

SNIPPETS

From here and there



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The Maleny Garden Club extends a warm invitation to all members and visitors to attend the monthly general meetings held on the last Tuesday of each month, as per program for the year.

Dear Members,

Spring has heralded in with our gardens full of beautiful colour. It reminds us all of why we love gardening and the joy it brings.

The Spring Fair on Saturday 2nd October is almost upon us, we trust the weather gods will be kind to us on the day. In addition to the Stall Holders inside and outside the Pavilion, we are inviting Grades 1 / 2 / 3 / 4 from schools in the area to participate in entering a decorated Mud Pie at the Exhibition Hall under the Pavilion. If you have grandchildren this age, encourage them to enter. A flyer with details will be emailed to you.

Details of the Open Gardens will be advised at the September General Meeting and volunteers finalised.

Thanks to Dot Jupp's preparation and planning and Diana Begbie for taking over the reins the recent Mystery Trip was a wonderful success.

Sincere condolences are extended to Chris Twidle and family with the passing of Rosemary, a very well respected member of the club. Sincere condolences also to Arthur Brown and family with the passing of Audrey, a gentle lady, also very well respected.

My thanks go to the MGC Committee and the Events Committee for their commitment to their respective roles.

I would also like to thank all members for their ongoing support throughout the year. We look forward to enjoying the future of the MGC with you.

Best Wishes & Happy Gardening

Jan Maguire ☐

UK Trip

A short while before Covid 19 restrictions were thrust upon us, we made a trip back to the UK ostensibly for my husband, Peter, to give his widowed sister away who was re-married in Oxford Cathedral. Peter's nephew who has a fairly senior position in Christ Church College, Oxford University, arranged for us to stay in an apartment on the grounds of the college. Christ Church College is one of several colleges in Oxford that make up Oxford University, of which Balliol and Magdalen are probably the best known.

Our luxurious one bedroom self contained apartment on the 1st floor was approached by a most impressive wooden staircase dating back to the 16 century while the dining room chairs were stamped with Cardinal Wolsey's personal monogram. Cardinal Wolsey, a Cardinal and Statesman who dominated the English Government from 1515 –1530, fell from grace during the reign of King Henry viii and died in 1530 on his way to London to face charges of high treason because he wouldn't persuade the Pope to grant Henry a divorce from Catherine of Aragon in order to marry Anne

Boleyn. The very wealthy Cardinal Wolsey built York Place in Whitehall and Hampton Court (later gifted, no doubt, as an appeasement offering to Henry VIII). The Cardinal also founded what is now known as Christ Church College. This was later further developed by the King.

The home where our nephew lives with his family also dates back to the 16th C and was one of the palaces King Charles I fled to, in order to try and avoid arrest and subsequent execution for high treason in 1649. This home with its thick stone walls, large rooms and high ceilings, is the location for some of the University's multi-million dollar art collection, left in trust by a number of generous donors. As these will never be offered for sale it was a pleasure to view some of the priceless collection that is not generally available for public viewing.

We had the pleasure of being conducted through several of the interesting buildings on the grounds. One of them was the Great Hall where paintings of all past Deans of the College are on display. The Great Hall and the impressive white stone staircase leading up to the Hall have been the location for many scenes in Harry Potter films.

Our one regret is that we failed to visit the site where the three Oxford Martyrs, Archbishops Hugh Latimer, Nicholas Ridley and six months later, Thomas Cranmer (Archbishop of Canterbury), were burnt at the stake in 1555 for heresy under the orders of Queen Mary I or 'Bloody Mary'. There is a plaque in the form of a cross at the site of their martyrdom which is in the centre of the main street in Oxford.

We did manage a short drive from Oxford where the villages of Thame, Wallingford and Warborough can be found. These villages are featured as Causton in the TV series, 'Midsomer Murders'. The Six Bells pub in Warborough is repeatedly featured as the Black Swan in the Midsomer Village of Badger's Drift. I must say though, that with all the murders in the series we expected to find few residents left.

We thoroughly enjoy our time in the UK and Europe when we return for the fabulous history that goes back hundreds and in some cases thousands of years. Any trip back there is a valuable history and education lesson for all travellers.

Margaret Owens

(The steps leading up to the Great Hall, the Great Hall and the Cathedral can be viewed on Google).

Honey & Almond (or Peanut) Slice.

(This recipe was made and offered at the July MGC meeting.)

