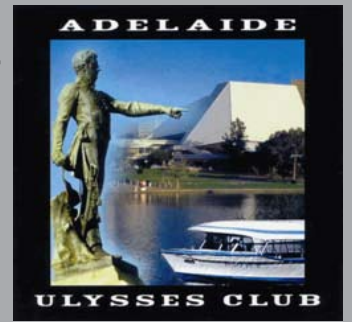


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All newsletters and magazines survive on the submissions of subscribers; The Odyssey is no different.

Do you have anything interesting to tell our subscribers - holidays, poetry, jokes, motorcycle stories, reports on Ulysses activities, hobbies, photos? Send it in and get yourself in print! The Odyssey, as always, is receptive to 'stuff' from all branches. We want to know what you've been up to.

How about some wedding photos?

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Hi All

Hope you are refreshed after the rough and tumble of Christmas and New Year. I know I've never eaten so many chocolates before, but I'm paying for it now.



I was going through photos (thousands of them) last week, and I was shocked to see so many of our members are no longer with us. Equally, Garry went to a rally at Narung and said the same thing, although in the rally case, it was more to do with less older people and more younger people. Let's face it, I don't do paddocks any more, and haven't for some time, so there must be other softies out there. Obviously, some have ridden on and some others have just stopped for whatever reason.

The Not the AGM Weekend is shaping up to be a pleasant weekend. Instead of us preparing tea on Friday night at cost, I have the Naracoorte Lions Club on board to do it for us. Still haven't got a price, but it will depend on the numbers. Need at least 20, and have 16 at the moment. It looks promising. **The Adelaide Branch will provide nibbles, etc., for the Happy Hour, which will be wither under a tree or in the community room/camp kitchen area.** Have a look on their web site.

Saturday nights's tea will be at a hotel (probably the Naracoorte Hotel-Motel), which is only about 150 metres from the Park! Not so far to wobble home.

Other activities, rides, wineries, op shops, etc, are all nearby.

BONUS: The Famous Frances Folk Festival is on the same weekend. Frances is only 34ks from Naracoorte! And it's free!

Considering this, if you want a cabin or a powered site, **BOOK NOW!** And let me know for catering purposes (Lions Club).

Wendy King
Editor
#8818

Not the AGM Weekend

Friday, 26th - Sunday, 28th February, 2016

Naracoorte Caravan Park

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Friday: Happy Hour and tea at the park
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Deb and Chris were winners at the Fleurieu Peninsula Branch's Christmas Ride and Lunch

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January 24		NO RIDE AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND		
February 7	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Mannum	Top of Taps
February 21	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Littlehampton	Civic Park, Main North East Road, Modbury
March 6		ULYSSES CLUB NATIONAL AGM	Launceston	
March 20	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Strathalbyn	Top of Taps
April 3	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Lyndoch	Civic Park, Maain North East Road Modbury
April 17	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Meadows	McDonalds 303 Magill Road, Trinity Gardens

**All rides leave at 9.30 am unless otherwise stated
Members and partners only; no children on club rides, please.**

A Run-Down of Rides in 2015

In 2015, as the Adelaide Ulysses Rides Coordinator, I led 22 Sunday rides. We had to cancel 3 more scheduled due to high forecast temperatures, and Andrew Mill was ride leader for the first 3 rides of that year.

On those 22 rides that I led we stopped 44 times at 22 places for morning tea and lunch. If you were on all of those rides you would have travelled 3634 km, plus the distance to the start, and the ride home.

Our longest ride (208 km) was on 30th August when we went from McDonalds Trinity Gardens to Truro for morning tea, and back to Gumeracha via Annandale and Sedan. Stopping this time at the Toy Factory where we had room to park, we could get a feed, and visit the toy factory if that took your fancy.

Our shortest ride (101 km) was to the Freenes for lunch, stopping at Balhannah for morning tea.

There were many memorable moments - here are few that some may recall.

The rude woman towing the horse float from Clarendon to Kangarilla travelling at about 30 kmh and slowing down for corners. I finally pulled her over on Dashwood road and some of our riders got past before she just cut back onto the road again hurling abuse from her open window.

