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## St James – *the light on the hill*



Photo by Steve Braiding

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### SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

8.30am: Traditional Service  
10am: Family Service and Sunday School

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### What's on at St James

#### ANZAB FESTIVAL OF BELL RINGING

From Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Jun – Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Jun

St James is one of the host towers

[SEE STORY ON PG 2]

#### BELL RINGING PRACTICE 7 to 8 PM

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday evenings

New members welcome.

### St James Menangle

welcomes you to join us on Sundays  
we run a children's program while  
the 10am service is on.

This caters for children 3 years old to year 6. Under  
3's are welcome in church and the service is live  
streamed to the adjacent room – The Stables]



## St. Patrick's Church



**Mass: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month at 6pm**

### Birthdays

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert George
- 4<sup>th</sup> James Porteous
- 4<sup>th</sup> Stephen Cross
- 9<sup>th</sup> Harry Warner
- 13<sup>th</sup> Patricia Costello
- 14<sup>th</sup> William Lamrock-George
- 14<sup>th</sup> Sue Lamrock
- 17<sup>th</sup> Reece Collison
- 18<sup>th</sup> Jimmy Anderson
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Natalie Hughes
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Timothy Malone
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Cliff Bonamy
- 25<sup>th</sup> Vicky Jeffree
- 26<sup>th</sup> Steve Collison



Add your special dates to our list by sending an  
email to: [byp257@gmail.com](mailto:byp257@gmail.com)

### Library

The Wollondilly **mobile library** visits  
Menangle every Friday between 11am and  
12noon. You will find it parked in St  
James Ave.

AND don't forget the Little Library at 12  
Station Street; available whenever you're  
passing by!

## RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

### LIVING LIFE TO THE FULL

It will be hard to say goodbye to Autumn – hasn't it been glorious!

As the days get shorter and the cool edge is on the breeze we know that a new season has come.

Every new season that comes – both weather-wise and circumstance-wise requires new responses. How do we find the best – the optimum – the fullness of life in the changes?

At Curves we have a very clever electronic system attached to each of our strength machines called "Curvessmart". Acting as a personal coach, it responds to each rep you make on each machine. If your range of motion is not full, or your effort is not enough an orange light shows. If your effort is too much, a green flashing light shows.

If, however you are working at your optimum level, and using the full range of motion then the green light stays on. You have found your "sweet spot" for that machine and need to sustain it for the full 30 seconds!

As I pondered this idea of the "sweet spot", I realised it had application in so many areas of our lives. Living life at the optimum level, where we are not too busy, but not too aimless; not too lazy, but not too frantic, not too hungry, but not too full and so on.

To live life well, is to live fully in each moment, finding your sweet spot – expressing your best self.

Jesus promised His followers that He had come so they could live life to the full! (John 10:10) He made available His extraordinary life, and offers it still to each one of us: once for all, but also moment by moment. I love that I can bring my worries and frustrations to Jesus, and exchange them for His peace; I can bring my inadequacies to Him and receive His capability; I can bring my need, and always find His provision; I can bring my wounds and receive His healing – physical, emotional, mental. I can bring my gratitude and receive more grace, I can bring my hopes and dreams and find courage to follow them.

I would have to say that the point of exchange is my sweet spot. I first made the exchange with Jesus in 1979, when I gave Him my life and He exchanged my postnatal depression for the joy of the Lord – which is still my strength some 38 years later!

Now – as changes inevitably come – I am only ever one thought away from my sweet spot!

Blessings and love,

*Sue Peacock*

## ANZAB WEEKEND

The Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers (ANZAB) meet annually at a different location to hold their Annual General Meeting. On the days before and after the AGM, members meet to ring in various bell towers, to participate in general ringing, church service ringing, ring quarter peals and conduct training sessions.

This year Nepean Valley has been chosen as the location for this annual event. Therefore bell towers at Castlereagh (Wesleyan Chapel), Camden (St Pauls Catholic Church), Bowral (Uniting Church) and Menangle (St James) will be holding various events around the Queen's birthday weekend in June.

At St James there will be general and hand bell ringing on Saturday morning (10th June) between 9 am and 12 noon. On Sunday there will be usual service ringing between 9:30 am and 10:00 am followed by a Ringer's Church Service. After the Church service there will be general ringing and sticking competitions to about 12 noon. On Monday morning (12th June) a Quarter peal (45 minutes) will be attempted between 9-10 am.

This event brings together the best and most experienced bell ringers from around Australia and New Zealand. It is expected that around 100 people will attend many of the sessions at the various locations. I hope the village will open their windows and appreciate the skill these ringers will bring to Menangle.

St James is always interested in expanding our membership, so if you would like to follow up this hobby, please join us on the 1st, 3rd or 5th Wednesday night at 7:00 pm.

Regards,

Roy Craddock

Tower Captain - St James, Menangle

### Menangle Facebook Hot Topics

- 5000 home development rejected by Council
- 350 home development on the Rotolactor paddock still being considered at State level
- woman in England slows hoon traffic with a hairdryer masquerading as a speed gun
- Menangle *Milk Shake-Up* gaining interest
- Narellan Rd traffic
- AGL gas well opposite Durham Green
- our convict heritage
- Haines Place home sell for over \$1 million

**Good work Laura!**

## Menangle was once a private village

The village of Menangle is one of the Camden district's examples of an English-style private estate village. It evolved as a closed estate village during the last 150 years within the limits of the Macarthur family's Camden Park estate. The English-style aesthetics of the Camden Park countryside have only served to reinforce the cultural mythology that has developed around the village and its hinterland.

