

# LIFE IN THE 1500'S

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, Don't throw the baby out with the Bath water.

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying. It's raining cats and dogs.

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, Dirt poor. The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway. Hence the saying a thresh hold.

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme, Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old.

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, bring home the bacon. They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat.

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift.) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be, saved by the bell or was considered a ..Dead ringer.

And that's the truth. Now, whoever said History was boring!!!

Bill Armstrong



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**Thanks Barbara & Ron**



**Apologies for misprint n last month's newsletter.  
Johnny Cash and A Boy Named Sue must have been  
somewhere in my mind! Thanks for being good loyal  
supporters of Gawler Country Music Club.**

# November 2008 Gigs Acknowledgement to Ian Fisk & SACCM Gig Guide

Sat 1 afternoon	Alison Hams & Mark Tempany	Whyalla Hospital Fete Whyalla Hospital Gardens
Sat 1 7 pm	Alison Hams & Mark Tempany	Tappers Concert, Middleback Theatre, Whyalla
<b>Sat 1 12 to 5pm</b>	<b>Gawler Country Music Workshop Play, Sing, Learn, Jam, Have Fun! 26 Cowan Street Gawler</b>	
Sat 1 8pm to 12	Graeme Hugo & Fully Loaded	British Workingman's Club 11-15 Davis St, Wingfield
Sat 1 8 pm	Karaoke hosted by O'Briens including Nathaniel O'Brien and Tracey Rains	Kooringa Hotel, Kingston Street, Burra
Sat 1 8pm	John Williamson Hillbilly Road Tour with John H Williams	Her Majesty's Theatre, Grote Street, Adelaide
Sun 2 12.30 to 5.0	Creole cowboyZ	Adelaide C.M. Club Inc., Slovenian Club Dudley Park
Sun 2 1.30pm	Billy Dee and Friends	Port Adelaide Naval Assoc Club 35 Quebec St
Sun 2 11am. - 4pm	Variety Concert entertainment with Cactus Martens, John Curtis, Vern Wall - local artists and special guests. Afford Road Port Pirie	
Wed 5 6.30pm - 9	Jay J Shannon Duo 1st Wed every month	Blackwood RSL, 1 Brighton Pde, Blackwood
Thur 6 from 7pm	Billy Dee and The Rare Old Times	Brecknock Hotel, King William St
Fri 7 6.30 pm	Alison Hams & Mark Tempany	Watersedge Restaurant, Whyalla
Fri 7 9.0pm to late	The Cowtippers	Governor Hindmarsh Hotel 59 Port Road Hindmarsh
Fri 7 6pm to late?	Malcolm Hammond & Julia Williams Song & Dance Night	Somerton Bowling Club, King George Ave Somerton Pk
<b>Sat 8 12.30 to 4.30</b>	<b>Open Mike Country Music Event all welcome Free Entry Gawler RSL Hall crnr Gosford and Overway Bridge Rds</b>	
Sat 8 8pm	Sandra Humphries meals available from 6 - 8pm \$5 entry	Kilburn Football & Cricket Club Inc Blair Athol Reserve
Sat/Sun Nov 8 & 9	Trevor Warner- Bluegrass Music Tony Gill - Whistle for Beginners Tim Whelan - Irish Fiddle Playing Traff Mooney - Introduction to Bodhran Cliff Milne - Sound Engineering for Performers MUSIC WORKSHOP WEEKEND SA Folk Centre, South Rd Thebarton	
Sat 8 7.30pm - late	Johnny Cash Show and James Blundell with Acoustic Juice Two Wells RSL - \$25/person - Bar facilities (no BYO drinks) BYO nibbles	
Sun 9 1.0 to 5.0 pm	Sandra Humphries Southern CM Club Somerton Bowling Club, Somerton Park	
Sun 9 11.0 to 4.0pm	Compact Country Band Barossa C.M. Club Nuriootpa Bowling Club, Buna Terrace, Nuriootpa	
Sun 9 from 2pm	various artists Nangwarry Community Club, Krushot St Fundraiser for Ryan Jackway	
Sun 9 From 5:00pm	The Rustlers The Old Clarendon Inn, 36 Grants Gully Rd, Clarendon	
