Community Market days and are advertised in The Jolly Thing. Details are also notified by email to Clamberers who have provided their email details to our coordinator. If you would like to receive these notifications, please send your email details to **Robyn Allan** at rka@wideband.net.au, or call her on **0409 139 371**.

In 2010, our first walk will be on **Sunday 18th April**, a week earlier than usual because of Anzac Day on the 25 April and is planned to be in the **Brocks Spur** area. Further details will be announced closer to the date. It was decided that we would not hold a walk at the end of March (28th) this year because of the proximity of Easter, school holidays and the Easter Art Show. All subsequent walks are planned to be on the last Sunday of following months.

Advance notice is given that the August walk is planned to be a whole **weekend event** (28th and 29th August) staying on Phillip Island, with Cape Woolamai and possibly another walk being planned. More details will be available later in the year, but be sure to pencil this date in the diary.

Rainfall Report - end of January 2010.

Gauge Location	December 2009 (mm)	January 2010 (mm)	Total for 2009	Total for 2008
'Blackwood Hill' - Pinnacle Lane, Steels Creek	61.8	88.0	623.0	606.0
'Highlea' - Dixons Creek	65.2	87.6	669.8	707.8
'Kilravock' - Adam's Lane, Steels Creek	54.0	74.0	535.0	672.5
'Pencloe' - Steels Creek Road, Steels Creek	64.86	81.9	648.83	758.35

Rainfall from the Mt St Leonard Station for the month was 123.6 mm, Total for 2009 1,020.4 mm..

A recent newspaper report suggested that the 13 year drought was over and more normal rainfall is to be expected so we may see annual figures get back up to 800 to 900mm annual falls as compared to 600mm to 700mm falls the past four years have brought. Floods in Yarra Glen and Gum boots over winter, wouldn't it be nice?

Floods - What's Next

Just 50 mm of rain left quite a mess out in the valley as 2009 closed. The year left Steels Creek, not with a bang, but a large WOOSSSSHHH as tonnes of sticks and stumps (debris from the February fires) came to a halt at the Steels Creek Road bridge. When the water could not get under the bridge, it went to the sides, covering the new tennis courts with mud and wiping out farm fences as well. The water and mud also entered the SCTC club room; toilets and store room, requiring a big clean up by club members on New Years Day. The Shire has arranged flood damage repairs to the tennis courts.

The force of the water was so great that large stumps were washed onto Steels Creek Road. The torrent went down Hunts Lane (pushing more fencing over), flooded paddocks, and flowed into Steels Creek at the Hunts Lane bridge.

Melbourne Water cleared the blockage out of Jehosaphat Creek, and left the majority of the debris for the Shire of Yarra Ranges to remove. Melbourne Water advised that further works were to be done upstream of the Steels Creek Road bridge, hopefully avoiding a repeat performance with the next good rains

Heather Smith



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4. By the World Wide Web. You can download T.J.T. from the web soon after the start of the month of publication. All editions are available from August 2003. 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

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

FEBRUARY 2010						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 Recycle	2 Social Tennis Stitchers	3 Rob Gordon 7pm YG Memorial Hall	4 Art Social Tennis	5	6 Tennis Comp
7 <i>Anniversary BBQ</i>	8 Women's Group Social Tennis	9 Garden bbq Social Tennis Stitchers	10	11 Art Social Tennis Singing	12	13 Market Tennis Comp
14 YG&DHS	15 Recycle Social Tennis Rates Due	16 Social Tennis Stitchers	17 YG Township Group	18 Art Social Tennis	19	20 Tennis Comp FYFB Working Bee
21 <i>Dedication- YG RSL</i>	22 Social Tennis Growing Group	23 Social Tennis Stitchers Book Group	24	25 SMB Art Social Tennis Singing YG&DTG	26	27 Market Tennis Comp
28						

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 (April 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 before hand. or see item on page 4

Robyn Allan 0409 139371 rka@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, 60 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
<http://www.yarraglenhistorical.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 Filsell Ph 5965 2248 or David Allan 0413 396 296