Ingredients;

<u>Base</u>	<u>Gluten Free Option</u>
90g melted butter	70g melted butter
70g almond meal	100g almond meal
150g plain flour	120g gf plain flour
120g brown sugar	120g brown sugar

Topping

125g butter, chopped

95g (1/4 cup) honey

220g slivered almonds (or 220g dry roasted unsalted peanuts)

Flaked sea salt to sprinkle over when cooked.

Method

1. Preheat oven to 170°C. Grease & line a 18x32cm slice tray
2. For the base, combine all ingredients in a bowl & mix well, if the mix seems floury add a little extra melted butter.
3. Press the mixture into the lined tray to create an even base. Place in the oven & bake until lightly browned, about 12 minutes. Remove from the oven & set aside.
4. For the topping, combine the butter & honey in a small heavy-based saucepan over low heat, cook until butter has melted. Simmer, uncovered, until the mixture is a light caramel colour, about 3 minutes. Stir in the nuts & remove from heat.
5. Pour the topping mixture onto the base & spread evenly. Place into the oven & bake until golden brown, about 15 minutes. Remove from the oven & set aside in the tray to cool.
6. Sprinkle with flaked sea salt.
7. Once cool cut into squares & serve.
8. Enjoy

*With thanks to Kevin Radbourne for the initial recipe.
Toni Walters.*

DARJEELING □ A place of beauty and wonder □

As I stepped out of the jeep I burst into tears at the sheer beauty of the snowcapped Himalayas.



I was fortunate to be able to spend a month in Nepal, India, Sikkim and Darjeeling in October/November 2019. Darjeeling had always fascinated me, as a friend's mother had been posted from Scotland to Darjeeling as a teacher in the mid 1940's.

Her stories had always fascinated me, so I decided it was time to find out for myself why she had loved the place so much.

The journey from Sikkim took us on a very winding path along roads that followed the river. The flowers are just a small sample of the flora in the valleys. On a brief roadside stop we saw the most magnificent vegetables locally grown. The flowers are just a small sample of the flora in the garden of the Glenburn Tea Estate.



We saw locals harvesting the tips of leaves for processing into tea while, the Red Panda Conservation Breeding Program Project at Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park,

Darjeeling is one of the most successful breeding programs undertaken.

I had researched Darjeeling and had chosen to stay at Glenburn Tea Estate as the description read: "**A Corner of Heaven, Stunning Scenery and Old Fashioned Elegance**". It didn't disappoint.

"Glenburn is a heavenly little plantation retreat that lies on a hillock above the banks of the River Rangeet, high in the Himalayas, overlooked by the mighty Kanchenjunga mountain range."



Started by a Scottish tea company in 1859, the Glenburn then passed into the

hands of one of India's pioneering tea planting families – The Prakashes, One of India's pioneering tea-planting families, we have, over the years, come to be known as "Chaiwala family" - which literally means "tea planter."

The beauty of the scenery, the beautiful gentle nature of the people, all combined to make this an experience of a lifetime. The above is just a small selection of photos I took while there.

To view more of Glenburn Tea Estate - visit their website to enjoy the beauty of the region.

<https://www.glenburnteaestate.com/gallery.php>

Jan Maguire

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The Skeleton flower, whose petals turn from white to translucent when it rains. *Sonia Douglas*



"Maybe we should park somewhere else."

Tennis (as explained to the uninitiated)

Tennis is a game played by 2 or 4 players. 2 players are called singles, 4 players are called doubles.

The umpire can 'let' your second service be your first.

Love 15 does not mean you are a very friendly person

Love 30 certainly does not mean an orgy.

If you win one point, you get 15 points: win another: you get 30; win another you get 40; but if you don't win any

ALL YOU GET IS LOVE!!

If you win a game it doesn't mean you have won the set.

If you win a set it doesn't mean you have won the match.

BUT

If you have won the match, you have won

THE GAME SET AND MATCH

WHAT A RAQUET

Editor's Note

Thank you to Jan Maguire, Sonia Douglas and Toni Waters for your generous contributions to this Spring's edition of Snippets. I appreciate the contributions that so many of you make to Snippets that helps to make this newsletter an enjoyable read.

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The Club's Objectives are: – To further knowledge and enjoyment of horticulture. – To raise awareness in the club and community of local environment and to encourage planting of local indigenous species. – To enjoy social interaction between members of this and similar clubs.

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