The Menangle village parallels the ups and downs of the private estate villages of early 19th century England. Today these English villages have turned into the picture postcard rural areas that tourists love to visit. Menangle still has the essence of its rural Englishness with the Anglican church on the hill, the common and general store. It even has the elements of rural decline in its midst typical of English villages, as it comes under pressure from city-based developers.

The story of the village is the story of Camden Park estate itself. Both are intimately tied up with each other. The village is sited on the 2000 acre land grant given to Walter Davidson which became known as 'Belmont' - near a crossing on the Nepean River. The Macarthur family worked the Belmont grant after Davidson left the colony in 1809. James and William Macarthur purchased Davidson's grant of Belmont for £4000 in 1837.

The influence of the Macarthur squireocracy of James and William was consolidated after the railway arrived in 1863. The rail bridge was extended over the Nepean River and brought world markets to the village's doorstep.

The railway provided cheap and reliable transport to the Sydney market for the first time. It gave Camden Park estate overnight delivery of milk to the Sydney market - it was a shot in the arm for its dairy production. The railway hurried the growth of the village and increased its importance within the infrastructure of the Camden Park estate. Heritage consultant Graham Brooks in 2009 stated that the estate headquarters was moved to the village after the arrival of the railway.

Camden Park estate provided land for a village school (opened in 1867), the Anglican and Catholic churches and assisted the construction of St James Anglican church. The foundation of St James Anglican Church was laid in 1876 and built to the design of architect John Horbury Hunt, while a lectern was added in 1878. The bells were not installed in the church tower until 2005. The local Catholic community was served by St Patrick's Catholic Church built in 1895, to a design by RT Dennehy of Sydney, with a small school run by the Josephite nuns.

For James and William Macarthur these institutions provided moral order and stability within the village and the village acted as a focal point of economic activity within the confines of Camden Park.

Industrialisation arrived in the village under the influence of the combination of the dairy revolution of the 1890s, the rail link and the re-organisation of the dairy activities of Camden Park estate by Elizabeth Macarthur Onslow.

The estate constructed a central creamery adjacent to the railway line where cream was separated and processed to supply the Sydney market.

An article in *Beautiful Sydney* (1895- 1896) commented on the modern facilities at the Menangle creamery with steam and water reticulated throughout the factory. It stated milk was supplied by more than 1,000 Ayrshire and Jersey dairy cows daily across Camden Park that worked on a share-farming system.

The dairying period was a time of prosperity for the village. There was the construction of the Arts and Crafts styled Gilbulla, designed by Sulman & Power and built by James W. Macarthur Onslow in 1899. This was followed by the construction of the Menangle Store, also designed by Sulman & Power in a similar style in 1904.

There were additions to Central Creamery in 1920 and the Camden Park dairy herd was the only one tested for tuberculosis in 1924. By the late 1920s the Menangle factory was the receiving depot for a number of dairies in the area and whole milk was dispatched by rail to Dairy Farmers Co-operative Milk Co in Sydney. The expanding workforce was supplied with housing within the village by Camden Park estate. The dominance of the estate within the village was clearly evident even as late as 1950. The estate owned 23 of the 35 cottages within the village limits.

The modernisation of milk production occurred in 1952 under the stewardship of Edward Macarthur Onslow. He was responsible for building the Rotolactor adjacent to the Creamery based on a design he saw in the United States of America. Heritage consultant Chris Betteridge (2012) stated that the Rotolactor was part of an integrated system of cattle breeding and feed, fodder production and manure collection.

In its heyday during the 1960s it was a huge tourist attraction for the village and had up to 2000 visitors a week. It was operated with a staff of nine and could milk up to 300 cows an hour.

The sale of Camden Park Estate Pty Ltd in 1973 was the end of the period for Menangle as a closed estate village. It marked the surrender of the Macarthur family and the end of the economic, social and cultural dominance of Camden Park estate. The village was pushed out into the cold against the winds of change brought by Sydney's urban growth.

**by Ian Willis**

*This article was published in the Camden District Reporter on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017*

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for children 0-5 and their carers

**Tuesday at 9.30 for 9.45am start**

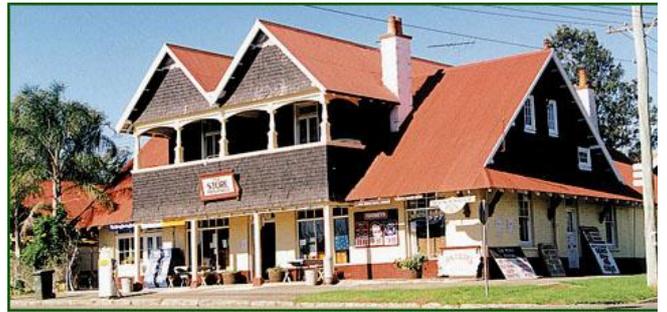
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