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

MARCH 2010						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 Recycle Social Tennis Women's Group	2 Social Tennis Stitchers	3	4 Art Social Tennis	5	6
7	8 Social Tennis	9 Garden Outing Social Tennis Stitchers	10	11 Art Social Tennis Singing	12 Movie	13 Market Tennis Comp Semi-Final
14 YG&DHS	15 Recycle Social Tennis	16 Social Tennis Stitchers	17	18 Art Social Tennis	19	20 Tennis Comp Final FYFB Working Bee
21	22 Social Tennis Growing Group	23 Social Tennis Stitchers Book Group	24	25 SMB Art Social Tennis Singing YG&DTG	26 Movie	27 Market
28	29 Recycle Social Tennis	30 Social Tennis Stitchers	31			

HALL & EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

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.

Jane Calder 5965 2372, Annette Conrad 5962 5995

TENNIS

Since 1911. Newsletter, competitions, 70 active and social members. Mondays, 7.30 PM*, (Social tennis). Tuesdays 10.00 AM - Social Tennis. Thursdays 7.30 PM*, Social tennis. Saturdays 1 PM to 5 PM regular competitions. *Night tennis running strong under the new lights.

Alby 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.

Lindy Montell 5965 2202

YARRA GLEN TOWNSHIP GROUP

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

Melinda Koth 9730 2600

Cross Creek 37

Across

1. Would you prefer an 'e' one, I don't! (4)
3. The inner kid of any age needs these (7)
8. Best of the best (7)
9. Earlier South American culture (5)
10. Mountain NE of Healesville (5)
11. Google is a useful one for searching (6)
13. Obnoxious when of the self (13)
16. Too straight and it won't sell! (6)
18. Many churches have one (5)
21. Trainee for the police force (5)
22. Fewer clothes now need this (7)
23. Sporting success needs this (8)
24. Frequent author?! (4)

Down

1. Useful for when you read a 1. Across (8)
2. Frequently (5)
3. Occasion of remembrance (13)
4. A verb is this sort of word (5)
5. You need one to drive (7)
6. Used for Frankston's summer sculptures (4)
7. Communicate (6)
12. Female hormone (8)
14. Opa to some (7)
15. A division of post-war Berlin (6)
17. Martin's sporty car? (5)
19. Red, brown, white or pickling? (5)
20. Deer or rabbit tail which alerts others (4)

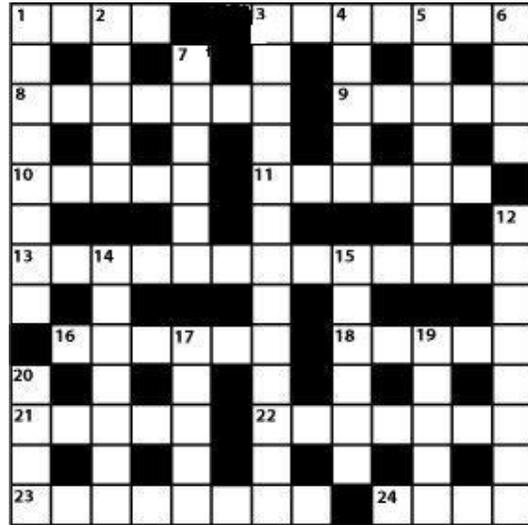
Cross Creek 36 Answers

Across

1. Summer 5. Arts & Isles 8. Eyed 9. Hand 10. Hatha 11. Infant 13. Mail 14. Limpet 18. Undone 21. That 22. Sleeps 24. Input 25. Oboe 26. Deer 27. Nasty 28. Stat 29. Sorted

Down

1. Special 2. Media 3. Right 4. Plateau 5. Ashamed 6. Tension 12. Nee 15. Inhabit 16. Patient 17. tempest 19. Nil 20. Ensured 22. Stays 23. Elder



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HOOGIES

O F Y A R R A G L E N



No worries!

DEADLINE 28 March 2010 for the next *Jolly Thing*