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Wasn't it great to read of the return to Victor Harbor of the 'Rambler' originally built in 1875 and owned by the Rumbelow family. As Mayor Mary-Lou Corcoran said "It's about returning heritage to the region." They are looking for volunteers to help restore the boat so if you are interested contact Kay Ewens on 0407 606 516.

As reported last month the Library and History Room held a variety of interesting events for History Week on Wednesday 27th May. In the morning we had some of the classes from Goolwa Primary School. Gayle Morton's Class 3-4 in the Community Room with Bill Cox and Mr Porter's Class 6-7 in the History Room with Frodo Krochmal. We were amazed at the interest shown by both groups.

In the afternoon we had over 90 visitors for our varied program, starting with Trish Steele launching her book 'History of the Library 1988-2000' followed by an entertaining Kristin Weidenbach talking about her books "Mailman of the Outback" and "Rock Star".



Bill Cox & Goolwa Primary School Class 3-4



Frodo & Peter with Class 6-7

Here are a couple of seminars that may be of interest to some of you.

16th June 10-10.45am 'Ships Ahoy' – Learn how to navigate through the wide range of maritime records. National Archives of Aust, Adelaide Office, 78 Angus St. Event is free but bookings are essential. Phone 08 8409 8400.

17th June 10am – 3pm- 'How to do Oral History' workshop - Training Room Institute Building, State Library cnr Nth Tce and Kintore Ave, Adelaide. Cost is \$50 or \$25 non-working, retired or student. Payment on the day in cash or cheque. Lunch not provided. Please book with June Edwards ejun32@yahoo.com or phone 8293 1314.

Recent Acquisitions in the History Room

'Collins Tracing your Scottish Family History'

'South Australian Land Owners' 1835-41 CD Rom (loaded on History Room Computer). A complete listing of all land purchases in SA extracted from records held by the State Library and State Records of South Australia.

INDIA OFFICE RECORDS

If you had ancestors who were in the army in India, a large number of records are available from the British Library website under India Office Family History Search" <http://indiafamily.bl.uk/UI> . The Countries covered by the India Office Family History search facility are listed in the table below.

India	Baptisms, marriages, burials and biographical notes relating to people in 'British India' up to 1947 form the majority of records on this website. There are some post-Independence entries relating to Pakistan and Burma.
Benkulen Fort Marlborough	Mainly baptisms, marriages and burials 1740-1742, 1760-1825. Also deaths 1691.
China Macao and Whampoa)	Mainly baptisms, marriages and burials 1820-1833
Iraq	Mainly records from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission register
Kuwait	Mainly deaths 1953-1960
Malacca	Mainly marriages 1820-1824
Penang Prince of Wales Island	Mainly baptisms, marriages and burials 1799-1829
St Helena	Mainly baptisms, marriages and burials 1767-1835. Also baptisms and deaths, 1737, 1747-1766; civil and military establishment 1780-1794; wills and inventories 1820-1826
UK	Some baptisms, marriages, burials and biographical notes
Other countries	Possibility of entries relating to the Cape, the Middle East, Central Asia, Southeast and East Asia, for people involved in the wide-ranging commercial interests of the East India Company (1600-1858) and the strategic and military interests of both the Company and the India Office (1858-1947)

Another helpful site is www.fibis.org which has a lot of information that could be useful in India or HEIC Presidencies. FIBIS (Families in British India Society) researched Protestant Church records in India.

(Thanks to Peter Barclay and Anthony Presgrave for the above information).

*Happy Researching
Dawn*

Genealogy help is available by appointment on Thursdays, to guide you through your research. Please phone the Library on 8555-7000 to make an appointment. For comments, suggestions or to receive this newsletter – email

historyroom2004@yahoo.com.au or phone the Library on 8555-7000.

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