My first ride as a leader into McLaren Vale had me directing every one into the wrong carpark. Bit embarrassed about that.

Half of the group being led up the wrong road near Lenswood because a rider decided that we had turned right because the road ahead was dirt. It was actually just roadworks for about 200 metres. Ironically the rider that did this was on an 'adventure' bike. It all ended ok as Ken took the rest of the group to our morning tea stop.

The ride to the Truck and Ute show at Mannum was a particularly good one. We had parking arranged right next to the displays, and all of us spent some time wandering around the exhibits. A highlight for me was the bark of the Rolls Royce

Merlin engine, belching flames from the stubby exhausts.

The guy who dropped in on us at lunch at McLaren Vale on a WW2 BMW outfit, accurately restored to original condition, complete with 2 spare wheels, a blanket, shovel, some rope and an old military radio.

Getting a phone call from Trevor Thomas while we were travelling towards Meadows to let me know that Peter Wood had hit a kangaroo. Trevor and some others remained there until a farmer came along to shoot the unfortunate kangaroo. We stopped by the side of the road and waited for about 30 minutes for the riders to catch up. No damage done to Peter and his BMW.

The last ride of the year to Victor Harbor was a beauty, however there was only 3 of us at the start and 4 from our morning tea stop at Meadows.

Of the 22 places we stopped at, 11 of these were visited only once, 5 places were stopped at twice, 5 others were stopped at 3 times, and only one place hosted us 4 times. That was at Meadows - twice for morning tea and twice for lunch. One of these lunches was at Bob's huge workshop.

We had lunch at Angaston (1), Birdwood (1), Clayton Bay (1), Gumeracha (1), Hahndorf (2), Little Hampton (1), Lobethal (1), Lyndoch (2), Mannum (1), McLaren Vale (2), Meadows (2), Murray Bridge (1), Strathalbyn (1), Victor Harbor (1), Wellington (1) and Williamstown (1). Also we had lunch at the Freenes in St Marys, and at the Wagnitzes in Craighburn Farm.

For most of the riders who joined us in 2016 there were lots of new roads and different ways to get to places. It was an absolute pleasure to have the opportunity to do this. To see that so many people enjoy these rides, and the many times they expressed this to me has kept me motivated. I'm looking forward to more rides in 2016.

Frank Pellas

Adelaide Branch Meetings

First Thursday of the month

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7.30 pm

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Wednesday Rides

All runs will leave at 10.30 am

1st Wednesday	Feathers Hotel Car Park, Burnside
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Friday Dinners

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Fri, February 12
7pm – 10pm

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Fri, March 11
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Friday, 15th April 2016,
7pm

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I managed to get to Adelaide for the Adelaide Branch's Christmas Dinner. Congratulations to Michele Stevens and her elves who organised such a lovely Christmas Dinner/Dance at our meeting place, on the 8th December.

The room was beautifully decorated and the tables were amazing!

Eighty members gathered for a fun-filled evening of drinks, dinner and dancing, and many laughs on the way.

The Committee helped to make it all possible with a magnificent subsidy, making it an affordable evening for everyone.

Brian Coates was the winner of the expansive 'door prize'.

I'm sure there will be other similar events, but the bar has been set.

Wendy King

First Aid Training

On Saturday, 5th March, 2016, accredited trainers from First Aid for Motorcyclists are going to run 2 training sessions in Auburn. Cost is \$78 each, but Ulysses members can get a 50% rebate on this from Ulysses NatCom. For more details, go to the web site

www.firstaidformotorcyclists.com.au/

or their Facebook page. The sessions for Auburn are on the web and people can book now. I am planning to book in to the morning session and then have lunch somewhere and come home. Anyone that is interested will need to book themselves in but when it gets closer we can go as a group if others decide to join in.

For more information, contact:

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Sunday Round-up

20th Dec Day Ride to Victor Harbor

The last Ulysses Adelaide ride for 2015 was a memorable one. It was raining as I arrived at Civic Park; it was sunny when Ray Murray left home, and, due to his choice of summer jacket, he was soaked to the skin by the time he arrived. He decided to go home, so that left the rest of us to head off in the rain. When we finally got under way at 9:45, the rain had stopped, but the roads were still wet in many places. This kept our average speed down well below the speed limits until we got to morning tea.