Thur 13 from 7pm	Billy Dee and The Rare Old Times Brecknock Hotel, King William St	
Sat 15 6.30pm	Compact Country Duo	Don Arturo's Restaurant, 589 Brighton Rd, Brighton
Sat 15 8pm	Acoustic Highway	Prince Albert Hotel, Gawler
<b>Sun 16 12 to 4.0pm *** Creole CowboyZ *** Gawler Country Music Club Munno Para Bowling Club Cnr Main North &amp; Curtis Rds</b>		
Sun 16 2.0 to 6.0 pm	Carole Sturtzel and Wild Oats Railroad Country Music Club (Morphett Vale Function Centre) Southern Dis. Workingmans Club,	
Sun 16 6.0 to 8.0pm	Willie and Candy	The Brunswick 207 Gilbert St, Adelaide
Sun 16 2 - 6.30pm	Sandra and Cross Wind Millicent Country Music Association Inc, Millicent and District Community Club Davenport Street	
Thur 20 from 7pm	Billy Dee and The Rare Old Times	Brecknock Hotel, King William St
<b>Sat 22 12.30 to 4.30</b>	<b>Open Mike Country Music Event all welcome Free Entry Gawler RSL Hall on corner of Gosford and Overway Bridge Rds</b>	
Sat 22 9.0pm to late	The Cowtippers	The Duke Of Brunswick Gilbert St, Adelaide
Sat 22 8pm to 12	Graeme Hugo & Fully Loaded British Workingman's Club 11-15 Davis St, Wingfield	
Sat 22 Opens 3pm	Lee Kernaghan and Adam Harvey plus local artists, jamming tent, fantastic food, bars open 5.30 - 11pm Main acts 7.30pm Bordertown Music Festival and Ute Muster Bordertown Showgrounds 8752 2777	
Sun 23 1.00 pm to 5.00	Midnight Special light snacks available Kilburn R.S.L. Country Music Functions, Way Street(off Churchill Rd, , Kilburn	
Sun 23 11.0 to 4.0pm	Bernie & the Bandits Murray Bridge C.M. Club Imperial Football Club Johnstone Pk Murray Bridge	
Sun 23 1.30 to 4.30pm	"Citrus Sisters" N.C.M.A. Clubroom Afford Road Port Pirie	
Sun 23 7pm	Yalata ladies choir and singer songwriter Keith Peters performing plus Jeanette Wormald Trinity Sessions, Church of the Trinity, Goodwood Road, Clarence Park	
Sun 23 1pm to 5pm	Jay J Shannon and Winchester free sausage sizzle from 12noon to 1pm Adelaide Airport Sports and Social Club,	
Tue 25 8pm	Wayne Horsburgh with the Howie Brothers Band	S.E.C.M.A., N Gambier Sports Club, Mt Gambier
Wed 26 8pm	Wayne Horsburgh with the Howie Brothers Band	Encounter Bay Football Club, Victor Harbor
Thur 27 from 7pm	Billy Dee and The Rare Old Times	Brecknock Hotel, King William St
<b>SOLD OUT ***Wayne Horsburgh with the Howie Brothers Band***SOLD OUT Don't travel if you don't have a ticket</b>		
Sat 29 6.30 pm	Alison Hams & Mark Tempany	Watersedge Restaurant, Whyalla
Sat 29 8.30pm to late	The Cowtippers	Brecknock Hotel, King William St
Sat 29 6pm dinner 8pm show	THE WOLVERINES, Talia Wittmann, Davidson Brothers, 2008 Champion of Champions Kristal Collins, Mahalia Fox, The Beggars and Heartland, John O'Dea Wolverines and Davidson Brothers Workshop 9.30 AM to 12.30 Adults \$10 - Children \$5. SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STAMPEDE 2008 SACCM SHOWCASE and dinner StarPlex, corner of Alexander Avenue & Trinity Drive, Evanston Park SA Showcase & Dinner - \$35.00 Show Only - \$25.00 Children - \$15.00	
Sun 30 9.0am to 7pm	The Sherrahs, John O'Dea, Mahalia Fox, Davidson Brothers, Kristal Collins, Travis List, Talia Wittmann, Danny Hooper, WOLVERINES, Kristy Cox, Anthony Stewart Country Music Stampede at the Gawler Racecourse 'MUSTER 'n' MUSIC Adults - \$25.00 Family - \$50.00 Concession - \$20.00 Children - \$10.00	
Sat 29 to December 7th	Bill Chambers, Peter Denahy, Sara Storer, Travis Sinclair and Troy Cassar-Daley on Dec 6th 7.30pm Elder Park Adelaide International Guitar Festival 6MByte Program here	
Sun 30 1 to 5.00pm	Compact Country light snacks available Kilburn R.S.L. Country Music Functions, Way Street Kilburn	
Sun 30 from 1.30pm	Bluegrass & Old Timey Jam ! last Sunday every month Prospect RSL Clubrooms, Willcox Ave, Prospect	