This was a great ride to Meadows for morning tea. It was here where, dressed appropriately, Ray caught up with us. We then went to Victor Harbour via Delamere for lunch. I won't give a turn by turn, road by road and blow by blow (yes it was a bit windy) report, as I could never hope to adequately describe the good time we had.

My thanks to Trevor for being the Tail End Charlie, and to Judy for being the corner marshal. When Ray caught up at Meadows, giving us a 33% increase in our group numbers, we then had two corner marshals. I imagine it was the Christmas responsibilities that kept our regulars from coming, surely not a bit of rain. Last ride for 2015: smallest number of riders, great roads, good company - memorable.

I hope you had a great Christmas, and I wish you all a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year. I look forward to continuing the Ulysses ride day tradition through 2016.

Cheers,

Frank Pellas

24th Jan Breakfast ride to Lobethal



Motherhood

A Stevenage mother goes to town to register for child benefit.

“How many children?” asks the assessor.

“10,” replies the Stevenage mother.

“10?” says the council worker. “What are their names?”

“Wayne, Wayne, Wayne, Wayne, Wayne, Wayne, Wayne, Wayne, Wayne and Wayne.”

“Doesn't that get confusing?”

“Nah,” says the Stevenage mother. “It's great, because if they are out playing in the street I just have to shout, 'WAYNE, YA DINNER'S READY' or 'WAYNE, GO TO BED NOW' and they all do it.”

“What if you want to speak to one individually?” says the perturbed council worker.

“That's easy,” says the Stevenage mother, “I just use their surnames.”



Elizabeth Fairchild, Member Number 12639

Recollections from Neville & Pam Gray....

Liz joined the Ulysses Club on 8th April 1997. I remember the first time we met on her first Club ride. It was to Coobowie on the Yorke Peninsula as pillion on husband Ken's Virago 1100 at about mid-1997. Both got horribly lost on their way to Coobowie and arrived somewhat flustered and red faced. A few weeks later, Liz rocked up on her very own first bike, a Suzuki GN250 complete with 'L' plates. Boy, she gave that poor little thing the berries as we rode 500 kms to and from Bowman Park, just out of Crystal Brook, in the Mid North. (There were 96 of us on that memorable ride and we ran out of roast chickens and had to go to town to top up). I was Ride Leader for the day and observing her in the rear vision mirror sent shivers down my spine. She was completely fearless and attacked each corner with determination and gusto, pushing that little 250 way beyond its design limits in her attempt to keep up with the mob.



A few weeks later, Liz faced the RiderSafe test to gain her Provisional Licence, and told us in confidence that she actually slid on the bike, during the test, and ran between the Instructor's legs. Somehow she passed, and so began her love affair, not only with the Ulysses Club, but with the bikes she owned and rode. Many years later, Liz fulfilled a long held ambition to race a Production Yamaha LC250, and while on her first race at McNamara Park in Mount Gambier, lost it big time and broke her lower leg quite badly. That was her first and only foray into motorcycle racing. Of course, that GN did not last long and so began a succession of sports bikes, including a Yamaha R1 super rocket, that ladies simply were not supposed to ride, but ride them she did, again with a high degree of skill.

Liz was an intelligent person and while the Adelaide Branch President, ran the meetings both social and Committee, with decorum and was always prepared to listen to everyone's opinion on any subject that came up. She was well up in the TAFE system and as a professional hair-dresser, rose up the ranks to become Head Honcho at the Light Square Complex until she had to resign because of ill health.

At NatCom AGMs, Liz loved to wear her 'Helga head piece'. a blonde wig with two long plaits down the back. It was quite appropriate as she and Ken spent some years working in Germany while Ken was a Professional Tennis Coach. Later on during her sickness, a blonde wig was also worn for other reasons.

Liz's tenacity in adversity was phenomenal. She and Ken came to our place 3 years ago, just after Christmas, together with a few old Adelaide Branch members. She obviously was in very poor health. Liz confided that she probably wouldn't see another Christmas, but then surprised us all and started a new course of treatment and went on and on. Liz adored getting and having big hugs such was her loving character.

Ride on Liz, you were an inspiration to everyone that knew you. Everyone, please look after Ken!!

Recollections from Wendy King....

My earliest recollection of Liz was about 18 years ago, when we both got our motorbike licences about the same time. We spent some time at an AGM discussing the pros and cons of various bikes, having a difference of preference in that I needed a cruiser and Liz liked the sports/road type.

Liz was a teacher of hairdressing at TAFE, and an Ardrossan hair-dresser who was one of Liz's apprentices, speaks fondly of her.

When Liz was elected President of the Adelaide Branch, she broke the 'glass ceiling' in that we believe she was the first female president in the Ulysses Club. At the very least, she was first in South Australia.

Liz always had a zest for life and this was demonstrated by her 'having a go' at Mac Park. Unfortunately, this didn't end as Liz would have hoped, breaking her ankle. I think it was this zest for life that kept Liz doing her best to stay with us as long as she did. She will be missed by many.

Recollections from Sue Freene....

Liz was a tower of strength to me when we were both having chemo at the Tennyson Centre in Adelaide.

On my first visit, Liz came in especially to be with me while I was being hooked up to the machines. She had a great sense of humour and brought in cocktail glasses filled with green cordial and we sat and drank them. The staff there thought it was a hoot and the other patients had a laugh.

We were on much the same program, although Liz's procedures were a lot more taxing on her and a lot more invasive. She bore all her treatments bravely and with courage and dignity. She was one of the bravest women I have ever met and never once complained or questioned "why her".

She was a wonderful friend, both to me and to the Ulysses Club and I will miss her.



Liz and Sue with their 'cocktails'

Liz's funeral will be held at the Heysen Chapel, Centennial Park, Goodwood Road, on Friday, 5th February at 12.30pm

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Don Cleaver #2338, AKA Meataxe, passed away on 2nd January, 2016. Don was 76 years old and had been suffering from Pancreatic Cancer which won the battle in the end.

Don was a founding member of Mallee Branch and will be missed by the rally mob.



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Be thankful for small mercies

I've sure gotten old!

I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes.

I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia.

Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92.

Have lost all my friends.

But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

10th ANNUAL Y.P –E.P RIDE 2016

Venue :- Hawker

Date:- Saturday 3rd, Sunday 4th & Monday 5th September 2016

Accommodation :-

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Meals :- All meals will be within walking distance of both of these venues.

Rides :- There will be rides organised for both Sunday and Monday.

Please book your accommodation early as it is a very busy time of the year for both of these venues.

I will be sending out registration forms early June 2016.

As in the past I will be seeking a non refundable deposit.

**Rodney Lind
Torrens Valley Ulysses
Ph. 0418 527 977**

Neville Gray, Road Safety representative from South Australia, has his Top Ten Tips for riding - here they are

1. Look for other road users that are not looking for you. Ride conspicuously and never in blind spots. Never assume that the other vehicle will stop.

2. Riders, unlike car drivers with aids such as air bags, collapsible steering columns and the stability of four wheels, have only their hazard perception and avoidance skills and their protective clothing to make them safer. Therefore keep your attention level high.

3. Always wear good quality protective clothing from your head to your feet. Protect your extremities with helmet, gloves and leg and arm protection in all weather conditions.

4. Most cars can stop quicker than most motorcycles especially in emergency situations. Therefore always keep a 3 second gap to the vehicle in front of you.

5. Always perform a head check before changing lanes. Just looking in your mirrors is not good enough.

6. It is vital to ride at a speed to suit the prevailing conditions. In bad weather, this could mean at a speed under the posted speed limit

7. Riding under the influence of alcohol and drugs is plain suicidal. You need all of your faculties at a high level to successfully ride a motorcycle.

8. Don't forget the safety of your pillion as well as your own. They too need good protective clothing, be informed about the dynamics of a motorcycle and know how to assist the rider by being a good stable pillion.

9. Never lend your motorcycle to riders who are unlicensed or inexperienced.

10. Intersections are high risk areas. Slow down when approaching an intersection cover your brakes and be ready to avoid a possible collision.



More happy members celebrating Christmas at Chief Street.
 From top right: Guy and Alan, and Tony; Trevor and Nita; Garry and Gail; Brett and Judy; Val and Brian; Jann, Ronda and Robyn; Guy and Thao.



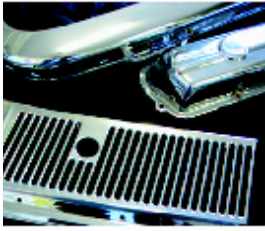


...And the winner of the door prize is Brian Coates



From Top right: Part of the good crowd enjoying a great night out. Anita, Sam and Jann. Carol Moore and Fran Rogers having a deep and meaningful. Tom Gouras looking forward to his dinner. Three lovely ladies, Helena, Judy and Helen) dressed for the occasion: .





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RV Christmas Weekend at Yacka

What a wonderful time of the year it was to get away. The weather was beautiful and the countryside abundant. The drive to Yacka was lovely whether you came through the Clare Valley or through Blyth, Brinkworth roads. I didn't arrive until later on Friday night. The troops were well into the Christmas spirit when we arrived and despite a determined effort, I could not match it. Peace and goodwill descended upon the park complete with flashing Christmas lights.

Saturday 's sunrise was magnificent with the fluffy clouds and birds singing the dawn. Don and Steve found a bird stuck in the fence so Steve did the human thing and managed to rescue it. Not before it gave him a good nip on the hand requiring a trip to the local medical establishment for a tetanus shot. I am sure the bird appreciated the effort. Music was ringing out over the park with much singing and laughing. It was a great atmosphere. As the sun was setting the lights and decorations were appearing and the whole place was looking very festive. It was time for the judges to award the Trophy for the best decorated camp site. It was tough but Steve & Lyn Nash took out the award for their great efforts on their van and their costumes. It was a fun night with lots of laughs and stories.

With a good sense of cheers we all slowly headed for bed.

As Sunday was going to be a hot one we were all up and into it fairly early. Breakfast was had and the packing began. It had been another fabulous weekend with the great Ulysses spirit. Thanks to all who came and made it such a fun time.

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New year to everyone and look forward to doing it all again next year.

Hoppy, Max & Hobbit

SA RV events for 2016

RV events are open to any Ulysses member or partner.

Any type of vehicle can be used to get you there, what is important is that you are there.

February 5th, 6th, & 7th	Rapid Bay Campground Rapid Bay
May 6th, 7th & 8th	Spear Creek Caravan Park Near Wilmington
July 29th, 30 & 31st	Melrose Show Grounds Melrose
November 18th, 19th & 20th	Pt Julia Campground Pt Julia

Any further enquiries contact Hobbit: hobbitjr@gmail.com



Above: Pat and Hoppy
Below: Lyn and Steve



Senior Dating

Dorothy: "That nice George Johnson asked me out for a date. I know you went out with him last week, and I wanted to talk with you about him before I give him my answer."

Edna: "Well, I'll tell you. He shows up at my apartment punctually at 7 P.M., dressed like such a gentleman in a fine suit, and he brings me such beautiful flowers! Then he takes me downstairs, and what's there but a luxury car - a limousine, uniformed chauffeur and all. Then he takes me out for dinner. A marvellous dinner... lobster, champagne, dessert, and after-dinner drinks. Then we go see a show. Let me tell you, Dorothy, I enjoyed it so much I could have just died from pleasure!

So then we are coming back to my apartment and he turns into an ANIMAL. Completely crazy, he tears off my expensive new dress and has his way with me twice!"



Dorothy: "Goodness gracious! So are you telling me I shouldn't go out with him?"

Edna: "No, no, no... I'm just saying, wear an old dress."

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Nelson at Trafalgar 2015

Nelson: "Order the signal, Hardy."

Hardy: "Aye, aye sir."

Nelson: "Hold on, this isn't what I dictated to Flagg. What's the meaning of this?"

Hardy: "Sorry sir?"

Nelson (reading aloud): "England expects every person to do his or her duty, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religious persuasion or disability - What gobbledygook is this for God's sake?"

Hardy: "Admiralty policy, I'm afraid, sir. We're an equal opportunities employer now. We had the devil's own job getting "England" past the censors, lest it be considered racist."

Nelson: "Gadzooks, Hardy. Hand me my pipe and tobacco."

Hardy: "Sorry Sir. All naval vessels have now been designated smoke-free working environments."

Nelson: "In that case, break open the rum ration. Let us splice the main brace to steel the men before battle."

Hardy: "The rum ration has been abolished, Admiral. It's part of the Government's policy on binge drinking."

Nelson: "Damn it man! We are on the eve of the greatest sea battle in history. We must advance with all dispatch. Report from the crow's nest, please."

Hardy: "That won't be possible, sir."

Nelson: "What?"

Hardy: "Health and Safety have closed the crow's nest, sir. No harness; and they said that rope ladders don't meet regulations. They won't let anyone up there until proper scaffolding can be erected."

Nelson: "Then get me the ship's carpenter without delay, Hardy."

Hardy: "He's busy knocking up a wheelchair access to the foredeck Admiral."

Nelson: "Wheelchair access? I've never heard anything so absurd."

Hardy: "Health and safety again, sir. We have to provide a barrier-free environment for the differently abled."

Nelson: "Differently abled? I've only one arm and one eye and I refuse even to hear mention of the word. I didn't rise to the rank of admiral by playing the disability card."

Hardy: "Actually, sir, you did. The Royal Navy is under-represented in the areas of visual impairment and limb deficiency."

Nelson: "I've never heard such infamy. Break out the cannon and tell the men to stand by to engage the enemy."

Hardy: "The men are a bit worried about shooting at anyone, Admiral."

Nelson: "What? This is mutiny!"

Hardy: "It's not that, sir. It's just that they're afraid of being charged with murder if they actually kill anyone. There are a couple of legal-aid lawyers on board, watching everyone like hawks."

Nelson: "Then how are we to sink the French and the Spanish?"

Hardy: "Actually, sir, we're not."

Nelson: "We're not?"

Hardy: "No, Sir. The French and the Spanish are our European partners now. According to the Common Fisheries Policy, we shouldn't even be in this stretch of water. We could get hit with a claim for compensation."

Nelson: "But you must hate a Frenchman as you hate the devil."

Hardy: "I wouldn't let the ship's diversity coordinator hear you saying that Sir. You'll be up on disciplinary report."

Nelson: "You must consider every man an enemy, who speaks ill of your King."

Hardy: "Not any more, sir. We must be inclusive in this multicultural age. Now put on your Kevlar vest; it's the rules. It could save your life"

Nelson: "Don't tell me - Health and Safety. Whatever happened to rum, sodomy and the lash?"

Hardy: "As I explained, sir, rum is off the menu! And there's a ban on corporal punishment."

Nelson: "What about homosexuality?"

Hardy: "I believe that is now legal, sir."

Nelson: "In that case..... Kiss me, Hardy."

Editor's note: According to the contemporary accounts, Nelson last words were:

"Take care of my dear Lady Hamilton, Hardy, take care of poor Lady Hamilton". He paused then said very faintly, "Kiss me, Hardy". This, Hardy did, on the cheek. Nelson then said, "Now I am satisfied. Thank God I have done my duty".

Vice-Admiral Sir Thomas Masterman Hardy, 1st Baronet GCB

(5 April 1769 – 20 September 1839) was a Royal Navy officer. He took part in the Battle of Cape St Vincent in February 1797, the Battle of the Nile in August 1798 and the Battle of Copenhagen in April 1801 during the French Revolutionary Wars. He served as flag captain to Admiral Lord Nelson, and commanded HMS Victory at the Battle of Trafalgar in October 1805 during the Napoleonic Wars. Nelson was shot as he paced the decks with Hardy, and as he lay dying, Nelson's famous remark of "Kiss me, Hardy" was directed at him. Hardy went on to become First Naval Lord in November 1830 and in that capacity refused to become a Member of Parliament and encouraged the introduction of steam warships.



Horatio Nelson, 1st Viscount Nelson, 1st Duke of Bronté KB

(29 September 1758 – 21 October 1805) was a British flag officer in the Royal Navy. He was noted for his inspirational leadership, superb grasp of strategy, and unconventional tactics, all of which resulted in a number of decisive naval victories, particularly during the Napoleonic Wars. He was wounded several times in combat, losing one arm in the unsuccessful attempt to conquer Santa Cruz de Tenerife and the sight in one eye in Corsica. He was shot and killed during his final victory at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805.





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Meet and Greet

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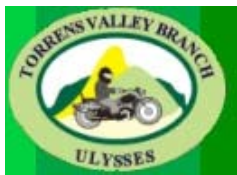
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Social Meeting
2nd Wednesday of the Month
at The Riverside Hotel
(Note new venue)

Why not come along and have meal before the meeting

Rides

Ride calendar can be found on the Ulysses Web Page with all the details of each ride.
Rides depart McDonalds, Murray Bridge, usually 9.30 unless stated on calendar.



Torrens Valley Branch Meetings

7.30pm




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Why women lie!

One day, when a tailor was sewing while sitting close to a river, her thimble fell into the river.

When she cried out, the Lord appeared and asked, 'My dear child, why are you crying?'

The woman replied that her thimble had fallen into the water and that she needed it to help her husband in making a living for their family.

The Lord dipped His hand into the water and pulled up a golden thimble set with sapphires.

'Is this your thimble?' the Lord asked. She replied, 'No.'

The Lord again dipped into the river. He held out a golden thimble studded with rubies.

'Is this your thimble?' the Lord asked. Again, she replied, 'No.'

The Lord reached down again and came up with a leather thimble.

'Is this your thimble?' the Lord asked. She replied, 'Yes'

The Lord was pleased with the woman's honesty and gave her all three thimbles to keep, and the seamstress went home happy.

Some years later, the same woman was walking with her husband along the riverbank, and her husband fell into the river and disappeared under the water.

When she cried out, the Lord again appeared and asked her, 'Why are you crying?' 'Oh Lord, my husband has fallen into

the river!'

The Lord went down into the water and came up with George Clooney. 'Is this your husband?' the Lord asked.

'Yes,' cried the woman. The Lord was furious. 'You lied! That is an untruth!'

The woman replied, 'Oh, forgive me, my Lord. It is a misunderstanding.'

You see, if I had said 'no' to George Clooney, you would have come up with Brad Pitt.

Then if I said 'no' to him, you would have come up with my husband.

Had I then said 'yes,' you would have given me all three. Lord, I'm not in the best of health and would not be able to take care of all three husbands, so THAT'S why I said 'yes' to George Clooney.

And so the Lord let her keep him.

The moral of this story is:

Whenever a woman lies, it's for a good and honourable reason, and in the best interest of others.

That's our story, and we're sticking to it.

Signed,
All Women

How to wash a cat

1. Put both lids of the toilet up and add 1/8 cup of pet shampoo to the water in the bowl.

2. Pick up the cat and soothe him while you carry him towards the bathroom.

(I'm assuming that this works with female cats as well)

3. In one smooth movement put the cat in the toilet and close the lid. You may need to stand on the lid.

4. At this point the cat will self agitate and make ample suds. Never mind the noises that come from the toilet, the cat is actually enjoying this !

5. Flush the toilet three or four times. This provides a 'Power-Wash' and 'Rinse'.

6. Have someone open the front door of your home. Be sure that there are no people between the bathroom and the front door.

7. Stand well back, behind the toilet as far as you can, and quickly lift the lid.

8. The cat will rocket out of the toilet, streak through the bathroom, and run outside where he will dry himself off.

9. Both the toilet and the cat will be sparkling clean.



Yorke Peninsula



Wednesday Rides

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Thirty Lives Lost

When statistics for traffic crashes were first collected, it was decided that we would call them 'accidents' as it seemed appropriate at the time. Certainly, people didn't mean them to happen but it could be said that some were due to poor judgement or simple mistakes. I have compiled a list of famous people who died as a result of traffic accidents. If you have a look at the names, you might be surprised and may even wonder what the world would have been like if these people weren't taken early. Perhaps Pierre Currie would have added to his work on radium with Marie Currie (maybe even have discovered the side effects of using radium earlier). Would 'Lawrence of Arabia' have found solutions to the Middle East issues particularly when he had a long standing relationship with Arab Leaders? If General Patton survived would there have been a Cold War? Would Margaret Mitchell have been able to end 'Gone with the Wind' and we could have found out if Rhett Butler really did give a damn. How about the people who entertained us such as James Dean, Marc Bolan, Ryan Dunn or Paul Walker – what was their potential that was not realised? I have added some local people such as Cory Siemers and Amy Gillett both athletes who I am sure would have made their names in their sports. Every time a person is killed or even seriously injured, it is a tragedy to their friends and family. The unfulfilled potential of these people is a tragedy for us all.

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THIRTY LIVES cont...

Have a read of these thirty people who died before their time and reflect on what their death meant to the world.

No	When died	Person	What they were famous for
1	April 19, 1906	Pierre Curie	Co-founder of radium with his wife Marie
2	September 12, 1927	Isadora Duncan	World famous ballet dancer
3	May 19, 1935	T.E. Lawrence	Lawrence of Arabia, WW1 hero
4	October 12, 1940	Tom Mix	One of the first Western Movie Stars
5	December 21 1945	General George Patton	WW2 hero and American General
6	June 10, 1945	Jack Johnson	Heavyweight Boxing Champion
7	August 16, 1949	Margaret Mitchell	Author of 'Gone with the Wind'
8	September 30 1955	James Dean	'Rebel without a cause' movie actor
9	August 11, 1956	Jackson Pollock	American artist
10	April 17, 1960	Eddie Cochran	Rock & Roller wrote 'Summertime Blues' (there ain't no cure.....)
11	November 5, 1960	Johnny Horton	Country song-writer & singer 'North to Alaska' and 'Sink the Bismarck'
12	December 11, 1964	Percy Kilbride	Pa Kettle of 'Ma & Pa Kettle' American movie actor
13	June 29, 1967	Jayne Mansfield	American movie actor 'blonde bombshell'
14	July 6, 1972	Brandon De Wilde	Movie ('Shane') and Television Actor



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THIRTY LIVES cont...



15	July 14, 1973	Clarence White	Musician 'The Byrds' Guitarist
16	September 16, 1977	Marc Bolan	70's Musician & Lead Singer of 'T Rex'. You may remember some of the songs featured in the film 'Billy Elliott'
17	July 16, 1981	Harry Chapin	70's Singer & Song-writer 'Cats in the Hat' & 'Taxi'
18	September 14, 1982	Grace Kelly	Movie Star and Monaco Royal Family
19	September 14, 1984	Janet Gaynor	American Movie Star & Oscar winner
20	September 27, 1986	Cliff Burton	Musician & guitarist with 'Metallica'
21	October 7, 1991	Darren Millane	AFL Collingwood Footballer
22	August 31, 1997	Diana, Princess of Wales Dodi Fayed	Member of the British Royal Family Wealthy businessman and partner
23	July 9, 1999	Charles 'Pete' Conrad	American Astronaut – Congressional Space medal of honour
24	November 3, 1999	Ian Bannen	Scottish movie actor
25	October 30, 2000	Steve Allen	American Television star and comedian
26	April 22, 2002	Linda Lovelace	1970's Adult movie star of 'Deep Throat'
27	July 18, 2005	Amy Gillett	Australian Olympian and Cyclist
28	June 12, 2010	Corey Siemers	West Adelaide Footballer
29	June 20, 2011	Ryan Dunn	Television Star 'Jackass' show
30	November 30, 2013	Paul Walker	American Movie Actor 'Fast & Furious'



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